

LEICESTERSHIRE CONGOLESE MUTUAL GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1201225

Details

Other names LEICESTERSHIRE CONGOLEESE MUTUAL GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-12-05

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF MIGRANTS, REFUGEES, CONGOLESE PEOPLE AND ASYLUM SEEKERS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS LIVING IN LEICESTERSHIRE WHO ARE IN NEED BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL HEALTH OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PROVIDING SERVICES OF INTERPRETING, TRANSLATING, ADVOCACY, HEALTH/HOUSING ADVICE EMPLOYMENT ADVICE AND IT SKILLS TRAINING.

Activities: We address the issues of isolation, lack of information, and loneliness experienced by migrants, refugees and their families, with particular emphasis on those facing health and immigration issues. We seeks to strengthen community relations by uniting individuals and offering key information, guidance, and training.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Leicester City
- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£24,420	£20,585	-	-
2024-03-31	£14,250	£8,920	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lenga Difumba		2022-10-10
Nasha Mateko Luyindula		2022-10-10
Richard Diame Lutwamuzire		2022-10-10
Rose Ntumba Panumudipo		2025-01-11
Tchimissa Bagalwa		2022-12-05

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Leicestershire Congolese Mutual Group
Annual Reports: Trustees and Financial Account
Financial Period
01/04/2024- 31/03/2025

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Trustees of the Leicestershire Congolese Mutual Group (LCMG) present the annual report for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. This report highlights the organisation's achievements, governance, partnerships, community activities, and overall performance during a year marked by continued growth, successful project delivery, and strengthened community support.

Throughout this period, LCMG continued to provide essential support to migrants, refugees, Congolese people, asylum seekers, and other disadvantaged groups across Leicester and Leicestershire. Our work remained centred on promoting social inclusion, improving wellbeing, and strengthening community resilience through practical assistance, cultural engagement, and advocacy.

2. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name of Charity: Leicestershire Congolese Mutual Group

Registered Charity Number: 1201225

Principal Address: Epworth Methodist Church, Blackbird Road, Leicester, LE4 0FW

Trustees during the reporting period included:

- Mr. Tchimissa Bagalwa
- Miss Nasha Mateko Luyindula
- Mrs. Rose Panu Mudipu
- Mr. Lenga Difumba
- Mr. Richard Diame Lutwamuzire

3. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

LCMG is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is managed by a volunteer-led Management Committee. Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting or appointed by the existing Board.

During the reporting year, the organisation was supported by its core trustees, a dedicated advisory team, and approximately twelve active community volunteers. Their collective contribution significantly enhanced the reach and impact of the organisation's activities.

4. OBJECTS AND AIMS OF THE CHARITY

LCMG exists to relieve migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and members of the Congolese community in Leicestershire who face hardship due to youth, age, ill health, disability, financial difficulty, or other forms of disadvantage. This is achieved through activities such as interpretation

and translation services, advocacy, health and housing advice, employment support, digital skills training, and a range of community support initiatives.

5. SUMMARY OF MEETINGS (APRIL 2024 – MARCH 2025)

The Management Committee held eleven formal meetings throughout the year. The following key areas were discussed and actioned:

1. Adoption of Charity Commission objectives and planning for annual programme delivery.
2. Oversight of the Big Lottery-funded “Meet Again” project, including successful completion in August 2024.
3. Organisation of the 2024 DRC Independence Day Community BBQ.
4. Preparation and delivery of the 2024 Annual General Assembly.
5. Evaluation of community support activities, including financial, material, emotional, and moral support to members.
6. Decision-making on support for members experiencing illness or significant hardship.
7. Feedback and review of project achievements, including the MEET AGAIN project.
8. Introduction of the new project on Sickle Cell Disease, Thalassaemia, and Mental Health.
9. Coordination of food parcel distribution for members.
10. Progress updates on funding applications and organisational development.
11. Launch of the new health-focused project and approval of related action plans.

These meetings reflected a consistent governance culture, ensuring compliance, operational oversight, and the delivery of quality support services.

6. GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

The Annual General Assembly took place on 25 May 2024 at the organisation’s headquarters. The Assembly covered:

1. Presentation of the annual report on activities.
2. A detailed account of the MEET AGAIN project.
3. Review of community support provided throughout the year.
4. Discussion of future projects and strategic priorities.

The Assembly reaffirmed members’ confidence in the organisation’s direction and endorsed the continuation of key programmes aligned with the charity’s objectives.

7. PERFORMANCE AND ACTIVITIES (2024–2025)

7.1. Mutual Support and Community Assistance

LCMG continued to provide essential support to members experiencing significant life events. Assistance included financial, material, and moral support for bereavements, graduations, childbirth, marriages, and illness.

Food parcels were distributed to members during the winter season as part of the organisation's hardship support commitment.

7.2. Independence Day of the Democratic Republic of Congo

The annual Independence Day celebration on 13 July 2024 brought together a diverse community. With music, traditional food, cultural storytelling, children's activities, and community games, the event strengthened social cohesion and cultural pride.

7.3. "Meet Again" Project – Big Lottery Fund

This project remained a major success for LCMG. Designed to promote physical and emotional well-being among Congolese and wider migrant communities, the project delivered activities including football sessions for youth, jogging groups for families, and well-being workshops.

Throughout the reporting period, approximately 165 migrant families (around 100 individuals) were supported through sports activities, nutritional guidance, and wellbeing education.

7.4. Advocacy Support

Using a dedicated WhatsApp platform, LCMG provided real-time information, advice, and advocacy relating to employment opportunities, business advice, financial benefits, and changes in relevant public policies.

This accessible and responsive approach strengthened LCMG's reputation as a trusted community support organisation.

7.5. Partnerships and Collaboration

LCMG continued to collaborate with African Heritage Alliance (AHA), Afro Innovation Group, French-speaking community associations, refugee networks, and local faith organisations.

These partnerships contributed to expanding local engagement, promoting cultural integration, and strengthening community safety and wellbeing.

7.6. Launch of New Health Project

On 15 March 2025, LCMG launched a new initiative focusing on Sickle Cell Disease, Thalassaemia, and Mental Health. The project aims to increase awareness, improve access to support, and reduce stigma among affected families. The action plan and delivery framework were approved by the Committee.

8. OVERALL ACHIEVEMENTS

The 2024–2025 period marked a year of consolidation, growth, and strengthened community impact.

Key achievements included:

- Successful completion of the MEET AGAIN project.
- Expansion of wellbeing, sports, and nutritional support.
- Strengthened relationships with key community organisations.
- Enhanced support structure for members facing hardship.
- Launch of a new health-focused community project.
- Continued commitment to cultural celebration and social inclusion.

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	31/03/2024	To	01/04/2025
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Financial Accounts

9.1 Section A Receipts and payments

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	
Grants & Donation		18,800	-	18,800	10,000
Membership contributions	5,600	-	-	5,600	4,400
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Gift and Aid Receipts	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal (Gross income for AR)	5,620	18,800	-	24,420	14,400
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,620	18,800	-	24,420	-
A3 Payments					
Rent & Venue Hire		1,840	-	1,840	840
Volunteers Expenses	-	2,220	-	2,220	1,220
Staff Costs	160.00	1,320	-	1,480	1,300
Management and Administration	1,260.00	1,140	-	2,400	500
Activities Cost	2,565.00	6,850	-	9,415	3,850
Project Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting	-	1,670	-	1,670	650
Marketing and Promotion	-	1,560.00	-	1,560	560

	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,985	16,600	-	20,585	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,985	16,600	-		5,330
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,635	2,200	-		5,330
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,635	17,535	-		1,830
Cash funds this year end	1,635	17,535	-	22,170	7,160

9.2 SectionB: liabilities at the end of the period

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Previous Cash at Bank	2,820	1,375	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,820	1,375	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

	-		-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
		-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Details			

B3 Investment assets

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Details			

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use


	Computer Use	-	
	Donated Office Space	1,400	-
	Donation	-	360
		-	-
		-	-

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Details			

B5 Liabilities

Rent Contribution Due		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Tchimissa Bagalwa	22/11/2025
DIFUMBA	Lenga Difumba	22/11/2025

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Report of the Trustees: Performances and Financial Accounts

Since the Insertion of the Charity 05/12/2022 to 31/03/2024

Leicestershire Congolese Mutual Group Trustees Annual reports

The Trustees of the Leicestershire Congolese Mutual Group are proud to present their first annual report and detailed financial statements for the period concluding on 31 March 2024. This comprehensive report summarises our diverse range of activities and notable achievements over the past year, illustrating our unwavering commitment to serving the Congolese community and other migrant communities in Leicester and throughout Leicestershire.

Within these pages, we emphasise the significant impact of our various initiatives, detailing the support and resources we have provided to our members. From educational programmes to cultural events, our efforts have aimed to empower individuals and foster a sense of belonging. As you read through the report, you will find a thorough account of how we have navigated challenges, celebrated successes, and strived to enhance the lives of those we serve during this pivotal year.

Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity

Name of Charity: Leicestershire Congolese Mutual Group Registered Charity No: 1201225

Charity's principal address: EPWORTH METHODIST CHURCH, BLACKBIRD ROAD LEICESTER, LE4 0FW

The Charity Registration Number is: 1201225

Registered Company Number: This charity does not have a Company Number

Names of the charity trustees who managed the charity during this period:

Mr Tchimissa Bagalwa

Miss Nasha Mateko Luyindula

Mr Lenga Difumba

Mr Richard Diame Lutwamuzire

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

How the charity is constituted: Management Committee.

Trustees' selection methods: Elected by members at the AGM and Appointed by Other Trustees

During the current financial year, the organisation has been overseen by a management committee comprising four trustees: the Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, along with four advisors to the board. Furthermore, the organisation has greatly benefited from the involvement of 12 community volunteers and a dedicated team actively engaged in various projects.

Objects and Aims of the Charity

The objects of the CIO are: “The relief of migrants, refugees, Congolese people and asylum seekers and their dependants living in Leicestershire who are in need by reason of youth, age, ill health or disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, in particular but not exclusively by providing services of interpreting, translating, advocacy, health/housing advice employment advice and IT skills training.”

Performance Activities

Mutual Befriending

The Leicestershire Congolese Mutual Group is a dynamic community interest organization passionately dedicated to fostering a spirit of mutual support among its members. During the reporting period ending in March 2024, we engaged in a range of heartfelt activities that celebrated and uplifted our community through significant life events.

We took joy in presenting thoughtful gifts to our graduates, celebrating their hard work and achievements as they stepped into new chapters of their lives. When new births occurred, we extended our warmest congratulations, sharing in the joy of expanding families. On wedding days, we honored couples by recognizing their commitment to one another, creating lasting memories of love and celebration.

In times of serious illness, we stood by our members, offering compassionate assistance to help navigate their challenges. Furthermore, we provided essential food parcels to those facing difficulties, ensuring that no one in our community goes hungry.

At the heart of all our activities lies an unwavering commitment to the well-being and success of our members, fostering a strong sense of belonging and support within our vibrant community.

Independence of the DR Congo

The event was a vibrant and festive celebration, beautifully organised in partnership with various community organisations and partners of LCMG. This gathering served as a testament to our enduring commitment to fostering community cohesion, bringing together individuals from a rich tapestry of cultural backgrounds.

As attendees arrived, they were greeted by the joyous sounds of live music echoing through the air, drawing everyone into a lively atmosphere. The aroma of traditional foods wafted from colourful stalls, offering a mouthwatering selection of dishes that tantalised the taste buds. Throughout the day, captivating storytelling sessions captivated audiences, immersing them in tales that resonated with their own cultural heritage.

Children laughed and played, bouncing from engaging games to spirited dance activities, filling the space with delightful energy. Together, we celebrated the unique diversity that defines our community, forging connections and deepening understanding among neighbours who, while coming from different walks of life, share a common space and purpose.

Advocacy Support

During this financial reporting period, we have actively engaged in providing a diverse range of specialized advice, advocacy, and comprehensive support services through our dedicated WhatsApp group. This dynamic platform serves as a vital communication tool, allowing both members and non-members to stay well-informed about a wide array of opportunities related to employment, business ventures, financial benefits, and important changes in relevant policies.

The information and resources shared within this group have profoundly impacted the lives of our beneficiaries, enabling them to make informed decisions and access valuable opportunities. As a result, our reputation has flourished as a trusted provider of holistic services, demonstrating our commitment to uplifting and empowering the community we serve.

Our partnership

We are deeply committed to supporting and engaging with our vibrant local community. Our efforts have included collaboration with notable organisations such as the African Heritage Alliance (AHA), which we helped as they successfully navigated the process of securing an asset transfer for the African Caribbean Center through Leicester City Council. In addition to AHA, we work alongside the Afro Innovation Group, various Leicester-based French-speaking organizations, and a multitude of other community projects that enrich our shared culture.

We focused on collaborating with Congolese refugees, various community groups, and faith organizations. Through these partnerships, we aim to create an inclusive environment where individuals can develop meaningful social connections. Our goal is to empower our target group, enabling them to actively participate in community life while ensuring they feel safe and welcomed in their neighbourhoods. Our initiative seeks to cultivate a stronger, more connected community where everyone can thrive.

Achievements

Receiving the Big Lottery Award for All funding was a significant milestone for LCMG and our first opportunity to expand our holistic support services for the Congolese community and other migrants across the city and county.

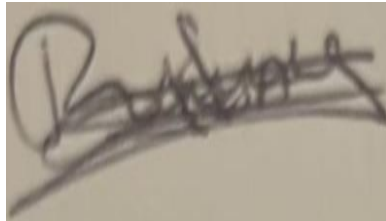
The project aimed to promote and maintain positive health and well-being within the Congolese and other Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities living in

Leicester City and throughout Leicestershire. It specifically targeted parents and their children by providing early intervention and prevention solutions, which helped them remain healthy, active, and independent after a prolonged period of dealing with COVID-19.

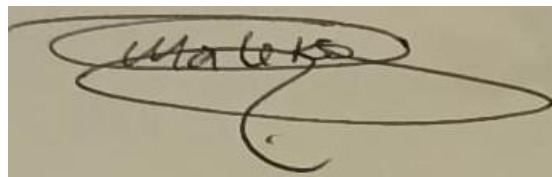
We offered a mixed portfolio of sports and activity sessions, including football for young people every Saturday and jogging activities for both parents and children. Our goal was to bring people together in groups to help them improve their health and fitness and enhance their sports-related skills.

During this reporting period, we supported approximately 165 migrant families, encompassing around 100 unique individuals. Our initiatives focused on helping these families rebuild their fitness levels through various physical activities and exercise programs tailored to their needs. In addition, we offered comprehensive information on maintaining a healthy diet, including workshops on nutrition, cooking demonstrations, and personalised dietary guidance. This holistic approach aims to empower individuals and families to improve their overall well-being and make informed choices about their health.

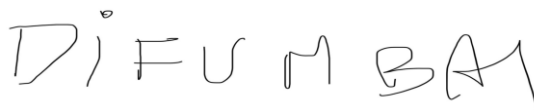
Report Signed by (Names and Signature):



Chair of Trustees: Tchimissa Bagalwa



The Secretary: Nasha Mateko Luyindula



The Treasurer: Lenga Difumba

Financial Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 05/12/2022 To 31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	
Grants & Donation		10,000	-	10,000	-
Membership contributions	2,420		-	2,420	1,830
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Gift and Aid Receipts	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal (<i>Gross income for AR</i>)	2,420	10,000	-	14,250	1,830
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,420	10,000	-	14,250	-
A3 Payments					
Rent & Venue Hire		840	-	840	-
Volunteers Expenses	-	1,220	-	1,220	-
Staff Costs	160.00	1,140	-	1,300	-
Management and Administration	500.00	-	-	500	-
Activities Cost	1,000.00	2,850	-	3,850	-
Project Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting	-	650	-	650	-
Marketing and Promotion	-	560.00	-	560	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,660	7,260	-	8,920	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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		-	-
		-	-


B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Computer Use	-	
	Donated Office Space	1,200	-
	Donation	-	360
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Rent Contribution Due		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Tchimissa Bagalwa	20/01/2025
DIFUMBA	Lenga Difumba	20/01/2025