

HUMBER OPEN ARMS

England & Wales · Charity number 1202934

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-05-03

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT -1 - TO RELIEVE POVERTY [OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP] AMONG REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS, MIGRANTS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS LIVING IN KINGSTON UPON HULL BY PROVIDING INTERPRETING/TRANSLATING/ADVOCACY/ HEALTH/HOUSING ADVICE AND EDUCATION.?2 - TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED BECAUSE OF LANGUAGE AND FINANCIAL BARRIERS AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES, WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005] AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008]

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- Kingston Upon Hull City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£6,000	£5,900	-	-
2024-07-31	£20,000	£4,000	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michael Kandolo	Chair	
Aloys Lukwazambiya Butelezi		2023-05-03
Eric Rugmbagabo		
Fabrice Baguma		2023-05-03

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About Humber Open Arms	<p>Humber Open Arms was established in 2023 to help promote social inclusion, unity, community cohesion, and work to relieve financial hardship for the Congolese and BME communities in Hull and East Yorkshire. We achieve our aims through delivering projects and activities that focuses on developing employability skills, Sports activities, Cultural events, education, and other practical support offered in our drop-in sessions held every week at our charity office.</p>
Summary of the main achievements for the charity in the past year 2024/2025	<p>In the past year, Humber Open Arms continued to expand its activities and strengthen its presence within the local voluntary and community sector. The charity now operates from its own independently rented office space following the closure of Spring Bank Community Centre by the local council in 2025. Securing our own premises represents an important milestone in the organisation’s development and provides a stable and welcoming base for delivering services and supporting beneficiaries.</p> <p>We deliver a range of projects, workshops, and weekly drop-in sessions focused on employability, wellbeing, community engagement, sports, cultural activities, practical support, and social development. Over the past year, we introduced several new short-term community projects designed to respond to the needs of the wider Hull community.</p> <p>The new initiatives include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Afro-hair training and practical workshops aimed at helping participants develop basic afro-hair care and styling skills while promoting cultural awareness and inclusion.• A weekly Morning Coffee Project held every Friday, providing a safe and friendly social environment where people can meet, enjoy refreshments, reduce loneliness, and participate in light recreational activities such as

	<p>darts and board games.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women’s Space, a dedicated women-only support project led by professional nurses, offering a safe and supportive environment for women to discuss issues relating to mental health, wellbeing, healthy lifestyles, physical activity, and personal development while encouraging peer support and confidence building. <p>Humber Open Arms management committee have also undergone training including First Aide at work, Safeguarding for vulnerable adults and young people, bid writing training to strengthen the charity’s governance</p>
<p>Summary of our main objectives and plans for charity in the coming year 2027</p>	<p>We aim to continue building on the progress achieved during 2025/2026 by strengthening the organisation’s sustainability, increasing community engagement, and expanding the range of support available to beneficiaries.</p> <p>Looking ahead, the board of trustees that governs Humber Open Arms plans to continue growing the charity in a sustainable and financially stable manner. We will focus on securing additional grant funding as it has proven to be a challenge in the past year, developing new fundraising opportunities, and increasing public awareness of the organisation and the services we provide across Hull and the Humber region to support the long-term stability and future development of the charity.</p> <p>The trustees remain committed to ensuring Humber Open Arms continues to grow as a trusted, inclusive, and community-led organisation that positively impacts the lives of individuals and families across Hull and the Humber region. We hope to continue developing and expanding the successfully introduced community projects, including the Morning Coffee Project, Women’s Space, and our Afro-Hair Training Workshops. We aim to increase participation, reach more beneficiaries from diverse backgrounds, and continue creating safe, welcoming, and inclusive spaces that promote wellbeing, confidence, skills development, and social inclusion.</p>

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Period ended

31 JULY 2024

Phoenix Accountancy and Business Consultancy Limited

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For the period ended 31 July 2024**

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**Report of the Board of Trustees
For the year ended 31 July 2024**

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31 July 2024.

Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers

Name of charity: Humber Open Arms

Charity Registration Number: 1202934

Principal Operating Address: 21 The Mews
Coltman Street
Hull
HU3 2SZ

Trustees:

Names of Trustees who served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Michael Kandolo - Chair
Aloys Butelezi
Fabrice Baguma
Eric Rugmbagabo

Independent Examiner: Rebecca Triffitt MAAT
Phoenix Accountancy and Business Consultancy Limited
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Morley's Yard
Walkergate
Beverley
East Yorkshire
HU17 9BY

Bankers: Virgin Money
10-12 Paragon Street
Hull
HU1 3ND

**Report of the Board of Trustees
For the period ended 31 July 2024**

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document:

Humber Open Arms is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its Constitution adopted on 29th March 2023, and registered as a charity on 3rd May 2023.

If the CIO is wound up the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees:

The trustees form the Executive Committee of the charity. The members of the Executive Committee are elected at the Annual General Meeting by the members of the Charity. All members are circulated with invitations to nominate trustees in advance of the AGM.

The Constitution of the Charity states that there must be at least three charity trustees, with maximum limit of eight.

All charity trustees run for 3 year terms.

Organisational Structure:

The board of Trustees manages the Charity and aims to consider only strategic decisions at its meetings. Trustees are aware that any conflict of interest is declared and recorded, and the person will be withheld from that part of the meeting and will not be able to vote for that bit of discussion. The board holds an AGM every year, other than that any charity trustee may call a meeting during the year, giving 14 days' notice.

Risk Management:

The major risks, to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. All systems and procedures are reviewed regularly to ensure they meet charity law and our own organisations aims and objectives.

Trustee Induction and Training:

All trustees are provided with the Charity Commissions 'Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees', the Constitution and the financial statements including the Annual Report. Any training required by the trustees may be requested at any point, where it is considered useful to their role as trustee.

**Report of the Board of Trustees
For the period ended 31 July 2024**

Objectives and Activities for Public Benefit

As set out in the Memorandum of Association, the Charity's objects are:

- 1) To relieve poverty [or financial hardship] among refugees, asylum seekers, migrant workers and their dependants living in Kingston upon Hull by providing interpreting/ translating/advocacy/ health/housing advice and education.
- 2) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded because of language and financial barriers and assisting them to integrate into society.

Achievements and Performance

This is our first trading year and it's been exciting and challenging year for us at Humber Open Arms.

We received our first grant, from the National Lottery Community Funds which is for two years.

We have been able to set up a charity website and other social media platforms to spread the charity awareness.

Financial Review

During the year the CIO recorded income of £20k. (restricted £20k, unrestricted Nil)

Reserves Policy

At this present time there is no finance reserves policy in place, but have suggested that the charity should aim to keep 3 months running costs at all time.

Plans for Future periods

Our short-term plans and objectives for the next year are focused on the growth of the charity, we want to ensure financial stability for the organisation and raising more awareness within Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire.

**Report of the Board of Trustees
For the period ended 31 July 2024****Trustees Responsibilities**

The Charities Act requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In accordance with the Charity Commission Guidance the Trustees have elected to prepare the accounts on the Receipts and Payments basis. This is an acceptable format for all non-company charities with an income below £250,000.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The trustees 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.

Statement of disclosure of information to Independent Examiner

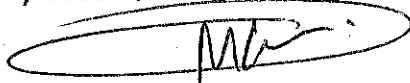
The Charity has an income between £25,000 and £1m and therefore falls under the Independent Examination regime. We, the Trustees of the Charity who held office at the date of approval of these financial statements, each confirm so far as we are aware, that:

- ☉ there is no relevant information of which the Charity's Independent Examiner is unaware; and
- ☉ we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

A resolution to reappoint Independent Examiner, Rebecca Triffitt of Phoenix Accountancy and Business Consultancy Limited will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

By order of the Board



Michael Kandolo
Chair

Date: 28/04/2025

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of
Humber Open Arms**

I report on the accounts of Humber Open Arms for the period 3rd May 2023 to 31 July 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 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

Rebecca Triffitt MAAT

Practice Accountant

Phoenix Accountancy and Business Consultancy Limited

Morley's Cottage, Morley's Yard

Walkergate, Beverley, HU17 9BY



Date: 8/5/25

**Receipts and Payments Account
For the period ended 31 July 2024**

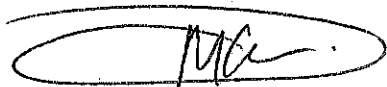
	Note	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
RECEIPTS	1			
Grants	2	-	20,000	20,000
Donations		-	-	-
Fundraising		-	-	-
		-	20,000	20,000
PAYMENTS				
Rent		-	170	170
Activities		-	128	128
Insurance		-	-	-
Refreshments		-	296	296
Advertising & Marketing		-	1,658	1,658
Repairs & Renewals		-	390	390
IT Equipment		-	250	250
Volunteers & Trustees Expenses		-	450	450
Accounts		-	-	-
		-	3,342	3,342
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the period		-	16,658	16,658
Transfer between funds		-	-	-
Cash and Bank Balances carried forward		-	16,658	16,658

The notes on page 10 and 11 form part of these financial statements.

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 31 July 2024**

	Notes	2024 £
Monetary Assets		
Virgin Money		16,658
Petty Cash		-
Total Monetary Assets		16,658
Comprising:		
Unrestricted Funds		-
Restricted Funds		16,658
		16,658
 Non Monetary Assets and Liabilities		
Fixed Assets		
IT Equipment		250
		250
Debtors		
Sundry Debtors		-
		-
Creditors		
Accounts Fee		(240)
		(240)

These financial statements were approved by the committee on 28/04/25 (date) and signed on its behalf by:



Michael Kandolo, Chairperson

The notes on pages 10 and 11 form part of these financial statements.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the period ended 31 July 2024**

Notes

1 Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments (R&P) basis in line with charity commission guidance for a charity of this size.

This is the first period of operation, the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission on 3rd May 2023

2 Grants

	2024	2024	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£
The National Lottery Community Funds	-	20,000	20,000
	-	20,000	20,000

3 Restricted Funds

	Balance as at 03/05/2023	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfer	Balance as at 31/07/24
	£	£	£	£	£
The National Lottery Community Funds	-	20,000	(3,342)	-	16,658
	-	20,000	(3,342)	-	16,658

A brief description of the restricted funds are shown below:

The National Lottery Community Funds

Restricted funding was received from The National Lottery Community Funds, to be spent on supporting the Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Immigrants and other vulnerable groups in helping with job searches and job applications and having a drop in centre where they can come to ask for help.

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4 Taxation

Humber Open Arms CIO is a registered charity. All the charities' income is applied to its charitable objectives and the charity is therefore exempt under current legislation from most forms of taxation.

The charity is not VAT registered, and all expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT.

5 Trustee Remuneration

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the Charity was paid or payable for the period to any Trustee.

There was £200 worth of reimbursement of expenses to the four Trustee during the year.