

Bridging Development Gaps UK.

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

For the Financial Year Ending 31 December 2025

Charity Number: 1203383

Registered Address: 11 ENFIELD HOUSE, LEYBURN CRESCENT, ROMFORD, RM3 8RR

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

1. Objectives and Activities

Bridging Development Gaps UK (BDG UK) aims to support disadvantaged individuals and communities by promoting personal development, well-being, skills-building, and social inclusion.

The charity works to:

- Support individuals at risk of or experiencing hardship, unemployment, or crisis
- Deliver educational workshops and community forums
- Promote mental, emotional, and social well-being
- Provide information, training, and resources

In 2025, BDG UK focused on strengthening the organization, launching its first community programme, and enhancing its governance

2. Activities and Achievements in 2025

a. Domestic Abuse Forum — “Bridging Gaps to Prevent & Support in the UK”

Date: 18 September 2025

Venue: Wellsprings Centre, Watford

Entrance: Free

Audience: Community members, survivors, families, and professionals

The event covered:

- Understanding domestic abuse
- Supporting survivors
- Empathy and community responses
- Trauma-informed and somatic healing approaches
- Collaboration between community organisations

This was BDG UK's first operational event and delivered significant community benefit.

b. Policies Developed

BDG UK strengthened governance by adopting:

- Safeguarding Policy
- Diversity & Inclusion Policy
- Engaging External Speakers at Charity Events Policy

c. Additional Achievements

BDG UK also:

- Established contact with Islington Borough for future partnership and collaboration on activities to benefit its service users.
- Development project proposals for implementation in the coming year.

3. Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

BDG UK's activities provided benefits by offering free education, support, and resources to the community.

4. Structure, Governance and Management

BDG UK is governed by a constitution. Trustees oversee strategy, compliance, and planning.

Trustees in 2025

- Adebisi Adebayo
- Nonye Otuonye (Safeguarding Lead)
- Carol Filmer
- Olafunke O. Iluyomade (Chair)

No changes occurred during the year. The trustees met during the year to plan activities and develop governance policies.

5. Financial Review

Income

- In 2025, the charity received:
- £650 in trustee contributions to fund the domestic abuse forum.

Expenditure

- The charity spent:
- £650 on the delivery of the event (venue hire and refreshments)..

Year-End Position

- Total income: £650.00
- Total spent: £650.00
- Balance at year-end: £0

No bank account was held in 2025; costs and contributions were managed directly by trustees.

Statement on SORP Compliance

As a small charity preparing receipts and payments accounts, BDG UK is not required to prepare its financial statements in accordance with the Charities SORP. The trustees have therefore prepared the 2025 accounts on a receipts-and-payments basis in line with the Charity Commission's requirements for small charities.

Reserves Policy

BDG UK held no reserves at the end of the financial year, as all funds raised (£650) were used to deliver the domestic abuse forum. As the charity grows, the trustees will develop a reserves policy to support long-term sustainability.

6. Plans for the Future

The trustees plan to develop a number of governance and operational policies in 2026, including:

- Internal Charity Financial Controls
- Financial Reserves Policy
- Trustee Expenses Policy
- Trustee Conflicts of Interest Policy
- Serious Incident Reporting Policy

In 2026, BDG UK also aims to expand its programme delivery through community partnerships.

Planned activities include:

- Opening a charity bank account
- Strengthening internal policies and increasing volunteer involvement
- Delivering further community workshops
- Fundraising and seeking grant support
- Building partnerships with local organisations
- Collaborating with Parenta Digital to deliver an event in Islington. London
- Exploring opportunities to deliver another community education event in Watford
- Engaging with the Women's Centre in Watford to identify areas for joint working and support

7. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for:

- Preparing this report and the accounts
- Keeping proper accounting records
- Ensuring the charity complies with its governing document and charity law

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Name: Olafunke O. Iluyomade

Position: Chair

Signature: *Funke Iluyomade*

Date: December 19, 2025

**BRIDGING DEVELOPMENT GAPS UK
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (1 JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2025)**

Receipts

Source	Amount
Trustee donations	£650
Total Receipts	£650

Payments

Purpose	Amount
Domestic Abuse Forum costs	£650
Total Payments	£650

Net Movement in Funds: £0

Funds at Start of Year: £0

Funds at End of Year: £0

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (31 DECEMBER 2025)

- Cash in hand: £0
- Bank account: None held
- Assets: None
- Liabilities: None

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Name: Olafunke O. Iluyomade

Position: Chair

Signature: Funke Iluyomade

Date: December 19, 2025