



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 20/12/2023  
Period end date

Period start date To 20/12/2024

Charity name: Access to Shine

Charity registration number: 1201366

## Objectives and Activities

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| 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:<br>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 | 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:<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Community Engagement and Oversight:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li></ul></li><li>2. Provision of Educational Resources:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li></ul></li><li>3. Infrastructure Development:</li></ol> |

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|                                                                                                                              |           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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.</li> </ul> <p>4. Future Projects – School Hall and Learning Resource Centre (LRC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Plans to construct a School Hall and LRC, which will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A spacious hall for exams and gatherings.</li> <li>▪ Dedicated areas for study, online learning, and tutoring.</li> <li>▪ Access to educational materials, books, and digital resources.</li> <li>▪ Facilities for extracurricular activities and community events.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>5. Fundraising Activities in the UK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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.</li> <li>○ Tuck shop sales and other initiatives to raise funds and awareness for the cause.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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### Achievements and Performance

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| 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      | <p><b>Impact on Beneficiaries and Society:</b></p> <p><b>For beneficiaries:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>For society:</b> 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.</p> |

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|  |  | 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

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| 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:

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| 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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| Description of charity's trusts:                                                                                                                                          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Type of governing document<br>(trust deed, royal charter)                                                                                                                 | Para 1.25 | The governing document is a charities constitution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| How is the charity constituted?<br>(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

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| Charity name                | Access to Shine             |
| Other name the charity uses |                             |
| Registered charity number   | 1201366                     |
| Charity's principal address | 75 Sterling Square RG12 9TD |

**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  |                     |                                   |                                                               |

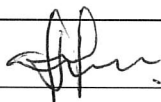
**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

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| 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

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

Date 5/02/2025