

South Yorkshire Refugee Law & Justice
(Registered Charity, number 1199706)

**Financial statements
for the year ended 5th April 2023**

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Board of Trustees' annual report for the year ended 5th April 2023

Main address

The Sanctuary, 37-39 Chapel Walk, Sheffield S1 2PD

Board of Trustees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u>Date Left</u>
Gary Bell (Chair)	19 th July 2022	
Christopher Cole (Vice-Chair)	19 th July 2022	
Patricia Anne Hudson (Treasurer)	4 th October 2022	
Phil Moore (Secretary)	19 th July 2022	
Victor Mujakachi	19 th July 2022	
Peter Veal	19 th July 2022	
Ibtisam Al-Farah	19 th July 2022	16 th March 2023
Muhammad Bary	19 th July 2022	25 th August 2022
Susan Burgess	19 th July 2022	20 th February 2023
John Donkersley	19 th July 2022	10 th November 2022

Bankers

The Co-Operative Bank, PO Box 150, Delf House, Skelmersdale WN8 6GG

Governance and management

The Charity is governed according to the rules set out in a Foundation Model Constitution, which was approved on 10th March 2022 and ratified on 19th July 2022.

The Board of Trustees meets formally every two months, to consider issues raised by the staff team and make any decisions required. The Director submits a Report covering a range of standing items and detailing any required decisions, along with the rationale. This Report, together with the Management Accounts and any associated papers, are circulated to the Board at least one week prior to the meeting. Minutes of the proceedings are captured, along with any decisions taken by the Board. A full Budget with variations is considered and approved on a quarterly basis. A secure messaging facility is used on those occasions where decisions may be urgently required outside the normal meeting cycle, with special general meetings called if necessary.

Apart from the first Charity trustees, every trustee is appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Charity trustees.

Aims and objectives

1.To promote human rights throughout the world by all or any of the following means:

- a. Relieving need among the victims of human rights abuses
- b. Educating the public about human rights abuse

c. Eliminating infringements of human rights

2.The relief of financial hardship amongst asylum seekers, refugees, and their dependants in South Yorkshire by the provision of free legal advice and assistance.

3.The advancement of education of the public about asylum law and practice.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

See the *Chair's Explanatory Note* on Page 6.

Signed on behalf of the Board:

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Signed

Dated 31st January 2024

Gary Bell, Chair

South Yorkshire Refugee Law & Justice

Receipts & payments account for the year ended 5th April 2023

	£
Receipts	
<i>Grants</i>	0
<i>Donations</i>	0
<i>Bank interest</i>	0
<i>Other receipts</i>	<u>0</u>
Total receipts	<u>0</u>
Payments	
<i>Wages</i>	0
<i>Staff travel</i>	0
<i>Volunteer expenses</i>	0
<i>Rent</i>	0
<i>Utilities</i>	0
<i>Equipment</i>	0
<i>Activities</i>	0
<i>Insurance</i>	0
<i>Hospitality</i>	0
<i>Other payments</i>	<u>0</u>
Total Payments	<u>0</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	<u>0</u>
Bank and cash at the start of the period	0
Bank and cash at the end of the period	<u>0</u>

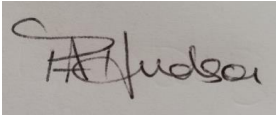
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Statement of assets and liabilities at 5th April 2023

	£
Cash assets	
<i>Current account</i>	0
<i>Deposit account</i>	0
<i>Petty cash</i>	<u>0</u>
Total cash assets	<u>0</u>
Other assets	
<i>Nil</i>	
Liabilities	
<i>Nil</i>	

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

Signed



Dated 31st January 2024

Patricia Anne Hudson, Treasurer

South Yorkshire Refugee Law & Justice

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 5th April 2023

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context “cash” includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2. Grants & Donations

Nil

3. Board members’ remuneration

Nil

4. Chair’s Explanatory Note

The Charity was registered on 19th July 2022 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with the intention of merging it with an existing unincorporated association of the same name (Registered Charity, number 1146748). The CIO remained dormant for the 2022-23 financial period – with no activities, income or expenditure - while a number of steps were taken to facilitate the merger, including:

- a. Obtaining an Order from the Charity Commission to authorise the transfer of the unincorporated association assets and liabilities and grant an indemnity under Section 105 of the Charities Act 2011.
- b. Informing existing donors and stakeholders of the proposed transfer and making additional undertakings where required.
- c. Setting up banking, insurance, pension and tax facilities for the CIO.
- d. Obtaining permission from the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner to transfer registration to the CIO.
- e. Drafting a Deed of Transfer for the assets and liabilities of the unincorporated association.

Once due diligence had been completed, the merger of the two charities was subsequently registered by the Commission on 11th December 2023, with a transfer date of 26th June 2023, and the unincorporated association removed from the Register.