



Arising Futures

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

Charity Number 1200517

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Trustees' Annual Report

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Charity Number: 1200517

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: Arising Futures

Charity number: 1200517

Reporting period: Year ended 31 March 2025

Charity's principal address

The Hub
Bold Street
Bolton
BL1 1LS

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year and approved this report include:

- **Sugra Akbar**
 - **Mehwish Jabeen – resigned 02 July 2025**
 - **Shafina Iqbal**
 - **Ahlam Ramadan Hasan -Appointed 15th July 2025**
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Structure, Governance and Management

Arising Futures is governed by its trustee(s), who are responsible for the overall management and direction of the charity. The trustee ensures that the charity acts in accordance with its governing document, charity law, and Charity Commission guidance.

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Objectives and Public Benefit

Arising Futures exists to prevent and alleviate poverty by providing advocacy, advice, and community support to ethnic minority women and girls. The charity aims to create safe and inclusive spaces that foster personal development, confidence, and empowerment.

In setting objectives and planning activities, the trustee has had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The activities undertaken during the year have been carried out to further the charity's purposes and to benefit the communities it serves.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the CIO is to work towards the prevention of relief of poverty. Providing advocacy, advice and information to the public and communities.

The charity's organisational structure and wider network in which the charity works. The charity operates in:

Bolton, Bury, Lancashire, Manchester City, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford City, Tameside, Trafford, Wigan

It works with local communities and networks with organisations from the various Boroughs to develop partnership working and bringing change for the beneficiary

Activities and Achievements

Arising Futures exists to prevent and alleviate poverty by providing advocacy, advice, and community support to ethnic minority women and girls. We are a dedicated charity to creating safe and inclusive spaces that foster personal development and empowerment. We have had an amazing year of growth, overcoming challenges and expanding our services, which have supported so many women in the community

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Weekly Chat & Chai Group

The Weekly Chat & Chai group provided a safe and welcoming space focused on mental health, self-care, stress reduction, and peer support. Sessions included group discussions over hot drinks, encouraging connection and mutual support.

Outcomes achieved:

- Reduced isolation
- Improved mental wellbeing
- Strong peer connections and friendships
- Increased confidence and sense of belonging

On average, **68 women attended each session.**

“Going to the group has helped me with my mental health, and made me stronger as I forget about my problems when I am there.”



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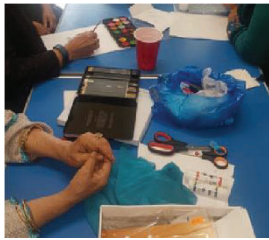
Community Cohesion Events

The charity delivered a range of community cohesion events through partnerships, including Afternoon Tea events, Bollywood events, and quarterly meet-ups.

Impact of these events included:

- Bringing communities together to learn and connect
- Celebrating achievements and recognising volunteers and supporters
- Guest speakers and sustained engagement
- Approximately **60 women attended events** during the year

These activities helped strengthen local partnerships and raise awareness of the charity's services.



Group Work and Employment Support

Group sessions were delivered covering:

- CV writing
- Job searching and applications
- Digital literacy
- Interview skills
- Confidence building
- Tailored one-to-one support



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Participation and outcomes:

- 15 women participated
- Supported by 3 volunteers
- Improved confidence, skills, and employability
- Several participants progressed into volunteering and employment opportunities

A message from our CEO

It has been an incredible year of growth and learning for Arising Futures. From launching our first group programmes to hosting our memorable Afternoon Tea Party, we've seen first-hand the strength, resilience, and potential of the women we serve. This year marked the beginning of a shared journey that has built trust, reduced isolation, and empowered women. I am deeply proud of what we've achieved together and excited about what lies ahead as we continue to amplify voices and create safe spaces that support women to rise and reach their goals.

KAY ALI

CEO

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Financial Review

The accounts have been prepared on a **receipts and payments basis**.

During the year:

- **Total income:** £19,566.40
- **Total payments (expenditure):** £6,620.60
- **Net surplus:** £12,945.80

The closing cash balance at 31 March 2025 was **£14,379.40**. The trustee considers the charity to be in a stable financial position and able to continue its activities in the coming year.

Plans for Future Periods

In 2024/25 and beyond, Arising Futures plans to:

- Expand services to meet increasing demand
- Recruit additional volunteers and staff
- Seek unrestricted and small grants to support core costs
- Strengthen partnerships with local organisations, employers, and advocacy networks
- Improve monitoring through participant feedback and success stories



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Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Charity Commission guidance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have considered the level of unrestricted reserves that would be appropriate for the charity to maintain. This will be 50% of the annual income for the second year and will be reviewed as the charity develops.

At the year ended 31 March 2025 the Charity's bank funds amounted to £19,566(2024: £5,187) out of which £5 was unrestricted (2024:£5)

The reserve policy and level of reserves required will be reviewed on a regular basis by the trustees during their meetings.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signed:



Name: Sugra Akbar

Position: Trustee

Date: 22nd January 2026

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Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31- Mar- 2025 Total funds £	31- Mar- 2024 Total funds £
Receipts				
Grants received	-	21,000	21,000	12,000
Donations	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	21,000	21,000	12,000
Payments				
Charitable activities	-	6,621	6,621	9,100
Total payments		6,621	6,621	9,100
Asset and investment purchases	-	-	-	898
Sub total	-	-	-	898
Total payments	-	6,621	6,621	9,998
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	14,379	14,379	2,002
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	
Cash funds last year end	5	5,182	5,187	
Cash funds this year end	5	19,561	19,566	

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CASH FUNDS	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31- Mar-25 Total funds £	31- Mar-24 £
Bank	5	19,561	19,566	5,187
	5	19,561	19,566	5,187
Liabilities	-	-	-	5,182

Trustees' Declaration

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for preparing accounts that give a true and fair view of the charity's receipts and payments for the year ended 31 March 2025.

These accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by

Sugra Akbar



Trustee

Date: 22nd January 2026