

ACCESS TO SHINE

England & Wales · Charity number 1201366

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-12-16

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE UK AND WITHIN DEPRIVED COMMUNITIES IN NIGERIA FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY:A. PROVIDING GRANTS TO: HELP SCHOOLS DELIVER HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION, HELP TRAIN STAFFS, AND SUPPORT CHILDREN WHO COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD BASIC EDUCATION.

Activities: Access to Shine is a Not-For-Profit Organization working to promote the education of young people in the UK and within deprived communities in Nigeria for the public benefit.Common ways we help include:Promoting EducationCreating Opportunity

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Nigeria
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-20	£6,695	£6,164	-	-
2024-12-20	£6,230	£9,796	-	-
2023-12-20	£3,807	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
jane ura	Chair	2021-01-25
ALEXANDRA KAY OJAKOV OH		2023-01-01
Esosa Babalola		2021-05-20
THOMAS FREDERICK OJAKOV OH		2023-01-01

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CHARITY COMMISSION
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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **20/12/2024** Period start date To **20/12/2025**
Period end date

Charity name: Access to Shine

Charity registration number: 1201366

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Objects of the CIO is to promote the education of young people in the UK and within deprived communities in Nigeria for the public benefit in particular but not exclusively by: Providing grants to: help schools deliver high quality education, help train staffs, and support children who could not otherwise afford basic education.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	During this reporting year, Access to Shine continued efforts to improve educational opportunities at Community Secondary School, Ndi Uduma Awoke. Key achievements include successful fundraising events and construction progress on the new School Hall from substructure till external and internal openings it now fitted with doors and windows. Remaining to complete the project: ☐ Ceiling installation ☐ Flooring (screeding and finishing) ☐ Internal and external painting ☐ Final electrical/finishing works ☐ Final cleaning and handover. The community committee oversaw project monitoring. UK fundraising activities such as community events and partners donations contributed meaningfully to progress. The trustees' 10K charity run provided an additional source of income during the period, directly supporting the ongoing construction of the school hall, with all proceeds allocated to project development.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm compliance with Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when planning and delivering all activities.

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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers played a critical role in fundraising and project awareness, helping grow community engagement and advance the School Hall project.
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	During the year, significant progress was made on the construction of the Community Secondary School Hall in Nigeria. The project advanced from the substructure stage to the installation of key external and internal openings, including the fitting of doors and the installation of windows. This milestone represents a major step toward completing the hall, which will provide students with a safe, functional space for examinations, assemblies, and learning activities. Once completed, the hall is expected to greatly improve academic conditions by reducing weather-related disruptions and supporting a more conducive learning environment. The project also contributes to wider societal benefits by strengthening local educational infrastructure and promoting long-term opportunities for young people within the community.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Funds held at year-end: £6,695.87
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Small-scale fundraising, donations, and community support.
Investment policy and objectives including any		No investment policy currently in place.

social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The governing document is a charities constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is a CIO.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are selected based on their commitment to making a meaningful difference in the areas Access to Shine seeks to improve, particularly in the education of young people in the UK and Nigeria, as well as their expertise in education. While no new trustees have been added recently, any future trustees will be chosen through a review of their CV and a voting process

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Access to Shine
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1201366
Charity's principal address	78 Cottessmore RG12 7YP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jane Ura	Chair of Trustee		
2	Tom Ojakovoh	Financial Secretary		
3	Esosa Babalola	Secretary		
4	Alex Ojakovoh			

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Jane Ura	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

20/2/2026

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 20/12/2023

Period start date To 20/12/2024

Period end date

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Access to Shine continues to focus on creating awareness about its mission in Nigeria and fundraising efforts in the UK to address the educational challenges faced by the Community Secondary School in Ndi Uduma Awoke, Ohafia L.G.A., Abia State, Nigeria. Our activities in the past year include: 1. Community Engagement and Oversight: - o Establishment of a Community School Management Committee (CSMC), comprising parents, teachers, students, local leaders, and other community members. This dedicated group oversees school projects, maintains infrastructure, and conducts regular site visits to ensure timely identification and resolution of issues. 2. Provision of Educational Resources: - o Funding the purchase of books for all senior secondary school examination subjects, enabling teachers to plan lessons effectively and students to prepare adequately for their exams. 3. Infrastructure Development:

		○ Grant funding for the first phase of a building project at Ndi Uduma Awoke Community Secondary School. This initiative aims to address the lack of essential infrastructure, which currently hampers student success. For example, during the 2024 exams, rain leaks and flooding in the examination hall severely disrupted students' performance. 4. Future Projects – School Hall and Learning Resource Centre (LRC): ○ Plans to construct a School Hall and LRC, which will include: ▪ A spacious hall for exams and gatherings. ▪ Dedicated areas for study, online learning, and tutoring. ▪ Access to educational materials, books, and digital resources. ▪ Facilities for extracurricular activities and community events. 5. Fundraising Activities in the UK: ○ Hosting community events, including a faith walk organized by a partner school to highlight the long distances students in Ndi Uduma Awoke must walk to attend school. ○ Tuck shop sales and other initiatives to raise funds and awareness for the cause. These activities aim to create a sustainable and conducive learning environment for students in Ndi Uduma Awoke, ensuring their access to quality education and resources.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees of Access to Shine confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when planning and undertaking the charity's activities. All decisions and projects are carefully aligned with our commitment to advancing education and improving access to essential resources for the benefit of the community in Ndi Uduma Awoke, Nigeria, and beyond. The trustees remain committed to ensuring that our efforts provide measurable and meaningful benefits to the public in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Access to Shine acknowledges and greatly values the significant contributions made by our volunteers in raising funds and supporting the charity's mission. Their dedication has been instrumental in increasing awareness of the challenges faced by the Community Secondary School in Ndi Uduma Awoke, Nigeria, and mobilizing resources to address these issues. Our volunteers have organized and participated in various fundraising initiatives, including community events, a faith walk to highlight the hardships endured by students, and tuck shop sales. These efforts have not only generated vital funds but also fostered a sense of solidarity and support amongst our community of donors and supporters. We deeply appreciate the time, energy, and commitment of our volunteers, whose efforts are essential to the success of our projects and the delivery of tangible benefits to the communities we serve.
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Impact on Beneficiaries and Society: For beneficiaries: Access to Shine's work has provided students and teachers with critical resources and infrastructure, creating a more supportive and effective learning environment. This is expected to lead to improved academic performance and long-term opportunities for the students. For society: By addressing educational challenges in underserved areas, the charity contributes to reducing educational inequality and empowering the next generation of leaders and contributors in the community. Additionally, the charity's awareness campaigns in the UK have inspired a greater understanding of global educational disparities, encouraging wider societal engagement and support for charitable causes.

		Through these achievements, Access to Shine continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of its beneficiaries and the broader community.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The overall finances held at the end of the period £6,230 in bank account.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity has only been raising funds during this period with small scale events and hope to add other ways of raising funds in the next financial year.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	There is no investment policy in place for the organisation at this point

Structure, Governance and Management

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2	Tom Ojakovoh	Financial Secretary		
3	Esosa Babalola	Secretary		
4	Alex Ojakovoh			

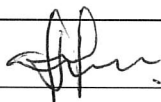
Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jane Ura	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date 5/02/2025

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 16/12/2022 Period start date To 20/12/2023
Period end date

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Charity registration number: 1201366

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	As a new charity, our focus during this period was on creating awareness about our mission in the target area of Nigeria and fundraising in the UK. Our dedicated volunteers conducted community visits in Nigeria, while we organized community fundraising events in the UK. One of our partner schools organized a faith walk and tuck shop sales to support our cause. Additionally, we developed a website to share detailed information about our projects. In August 2023, we successfully opened our bank account, which allowed us to start depositing funds raised from our events. Given that our educational activities in Nigeria, particularly the renovation of a school hall, require significant funding, our initial efforts were directed towards engaging with local authorities and partners in Nigeria to raise awareness about the Access to Shine initiatives. Through these activities, we have laid a strong foundation for future fundraising and project implementation efforts.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Every donation from our partner school has been allocated to our charity fundraising fund. All community activities in Nigeria have focused on strengthening community ties with our

		organization and keeping the trustees informed about local developments.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Any running costs at this early stage of organisation such as paying for the website and the domain have been done by the trustees.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	At this early stage, the impact on beneficiaries in Ndi Uduma Awoke has not been widely felt due to limited funds. Our organization has not yet been able to renovate and improve the school's structures. However, the community has appreciated that their stories are being heard and their needs are being considered for the future of their children's education. We have communicated to them that fully establishing our activities will take time. In the UK, our trustees have been actively raising awareness about the challenges faced by the school system in Nigeria, particularly for students in rural areas like Ndi Uduma Awoke Ohafia. Through community and fundraising events, we are working to garner support and resources for our cause.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The overall finances held at the end of the period 2,287 in bank account and f1520 in cash.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity has only been raising funds during this period with small scale events through our partner school and hope to add other ways of raising funds in the next financial year.
Investment policy and objectives including any	Para 1.46	There is no investment policy in place for the organisation at this point.

social investment policy adopted		
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Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees have been selected based on their commitment to addressing the educational issues that Access to Shine aims to improve in the UK and Nigeria, as well as their previous experience with community and charity work.

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2	Tom Ojakovoh	Treasurer		
3	Esosa Babalola			
4	Alex Ojakovoh			
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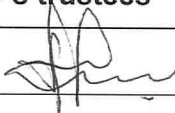
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jane Ura	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	03/06/2024	