

# **REFUGEES WELCOME HOUNSLOW CIO**

## **ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS**

### **YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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#### **Nature and Constitution**

Refugees Welcome Hounslow was set up on 5 April 2023 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the aim of taking over the charitable activities of the unincorporated charitable association of the same name. The process of taking over these charitable activities has taken longer than originally anticipated, especially with the time and effort required to open a new bank account. During 2024, the name of the CIO was changed to Refugees Welcome Hounslow CIO (RWH CIO) in order to distinguish it from the unincorporated charitable association and a bank account opened with Metro Bank.

This report covers the aims and activities of RWH CIO during the year 2024. There is a separate annual report for the unincorporated charitable association.

#### **Aims and purposes**

1 To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing refugees and asylum seekers in Hounslow from becoming socially excluded and relieving the needs of those people within Hounslow who are socially excluded by reason of their refugee or asylum-seeking status and assisting them to integrate into society.

2 To advance the education of the public in general about the issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum; in particular, the experience of being a refugee on a government resettlement scheme or an asylum seeker in a hotel or dispersal accommodation in Hounslow.

3 To relieve financial hardship among refugees and those asylum seekers and their dependants in receipt of Home Office support living in the London Borough of Hounslow, by providing grants and essential items that they could not otherwise afford.

#### **Main activities undertaken during the year**

RWH CIO only became active towards the end of 2024 once its banking facilities were established. The only significant activity during the year was Kew Sinfonia concert (see below).

#### **Financial review**

The accounts for year ended 31 December 2024 are attached. These accounts together with their supporting documents have been independently inspected. RWH CIO's funds are held in a Metro Bank account that was opened in November 2024.

#### **Fund Raising**

Kew Sinfonia held a Christmas concert in aid of RWH CIO at St Paul's Church in Chiswick, London on 15 December 2024. Funds were raised through ticket sales and a volunteer run bar at the concert venue.

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#### **Expenditure**

The charity has yet to incur any expenditure. It is envisaged that expenditures will pick up starting in 2025 once it takes on the activities of the unincorporated charitable association.

#### **Reserves**

RWH does not currently have a formal reserves policy given it has no specific financial commitments and no regular expenses except an annual insurance premium. Its other expenditure is always conditional upon the availability of funds.

No funds are held by RWH CIO or its trustees as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

#### **Plans for 2025**

At the beginning of 2025, the Trustees of RWH CIO and the Executive Committee of the unincorporated charitable association each separately agreed that the remaining balance in the bank account of the unincorporated charitable association, its only asset, should be transferred to the RWH CIO bank account and that subsequent to the transfer, RWH CIO should take over the activities previously undertaken by the unincorporated charitable association.

It was further agreed that when all administrative procedures involved in the transfer had been completed, the unincorporated charitable association bank account should be closed. It is expected that a motion will be put to the 2025 General Meeting of the unincorporated charitable association that it should be wound up.

RWH CIO will be referred to for everyday purposes as 'Refugees Welcome Hounslow' once the need to distinguish the two organisations no longer applies.

#### **Names of Trustees**

The Annual Report & Accounts for 2024 were considered by the Trustees on 9 April 2025. The Trustees on that date were as follows:

Shelagh Allsop (Chair)  
Janet Barton  
Claire Briffaut  
Brigitte Faubert  
Bernadette O'Shea

#### **Address**

% Ms C Briffaut, Treasurer, 86 Devonshire Road, London, W4 2HS



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Charity Name<br>Refugees Welcome Hounslow CIO | No (if any)<br>1202634 |
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## Receipts and payments accounts

|                        |           |    |           |
|------------------------|-----------|----|-----------|
| For the period<br>from | 01-Jan-23 | To | 31-Dec-23 |
|------------------------|-----------|----|-----------|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |   |   |  |                                 |                               |
| London Borough of Hounslow Grants                     | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| Other Government Grants                               | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| Donations from Individuals                            | 1   | -                                       | -                                      | 1                               | -                             |
| Other Donations                                       | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| Fundraising Events                                    | 777                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 777                             | -                             |
| Membership Fees                                       | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)                | 778                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 778                             | -                             |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |   |   |  |                                 |                               |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | 778                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 778                             | -                             |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |   |   |  |                                 |                               |
| Direct Support for Families                           | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| Donations to Refugee Charities                        | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| Administrative Expenses                               | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| Supplies for Fundraising Events                       | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <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>                     | 778                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 778                             | -                             |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | -   | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | 778                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 778                             | -                             |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories  | Details  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>  | Metro Bank plc   | 778                                | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | 778                                | -                                | -                               |
|   | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                                 | OK                               | OK                              |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>                             | Details  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>                                 | Details  | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>         | Details  | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|   |  |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>                                       | 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                 |                                 |
|   |  | Shelagh Allsop                     | 13-May-25                        |                                 |
|   |  |                                    |                                  |                                 |