

# **Light up Black and African Heritage Calderdale**

Charity number 1199784

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period 26 July 2022 to 30 November 2023**



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**Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO**

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## Trustees' report for the period 26 July 2022 to 30 November 2023

### Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Bilikisu Eleyinmi	Chair	Appointed 22 July 2022
Nyarai Faith Nyamakanga	Secretary	Appointed 22 July 2022
Amaka Akabuo	Treasure	Appointed 22 July 2022
Folashade Ifekoya	Welfare Manager	Appointed 22 July 2022
Muyinat Kadiri	Project Outreach	Appointed 22 July 2022
Brown Giwa		Appointed 22 July 2022
		Resigned 20 May 2023
Oladunni Adebayo		Appointed 22 July 2022
		Resigned 30 June 2023
Olabisi Bamiduro		Appointed 22 July 2022
		Resigned 23 March 2023

**Charity number** 1199784 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address	Bankers
New Testament Church	National Westminster Bank PLC
28 Akeds Road	250 Bishopsgate
Halifax	London
HX1 2TR	EC2M 4AA

### Independent examiner

E J Beverley FCCA

### West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) foundation formed on 22 July 2022 and is governed by a constitution.

### Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the trustees at a duly convened meeting.

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## **Trustees' report (continued) for the period 26 July 2022 to 30 November 2023**

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **The charity's objects**

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit of people in Calderdale, UK who are socially excluded on the grounds of their ethnic origin, religion, belief or creed to relieve the needs of such people and assist them to integrate into society, in particular, by providing:

- (a) support to develop in the English language and in other skills and subjects;
- (b) social and recreational facilities and events involving the local community and to relieve poverty or financial hardship among refugees, asylum seekers, migrant workers and their dependents living in Calderdale, UK and those in financial hardship overseas in African and Sub Saharan countries by providing access to local services, signposting support services to organisations that provide advice on welfare, benefits, housing and employment.

#### **The charity's main activities**

LightUpBahc is committed to breaking barriers, improving lives, promoting participation and community cohesion.

LightUpBahc provides information, advice and support to individuals who face disadvantages, are unemployed or under employed, are on low income, have no skills or low skills, suffer from lack of confidence, face social isolation or exclusion or suffer from mental health issues.

Beneficiaries of our services are people of African descent, Black & Minority Ethnic communities, and members of the general public. This include Families with Children and young people who are Not in Employment, Education or Training, people over 50 years old who are unemployed, unemployed single parents, and refugees and asylum seekers.

We facilitate a better understanding of African culture and heritage within our local community by organising African cultural and social events to promote and raise the profile of African community.

#### **Public benefit statement**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular welfare and the prevention of poverty.

### **Achievements and performance**

#### **1 Growth and Expansion**

- Increase in Membership: Significant growth in the number of members, reflecting increased community engagement and support.
- New Leeds Branch: Successful establishment of a new branch in Leeds, expanding our reach and impact beyond Calderdale.

#### **2 Awards and Recognition**

- Best New Charity Award (Community Foundation Calderdale): Prestigious recognition by the Community Foundation Calderdale, highlighting our outstanding contributions and rapid growth.
- Community Group Award (BBC): Awarded by the BBC, acknowledging our excellence and positive impact within the community.
- Valley of Sanctuary Award: Recognition as part of the Valley of Sanctuary initiative, promoting inclusion and support for all community members.
- Award Nomination: Achieved nomination for another notable award, underscoring our continued excellence and community impact.

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## **Trustees' report (continued) for the period 26 July 2022 to 30 November 2023**

### **Achievements and performance (continued)**

#### **3 Media Features and Public Engagement**

- BBC Feature: Coverage by the BBC, including a story by Tracy about one of our members, bringing attention to our work and the impact on individuals.
- Poetry Performance: A poem on heroes performed and played during Black History Month, enhancing cultural appreciation and education through the arts.

#### **4 Educational and Cultural Programs**

- Black History Month Cultural Event: Collaborated with Holy Trinity School and Beech Hill to organize a successful cultural event, celebrating Black history and heritage.
- Health Holiday Programme: Launched a health holiday program to promote wellness and healthy living among community members.
- Digital Skills and Laptop Provision: Secured funding from the National Lottery to provide laptops and digital skills training, helping bridge the digital divide in the community.
- Society School Program: Implemented programs to teach students about inclusion and diversity, fostering a more inclusive school environment.

#### **5 Community Support and Outreach**

- Food Vouchers: Provided food vouchers to service users in both Calderdale and Leeds, assisting those in need.
- Cost of Living Support: Assisted with the cost of living through an electricity program, helping community members manage their expenses.
- Energy Management Training: Collaborated with Citizens Advice to train service users on managing energy costs, helping them avoid high bills.
- Box Fit and Exercise Programs: Offered free access to gym facilities and exercise programs, improving mental health and well-being for participants.

#### **6 Impact and Success Stories**

- Individual Impact: Highlighted stories of members whose lives have been positively impacted by our programs and support.
- Community Engagement: Increased participation and enthusiasm from the community in various events and programs, reflecting our growing influence.

#### **7 Future Plans**

- Expansion of Programs: Plans to further expand educational and cultural programs, including additional health and wellness initiatives.
- Increased Outreach: Continued efforts to engage with more community members and organizations, broadening our impact and support network.

This report highlights the significant achievements and performance of Light Up Black and African Heritage Calderdale over the past year, showcasing our growth, recognition, and dedication to supporting and enriching the community.

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## **Trustees' report (continued) for the period 26 July 2022 to 30 November 2023**

### **Financial review**

The net receipts for the period were £54,050, including net receipts of £9,205 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £44,845 on restricted funds after transfers.

### **Reserves policy**

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £9,205.

The trustees have not adopted a reserves policy.

Approved by the board of trustees on 30/10/2024

Bilikisu Eleyinmi (Trustee)

# **Light up Black and African Heritage Calderdale**

## **Independent examiner's qualified report to the trustees of Light up Black and African Heritage Calderdale**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the period 26 July 2022 to 30 November 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 - matter of concern identified**

I have completed my examination. I have identified matters of concern that give me reasonable cause to believe that:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;

The accounting records kept by the charity were not sufficient to show the financial position of the charity in that restricted and unrestricted funds had not been accounted for separately making it impossible to establish the position of the unrestricted reserves.

Remedial work has been carried out with the trustees to allocate costs between the restricted funds as the trustees have the knowledge of the projects undertaken. The trustee are now aware of the records they need to keep and will take steps to do this going forward.

2 The accounts prepared do accord with the amended records.

I confirm that there are 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.

E J Beverley FCCA

30/10/2024

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**Light up Black and African Heritage Calderdale**  
**Receipts and payments account**  
**for the period 26 July 2022 to 30 November 2023**

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grants and donations	(2)	1,728	60,476	62,204
Fundraising		203	-	203
Sundry income		750	-	750
Transfer on incorporation	(3)	6,618	19,413	26,031
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>9,299</u>	<u>79,889</u>	<u>89,188</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Shopping vouchers to relieve poverty		-	19,845	19,845
Activity costs		-	7,968	7,968
Equipment		-	1,356	1,356
Harship fund payments		54	3,427	3,481
Volunteer expenses		-	1,127	1,127
Marketing		20	350	370
Insurance		20	105	125
Travel expenses		-	78	78
Grant repayment		-	788	788
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>94</u>	<u>35,044</u>	<u>35,138</u>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		<u>9,205</u>	<u>44,845</u>	<u>54,050</u>
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		-	-	-
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	(4)	<u>9,205</u>	<u>44,845</u>	<u>54,050</u>



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**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**as at 30 November 2023**

	2023	2023	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>			
Cash at bank	9,205	44,845	54,050
Cash in hand	-	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>9,205</u>	<u>44,845</u>	<u>54,050</u>

<b>Liabilities</b>	2023
	£
Creditors - amount paid out by trustees on behalf of the charity still to be claimed	13,171
Accruals	<u>2,322</u>
	<u>15,493</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 30/10/2024

Bilikisu Eleyinmi (Trustee)

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## Notes to the accounts

### for the period 26 July 2022 to 30 November 2023

#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

##### Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

##### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

#### 2 Grants and donations

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
Grants received by the CIO:			
Community Foundation (CFFC)	-	42,898	42,898
Cheshire Community Foundation	-	2,000	2,000
Calderdale MBC	-	2,810	2,810
Leeds Older Peoples Forum	-	6,000	6,000
Volition Leeds	-	3,100	3,100
Groundwork	-	1,000	1,000
West Yorkshire CA	-	2,418	2,418
Together We Grow	-	250	250
Other donations	1,728	-	1,728
	<u>1,728</u>	<u>60,476</u>	<u>62,204</u>

#### 3 Transfer from unincorporated association

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
Grant balances from unincorporated association:			
Community Foundation (CFFC)	-	17,131	17,131
Critical Social	-	2,282	2,282
Other donations	6,618	-	6,618
	<u>6,618</u>	<u>19,413</u>	<u>26,031</u>

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<b>4 Restricted funds</b>	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
CFFC - Cost of living July 22 b/fwd	-	8,000	7,708	-	292
CFFC - Household support	-	3,000	2,890	-	110
CFFC - Emotional health and wellbeing	-	5,420	-	-	5,420
CFFC - Cost of Living	-	3,000	2,578	-	422
CFFC - Communities in Crisis	-	654	627	-	27
CFFC - Healthy holidays	-	10,950	6,417	-	4,533
CFFC - Cost of Living 2	-	17,374	949	-	16,425
Cheshire Community Foundation	-	2,000	1,123	-	877
Calderdale MBC	-	2,810	69	-	2,741
Leeds Older Peoples Forum	-	1,000	941	-	59
Volition Leeds	-	3,100	3,100	-	-
Groundwork	-	1,000	286	-	714
West Yorkshire CA	-	2,418	1,735	-	683
Together We Grow	-	250	-	-	250
CFFC - Building community connections b/fwd	-	3,500	-	-	3,500
Critical Social b/fwd	-	2,282	-	-	2,282
CFFC - GVC fund b/fwd	-	3,131	-	-	3,131
CFFC - Cost of living May 22 b/fwd	-	2,500	2,500	-	-
Leeds Older Peoples - HSF	-	5,000	2,385	-	2,615
CFFC - Ray of Hope	-	2,500	1,736	-	764
	-	79,889	35,044	-	44,845

<b>Fund name</b>	<b>Purpose of restriction</b>
CFFC - Cost of living July 22 b/fwd	To provide cost of living support
CFFC - Household support	Towards providing household support costs
CFFC - Emotional health and wellbeing	To provide children's activities
CFFC - Cost of Living	Towards providing emergency cost of living payments
CFFC - Communities in Crisis	To provide cost of living support
CFFC - Healthy holidays	Towards providing 500 places for holiday activities
CFFC - Cost of Living 2	Towards providing food vouchers and £700 for volunteer expenses
Cheshire Community Foundation	To provide activity and wellbeing sessions
Calderdale MBC	Towards boxing and basketball equipment and room hire
Leeds Older Peoples Forum	To provide cost of living support
Volition Leeds	To provide equipment and food vouchers
Groundwork	Hardship fund to provide vouchers
West Yorkshire CA	To purchase sports equipment
Together We Grow	Towards gardening projects
CFFC - Building community connections b/fwd	Building Communities work providing activities in central Halifax
Critical Social b/fwd	To celebrate African Independence
CFFC - GVC fund b/fwd	To deliver sports and healthy activities
CFFC - Cost of living May 22 b/fwd	Cost of living support from the Individual and Families Fund
Leeds Older Peoples - HSF	To provide cost of living support vouchers
CFFC - Ray of Hope	To provide families with food vouchers and £100 for volunteer costs

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**5 Related party transactions**

**Trustee expenses**

No trustee received any expenses during this period.

**Trustee remuneration and benefits**

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this period.