

INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY ADVOCACY NETWORK NORTH (ICANN)

England & Wales · Charity number 1200221

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-08-31

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

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO HAVE LEARNING DIFFICULTIES, MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS, PHYSICAL DISABILITIES, VISUAL OR SENSORY IMPAIRMENT OR WHO MAY BE IN NEED OF RELIEF BY REASONS OF THEIR AGE, YOUTH OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES BY THE PROVISION OF AN EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY SERVICE PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN LANCASHIRE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

Activities: ICANN provide information and advocacy services across Lancashire. We support vulnerable people to give them a voice, empower, increase resilience, and improve their lives. Current projects include financial inclusion, advocacy for disability related benefits, in some areas we have a form filling service for benefits. ICANN also provide advocacy support at medical assessments, benefit tribunals

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Scotland
- Blackburn With Darwen
- Blackpool
- Bolton
- Cumbria
- Lancashire
- Manchester City
- Sefton
- Trafford
- Warrington
- Wigan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£178,863	£327,999	-	-
2024-03-31	£199,888	£329,473	-	-
2023-03-31	£327,344	£193,536	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aneesah Bana		2024-10-04
Lindsay O'Brien Barlow		2026-06-03
Michelle Anne Smith		2023-07-06
Pamela Hill		2022-08-31
Sophia Patel		2022-08-31

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE030113 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1200221

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

CCW Limited
Chartered Accountants
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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 March 2025. 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The key objective and aims of the CIO are to relieve persons who have learning difficulties, mental health problems, physical disabilities, visual or sensory impairment or who may be in need of relief by reasons of their age, youth or social or economic circumstances by the provision of an effective advocacy service, primarily but not exclusively, in Lancashire and the surrounding area.

Throughout the period the CIO continued to deliver existing projects through paid staff, volunteers and students, while seeking new opportunities through partnership working. The longer-term objective continued to be to extend external client advocacy services, to explore and secure new funding opportunities while seeking further funding from current stakeholders to enable the CIO to continue the established work it has become known for while developing new initiatives in line with and appropriate to the overall aims.

Significant activities

The trustees, in partnership with the Chief Executive Officer develop and implement the strategic business plan and determine, monitor and review the general policies of the organisation. A scheme of delegation is in place to clarify and support decision making responsibilities.

Board meetings take place bi-monthly and are arranged to accommodate maximum attendance of trustees including flexible dates, times and virtual or in person attendance. Between meetings, decision making and ratification of documents is carried out by emailing trustees for feedback.

The day-to-day operational activity of the CIO is devolved to the Chief Executive Officer who is responsible for recruitment of staff and volunteers to deliver projects. The organisation offers work placement opportunities to health and social care and medical university students who assist in the operational activity.

Pastoral and clerical functions are carried out by senior member of staff, responsible for employed and volunteer advocates and students and an administrator. The full team undergo induction, training and development opportunities which are identified through one to one meetings and clinical supervision.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Chair's Statement

On behalf of the Trustees, I am pleased to present this Annual Report for 2024/25.

This year has shown once again the strength and resilience of ICANN. Despite the challenges facing the voluntary sector, our staff and volunteers have continued to deliver vital advocacy and support services, reaching nearly a thousand people directly and many more through drop-ins, consultations, and community partnerships.

We are proud to have launched new initiatives, including our Child Protection Project, the Bay Home Visiting Service, and our fee-paying services. These developments demonstrate both our responsiveness to need and our determination to strengthen the sustainability of the organisation.

I would like to sincerely thank our **CEO, Janet Cullingford**, our **dedicated staff and volunteers**, and our **funders and partners** for their invaluable support. The lived experience shared by those we support, as well as the enthusiasm of our student placements, shows the importance of the work we do.

As Trustees, we remain committed to ensuring that ICANN continues to be a strong, credible, and compassionate voice for those who most need advocacy.

Pamela Hill

Chair of Trustees

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Introduction

This has been a year of both challenge and achievement for ICANN. Against a backdrop of financial pressures in the sector, ICANN has continued to deliver high-quality advocacy, support, and information services to some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Our focus remains clear: to empower disabled people and those with long-term health conditions to have their voices heard, to secure their rights, and to live with dignity and independence.

Service Data 2024/25

- **Total clients supported: 985**
- **Drop-in users: 210**
- **Staff team: 10** (1 departure, 9 retained - strong staff retention)

These figures demonstrate both the scale of our impact and the dedication of our staff team.

New Services and Projects

During 2024/25 we launched several new initiatives:

- **Child Protection Project** (funded by Awards for All)
- **The Bay Home Visiting Service**, enabling advocates to support vulnerable clients in their own homes with complex forms and applications
- **Fee-paying services**, extending ICANN's reach beyond grant-funded work and contributing to our financial sustainability

Partnerships and Student Engagement

We continue to work with local universities including UCLan and Edge Hill, hosting placements for students in Social Work, criminology, psychology, and medical disciplines. These placements bring fresh skills into ICANN and help students gain real-world experience of advocacy.

One UCLan student described her 70-day placement at ICANN as transformative:

"At ICANN I have learnt about the important role advocates have in supporting, listening to and empowering people to have a voice to make decisions in their own lives... Overall I have loved working at ICANN, it is such an underrated service that more people in Lancashire need to know about."

This testimony reflects ICANN's wider impact as a learning organisation and sector leader.

Public Engagement and Profile

ICANN's work has been recognised and promoted through several significant developments this year:

- Acknowledgement from the **National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund**, which enabled three years of vital disability benefit advocacy support.
- Participation in the **DWP's Pathways to Work Green Paper consultation**, ensuring client voices were represented in national policy debate.
- Launching into the **Crowdfunder Community**, providing a new avenue for sustainable fundraising and supporter engagement.
- **Leadership recognition**: CEO Janet Cullingford was shortlisted for the Being Excellent: Established Leader award at the BFQ UK Excellence Awards 2025. Judges praised her people-first approach and the supportive, empowering

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

culture she has built within ICANN.

Strategic Reflections

Trustees have reflected on feedback and external commentary to ensure ICANN continues to adapt and thrive. Key strategic priorities identified include:

- **Reaching hidden clients** - strengthening visibility and accessibility for the most excluded communities.
- **Evidence gathering** - embedding scoping exercises (including student projects) to demonstrate unmet need to funders.
- **Avoiding duplication** - focusing on service gaps such as long Covid, bereavement, and transition into residential care, rather than replicating existing provision.
- **Emerging advocacy needs** - recognising the absence of independent support in family disputes and the spike in abuse during major sporting events as potential areas for future development.

These reflections will inform the refreshed Strategic Plan and ensure ICANN continues to focus on where advocacy is most needed.

Finance

ICANN has managed resources prudently, balancing the need to deliver direct services with the requirement to maintain adequate reserves. Our reserves policy commits the organisation to holding between 3-6 months of operating costs, ensuring stability in uncertain times.

Looking Ahead

The year ahead will bring new opportunities as well as ongoing challenges. ICANN will:

- Expand its fee-paying service offer to strengthen sustainability.
- Seek new partnerships to increase reach and reduce duplication.
- Build on policy engagement to ensure client voices are heard in shaping national systems.
- Continue to nurture a highly committed team, supported by low turnover and strong supervision structures.

Conclusion

Despite financial and systemic pressures, ICANN has maintained its reputation as a trusted, professional, and client-centred organisation. Trustees thank our staff, volunteers, partners, and funders for their continued support and commitment. Together, we will continue to stand alongside those who need advocacy the most, ensuring their voices are heard and their rights protected.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Our principal source of income is from funds secured through applications to trusts and foundations. The provision of student doctor and social worker placements for universities brings some additional revenue

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the CIO to maintain sufficient funds to cover management and administration costs for between three and six months.

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The constitution of the organisation was amended and signed by trustees on 22 April 2022 and was submitted to the Charity Commission with a request for a change in status from a charity to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The application was successful, and the new constitution was adopted on 31 August 2022.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Our trustees are recruited from the wider communities and reflect the diversity of the localities that ICANN serves. Recruitment of trustees are targeted to reflect identified skills needed to ensure the board can demonstrate expertise in the various talents identified through our skills audit processes. Where possible the trustees consider that the skills and experience of the Board should comprise of include individuals with one or more of the following backgrounds:

- Legal
- Financial/Accounting Background
- Safeguarding
- Sustainability
- Education/Training Experience
- Voluntary Sector Experience
- Senior Managerial or Business Experience
- Experience of equal opportunities or disability needs

Induction and training of new trustees

Induction and awareness training is offered to trustees on appointment to assist them to become familiar with their roles and to provide them with the knowledge they need to make a positive contribution to the strategic management of the organisation.

Risk management

The trustees are responsible for overseeing risk faced by the organisation. Detailed attention of risk is delegated to the Head of Services. Risks are identified, assessed and mitigated throughout the year and a formal review is undertaken annually. Identified categories of risk are:

- Governance
- Operational
- Financial
- Environmental Or External Factors
- Compliance (Law and Regulation)

Through the risk management processes established by the CIO, the trustees are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated but recognise that it is only possible to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance that all major risks have been adequately managed.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE030113 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1200221

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Report of the Trustees
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Registered office

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Trustees

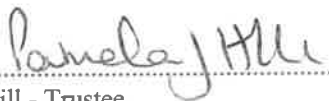
Ms S Patel
Mrs P Hill Chair
Mrs A D Whalley (resigned 4.10.24)
Mr T M Smith
Mrs M A Smith (resigned 23.6.25)
Miss A Bana (appointed 4.10.24)

Company Secretary

Independent Examiner

Paul Ronson FCA
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 November 25 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs P Hill - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Independent Community Advocacy Network North (Icann) ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



Paul Ronson FCA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 21-11-25.....

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		5,060	-	5,060	2,964
Charitable activities					
Charitable		98,732	75,071	173,803	196,924
Total		<u>103,792</u>	<u>75,071</u>	<u>178,863</u>	<u>199,888</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable		178,108	149,891	327,999	329,472
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	9	(74,316) <u>(26,404)</u>	(74,820) <u>26,404</u>	(149,136) <u>-</u>	(129,584) <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(100,720)	(48,416)	(149,136)	(129,584)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		198,823	48,416	247,239	376,823
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>98,103</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>98,103</u></u>	<u><u>247,239</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	1,284	-	1,284	1,605
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	800	-	800	800
Cash at bank and in hand		99,767	204	99,971	248,257
		<u>100,567</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>100,771</u>	<u>249,057</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,748)	(204)	(3,952)	(3,423)
		<u>96,819</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,819</u>	<u>245,634</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>98,103</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,103</u>	<u>247,239</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>98,103</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,103</u>	<u>247,239</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>98,103</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,103</u>	<u>247,239</u>
FUNDS					
	9			98,103	198,823
Unrestricted funds				-	48,416
Restricted funds				<u>98,103</u>	<u>247,239</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2025

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17/11/2025
and were signed on its behalf by:



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Mr T M Smith - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	321	401
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Trustees	5	5
Staff	12	15
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>17</u>	<u>20</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2,964	-	2,964
Charitable activities			
Charitable	30,022	166,902	196,924
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u>32,986</u>	<u>166,902</u>	<u>199,888</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable	78,063	251,409	329,472
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(45,077)	(84,507)	(129,584)

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £'
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	243,900	132,923	376,823
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>198,823</u>	<u>48,416</u>	<u>247,239</u>
6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025			<u>4,737</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024			3,132
Charge for year			<u>321</u>
At 31 March 2025			<u>3,453</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025			<u>1,284</u>
At 31 March 2024			<u>1,605</u>
7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
Prepayments		<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,476	2,535
Social security and other taxes	1,696	-
Accrued expenses	780	888
	<u>3,952</u>	<u>3,423</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	123,823	(30,960)	(24,760)	68,103
Contingency Fund	75,000	(43,356)	(1,644)	30,000
	<u>198,823</u>	<u>(74,316)</u>	<u>(26,404)</u>	<u>98,103</u>
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Fund	20,463	(74,820)	54,357	-
Financial Inclusion	7,867	-	(7,867)	-
RCP	7,198	-	(7,198)	-
LCC Benefits	10,032	-	(10,032)	-
Community Organisation	2,856	-	(2,856)	-
	<u>48,416</u>	<u>(74,820)</u>	<u>26,404</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>247,239</u>	<u>(149,136)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,103</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	103,792	(134,752)	(30,960)
Contingency Fund	-	(43,356)	(43,356)
	<u>103,792</u>	<u>(178,108)</u>	<u>(74,316)</u>
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery Fund	75,071	(149,891)	(74,820)
	<u>178,863</u>	<u>(327,999)</u>	<u>(149,136)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	168,900	(45,077)	-	123,823
Contingency Fund	75,000	-	-	75,000
	<u>243,900</u>	<u>(45,077)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>198,823</u>
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Fund	45,458	(24,995)	-	20,463
Financial Inclusion	-	7,867	-	7,867
RCP	26,178	(18,980)	-	7,198
LCC Form Filling	25,683	(26,990)	1,307	-
LCC Benefits	35,604	(24,265)	(1,307)	10,032
Community Organisation	-	2,856	-	2,856
	<u>132,923</u>	<u>(84,507)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,416</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>376,823</u></u>	<u><u>(129,584)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>247,239</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,986	(78,063)	(45,077)
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery Fund	86,902	(111,897)	(24,995)
Financial Inclusion	10,000	(2,133)	7,867
RCP	-	(18,980)	(18,980)
LCC Form Filling	-	(26,990)	(26,990)
LCC Benefits	-	(24,265)	(24,265)
Community Organisation	70,000	(67,144)	2,856
	<u>166,902</u>	<u>(251,409)</u>	<u>(84,507)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>199,888</u></u>	<u><u>(329,472)</u></u>	<u><u>(129,584)</u></u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	168,900	(76,037)	(24,760)	68,103
Contingency Fund	75,000	(43,356)	(1,644)	30,000
	<u>243,900</u>	<u>(119,393)</u>	<u>(26,404)</u>	<u>98,103</u>
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Fund	45,458	(99,815)	54,357	-
Financial Inclusion	-	7,867	(7,867)	-
RCP	26,178	(18,980)	(7,198)	-
LCC Form Filling	25,683	(26,990)	1,307	-
LCC Benefits	35,604	(24,265)	(11,339)	-
Community Organisation	-	2,856	(2,856)	-
	<u>132,923</u>	<u>(159,327)</u>	<u>26,404</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>376,823</u></u>	<u><u>(278,720)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>98,103</u></u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	136,778	(212,815)	(76,037)
Contingency Fund	-	(43,356)	(43,356)
	<u>136,778</u>	<u>(256,171)</u>	<u>(119,393)</u>
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery Fund	161,973	(261,788)	(99,815)
Financial Inclusion	10,000	(2,133)	7,867
RCP	-	(18,980)	(18,980)
LCC Form Filling	-	(26,990)	(26,990)
LCC Benefits	-	(24,265)	(24,265)
Community Organisation	70,000	(67,144)	2,856
	<u>241,973</u>	<u>(401,300)</u>	<u>(159,327)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>378,751</u></u>	<u><u>(657,471)</u></u>	<u><u>(278,720)</u></u>

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10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	5,060	2,964
Charitable activities		
Grants	148,824	182,426
Training income	24,979	14,498
	<u>173,803</u>	<u>196,924</u>
Total incoming resources	178,863	199,888
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	231,779	243,781
Social security	13,148	13,554
Pensions	6,039	5,628
Insurance	1,279	1,228
Telephone	2,523	3,574
Postage and stationery	2,688	2,281
Advertising	31,871	5,160
Sundries	2,967	671
Travel costs	6,805	9,405
Rent	19,198	17,356
Professional fees	984	3,324
Repairs and renewals	1,580	2,148
Computer and software expense	3,171	5,942
Training costs	2,044	7,345
Fixtures and fittings	321	401
Grants to institutions	-	6,013
	<u>326,397</u>	<u>327,811</u>
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy	1,602	1,661
Total resources expended	<u>327,999</u>	<u>329,472</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(149,136)</u>	<u>(129,584)</u>

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INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY ADVOCACY NETWORK NORTH (ICANN)

England & Wales - Charity number 1200221

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE030113 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1200221

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

CCW Limited
Chartered Accountants
295/297 Church Street
Blackpool
Lancashire
FY1 3PJ

Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

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Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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 March 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The key objective and aims of the CIO are to relieve persons who have learning difficulties, mental health problems, physical disabilities, visual or sensory impairment or who may be in need of relief by reasons of their age, youth or social or economic circumstances by the provision of an effective advocacy service, primarily but not exclusively, in Lancashire and the surrounding area.

Throughout the period the CIO continued to deliver existing projects through paid staff, volunteers and students, while seeking new opportunities through partnership working. The longer-term objective continued to be to extend external client advocacy services, to explore and secure new funding opportunities while seeking further funding from current stakeholders to enable the CIO to continue the established work it has become known for while developing new initiatives in line with and appropriate to the overall aims.

Significant activities

The trustees, in partnership with the Chief Executive Officer develop and implement the strategic business plan and determine, monitor and review the general policies of the organisation. A scheme of delegation is in place to clarify and support decision making responsibilities.

Board meetings take place bi-monthly and are arranged to accommodate maximum attendance of trustees including flexible dates, times and virtual or in person attendance. Between meetings, decision making and ratification of documents is carried out by emailing trustees for feedback.

The day-to-day operational activity of the CIO is devolved to the Chief Executive Officer who is responsible for recruitment of staff and volunteers to deliver projects. The organisation offers work placement opportunities to health and social care and medical university students who assist in the operational activity.

Pastoral and clerical functions are carried out by senior member of staff, responsible for employed and volunteer advocates and students and an administrator. The full team undergo induction, training and development opportunities which are identified through one to one meetings and clinical supervision.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Our principal source of income is from funds secured through applications to trusts and foundations. The provision of student doctor and social worker placements for universities brings some additional revenue.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the CIO to maintain sufficient funds to cover management and administration costs for between three and six months. At the year end, more than five months were reserved.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Independent Community Advocacy Network
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The constitution of the organisation was amended and signed by trustees on 22 April 2022 and was submitted to the Charity Commission with a request for a change in status from a charity to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The application was successful, and the new constitution was adopted on 31 August 2022.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Our trustees are recruited from the wider communities and reflect the diversity of the localities that ICANN serves. Recruitment of trustees are targeted to reflect identified skills needed to ensure the board can demonstrate expertise in the various talents identified through our skills audit processes. Where possible the trustees consider that the skills and experience of the Board should comprise of include individuals with one or more of the following backgrounds:

- Legal
- Financial/Accounting Background
- Safeguarding
- Sustainability
- Education/Training Experience
- Voluntary Sector Experience
- Senior Managerial or Business Experience
- Experience of equal opportunities or disability needs

Induction and training of new trustees

Induction and awareness training is offered to trustees on appointment to assist them to become familiar with their roles and to provide them with the knowledge they need to make a positive contribution to the strategic management of the organisation.

Risk management

The trustees are responsible for overseeing risk faced by the organisation. Detailed attention of risk is delegated to the Head of Services. Risks are identified, assessed and mitigated throughout the year and a formal review is undertaken annually. Identified categories of risk are:

- Governance
- Operational
- Financial
- Environmental Or External Factors
- Compliance (Law and Regulation)

Through the risk management processes established by the CIO, the trustees are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated but recognise that it is only possible to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance that all major risks have been adequately managed.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE030113 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1200221

Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Registered office
Howick House
Howick Park Avenue
Penwortham
Preston
Lancashire
PR1 0LS

Trustees
Ms S Patel
Mrs P Hill Chair (currently on leave due to illness)
Mrs S Casey (resigned 30.3.24)
Mrs P A Sowden (appointed 6.7.23) (resigned 30.11.23)
Mrs A D Whalley (appointed 6.7.23)
Mr T M Smith (appointed 6.7.23)
Mrs M A Smith (appointed 6.7.23) (acting chair)

Company Secretary

Independent Examiner
Paul Ronson FCA
CCW Limited
Chartered Accountants
295/297 Church Street
Blackpool
Lancashire
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 9th Dec 24..... and signed on its behalf by:

Michelle Smith

.....
Mrs M A Smith - Acting Chair

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Independent Community Advocacy Network North (Icann) ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



Paul Ronson FCA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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295/297 Church Street
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Lancashire
FY1 3PJ

Date: 9th Dec 24

Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year Ended 31.3.24 Total funds £	Period 31.8.22 to 31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		2,964	-	2,964	3,128
Charitable activities					
Charitable		<u>30,022</u>	<u>166,902</u>	<u>196,924</u>	<u>324,216</u>
Total		<u>32,986</u>	<u>166,902</u>	<u>199,888</u>	<u>327,344</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable		<u>78,064</u>	<u>251,409</u>	<u>329,473</u>	<u>193,536</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(45,078)	(84,507)	(129,585)	133,808
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>243,900</u>	<u>132,923</u>	<u>376,823</u>	<u>243,015</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>198,822</u>	<u>48,416</u>	<u>247,238</u>	<u>376,823</u>

For a breakdown of funds carried forward see note 11 on page 9

The notes form part of these financial statements

Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

Balance Sheet
31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	1,605	-	1,605	2,006
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	800	-	800	1,784
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>199,841</u>	<u>48,415</u>	<u>248,256</u>	<u>375,783</u>
		200,641	48,415	249,056	377,567
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,423)	-	(3,423)	(2,750)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>197,218</u>	<u>48,415</u>	<u>245,633</u>	<u>374,817</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>198,823</u>	<u>48,415</u>	<u>247,238</u>	<u>376,823</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>198,823</u>	<u>48,415</u>	<u>247,238</u>	<u>376,823</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	9			198,823	243,900
Restricted funds				<u>48,415</u>	<u>132,923</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>247,238</u>	<u>376,823</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Independent Community Advocacy Network
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Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 9th Dec 24 and were signed on its behalf by:

Michelle Smith

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Mrs M A Smith – Acting Chair

Independent Community Advocacy Network
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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	Year Ended 31.3.24	Period 31.8.22 to 31.3.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>401</u>	<u>265</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the period ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the period ended 31 March 2023.

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	Year Ended 31.3.24	Period 31.8.22 to 31.3.23
Trustees	5	6
Staff	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>
	<u>20</u>	<u>18</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	3,128	-	3,128
Charitable activities			
Charitable	<u>14,318</u>	<u>309,898</u>	<u>324,216</u>
Total	<u>17,446</u>	<u>309,898</u>	<u>327,344</u>

EXPENDITURE ON

Independent Community Advocacy Network
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Charitable activities			
Charitable	<u>24,282</u>	<u>169,254</u>	<u>193,536</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(6,836)	140,644	133,808
Transfers between funds	<u>74,093</u>	<u>(74,093)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	67,257	66,551	133,808
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>176,643</u>	<u>66,372</u>	<u>243,015</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>243,900</u></u>	<u><u>132,923</u></u>	<u><u>376,823</u></u>
6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024			<u>4,737</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023			2,731
Charge for year			<u>401</u>
At 31 March 2024			<u>3,132</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024			<u>1,605</u>
At 31 March 2023			<u>2,006</u>

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7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
		31.3.24		31.3.23
		£		£
Trade debtors		-		360
Other debtors		-		624
Prepayments		<u>800</u>		<u>800</u>
		<u>800</u>		<u>1,784</u>
8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
		31.3.24		31.3.23
		£		£
Trade creditors		2,535		945
Accrued expenses		<u>888</u>		<u>1,805</u>
		<u>3,423</u>		<u>2,750</u>
9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
	At 1.4.23	Net	Transfers	At
	£	movement	between	31.3.24
		in funds	funds	£
		£	£	
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	168,900	(45,077)	-	123,823
Designated Development Fund	<u>75,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,000</u>
	243,900	(45,077)	-	198,823
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Fund	45,458	(24,995)	-	20,463
Financial Inclusion	-	7,867	-	7,867
RCP	26,178	(18,980)	-	7,198
LCC Form Filling	25,683	(26,991)	1,308	-
LCC Benefits	35,604	(24,265)	(1,308)	10,031
Community Organisation	<u>-</u>	<u>2,856</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,856</u>
	<u>132,923</u>	<u>(84,508)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,415</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>376,823</u>	<u>(129,585)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>247,238</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,986	(78,063)	(45,077)
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery Fund	86,902	(111,897)	(24,995)
Financial Inclusion	10,000	(2,133)	7,867
RCP	-	(18,980)	(18,980)
LCC Form Filling	-	(26,991)	(26,991)
LCC Benefits	-	(24,265)	(24,265)
Community Organisation	<u>70,000</u>	<u>(67,144)</u>	<u>2,856</u>
	<u>166,902</u>	<u>(251,410)</u>	<u>(84,508)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>199,888</u>	<u>(329,473)</u>	<u>(129,585)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 31.8.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	176,643	(6,836)	(907)	168,900
Designated Development Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>
	176,643	(6,836)	74,093	243,900
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Fund	26,706	18,752	-	45,458
Financial Inclusion	4,166	(2,934)	(1,232)	-
RCP	27,650	(1,472)	-	26,178
PCCBF	4,350	(1,913)	(2,437)	-
Halsall	3,500	(3,652)	152	-
LCC Form Filling	-	59,058	(33,375)	25,683
LCC Benefits	-	72,896	(37,292)	35,604
Community Champions	<u>-</u>	<u>(91)</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>66,372</u>	<u>140,644</u>	<u>(74,093)</u>	<u>132,923</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>243,015</u>	<u>133,808</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>376,823</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	17,446	(24,282)	(6,836)
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery Fund	74,098	(55,346)	18,752
Financial Inclusion	-	(2,934)	(2,934)
RCP	65,800	(67,272)	(1,472)
PCCBF	-	(1,913)	(1,913)
Halsall	-	(3,652)	(3,652)
LCC Form Filling	70,000	(10,942)	59,058
LCC Benefits	100,000	(27,104)	72,896
Community Champions	-	(91)	(91)
	<u>309,898</u>	<u>(169,254)</u>	<u>140,644</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>327,344</u>	<u>(193,536)</u>	<u>133,808</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Independent Community Advocacy Network
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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Year Ended 31.3.24 £	Period 31.8.22 to 31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	2,964	3,128
Charitable activities		
Grants	182,426	315,638
Training income	<u>14,498</u>	<u>8,578</u>
	<u>196,924</u>	<u>324,216</u>
Total incoming resources	199,888	327,344
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	243,781	119,160
Social security	13,555	7,919
Pensions	5,628	2,459
Insurance	1,228	-
Telephone	3,574	2,520
Postage and stationery	2,281	1,317
Advertising	5,160	1,497
Sundries	671	175
Travel costs	9,405	3,934
Rent	17,356	8,161
Professional fees	3,324	2,166
Management charges	-	1,130
Repairs and renewals	2,148	235
Computer and software expense	5,942	6,312
Training costs	7,345	1,154
Fixtures and fittings	401	265
Grants to institutions	<u>6,013</u>	<u>33,722</u>
	327,812	192,126
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,661	1,410

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Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Year Ended 31.3.24 £	Period 31.8.22 to 31.3.23 £
Total resources expended	<u>329,473</u>	<u>193,536</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(129,585)</u>	<u>133,808</u>

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INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY ADVOCACY NETWORK NORTH (ICANN)

England & Wales - Charity number 1200221

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE030113 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1200221

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Period 31 August 2022 to 31 March 2023
for
Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

CCW Limited
Chartered Accountants
295/297 Church Street
Blackpool
Lancashire
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Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

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for the Period 31 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

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Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

Report of the Trustees
for the Period 31 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

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 period 31 August 2022 to 31 March 2023. 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).

INCORPORATION

The charitable company was incorporated on 31 August 2022.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The key objective and aims of the CIO are to relieve persons who have learning difficulties, mental health problems, physical disabilities, visual or sensory impairment or who may be in need of relief by reasons of their age, youth or social or economic circumstances by the provision of an effective advocacy service, primarily but not exclusively, in Lancashire and the surrounding area.

Throughout the period the CIO continued to deliver existing projects through paid staff, volunteers and students, while seeking new opportunities through partnership working. The longer-term objective continued to be to extend external client advocacy services, to explore and secure new funding opportunities while seeking further funding from current stakeholders to enable the CIO to continue the established work it has become known for while developing new initiatives in line with and appropriate to the overall aims.

Significant activities

The trustees, in partnership with the Head of Services develop and implement the strategic business plan and determine, monitor and review the general policies of the organisation. A scheme of delegation is in place to clarify and support decision making responsibilities.

Board meetings take place bi-monthly and are arranged to accommodate maximum attendance of trustees including flexible dates, times and virtual or in person attendance. Between meetings, decision making and ratification of documents is carried out by emailing trustees for feedback.

The day-to-day operational activity of the CIO is devolved to the Head of Services who is responsible for recruitment of staff and volunteers to deliver projects. The organisation offers work placement opportunities to health and social care and medical university students who assist in the operational activity.

Pastoral and clerical functions are carried out by senior member of staff, responsible for employed and volunteer advocates and students and an administrator. The full team undergo induction, training and development opportunities which are identified through one to one meetings and clinical supervision.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Our principal source of income is from funds secured through applications to the Big Lottery with some smaller amounts from various other streams listed within the content of this report. The provision of student doctor and social worker placements for universities brings some additional revenue.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the CIO to maintain sufficient funds to cover management and administration costs for a minimum of three months. At the year end, more than four months were reserved.

Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

Report of the Trustees
for the Period 31 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The constitution of the organisation was amended and signed by trustees on 22 April 2022 and was submitted to the Charity Commission with a request for a change in status from a charity to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The application was successful, and the new constitution was adopted on 31 August 2022.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Our trustees are recruited from the wider communities and reflect the diversity of the localities that ICANN serves. Recruitment of trustees are targeted to reflect identified skills needed to ensure the board can demonstrate expertise in the various talents identified through our skills audit processes. Where possible the trustees consider that the skills and experience of the Board should comprise of include individuals with one or more of the following backgrounds:

- Legal
- Financial/Accounting Background
- Safeguarding
- Sustainability
- Education/Training Experience
- Voluntary Sector Experience
- Senior Managerial or Business Experience
- Experience of equal opportunities or disability needs

Induction and training of new trustees

Induction and awareness training is offered to trustees on appointment to assist them to become familiar with their roles and to provide them with the knowledge they need to make a positive contribution to the strategic management of the organisation.

Risk management

The trustees are responsible for overseeing risk faced by the organisation. Detailed attention of risk is delegated to the Head of Services. Risks are identified, assessed and mitigated throughout the year and a formal review is undertaken annually. Identified categories of risk are:

- Governance
- Operational
- Financial
- Environmental Or External Factors
- Compliance (Law and Regulation)

Through the risk management processes established by the CIO, the trustees are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated but recognise that it is only possible to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance that all major risks have been adequately managed.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE030113 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1200221

Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

Report of the Trustees
for the Period 31 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

Registered office

Howick House
Howick Park Avenue
Penwortham
Preston
Lancashire
PR1 0LS

Trustees

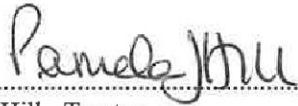
Ms S Patel (appointed 31.8.22)
Mrs P Hill Chair (appointed 31.8.22)
Mrs S Casey (appointed 31.8.22)
Mrs P A Sowden (appointed 6.7.23)
Mrs A D Whalley (appointed 6.7.23)
Mr T M Smith (appointed 6.7.23)
Mrs M A Smith (appointed 6.7.23)

Company Secretary

Independent Examiner

Paul Ronson FCA
CCW Limited
Chartered Accountants
295/297 Church Street
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7 / 9 / 23 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mrs P Hill - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Independent Community Advocacy Network North (Icann) ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the period 31 August 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

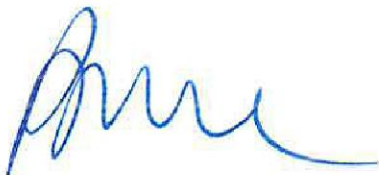
Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



Paul Ronson FCA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

CCW Limited
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Date: 11th Sept 23

Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Period 31 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies		3,128	-	3,128
Charitable activities				
Charitable		<u>14,318</u>	<u>309,898</u>	<u>324,216</u>
Total		<u>17,446</u>	<u>309,898</u>	<u>327,344</u>
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Charitable		<u>24,282</u>	<u>169,254</u>	<u>193,536</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)				
Transfers between funds	7	(6,836)	140,644	133,808
		<u>74,093</u>	<u>(74,093)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		67,257	66,551	133,808
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		176,643	66,372	243,015
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>243,900</u>	<u>132,923</u>	<u>376,823</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	4	2,006	-	2,006
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	5	1,784	-	1,784
Cash at bank and in hand		242,860	132,923	375,783
		<u>244,644</u>	<u>132,923</u>	<u>377,567</u>
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(2,750)	-	(2,750)
		<u>241,894</u>	<u>132,923</u>	<u>374,817</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS				
		<u>243,900</u>	<u>132,923</u>	<u>376,823</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
		<u>243,900</u>	<u>132,923</u>	<u>376,823</u>
NET ASSETS				
		<u>243,900</u>	<u>132,923</u>	<u>376,823</u>
FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds	7			243,900
Restricted funds				132,923
TOTAL FUNDS				
				<u>376,823</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 7/9/23
and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mrs P Hill - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Period 31 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Period 31 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

Depreciation - owned assets	£ 265
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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 March 2023.

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 31 August 2022 and 31 March 2023	4,737
DEPRECIATION	
At 31 August 2022	2,466
Charge for year	265
At 31 March 2023	2,731
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2023	2,006

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	£
Trade debtors	360
Other debtors	624
Prepayments	800
	1,784

Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Period 31 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	£
Trade creditors	945
Accrued expenses	1,805
	2,750
	2,750

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 31.8.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	176,643	(6,836)	(907)	168,900
Designated Development Fund	-	-	75,000	75,000
	176,643	(6,836)	74,093	243,900
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Fund	26,706	18,752	-	45,458
Financial Inclusion	4,166	(2,934)	(1,232)	-
RCP	27,650	(1,472)	-	26,178
PCCBF	4,350	(1,913)	(2,437)	-
Halsall	3,500	(3,652)	152	-
LCC Form Filling	-	59,058	(33,375)	25,683
LCC Benefits	-	72,896	(37,292)	35,604
Community Champions	-	(91)	91	-
	66,372	140,644	(74,093)	132,923
TOTAL FUNDS	243,015	133,808	-	376,823

Independent Community Advocacy Network
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Period 31 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	17,446	(24,282)	(6,836)
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery Fund	74,098	(55,346)	18,752
Financial Inclusion	-	(2,934)	(2,934)
RCP	65,800	(67,272)	(1,472)
PCCBF	-	(1,913)	(1,913)
Halsall	-	(3,652)	(3,652)
LCC Form Filling	70,000	(10,942)	59,058
LCC Benefits	100,000	(27,104)	72,896
Community Champions	-	(91)	(91)
	<u>309,898</u>	<u>(169,254)</u>	<u>140,644</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>327,344</u></u>	<u><u>(193,536)</u></u>	<u><u>133,808</u></u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 31 March 2023.

Independent Community Advocacy Network
North (Icann)

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Period 31 August 2022 to 31 March 2023

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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Donations and legacies

Donations 3,128

Charitable activities

Grants 315,638

Training income 8,578

324,216

Total incoming resources

327,344

EXPENDITURE

Charitable activities

Wages 119,160

Social security 7,919

Pensions 2,459

Telephone 2,520

Postage and stationery 1,317

Advertising 1,497

Sundries 175

Travel costs 3,934

Rent 8,161

Professional fees 2,166

Management charges 1,130

Repairs and renewals 235

Computer and software expense 6,312

Training costs 1,154

Fixtures and fittings 265

Grants to institutions 33,722

192,126

Support costs

Governance costs

Accountancy and legal fees 1,410

Total resources expended

193,536

Net income

133,808

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