

UNION OF ANGOLANS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

England & Wales · Charity number 1201463

Details

Other names UARU

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-12-29

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

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Activities

Objects: 3.1 THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: 3.1.1 TO RELIEVE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP THROUGH THE PROVISION OF GRANTS, INFORMATION AND SUCH SUPPORT AS THE TRUSTEES DEEM APPROPRIATE. 3.1.2 TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT ENGLAND AND WALES WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. 3.1.3 TO ADVANCE ANGOLAN CULTURE AND HERITAGE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY INCREASING KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF ALL ASPECTS OF ANGOLAN CULTURE AND OF THE ANGOLAN WAY OF LIFE, INCLUDING WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING ANGOLAN HISTORY. NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE.

Activities: The Union of Angolans in the United Kingdom main objectives, is to relieve financial hardship through the provision of grants, for the benefit of the residents throughout England and Wales. we also

provide services like: Advocacy, advisory services and supplementary Education. Advancing Angolan culture and heritage for the public benefit as well as increasing knowledge.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-28	£6,196	£12,466	-	-
2024-12-28	£19,340	£9,231	-	-
2023-06-30	£8,222	£6,661	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Clementino Chiquete	Chair	2024-07-13
Brigida Paz		2025-10-11
Joao Gaiete		2025-10-11
Lourenco Mendes		2024-07-13
THOMAS MENDES		2024-07-13

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Report for the Union of Angolans in the United Kingdom

Financial Year End: 31st March 2026

1. Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

The prevention or relief of poverty and the advancement of education and social welfare for the public benefit, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race, political, religious, or other opinions. The charity works in partnership with local residents, local authorities, and voluntary organisations to provide facilities for recreation, leisure, and skills development, thereby improving the conditions of life for the community. Furthermore, the charity is dedicated to advancing and increasing the public's knowledge and understanding of Angolan culture, heritage, and way of life in the United Kingdom.

During this financial year, the Trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

2. Achievements and Performance

Operating and providing services to the public has presented some financial challenges. To ensure continuity while stabilizing the organisation's finances, the Union of Angolans in the United Kingdom focused primarily on delivering core services within **Advocacy and Supplementary Education**.

As an established charity, navigating on the third year, brought valuable learning experiences. Feedback from sector advisors helped identify weaknesses in our historical strategies. However, the Trustees and members believe this period was essential for identifying gaps and laying down robust foundations for the future. While the charity did not meet all its initial ambitious targets due to competitive institutional funding environments, we experienced a substantial increase in adherence and registration from new members. This growth reflects the dedication of our team and the clear demand for our services within the community.

Future Plans and continuity: The "Skills & Empowerment" Project and Empowering Women in the Portuguese-Speaking Community

To address our strategic goals, a dedicated fundraising and management team comprising a Project Manager, an accountant, trustees, and nominated members was appointed.

We are delighted to announce that the **Lambeth Community Fund** has approved funding for our 12-month project entitled "Empowering Women in the Portuguese-Speaking Community".

A key component of this project is a 2-day employment workshop designed for 20 Portuguese-speaking women aged 16–25 residing in the London Borough of

Lambeth. These skills and empowerment work builds upon our earlier programme supported by The **National Lottery Community Fund**, continuing our commitment to providing targeted, practical support.

The workshop features a tailored plan focused on CV Writing and Interview Skills, designed to:

- Enhance understanding of UK employer expectations and workplace standards.
- Equip participants with practical tools and knowledge to create professional, impactful CVs and job applications.
- Develop effective communication and confident interview techniques.
- Boost self-belief, self-worth, and self-esteem, supporting greater social and economic integration.

Full details regarding the delivery, achievements, and outcomes of this project will be outlined in next year's Annual Report.

3. Financial Review

The charity's financial records have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis for transparency and compliance. The total income stream for the year was maintained primarily through internal member contributions and donations generated via community events.

Total Receipts (Incoming Resources): £6,196.01 (comprising £2,331.99 in Unrestricted funds and £3,864.02 in Restricted funds).

Total Payments (Resources Expended): £12,466.11 (comprising £2,330.01 from Unrestricted funds and £10,136.10 spent from Restricted funds, utilizing balances carried forward from the previous period).

Net Movement in Funds: A net reduction of £6,270.10 for the year, reflecting the intentional planned expenditure of restricted grants received in the prior year.

Cash Funds Carried Forward: The charity concludes the financial year with total cash funds of **£5,399.55** (£1.98 Unrestricted; £5,397.57 Restricted) held securely in the charity's bank account and petty cash reserves.

The Trustees continue to monitor income streams closely to ensure financial sustainability. In line with advice from our financial advisor, these records are made publicly available to promote transparency, which we believe will positively impact future public donations and institutional funding.

4. Structure, Governance, and Management

The Union of Angolans in the United Kingdom is governed as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Trustees and member meetings have been

conducted efficiently. This structure remains effective but will be reviewed at the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) to ensure optimal governance.

On the 16th of July 2025, a General Assembly was held where a chairman held his place, and four additional Trustees were unanimously appointed by the members present. During this assembly, the financial reports were presented, verified, and internally audited.

Approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Trustee Name:

Thomas Mendes



Date: 10/06/2026

Trustee Name:

Clementino Chiquete



Date: 10/06/2026

Trustee Name:

Lourenço Mendes



Date: 10/06/2026

Trustee Name:

João Gaiete



Date: 10/06/2026



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

03/2025

To

02/2026

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	-	3,864.02	-	3864.02 -	14149.00-
Membership	686.92 -	-	-	686.92 -	532.44-
Contributions	610.00-	-	-	610 -	2789.27
Donations	235.07-	-	-	235.07 -	1118.59-
Football tournament	800.00-	-	-	800 -	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	750.88
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2331.99-	3864.02-	-	6196.01 -	19,340.18 -
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
Website	446.17 -	-	-	446.17-	311.53 -
Hall Hire	410 -	1630 -	-	2 040 -	4783.55
Football tournament	800 -	-	-	800 -	-
Staff costs	-	1990 -	-	1 990 -	-
Attendee's travel Costs	37.20-	2 229.80 -	-	2267 -	-
Office Costs	187.64-	-	-	187.64-	-
Operational costs	449 -	1 895.80	-	2344.80	4136.80-
Publicity costs	-	890.50	-	890.50-	-
Refreshments	-	1 500 -	-	1500 -	-
Sub total	2 330.01 -	10 136.10-	-	12 466.11-	9 231.88 -
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	1.98 -	- 6272.10	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	0,00 -	£11,669.65-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1.98 -	5 397.55	-	5 399.53-	-

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	Petty cash	-	2 317.23 -	-
	The Co-operative bank	-	3 080.32 -	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	5 397.55 -	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C. Chiquete	17/6/26

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Union of the Angolan Community in the United Kingdom (UARU)** Annual Report 2024 - 2025

Period End: January 2025

1. Introduction

This trustee's report presents an overview of the activities and achievements of the Union of the Angolan Community in the United Kingdom (UARU) for the period from February 2024 to January 2025. Throughout this year, UARU has remained dedicated to its mission of empowering individuals and families within the Angolan community, particularly in the London Borough of Lambeth. Our focus has been on delivering essential services, fostering social inclusion, and celebrating our rich cultural heritage. Despite encountering financial challenges, we have made notable progress in supporting our community through various programs and initiatives.

2. Our Mission

Our mission is to empower individuals and families in the UK, primarily within the London Borough of Lambeth, to achieve their full potential by providing accessible community services. We envision a thriving community where everyone has the opportunity to lead a healthy and fulfilling life.

3. Programs and Services

UARU offers a diverse range of services tailored to meet the various needs of our community, including:

Advice and Information: Guidance on housing, health, social security benefits, and employment opportunities.

Education: education through supplementary schooling for children and support.

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Advocacy and Casework: Assisting individuals and families in navigating complex systems and advocating for their rights.

Social Inclusion: Preventing social exclusion, alleviating the needs of those who are socially excluded, and aiding integration into society.

Emotional Support and Counselling: Providing support to bereaved families and facilitating reconciliation.

Legal Support: Offering translation, form-filling assistances, and connecting community members with professional legal advice.

Cultural and Sports Events: Organising events to celebrate Angolan culture and promote physical well-being.

4. Activities and Achievements

4.1 Community Support and Wellbeing

Provided emotional support and counselling to 16 bereaved families, including home visits and assistance with daily tasks.

Facilitated 3 reconciliation events to promote understanding and harmony within families and the community.

Assisted 16 individuals with referrals and document preparation for various needs.

Intervened in 4 social help cases, providing support for accommodation and form-filling.

Advised and assisted 8 families with diverse needs.

4.2 Education and Empowerment

Supported 8 individuals with university enrolment, with guidance from career advisors.

4.3 Cultural and Sports Activities

Organized inaugural UARU football and basketball tournaments, engaging over 100 individuals and families.

Hosted 2 events celebrating significant Angolan historical dates, showcasing music and dance, attended by over 60 participants.

Conducted workshops and forums for 16–24-year-olds focused on skills and employment topics.

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Organised 3 social events and 1 workshop featuring 2 motivational speakers.

4.4 Legal Support

Facilitated access to legal advice through collaboration with professional lawyers, providing necessary translation and form-filling assistance.

6. Unachieved Activities

Due to financial constraints, the planned establishment of the Angolan Community Centre could not be realised. This center would have served as a vital hub for community activities and support.

7. Community Engagement and Partnership

Strengthened relationships with other community organizations, including UDOA, LPWP, and Lambeth and Enfield VCS.

Increased community awareness through social media, leaflets, local newspapers, and seminars.

Recognized by community members for contributions to the community.

8. Conclusion

UARU has played an integral role in supporting the Angolan community in the UK over the past year. We have provided essential services, fostered social inclusion, and celebrated our cultural heritage. Despite facing financial challenges, we have made significant strides in achieving our mission. We remain committed to empowering our community and will continue to seek funding and partnerships to expand our programs and services, with a particular focus on establishing the Angolan Community Centre, a potential cornerstone for our community.

9. Future Plans

Continue to provide and expand essential services in education, welfare, and legal support.

Actively pursue funding opportunities to establish the Angolan Community Centre.

Enhance community engagement through increased use of digital platforms and outreach initiatives.

Maintain community cohesion through cultural and sports events.

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10. Acknowledgements

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the National Lottery Community Care Grants, our community contributors, and all our volunteers and partners for their valuable support.

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from

02/2023

To

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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					
Contribution	£4,774.20 0	0	0	0	0
Donations	£3,448.41 0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising	£1,904.40 0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	£9,222.61 0	0	0	£9,222.61 0	0
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	0	0	0	0	0
A3 Payments					
Lawyers	£3,360.00 0	0	0	0	0
Services Marvel	£600.00 0	0	0	0	0
Websites / O. bills	£396.32 0	0	0	0	0
Hall Hire	£1,290 0	0	0	0	0
Events	£1,015 0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	£6,661.79 0	0	0	£6,661.79 0	0
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	0	0	0	0	0
Net of receipts/(payments)	0	0	0	0	0
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	0	0	0	0	0
Cash funds this year end	0	0	0	0	0

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		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
	Total cash funds	£1,560.82 0	0	0
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 29/12/2022 period start date to April 2024 period end date

Charity name: **Union of Angolans in the United Kingdom**

Charity registration number: 1201463

The Union of Angolans in the United Kingdom main objectives, is to relieve financial hardship through the provision of grants, for the benefit of the residents throughout England and Wales without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinion by working together with residents and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. Advancing Angolan culture and heritage for the public benefit as well as increasing knowledge and understanding of all aspect of Angolan culture and the way of life, have also been a part of our main objectives.

During this first year, working and providing services for the public benefit, has been a challenge when funds are taken into consideration.

Union of Angolans in the United Kingdom has continued and maintained to offer restricted services, that are within the Charity's main objectives, focusing for time being mainly on Advocacy and Supplementary Education, until the organisation's finance becomes stable.

It has been expected that Charity like the Union of Angolans in the United Kingdom, in its first year would in some cases, encounter difficulties in carrying out its activities in more effective way, due to lack of experience. However, in order to ensure that services have been conducted in best way and accordingly, some advisors that work within the Charity sector organisations, pinpointed some weakness within the Charity, in regard to its performance when it applies to fundraising strategies. On the other hand, the Trustees and Members of the Union of Angolan in the United Kingdom, believe that the first year of the

Charity's existence, has helped to identify and lay out foundations which will eventually prevail in near future.

Being consistent with the main objectives, has been the main aim. However, throughout the year the Charity has not been able to achieve its main target. The main source of funds has been coming from our members as well as from the donations that we receive from the events that we normally organise. In contrast, there have been a lot of adherences of new members joining the Union of Angolans in the United Kingdom which shows the hard work that all the members have put into practice.

Trustees have kept monitoring the performance of the income stream of the charity, during this difficult period. Although the Charity was not successful as we had expected in acquiring funds from some organisations, the contributions that the Charity have been receiving from our members, have maintained the Charity intact and functional.

Fundraising strategies in any charity organisation is vital. In order for the Charity to accomplish its objectives in whole, a team comprised by: A Project Manager, an accountant and some trustees and nominated members, have been appointed for the management of the fundraising. As a result, the lottery Community Fund, have approved our 12 months project starting from August, entitled (Skills & Empowerment) and we have been awarded £14149 which will be outlined in our next year report. The project objectives, is to inspire young people, integrate young people into society, cultivate self-worth, improving self-esteem and CV writing and interviews skills.

Trustees and members meetings have been conducted via social media like: Zoom and WhatsApp and there are no plans to be changed. However, it might be reviewed at the next year general meeting.

The financial advisor for our Charity, recommended that the financial year records have to be displayed to the public for the sake of transparency purposes. Therefore, having the charity financial record available for everyone, can also have a positive impact on funds and donations.

Union of Angolans in the United Kingdom Charity reporting has been overdue for at least two months. However, the Charity Commission Annual Return question guide dated on 8 of March 2023, states that Charity Incorporated (CIOs) financial period can vary from 6 to 18 months. Furthermore, the Charity Commission Trustees welcome package, has also advised the Union of

Angolans in the United Kingdom Charity, that as a new established Charity, we would submit our annual report and Receipts and payments accounts within 18 months. Therefore, we would argue that we are not late by 62 days, but by one week.

TRUSTEES' SIGNATURES

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