



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 16/03/2023 Period start date To 31/03/2024 Period end date

Charity name: Southwark Independent Voice

Charity registration number: 1202351

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>To give parents and carers an informed collective voice at a strategic level to bring about change for the better and improve parents' knowledge of SEND so their child can have better outcomes.</b>
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	<b>The charity represents families of children aged 0–25 with SEND in Southwark, collaborating with local service providers to improve SEND services. Its core activities include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Consulting with families:</b> Gathering their views and sharing information to empower them to better support their children.</li><li>- <b>Reducing isolation:</b> Creating opportunities for families to connect through coffee mornings, events, and networking opportunities.</li><li>- <b>Providing peer support:</b> Facilitating sessions where families can share experiences and receive emotional support from others in similar situations.</li><li>- <b>Signposting for advice:</b> Directing families to appropriate services and resources for professional advice and guidance.</li><li>- <b>Promoting accessibility and inclusivity:</b> Celebrating equality and diversity by ensuring all activities are accessible, including for minority and underrepresented groups.</li></ul> <b>Due to funding being received in August, no events were held during the financial window. However, the charity has focused on building connections with families and service providers to ensure future activities meet their needs. This groundwork sets the stage</b>

		<b>for meaningful, inclusive events and support in the upcoming financial year.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</b>

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p><b>The dedication and commitment of volunteers will be instrumental in helping the charity achieve its goals, ensuring families with SEND receive the support and opportunities they need.</b></p> <p><b>While volunteers have not contributed during this financial period, we are actively putting a strong volunteer network in place to support our future events and outreach efforts. Their involvement will play a crucial role in planning and delivering inclusive activities, as well as strengthening our connections with families and professionals across the community.</b></p>
Other		

### **Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>Despite challenges such as the late arrival of funding, personal health issues, and the bereavement faced by our events coordinator, Southwark Independent Voice has made significant strides in laying the groundwork for future impact.</b></p> <p><b>Our committed trustees have worked tirelessly to build connections with professionals, schools, and services across Southwark, ensuring they are aware of our mission and the support we offer. This networking has been vital in positioning Southwark Independent Voice as a trusted referral point for families seeking guidance and support.</b></p> <p><b>We have engaged directly with families across the borough, listening to their</b></p>

		<p><b>needs and priorities. This feedback is helping us design accessible, inclusive activities that cater to children and young people with a wide range of needs and ages.</b></p> <p><b>While no events were held this year, the foundation we've built is already fostering stronger collaboration and awareness among professionals and families, paving the way for meaningful support and advocacy in the future. These efforts not only benefit individual families but also contribute to creating a more inclusive community for all.</b></p> <p><b>We have planned a series of events and activities for the 2024/25 financial year, informed by the feedback we've received from families, to ensure we provide meaningful support and inclusive opportunities for all.</b></p>
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>The income for the year is £5,000 and there were no expenses recorded. The trustees didn't use the fund to deliver activities in the current year. Therefore, the entire fund received was carried forward as unrestricted reserves to deliver services to the following year.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>As it is the first year, the trustees decided to keep all the surplus to spend on projects in the following years.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£5,000 remains unspent, and we are planning to utilise it during the 2024/25 financial year.</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>N/A</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>Applying for grants.</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>N/A</b>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<b>As it is run by volunteers, the organisation has less financial risk of closing but the activities may be affected if the funding runs out.</b>  <b>Lack of funding will prevent planned activities and opportunities for engagement.</b>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>The charity operates under a constitution document.</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
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	<b>Trustees are appointed on fixed terms. Members of Southwark Independent Voice can either put their name forward or be nominated by current trustees.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Southwark Independent Voice
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1202351
Charity's principal address	42 Thorburn Square London SE1 5QH

### **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	Jo-anne Dempsey			
2	Jonathan Bonner			
3	Janet McIntosh			
4	Yassim Jama			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Yassim Jama</i>	
Full name(s)	Yassim Jama	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	14/01/2025	





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No (if any)  
1202351

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
3/16/2023

To

Period end date  
3/31/2024

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
United St Saviour's	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	5,000	-	-	5,000	-

## 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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	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	Date of approval
		Yassim Jama	YASSIM JAMA	1/14/2025