

**ACES**  
**Alternative Community Education Support**

**Report of the Management Committee for the year ended 31 December  
2024**

ACES presents its annual report and financial statements for the year ending in 31 December 2024.

**Reference and Administrative Information**

**Charity Name:** ACES

**Charity registration number:** 1200651

**Registered Office and operational address:** 12 Newtown Street, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE16WJ

**Trustees**

Miss Sarah Kenning (Name changed to Mrs Rastall)

Mr Adam Rastall

Mrs Marise Taylor

**Our Aims and objectives**

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit in Leicestershire by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society. For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is

housing that does not meet basic habitable standards); crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

### **Ensuring our work delivers our aims**

We review our aims, objectives regularly. This review looks at what we are achieving and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to the people we are set up to help.

The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

### **The focus of our work**

Our main objectives for the year continued to be to promote social inclusion for the public benefit in Leicestershire by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society. The strategies we used to meet these objectives

included:

- providing support time
- providing guidance on education and support services
- providing transport
- providing hot meals to local food bank
- supporting heritage network with exhibition at Leicester Riverside festival

### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All our charitable activities focus on promoting social inclusion for the public benefit in Leicestershire.

### **Who used and benefited from our services?**

Our objects and funding limit the services we provide to those residents in Leicestershire.

During this financial year the following individuals and groups of people benefited from the charity.

- Supported teenagers (30) in a youth group (Leicester City Centre) to attend Youth Summer Festival in Kent- 'Thanks again ACES.' HTL Youth Group Leader
- Provided ongoing support to move furniture from different groups to vulnerable families within Leicestershire, such as refugee families, victims of domestic violence and low-income families. ACES linked the Hope Hub with furniture donors to deliver and install in the homes of vulnerable groups (vulnerable as per constitution 4 beneficiaries)
- Providing tuition and support to youth with SEND needs- weekly sessions with student in Braunstone- Leicester (delivered 30 hours to 1 beneficiary)
- Provided transport and minibus to host an exhibition for parallel lives network in Jun 24 as part of the Leicester City Riverside festival
- Provided 3 nights of hot meals for 60 vulnerable and homeless individuals once each term- Autumn, Spring, Summer

### **Financial Review**

This financial year the charity aimed to disperse the previous £900 funds gathered the previous year so that it could deliver activities within the financial year that met the objectives. A.C.E.S also received a private donation of a further £200.

All charity personnel work was voluntarily delivered free of charge by trustee - Sarah Kenning this financial year. The charity incurred three costs for transport, £750, £100 and £195.

### **Funding Sources/ Reserves**

The £200 raised was sourced by one voluntary private donations from a Resident of Leicestershire that wanted to support the work of the charity. The £900 from the previous year (23) was kept as a reserve for 24's activities. There are limited risks to outgoings as the charity does not own any property or have any regular outgoings as the activities it provides to public benefit are responsive rather than regular. The trustees consider an amount of £150 is adequate for reserves to fund charitable activities. Due to some additional transport costs, the charity ended the financial year with £55 left in the bank.

### **Future Plans**

Priorities for ACES are to maintain support with vulnerable groups, delivering small manageable activities linking beneficiaries with existing support services. The main trustee has recently had a baby and future planning needs to be considered due to limited capacity of voluntary hours available.

### **Structure/ Governance and Management**

ACES is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and follows its constitution last amended on 20.06.22. All three trustees were appointed when the charity was founded. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, ACES must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. It is not currently seeking to appoint further trustees, as each founding trustee has 2 years of service still left, however next year this will be discussed to ensure sustainability.

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:

- (a) a copy of the current version of this constitution; and
- (b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

### **Accounts**

<b>Statement of Financial Activities- Financial Year ended Dec 23</b>		
<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Reserve		£900
Donations	Mrs Wong	£200

Outgoings	Transport	£750
	Transport	£100
	Transport	£195
Outgoing		<b>Total</b>
Charitable activities	0	£1145
		0.00
Total Funds carried forward		£55

## Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

## Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)

Sarah Kenning

Adam Rastall

Full name(s)

SKenning

ARastall

Position (for  
example Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Trustee

Trustee

Date

07/12/25