

RAISE: A CELEBRATION OF GIVING

England & Wales · Charity number 1202899

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-05-02

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO PROMOTE THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF RESOURCES THAT SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO VOLUNTEER AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR. THE 'VOLUNTARY SECTOR' MEANS CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS: CHARITIES ARE ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES. VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ARE INDEPENDENT ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR PURPOSES THAT ADD VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, OR A SIGNIFICANT SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY, AND WHICH ARE NOT PERMITTED BY THEIR CONSTITUTION TO MAKE A PROFIT FOR PRIVATE DISTRIBUTION. VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS DO NOT INCLUDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR OTHER STATUTORY AUTHORITIES.

Activities: Raise promotes the voluntary sector for the benefit of the public. It does this by encouraging the public to plan and think through their engagement with the sector, as well as to view contributing to the voluntary sector positively and intentionally, rather than out of obligation. It engages the public primarily via events and campaigns run by student groups at UK universities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-07-31 | £15,746 | £32,923 | - | - |
| 2024-07-31 | £79,279 | £44,502 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-----------------|-------|------------|
| Adam Jones | Chair | 2023-05-02 |
| Abraham Tolley | | 2023-10-03 |
| Olivia Collotta | | 2025-09-09 |
| Rahul Shah | | 2024-01-09 |

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| Report period start date | 2024-08-01 |
| Report period end date | 2025-07-31 |
| Charity name | Raise: A Celebration of Giving |
| Charity number | 1202899 |
| Address | 11 Canalside Square, London, N1 7FN |
| Trustee names | Adam Jones, Rahul Shah, Abraham Tolley, Olivia Collotta |
| Governing document type | CIO - Foundation |
| Charity constitution type | CIO |
| Trustee selection method | Elected by serving trustees |
| Charitable objects | THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO PROMOTE THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF RESOURCES THAT SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO VOLUNTEER AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR. THE 'VOLUNTARY SECTOR' MEANS CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS: CHARITIES ARE ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES. VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ARE INDEPENDENT ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR PURPOSES THAT ADD VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, OR A SIGNIFICANT SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY, AND WHICH ARE NOT PERMITTED BY THEIR CONSTITUTION TO MAKE A PROFIT FOR PRIVATE DISTRIBUTION. VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS DO NOT INCLUDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR OTHER STATUTORY AUTHORITIES. |
| Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit? | Yes |

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| <p>Summary of the main activities:</p> | <p>Raise has had a successful 12 months. The National Team, consisting of 6 student volunteers led by student director Olivia Collotta, coordinated our 3 chapters, helping them engage hundreds of students in our philosophy of deliberate, effective giving. Chapters hosted events on campuses across the UK, including social meetups, educational talks, and celebrations. Alongside these, we ran a donations push with our alumni community.</p> <p>Chapters have hosted various educational talks for their members, including from AMF founder and CEO Rob Mather. In April 2025, we also ran a workshop in London for the National Team and chapter presidents to encourage collaboration throughout the organisation. The National Team has continued developing the framework for a fellowship programme, which we hope to begin in the summer of 2026.</p> <p>We have also recruited a very competent new national team of student volunteers for the academic year 2025/26 led by UCL Master's student Ella Denton, who has previously served as a Chapter President and on the National Team as Community Lead.</p> |
| <p>Summary of the main achievements:</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £30,737.46 raised for AMF - 294 student donors - 3 chapters across the UK, with collectively over 100 committee members and reps, engaging students on our philosophy of positive, effective giving - Advisory Board of 3 previous student members running events and new initiatives to increase the efficiency and reach of Raise - Talks from Rob Mather and workshops led by National Team members and Trustees to engage students in effective, deliberate giving |

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| <p>Summary of the reserves policy:</p> | <p>The CIO will hold reserves to cover all support costs of the charity for one year, including insurance, independent examination, technology and donations fees. A small amount will be held for chapter activities and to support emergent projects not included in the annual budget. The Trustees have deemed that one year is sufficient to gain new income streams if necessary. These reserves come from the CIO's free unrestricted funds.</p> <p>Budget for 2025-2026: £1200 Unrestricted funds at end of financial year 2025: £6787</p> |
| <p>Are there any areas where we are significantly low on funds? If so, give details.</p> | <p>No</p> |
| <p>Reviewed and approved by all the trustees on:</p> | <p>AJ - 5/3/2026 RS - 1/3/2026 AT - 1/3/2026 OC - 1/3/2026</p> |

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| Report to the trustees | Raise: A Celebration of Giving | | |
| On accounts for the year ended | 31 July 2025 | Charity no (if any) | 1202899 |
| Set out on pages | Above | | |

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 July 2025**.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Signed: *Yang Li* **Date:** 24/02/2026

Name: Yang Li

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACCA

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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 | | | | | |
| Chapter Contributions | £ - | £ 1,389 | £ - | £ 1,389 | £ 2,006 |
| Donations (designated to go to other charities) | £ - | £ 13,057 | £ - | £ 13,057 | £ 54,967 |
| Donations (for Raise's operations) | £ - | £ 1,300 | £ - | £ 1,300 | £ 7,580 |
| Interest | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ 12 |
| Transfers (from old bank accounts) | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ 14,714 |
| Sub total(Gross income for AR) | £ - | £ 15,746 | £ - | £ 15,746 | £ 79,279 |

A2 Asset and investment sales

| | | | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| None | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - |
| Sub total | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - |

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|-----------------------|-----|----------|-----|----------|----------|
| Total receipts | £ - | £ 15,746 | £ - | £ 15,746 | £ 79,279 |
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A3 Payments

Donations

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----|----------|-----|----------|----------|
| AMF | £ - | £ 29,622 | £ - | £ 29,622 | £ 37,294 |
| GiveDirectly | £ - | £ 175 | £ - | £ 175 | £ 1,105 |
| Clean Air Task Force | £ - | £ 200 | £ - | £ 200 | £ 200 |
| StrongMinds | £ - | £ 50 | £ - | £ 50 | £ 150 |
| Raising Voices | £ - | £ 100.00 | £ - | £ 100 | £ 116 |
| UNHCR | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ 100 |

Governance and Activities Costs

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|-------------------------|---------|----------|-----|----------|----------|
| Chapter Activities | £ - | £ 1,664 | £ - | £ 1,664 | £ 4,993 |
| Technology | £ 40 | £ - | £ - | £ 40 | £ 40 |
| Stripe (Donations Fees) | £ 461 | £ - | £ - | £ 461 | £ 303 |
| Independent Examination | £ 612 | £ - | £ - | £ 612 | £ - |
| Insurance | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ 202 |
| Sub total | £ 1,113 | £ 31,811 | £ - | £ 32,923 | £ 44,502 |

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

| | | | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| None | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - |
| Sub total | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - |

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|-----------------------|---------|----------|-----|----------|----------|
| Total payments | £ 1,113 | £ 31,811 | £ - | £ 32,923 | £ 44,502 |
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|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----|------------|----------|
| Net of receipts/(payments) | £ (1,113) | £ (16,065) | £ - | £ (17,177) | £ 34,777 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | £ (700) | £ 700 | £ - | £ - | £ - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | £ 8,600 | £ 26,176 | £ - | £ 34,776 | £ - |
| Cash funds this year end | £ 6,787 | £ 10,811 | £ - | £ 17,599 | £ 34,777 |

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 | Cash in Bank | £ 6,787 | £ 10,912 | - |
| | Total cash funds | £ 6,787 | £ 10,912 | - |
| B2 Other monetary assets | None | - | - | - |
| B3 Investment assets | None | - | - | - |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity: | None | - | - | - |
| B5 Liabilities | Raising Voices donation | Restricted | £ 100 | When payment can be completed Raising Voices currently cannot accept donations. |

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| Report period end date | 2024-07-31 |
| Charity name | Raise: A Celebration of Giving |
| Charity number | 1202899 |
| Address | 11 Canalside Square, London, N1 7FN |
| Trustee names | Adam Jones, Rahul Shah, Abraham Tolley, Joseph James Benton, George Alexander Rosenfeld |
| Governing document type | CIO - Foundation |
| Charity constitution type | CIO |
| Trustee selection method | Elected by serving trustees |
| Charitable objects | THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO PROMOTE THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF RESOURCES THAT SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO VOLUNTEER AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR. THE 'VOLUNTARY SECTOR' MEANS CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS: CHARITIES ARE ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES. VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ARE INDEPENDENT ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR PURPOSES THAT ADD VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, OR A SIGNIFICANT SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY, AND WHICH ARE NOT PERMITTED BY THEIR CONSTITUTION TO MAKE A PROFIT FOR PRIVATE DISTRIBUTION. VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS DO NOT INCLUDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR OTHER STATUTORY AUTHORITIES. |
| Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit? | Yes |

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| <p>Summary of the main activities:</p> | <p>Raise has had a successful 12 months. The National Team, consisting of 10 student volunteers led by student director Rahul Shah, coordinated our 7 chapters, (of which UCL was new for this year) helping them engage 100s of students in our philosophy of deliberate, effective giving. These chapters have hosted a variety of successful events centred on the Raise philosophy, including summer picnics and celebrations. Alongside these, we ran a donations push at a workplace and with our alumni community.</p> <p>Chapters have also hosted various educational talks for their members, including from AMF founder and CEO Rob Mather, as well as workshops for their committees and representatives. The National Team has continued developing the framework for a reading group, which we hope to trial during the 2024/25 academic year. We have new chapters at LSE and Manchester who are about to start operating, whilst our other chapters are in the process of handing over to new teams.</p> <p>We have also recruited a very competent new national team of student volunteers for the academic year 2024/25 led by Edinburgh Master's student Olivia Collota who has experience with Raise as a highly successful Chapter President at on National Team as Community Director.</p> |
| <p>Summary of the main achievements:</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £43,836.91 raised for AMF - 300 student donors - 7 chapters across the UK, with collectively over 150 committee members and reps, engaging students on our philosophy of positive, effective giving - Advisory Board of 5 previous student members running events to engage former members in London - Talks from Rob Mather a workshops led by National Team members and Trustees |

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|---|---|
| | <p>to engage students in effective, deliberate giving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workplace donation push, progression with reading group materials and continued alumni engagement |
| Summary of the reserves policy: | <p>The CIO will hold reserves to cover all support costs of the charity for one year, including insurance, independent examination, technology and donations fees. A small amount will be held for chapter activities and to support emergent projects not included in the annual budget. The Trustees have deemed that one year is sufficient to gain new income streams if necessary. These reserves come from the CIO's free unrestricted funds.</p> <p>Budget for 2024-2025: £2,048 Unrestricted funds at end of financial year 2024: £9,705 (2023: £5,372)</p> |
| Are there any areas where we are significantly low on funds? If so, give details. | No |
| Reviewed and approved by all the trustees on: | <p>AJ - 2024-11-03 JB - 2024-11-04 GR - 2024-11-05 AT - 2024-11-06 RS - 2024-11-12</p> |

Approved and signed by

RAHUL SHAH



Chair - Board of Trustees

on 24th May 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Raise: A Celebration of Giving

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 July 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1202899

Set out on pages

Above

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 July 2024**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Wilcox

Date:

27th May 2025

Name:

Tomas Wilcox

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCIE

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Bexhill

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Nothing to disclose.

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

| | | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| Chapter Contributions | - | 2,006.00 | - | 2,006.00 | - |
| Donations (designated to go to other charities) | - | 54,966.59 | - | 54,966.59 | - |
| Donations (for Raise's operations) | 5,000.00 | 2,580.00 | - | 7,580.00 | - |
| Interest | 11.55 | - | - | 11.55 | - |
| Transfers | 5,976.71 | 8,737.71 | - | 14,714.42 | - |
| <i>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</i> | 10,988.26 | 68,290.30 | - | 79,278.56 | - |

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

| | | | | | |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| None | - | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Sub total</i> | - | - | - | - | - |

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| Total receipts | 10,988.26 | 68,290.30 | - | 79,278.56 | - |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|---|------------------|---|

A3 Payments

Donations

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|-----------|---|-----------|---|
| AMF | - | 36,492.68 | - | 36,492.68 | - |
| GiveDirectly | - | 1,105.00 | - | 1,105.00 | - |
| Clean Air Task Force | - | 200.00 | - | 200.00 | - |
| Raising Voices | - | 116.00 | - | 116.00 | - |
| StrongMinds | - | 150.00 | - | 150.00 | - |
| UNHCR | - | 100.00 | - | 100.00 | - |

Governance and Activities Costs

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| Insurance | 201.57 | - | - | 201.57 | - |
| Chapter Activities | 1,042.46 | 3,950.41 | - | 4,992.87 | - |
| Technology | 39.55 | - | - | 39.55 | - |
| Stripe (Donations Fees) | 1,104.79 | - | - | 1,104.79 | - |
| <i>Sub total</i> | 2,388.37 | 42,114.09 | - | 44,502.46 | - |

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

| | | | | | |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| None | - | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Sub total</i> | - | - | - | - | - |

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| Total payments | 2,388.37 | 42,114.09 | - | 44,502.46 | - |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|---|------------------|---|

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| <i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i> | 8,599.89 | 26,176.21 | - | 34,776.10 | - |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---|------------------|---|

A5 Transfers between funds

| | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| | - | - | - | - | - |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|

A6 Cash funds last year end

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| | - | - | - | - | - |
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Cash funds this year end

| | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| | 8,599.89 | 26,176.21 | - | 34,776.10 | - |
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| B1 Cash funds | Cash in Bank | 8,599.89 | 26,176.21 | - |
| | Total cash funds | 8,599.89 | 26,176.21 | - |
| | | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds |
| | | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | None | - | - | - |
| | Details | id to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | rent value (optional) |
| B3 Investment assets | None | N/A | - | - |
| | Details | which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | rent value (optional) |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | None | N/A | - | - |
| | Details | which liability relates | amt due (optional) | amt due (optional) |
| B5 Liabilities | None | N/A | - | - |