

Central Africa Refugee Link, West Midlands

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 06218206

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1202174 (*previously 1109505*)

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024
for**

Central Africa Refugee Link, West Midlands

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

Chairperson's Introduction to the Report:

As we reflect on the year from 01 October 2023 to 30 September 2024, we are immensely proud of the impact we have made across our services. Our commitment to supporting individuals, families, and young people remains steadfast as we work together to create positive changes in our community. This report highlights our key achievements and the difference we made through Floating Support, the Homework Club, Mental Health Support, Multi-Sport activities, and the Youth Club.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our staff, volunteers, donors, and partners for your continued dedication and support. Without you, none of this would be possible.

Ange Mwihabuntu, Chairperson

Introduction to the Report

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Name Central Africa Refugee Link, West Midlands

Trading Name: Care Link West Midlands

Charity Registration Number (*unincorporated*) 1109505

Date of Registration: 17/05/2005

Charity Registration Number (*incorporated*) **1202174**

Date Incorporated: **03/03/2023**

Company Registration Number 06218206

Date of Registration: 18/04/2007

Principal Office (Business): 1st Floor, 130 Cape Hill, Smethwick. West Midlands, B66 4PH

Registered Office (Mail delivery): 91 Hurst Road, Smethwick, West Midlands, B67 6LY

Venues of Activities:

1. Saturday Homework Club/Smethwick:
84A High Street, Smethwick, B66 1AQ

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BACKGROUND, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF CARE LINK WEST MIDLANDS

Background

Central Africa Refugee Link, West Midlands [trading as Care Link West Midlands] start date 16.10.2004 is a registered charitable organisation set up to provide general support services including advocacy, advice, information, education, training and the relief of poverty of refugees & asylum seekers from Central Africa in West Midlands living in West Midlands.

Care Link West Midlands uses the expertise of 5 Trustees and 5 volunteers (3 full-time and 2 part-time) in its effort to achieve its goals and activities. These activities are mainly the advancement of education of refugee children, the relief of poverty, the preservation and protection of good health, the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation of refugees and asylum seekers. Care Link West Midlands provides assistance to refugees and migrants of similar backgrounds by helping them to settle and fully establish themselves in West Midlands with independence and dignity.

The organisation runs a number of activities on a regular basis:

- Drop-in Centre (Advice, support & guidance)
- Sewing & Tailoring Training Club
- Job Club
- Befriending Internet Coffee Club
- Cookery Club
- Homework Club & Multi-sports Club.
- Awareness raising campaigns, etc.

Objectives and aims of Care Link West Midlands

1. To support refugees, asylum seekers and migrants from Central Africa region living in West Midlands through education/training, medical/health support and the relief of poverty among the refugee community.
2. Provide services such as counselling, training, advocacy/advice and information.

Activities of Care Link West Midlands

To achieve its mission, Care Link West Midlands has 4 main programmes:

1. Floating Support (General Support programme)

This is a programme that helps refugees and asylum seekers get support with their general needs (e.g. health, education, accommodation, leisure etc). Needs are assessed individually using a special information tool to identify what a particular person requires. Once the need is established, then a support plan is drawn, and a support worker will work with each individual to address those needs. In some circumstances, service users are sign-posted to specialist services for additional support.

2. Mental Health Awareness and Support programme

This is a programme that focuses on helping refugees and asylum seekers who are suffering from some degree of mental health problems to get the type of support they need by helping them access the most appropriate services.

3. Youth Club programme

The Youth Club programme helps young people to have access to a wide range of services they need (e.g. employment, further education, skills training, family matters, youth matters, etc)

4. Saturday Homework Club programme

The Saturday Homework club is a programme which helps poorly performing refugee, asylum seeking children and other under achieving pupils with their educational assignments in order to raise their academic achievements and so assisting their integration into mainstream education.

These activities are successfully carried out thanks to kind support from well-wishers, members' contributions and funding from grants making Trusts and Foundations.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Care Link West Midlands is a charitable company governed by a memorandum and articles of association, incorporated on 18 APR 2007. The organisation was founded in 2005 as an unincorporated charitable trust called Central Africa Refugee Link, West Midlands and trading as Care Link West Midlands (charity number: 1109505). All activities, liabilities and assets transferred to the charitable company **(1202174)** on 03/03/ 2023. Therefore, **Central Africa Refugee Link, West Midlands registered as an** unincorporated charitable trust under Charity Commission No: **1109505** was removed from the Central Register of Charities with effect from the date of 01 Aug 2024.

The object of the care Link West Midlands as a charitable company is to:

- 1. To preserve and protect the physical and mental health of persons from central African French speaking countries who are seeking asylum or who are granted refugee status and their dependants living in the West Midlands region (hereinafter, the “beneficiaries”).*
- 2. To advance the education and training of those persons defined in object 1 as beneficiaries by any charitable means that the trustees may from time to time determine.*
- 3. To advance the education of public in general about issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum.*
- 4. The relief of financial hardship to those persons defined in object 1 as beneficiaries by any charitable means that trustees may from time to time determine.*
- 5. The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons defined in object 1, who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances.*

Our vision is of a connected and supportive society where people of different faiths, beliefs and cultures have strong, productive and lasting relations. The organisation is governed by a board of trustees who meet regularly during the year. Finance and Compliance Committees meet before each board meeting to monitor and review relevant matters in more depth.

The board of trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees, as required, who are selected on the basis of their relevant skills, experience and knowledge and the active contribution they can make to the organisation. New trustees are briefed on the organisation’s constitution, strategic plan, policies and procedures. They receive a copy of the previous years’ financial statements and a copy of the constitution, and are expected to sign a declaration of interests form.

Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction of the organisation and delegate management to the Operations Manager. The Operations Manager reports to the board on organisational performance against operational plans approved by the Board. The Operations Manager is Head of Operations and reports regularly via the Finance Committee on the financial position of the organisation.

The organisation seeks to create an internal culture that embodies the inclusive and welcoming values that we want to see in wider society, and are delighted that in summer 2023, more than 90% of staff and volunteers surveyed said they are proud to work at this charity, enjoy the work they do, and believe they are making a difference.

The charity is grateful to its team of staff, consultants, freelancers, interns and volunteers for their outstanding dedication, hard work and commitment during the year.

The structure of Care Link West Midlands represents the following hierarchy:

1. The General Assembly of Members (GAM): highest organ of important decisions. It is responsible for determining the general policy of the organisation. It meets once a year to decide on important decisions affecting the organisation.

2. The Management Committee (MC): the governing body of the organization elected by GAM. It acts on any matters referred to it by the General Assembly of Members and considers for approval the recommendations made by GAM. It consists of 5 Trustees: 1 Chairperson; 1 Vice-chairperson; 1 Secretary; 1 Treasurer and 1 Adviser:

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3. The Secretariat: part of the organisation that deals with the daily management of the organisation's activities.

It is composed of a small paid staff of experienced men and women with a thorough experience in community matters and spread over 4 programmes:

- a. Floating Support (FS)
- b. Mental Health Awareness & Support (MHAS)
- c. Saturday Homework Club (SHWC)
- d. Youth Club (YC)

The Secretariat consists of 6 people (office based):

- a) 5 Volunteers (3 full time, 2 part-time)
- b) 1 paid staff (Part-time).

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS & POLICIES

A number of policies are available. The main governing documents are our Constitution, our Memorandum of Association and our Business Plan. Among the policies available, we have:

- o Equal Opportunity Policy
- o Protection from Abuse
- o Safeguarding Policy
- o Health & Safety
- o Drug Abuse Policy
- o Volunteer Policy
- o Recruitment & Selection Policy
- o Needs Assessment & Support Planning Policy
- o Complaints & Whistle Blowing Policy
- o Code of Conduct & Acceptable and Unacceptable Behaviour
- o Financial Control Policy
- o General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) policy

All these policies are reviewed yearly.

THE TRUSTEES

Care Link West Midlands's Trustees are elected by Annual General Meeting (AGM) in accordance with the organisation's constitution. The following served as Trustees and as members of Care Link West Midlands's management committee during the year up to the AGM which took place on Thursday 3rd October 2019:

Ms A. Mwihabuntu, Chairperson
Ms D Uwase, Vice Chairperson
Mr. W Shomari, Secretary/Operations Manager
Mr. B Ntivunwa, Treasurer
Mrs O Bogdanova, Advisor

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The charity's Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the Financial Statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

The trustees must not approve the Financial Statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the income and expenditure of the charity for that period.

In preparing these Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed
- and explained in the Financial Statements;
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity
- will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Conflict of interest

The organisation has adopted a policy to address conflicts of interest so as to ensure that its activities, and those of its staff and service users, are and are seen to be conducted to the highest standards of ethics and integrity.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Public Benefit

The Charities Act 2011 requires charities to demonstrate that their work is of direct benefit to the public. When planning Care Link West Midlands's activities each year, the Trustees take due regard of the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Within the constraint of resources, and subject to any eligibility criteria for a specific service, Care Link West Midlands's services, described above, are available to all refugees and people claiming asylum. Services are offered in many of our clients' languages, without charging fees, and recognising the difficulties many face in meeting travelling costs. Our work on sector capacity building, refugee integration and education of the general public about refugee issues benefits the whole community by supporting community cohesion. Our work on policy, legislation and advocacy advances human rights and access to employment, education and health care, and combats destitution.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR 2023-2024 (1ST OCTOBER 2023 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024)

The following is a brief summary of services we have delivered to our Service Users for the last whole year. We did our best to reach the aims and values of the organization in making sure we give the best quality of service to all our Service Users. Our objectives targeted Asylum Seekers and Refugees from Central Africa with different backgrounds:

1. Floating Support Service

Overview:

Our Floating Support service is designed to help individuals who are facing challenges such as homelessness, mental health issues, or housing instability. We provide tailored one-to-one support to help clients maintain their housing, access benefits, and connect with essential services.

Key Achievements:

- We supported **150 clients** throughout the year, assisting them in navigating housing issues and improving their overall stability.
- **90%** of clients remained in secure housing after receiving our services.
- We helped over **60 individuals** apply for or access housing benefits and financial assistance.
- Through partnership with local authorities, we provided **emergency support** for **30 clients** facing immediate homelessness.

Impact Story:

One of our clients, Sarah, was at risk of losing her home due to financial difficulties and health issues. Through our Floating Support service, she was able to access benefits, manage her finances more effectively, and receive mental health support. Today, Sarah is in stable housing and continues to work towards independence. Her story is one of resilience and hope.

2. Homework Club

Overview:

The Homework Club provides academic support to children and young people in the community who may be struggling in school or who lack the resources at home to succeed in their studies. We offer a safe, structured environment where students can receive tutoring, use learning materials, and develop their skills.

Key Achievements:

- **42 students** regularly attended the Homework Club, representing a 20% increase from the previous year.
- **78%** of students reported improved academic performance in at least one subject.
- **10 volunteer tutors** contributed over **400 hours** of tutoring.
- We provided **10 laptops and learning materials** to students who otherwise would not have access to these resources at home.

Impact Story:

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Ahmed, an 11-year-old student, joined the Homework Club in October 2023. Struggling with math and literacy, he received weekly tutoring and access to digital resources. By the end of the school year, Ahmed had significantly improved his reading and math scores, and his teachers noted his increased confidence and engagement in class.

3. Mental Health Support

Overview:

Our Mental Health Support services provide counselling, workshops, and peer support for individuals struggling with mental health issues, including anxiety, depression, and stress. We also offer resources for families to better support their loved ones.

Key Achievements:

- We supported **75 individuals** through counselling and mental health workshops.
- **95%** of clients reported an improvement in their mental well-being following our interventions.
- Introduced a new **Peer Support Group** that now has **25 active members**, providing a space for individuals to share their experiences and support one another.
- Delivered **mental health awareness workshops** to over **50 attendees**, including families, teachers, and community members.

Impact Story:

David, a young man struggling with depression, began attending our Peer Support Group after a particularly difficult year. Through connecting with others facing similar challenges and receiving ongoing counselling, David has regained his sense of purpose and reports feeling more optimistic about his future.

4. Multi-Sport Activities

Overview:

Our Multi-Sport programme encourages physical activity and healthy living among young people and adults. We offer a variety of sports, including football, basketball, and athletics, as a way to promote fitness, teamwork, and social connection.

Key Achievements:

- Over **30 participants** joined our Multi-Sport activities, with a focus on inclusivity and reaching underserved groups.
- Partnered with local sports clubs to offer **coaching and mentoring** to over **20 young athletes**.
- Hosted a **Community Sports Day** in July 2024, with over **30 attendees**, celebrating health and fitness in the community.
- Launched a new **women's fitness programme**, attracting **20 regular participants**.

Impact Story:

Maria, a 14-year-old, was introduced to our football programme in January 2024. Initially shy and hesitant, she quickly developed her skills and grew in confidence. Maria now plays for a local football team and has taken on a leadership role within her group, mentoring younger girls interested in sports.

5. Youth Club

Overview:

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The Youth Club offers a safe and supportive space for young people to socialize, learn new skills, and engage in positive activities. From creative arts to leadership development, the Youth Club is a place where young people can grow in confidence and discover their potential.

Key Achievements:

- **50 young people** regularly attended the Youth Club, engaging in activities ranging from music and art workshops to leadership training.
- We partnered with local schools and community organisations to provide **career guidance and employment workshops** to **30 young people**.
- **20 young leaders** were trained through our Leadership Development Programme, equipping them with the skills to mentor their peers and contribute positively to their communities.
- Introduced a new **Digital Skills Workshop**, helping **30 young people** gain basic computer and coding skills.

Impact Story:

Katie, a 16-year-old member of the Youth Club, joined our Leadership Development Programme in early 2024. Initially reserved, Katie soon began to thrive, taking on leadership roles in various projects. She now helps run the Digital Skills Workshop and is considering a career in technology.

6. Supporting the Ageing

The Supporting the ageing project ran several activities which ranged from community events and setting up a befriending scheme, to offering all kinds of social activities, groups, and initiatives such as basic IT- skills learning (e.g., setting up an email account, doing your shopping online, searching the internet safely, how to stay safe online, using YouTube, using Skype, using computer as a useful tool, etc.), chat to each other, plenty of opportunities for one-to-one interactions, playing table tennis, painting, exercise classes, English language conversation buddy, etc.. Throughout this period, the project helped to knit stronger ties between **12** children/young people and **18** older people in the local community

Achievements

- The project has provided opportunities for both generations to interact around computer and internet lessons.
- The project delivered bespoke activities to share collections (E. g. lived storytelling, etc.)
- The project delivered engaging activities (E.g., wall activities & games, etc.
- The project delivered Activity Workshops

Participant Testimonial:

"I never thought I'd learn so much from a teenager! This program has given me friends and skills I never expected."

— **Ketura, 72**

"Listening to their stories made me see our town in a whole new way. It's like having a hundred grandparents!"

— **Lomami, 14**

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Looking Ahead:

As we look to the future, we remain committed to expanding our services and reaching even more people in need. Our priorities for the coming year include:

- A unique initiative called *Bridging Generations* will be launched in the next 3 years at Care Link West Midlands to foster meaningful connections between younger and older residents in Sandwell. The program aims to combat social isolation, preserve local heritage, and enhance community well-being by facilitating intergenerational activities.
- Expanding our Floating Support service to assist more individuals at risk of homelessness.
- Growing our Homework Club to include additional resources and more specialised tutoring.
- Increasing the reach of our Mental Health Support services, particularly in underserved communities.
- Introducing new sports and activities to our Multi-Sport programme, with a focus on inclusivity and accessibility.
- Developing new leadership and career programmes within the Youth Club to equip young people for the future.

DIFFICULTIES AND SETBACKS DURING THE YEAR

Although the year 2023/2024 was a success and that all the planned activities took place, few things didn't work very well:

1. Attendance to meetings was sometimes constrained by daily home commitments.
2. With low levels of training, education and employment, some beneficiaries were challenged by poverty as they live on low income. That has made it difficult for some service users not to be able to attend support sessions because of lack of finance.
3. As the organisation's travel budget was also limited, there was not much the organisation could do to help service users on low income who could not attend support sessions because of lack of transport money. This was particularly difficult during the high rise in the cost of living crisis period.

FUTURE PLANS

As for meeting the costs of the organisation beyond 2024, our organisation will tap in additional funding available from other Trusts and Foundations to be approached in the future as soon as the current trustees' annual report and accounts 2024 are out.

We want to say a huge thank you to all our partners and supporters, for supporting us with funding and delivery and ensuring we maximise the impact we have on our community and for supporting our organisation to thrive during difficult time, inspiring us and driving the support we provide.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

Brief statement of the organisation's policy on reserves

Care Link West Midlands's policy is to hold sufficient free reserves to cover core expenditure (defined as planned unrestricted expenditure) for three months. This is to allow Care Link West Midlands to continue some level of operation in the event of a sudden deterioration in its finances and to give a degree of freedom to explore opportunities. To achieve this, we will aim to put £250 per month into reserves from income until that level is achieved.

At 30th September 2024, our free reserves were nearly £6,300 which equate to about four months of planned forward core expenditure. We are comfortable with this level for this year given the continued turbulence in the economy.

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees assess on an annual basis the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The principal risks faced by the charity are the security of its funding streams and the operational risks from working with young people in areas dealing with sensitive subjects. The trustees mitigate the risk to funding streams by diversifying as much as possible the sources of income. The operational risks are mitigated by having an effective safeguarding policy to which all staff adhere to. In addition, there is a staff handbook which reflects updated policies and procedures on whistleblowing and staff data handling and protection. Like all charities we have been affected by the on-going Cost of Living Crisis which began towards the end of May 2022 and has continued through the financial year ending 30th Sept 2023, we have managed this by maintaining a reduced level of financial risk in the budget and utilising free reserves to ensure a balanced income and expenditure budget in the financial year 30th Sept 2023.

SAFEGUARDING

The charity trustees take their responsibility in relation to safeguarding seriously and have adopted a Safeguarding policy to protect vulnerable people from abuse and to prevent abuse from happening in the first place.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. The trustees and staff are required to disclose all relevant interests and where necessary withdraw from decisions where a conflict arises. The trustees also confirm that there is an appropriate and approved anti-bribery policy.

INFORMATION ON FUNDRAISING PRACTICES

The charity does not fundraise from the general public, but focuses its activities on specific charitable foundations. Therefore the trustees do not consider that the requirements of the fundraising code to be applicable to the charity.

FUTURE PLANS

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

As for meeting the costs of the organisation beyond 2024, our organisation will tap in additional funding available from other Trusts and Foundations to be approached in the future as soon as the current trustees' annual report and accounts 2023 are out.

Conclusion

This past year has been one of growth, resilience, and impact. We are incredibly proud of the work we have accomplished and are excited about the opportunities ahead. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us. Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

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This report was approved by the trustees, on and signed on their behalf by: **Walingamina Shomari**
(Secretary)



Date: 20/11/2024

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Central Africa Refugee Link, West Midlands Year ended 30 September 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of CENTRAL AFRICA REFUGEE LINK, WEST MIDLANDS ('the charity') for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Godfrey Massa (Certified Accountant)
Independent Examiner

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

			2024		2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	11,100	100,190	111,290	28,012
Total income		11,100	100,190	111,290	28,012
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	8,850	88,671	97,522	54,474
Total expenditure		8,850	88,671	97,522	54,474
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		2,250	11,519	13,768	(26,462)
Other recognised gains and losses					
Other recognised gains/(losses)		(79,908)	46,625	(33,283)	(33,283)
Net movement in funds		(77,658)	58,144	(19,515)	(59,745)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		54,334	20,450	74,784	101,246
Total funds carried forward		(23,324)	78,594	55,270	41,501

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet 30 September 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	10	39,982	36,536
Current assets			
Debtors	11	4,404	4,404
Cash at bank and in hand		10,883	561
		<hr/> 15,287	<hr/> 4,965
Net current assets		<hr/> 15,287	<hr/> 4,965
Total assets less current liabilities		<hr/> 55,269	<hr/> 41,501
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		78,594	29,513
Unrestricted funds		(23,324)	11,988
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total charity funds	12	<hr/> 55,270	<hr/> 41,501

For the year ending 30 September 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- ☐ The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- ☐ The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on **20/11/2024**, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr Walingamina Shomari
Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 91 Hurst Road, Smethwick, West Midlands, United Kingdom.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- ☐ income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- ☐ legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- ☐ income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- ☐ income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- ☐ expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- ☐ expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- ☐ other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Limited by guarantee

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	6,850	—	6,850
Members Contributions	4,250	—	4,250
Grants			
Lloyds Bank Foundation	—	—	—
Local Giving	—	—	—
Genrl	—	—	—
Souter Charitable Trust	—	—	—
The Albert Hunt Trust	—	—	—
Harborne Parish Lands Charity	—	6,360	6,360
The Eveson Trust	—	10,000	10,000
CB & HH Taylor 1984	—	1,000	1,000

National Grid Comm. Matters	–	7,150	7,150
Lillie C Johnson Trust	–	500	500
The 29th May 1961 Charity	–	5,000	5,000
Reaching Communities	–	70,180	70,180
	11,100	100,190	111,290

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
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Donations

Donations	–	–	–
Members Contributions	11,100	–	11,100

Grants

Lloyds Bank Foundation	–	2,250	2,250
Local Giving	–	500	500
Genrl	–	1	1
Souter Charitable Trust	–	3,000	3,000
The Albert Hunt Trust	–	2,000	2,000
Harborne Parish Lands Charity	–	9,161	9,161
The Everton Trust	–	–	–
CB & HH Taylor 1984	–	–	–
National Grid Comm. Matters	–	–	–
Lillie C Johnson Trust	–	–	–
The 29th May 1961 Charity	–	–	–
Reaching Communities	–	–	–
	11,100	16,912	28,012

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Cost of Living : Lloyds Bank Foundation	–	–	–
Job Club : The Norton Foundation	–	–	–
The Link Age Project: The Baron Davenports Charity	8,850	–	8,850
Tool For Youth Employment: The Van Veste Foundation	–	–	–
General Support Activities: Members Contributions and Donations	–	6,300	6,300
Youth Leaving Penal Justice: The Joseph H & H JS Charity	–	–	–
Supporting Young People: The Eveson Trust	–	10,650	10,650
Supporting YP Moving Into Adulthood: CB & HH Taylor 1984	–	1,000	1,000
Cost of Living: National Grid Community Matters	–	7,150	7,150
Tackling Inequalities Through Arts: Lillie C Johnson Trust	–	500	500
Supporting YP With Mental Health: The 29th May 1961 Charity	–	5,000	5,000
Supporting Refugees with Cost of Living: Reaching Communities	–	58,071	58,072
	8,850	88,671	97,522

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Cost of Living : Lloyds Bank Foundation	–	2,250	2,250
Job Club : The Norton Foundation	–	500	500
The Link Age Project: The Baron Davenports Charity	–	10,993	10,993
Tool For Youth Employment: The Van Veste Foundation	–	3,000	3,000
General Support Activities: Members Contributions and			
Donations	–	15,732	15,732
Youth Leaving Penal Justice: The Joseph H & H JS Charity	–	21,999	21,999
Supporting Young People: The Eveson Trust	–	–	–
Supporting YP Moving Into Adulthood: CB & HH Taylor 1984	–	–	–
Cost of Living: National Grid Community Matters	–	–	–
Tackling Inequalities Through Arts: Lillie C Johnson Trust	–	–	–
Supporting YP With Mental Health: The 29th May 1961 Charity	–	–	–
Supporting Refugees with Cost of Living: Reaching Communities	–	–	–
		54,474	54,474

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Cost of Living : Lloyds Bank Foundation	–	–	2,250
Job Club : The Norton Foundation	–	–	500
The Link Age Project: The Baron Davenports Charity	8,850	8,850	10,993
Tool For Youth Employment: The Van Veste Foundation	–	–	3,000
General Support Activities: Members Contributions and			
Donations	6,300	6,300	15,732
Youth Leaving Penal Justice: The Joseph H & H JS Charity	–	–	21,999
Supporting Young People: The Eveson Trust	10,650	10,650	–
Supporting YP Moving Into Adulthood: CB & HH Taylor 1984	1,000	1,000	–
Cost of Living: National Grid Community Matters	7,150	7,150	–
Tackling Inequalities Through Arts: Lillie C Johnson Trust	500	500	–
Supporting YP With Mental Health: The 29th May 1961 Charity	5,000	5,000	–
Supporting Refugees with Cost of Living: Reaching Communities	58,072	58,072	–
	97,522	97,522	54,474

8. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2023: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

9. Trustee remuneration and expenses

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 October 2023	45,034	22,075	67,109
Additions	–	3,446	3,446
At 30 September 2024	45,034	25,521	70,555
Depreciation			
At 1 October 2023 and 30 September 2024	30,573	–	30,573
Carrying amount			
At 30 September 2024	14,461	25,521	39,982
At 30 September 2023	14,461	22,075	36,536

11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	4,404	4,404

12. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 October 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 30 September 2024 £
General funds	54,219	11,100	(8,850)	–	56,469
Unrestricted fund 7 - desc in a/cs	115	–	–	(79,908)	(79,793)
	54,334	11,100	(8,850)	(79,908)	(23,324)

	At 1 October 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 30 September 2024 £
General funds	80,681	11,100	–	–	91,781
Unrestricted fund 7 - desc in a/cs	115	–	–	(79,908)	(79,793)
	80,796	11,100	–	(79,908)	11,988

Restricted funds

	At 1 October 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 30 September 2024 £
Restricted Fund 1 - desc in a/cs	–	100,190	(88,671)	–	11,519
Restricted fund 7 - desc in a/cs	–	–	–	46,625	46,625
Restricted fund 8 - desc in a/cs	20,450	–	–	–	20,450
	<u>20,450</u>	<u>100,190</u>	<u>(88,671)</u>	<u>46,625</u>	<u>78,594</u>

	At 1 October 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 30 September 2024 £
Restricted Fund 1 - desc in a/cs	–	16,912	(54,474)	–	(37,562)
Restricted fund 7 - desc in a/cs	–	–	–	46,625	46,625
Restricted fund 8 - desc in a/cs	20,450	–	–	–	20,450
	<u>20,450</u>	<u>16,912</u>	<u>(54,474)</u>	<u>46,625</u>	<u>29,513</u>

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

	2024	2023
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 September 2024		
	£	£
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	6,850	–
Members Contributions	4,250	11,100
Lloyds Bank Foundation	–	2,250
Local Giving	–	500
Genrl	–	1
Souter Charitable Trust	–	3,000
The Albert Hunt Trust	–	2,000
Harborne Parish Land Charity	6,360	9,161
The Everton Trust	10,000	–
CB & HH Taylor 1984	1,000	–
National Grid Comm. Matters	7,150	–
Lillie C Johnson Trust	500	–
The 29th May 1961 Charity	5,000	–
Reaching Communities	70,180	–
	<u>111,290</u>	<u>28,012</u>
Total income	<u><u>111,290</u></u>	<u><u>28,012</u></u>
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	35,567	16,873
Rent	11,550	1,753
Light and heat	2,450	2,250
Legal and professional fees	3,045	–
Impairment	–	20,000
Volunteer Expenses	9,975	638
General Support	5,359	9,181
Training and Empowerment	6,290	–
Venue Hire	5,646	–
Materials and Resources	500	–
Marketing & Publicity	4,350	300
Activity Costs	7,050	–
Consultancy and Advice	2,400	–
Refreshment and Snacks	2,735	–
Fiscal Sponsorship	–	3,479
Recruitment	605	–
	<u>97,522</u>	<u>54,474</u>
Total expenditure	<u><u>97,522</u></u>	<u><u>54,474</u></u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u><u>13,768</u></u>	<u><u>(26,462)</u></u>

	2024 £	2023 £
	2024 £	2023 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Cost of Living: Lloyds Bank Foundation		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Direct charitable activity 1 - light & heat	—	2,250
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Job Club : The Norton Foundation		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
General Support	—	500
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The Link Age Project: The Baron Davenports Charity		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Wages/Salaries	2,280	10,993
Rent	1,250	—
Direct charitable activity 3 - legal and professional fees	250	—
Volunteer Costs	1,250	—
General Running Expenses	500	—
Training and Empowerment	250	—
Hire of Venue	250	—
Materials and resources	500	—
Project Management and Publicity	1,820	—
Consultancy and Advice	250	—
Refreshment and Snacks	250	—
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	8,850	10,993
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Tool For Youlth Employment: The Van Veste Foundation		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Fiscal Sponsorship	—	3,000
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General Support Activities: Members Contributions and Donations		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Wages/salaries	1,690	5,880
Rent	—	1,563
Direct charitable activity 5 - legal and professional fees	1,380	—
Volunteer Costs	375	308
General Support	—	7,681
Training & Empowerment	210	—
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Carried forward	3,655	15,432
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	2024 £	2023 £
Brought forward	3,655	15,432
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Venue Hire	1,280	—
Marketing & Publicity	330	300
Activity Costs	300	—
Consultancy & Advice	350	—
Refreshment & Snacks	385	—
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	6,300	15,732
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Youth Leaving Penal Justice: The Joseph H & H JS Charity		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Rent	—	190
Direct charitable activity 6 - impairment	—	20,000

	2024 £	2023 £
Volunteer Costs	–	330
General Support	–	1,000
Fiscal Sponsorship/ In-kind Assistance	–	479
	–	21,999
Supporting Young People: The Eveson Trust		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
wages/salaries	2,081	–
Direct charitable activity 8 - rent	2,500	–
Legal and professional fees	700	–
Volunteer Expenses	1,400	–
General Support Costs	3,639	–
Training	330	–
	–	–
	10,650	–
Supporting YP Moving Into Adulthood: CB & HH Taylor 1984		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
General Running Expenses	520	–
Hire of Venue	480	–
	1,000	–
Cost of Living: National Grid Community Matters		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
wages/salaries	1,050	–
Volunteer Costs	750	–
Training and Empowerment	1,000	–
Hire of Venue	2,100	–
Project Management & Publicity	750	–
Activity Costs	1,500	–
	7,150	–
Tackling Inequalities through Arts: Lillie C Johnson Trust		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
General Running Expenses	500	–
Supporting YP With Mental Health: The 29th May 1961 Charity		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Wages/salaries	2,200	–
Volunteer Expenses	750	–
General Running Expenses	200	–
Hire of Venue	500	–
Activity Costs	1,050	–
Consultancy and Advice	300	–
	5,000	–
Supporting Refugees with Cost of Living: Reaching Communities		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Wages/salaries	26,266	–
Direct charitable activity 13 - rent	7,800	–
Direct charitable activity 13 - light & heat	2,450	–
Direct charitable activity 13 - legal and professional fees	715	–
Volunteer Costs	5,450	–
Training & Empowerment	4,500	–
Hire of Venue	1,036	–

	2024	2023
	£	£
Marketing & Publicity	1,450	—
Activity Costs	4,200	—
Consultancy and Advice	1,500	—
Refreshment and Snacks	2,100	—
Recruitment	605	—
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	58,072	—
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Expenditure on charitable activities	<hr/>	<hr/>
	97,522	54,474
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