

UWAKANEME COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROJECT
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025



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CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees Mr Charles Uwakaneme (Chairman)
Mr Emmanuel Fatusin
Ms Emily Westley
Mr David C N Ogilvie
Mr Loren J Charlton
Dr Chikezie Okike
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the annual report and accounts for the charity for the year ended 31 July 2025

1 Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are the relief of poverty in West Africa, in particular but not exclusively in Arochukwu, Nigeria, by providing funding to cover school fees and school items such as uniform and books for pupils in economically disadvantaged communities. By improving access to education, ongoing mentoring and safeguarding support we provide hope and aim to divert children from poverty, exploitation and possible gang life.

2 Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, charity number 1198382, and was registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 25 March 2022. The only voting members are the charity trustees, and the Constitution is the governing document.

The trustees are selected on the basis of skill, experience, and passion for the mission of the charity. The chair, Charles Uwakaneme, assesses the suitability of the candidates, undertakes judicious consultations, agrees the timing and role with the candidate before the appointment by the sitting Board of Trustees. The management structure consists of six teams with team leaders. One of the six teams is the board of trustees, led by the chair. There is a sister Charity, UCEF, in Nigeria, through which UCEP administers the scholarship program. UCEF has its own independent board of trustees chaired by UCEP's UK chair.

The charity is governed by the trustees, and the trustees have ultimate oversight. New trustees are appointed by a majority of the existing trustees. The trustees who acted during the year were:

Mr Charles Uwakaneme	
Ms Janice Horsman	(Resigned 21 August 2025)
Mr Emmanuel Fatusin	
Ms Emily Westley	
Ms Sallyann Sidgwick	(Resigned 30 December 2024)
Mr David C N Ogilvie	
Mr Loren J Charlton	
Mr Philip M Jones	(Resigned 05 February 2024)
Dr Chikezie Okike	
Mr Scott D Hawkins	(Resigned 30 August 2025)
Ms Bianca R Hawkins	
Ms Carole Hastings	(Appointed 01 November 2024)

3 Activities and financial review

We believe that if children are educated, coached, and mentored in good character-building practices from a young age, their exemplary behaviour as good citizens will positively influence their peers, and as a result, their communities at large. UCEP pays school fees, and other schooling costs such as books where needed. We provide safeguarding guidance, good character-building coaching and mentoring in keeping with our values of compassion, honesty, courage, humility, discipline, and resilience.

Through our teams working within each community we serve, we actively engage parents, teachers, and community leaders in helping with the holistic development and safeguarding of our pupils. We follow their progress and encourage each child to complete their individual education journey and to progress to their chosen careers, supported by UCEP where needed and where possible. We measure outcomes to help us progressively achieve our aim of developing exemplary beacons of hope and excellence that will positively influence their peers and their wider communities.

3 Activities and financial review continued:

The following projects were undertaken:

- In the first 3 years of operation, we have put nearly 100 children from disadvantaged families in school in 3 village clusters.
- We have set up an effective mentorship and safeguarding program to ensure that the children stay in school and are able to cope with the challenging environments they return to after school.
- We are engaging parents, teachers and elders in the safeguarding of and development of our children.
- The UCEP Project has delivered measurable and meaningful improvements in early childhood education outcomes across multiple class levels from 2021/2022 to 2024/2025 academic sessions. Data collected and analysed for three academic sessions from Nursery through Primary classes demonstrate consistent year-on-year progress in critical developmental indicators, directly reflecting the success of the interventions supported by UCEP donor funding.
- As the program grew, we continued to assemble our team of like-minded, dedicated, volunteers in the UK, US and Nigeria. We have recruited and inducted over 50 volunteers in six teams, including 8 UCEP Trustees and 7 UCEF Trustees.
- The teams cover such disciplines as Finance/Legal, Education/Operations, IT/Admin, Communication, Fundraising, and Governance.
- The recruitment and training of our volunteer team was accompanied by the development of robust operating systems, processes and financial control mechanisms which are now in place. In the first 3 years, we deliberately slowed the growth of the charity to allow us to learn lessons and refine our processes.
- We have produced an operations manual to facilitate future sustainable programme rollout to many more village clusters. The operations manual details the appointment and training of the field coordinators, children selection process, and many other aspects of our work.
- We have prepared a comprehensive 3-year Development Plan for the period 2025/26 to 2027/28.

The vision is that we will follow the progress of our UCEP scholarship children throughout their tender primary school days and education. With sustainable funding, we will then encourage and support those that are able and willing to get into secondary schools and from there to universities, as well as those that will choose the path of apprenticeships onto stable careers. We intend to replicate the model across more villages, increasing the number of children and families we support.

While finalising the building of a robust organisation structure in the third year, the charity generated an income of £15,251 from donations and legacies. Total payments were £6,492 for the period, resulting in net funds of £8,759.

All volunteers worked remotely, and as such there were no fixed assets. Cash at bank represents the current assets of £26,023. Current liabilities represent accountancy fees due of £408

There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern. The trustees have developed a fundraising strategy to seek additional donations and grants to fund the growth in our activities.

4 Public benefit

The Trustees consider that the activities as described above fulfil the requirements of the Charity Commission's public benefit disclosure.

5 Reserves policy

The charity will be holding reserves of £2,000 at this stage of its development. These reserves are being held in order to protect against any socio-economic shocks in the countries in which it is operating.

6 Risk management

The Trustees regularly consider the risks to which the charity may be exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Approved by the trustees on 15 April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:


Mr Charles Uwakaneme
Founder and Trustee
Dated: 20/4/26


Mr David Ogilvie MA, FCA
Trustee & Chair of Finance & Legal Committee
Dated: 20 April 2026

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the receipts and payments accounts of Uwakaneme Community Education Project for the year ended 31 July 2025, which comprise the receipts and payments account and related notes from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given to us.

As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/member/standards/rules-and-standards/rulebook.html>.

This report is made to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 2 October 2023. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Uwakaneme Community Education Project and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the charity's trustees, as a body, in this report. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Uwakaneme Community Education Project and the charity's trustees as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Uwakaneme Community Education Project has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and deficit of Uwakaneme Community Education Project. You consider that Uwakaneme Community Education Project is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year, and is not required to obtain an independent examiner's report.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Uwakaneme Community Education Project. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.



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Dated: 23/04/2026

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	2025	2024
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations and legacies	15,310	16,230
Total receipts	15,310	16,230
Payments		
School Fees	1,608	1,187
Student coaching and mentoring events	-	182
Coordinators fees	1,152	420
Fundraising	383	1,251
Administration and subscription	1,625	945
Legal and professional	99	277
Accountancy	931	998
Insurance	468	444
Exchange rate movement	76	265
Sundry	209	84
Total payments	6,551	6,053
Net receipts / (payments)	8,759	10,177
Cash funds brought forward 01 August 2024	17,265	7,088
Cash funds carried forward 31 July 2025	26,024	17,265

The notes on page 8 form part of these Financial Statements.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>Monetary assets</u>		
Cash at bank and in hand -		
Lloyds account	25,047	15,655
Cashplus account	160	219
Fidelity Naira Account	817	1,391
	<u>26,024</u>	<u>17,265</u>
<u>Other assets</u>		
Gift aid	1,413	-
	<u>1,413</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>Creditors</u>		
Accountancy fee	408	390
	<u>408</u>	<u>390</u>

Approved by the trustees on 15/4/2026 and signed on their behalf by:


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Mr Charles Uwakaneme
Founder and Trustee

Dated: 20/4/26


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Mr David Ogilvie MA, FCA
Trustee & Chair of Finance & Legal Committee

Dated: 20 April 2026

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared as a Receipts and Payments account in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

Donations

Donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the charity.

Expenses

Expenses are recognised in the period in which they are incurred and allocated to the appropriate category.

2. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No trustees received remuneration or were reimbursed for expenses incurred in fulfilling their duties during the period.

3. Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the period.