

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

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For the period
from

03/2025

To

02/2026

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | 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 |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| B3 Investment assets | | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B5 Liabilities | | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |

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

Signature

Print Name

C. Chiquete

Date of approval

11/6/26