Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	9	6	2023		8	12	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Afghan Student Union (AfSU)
Other names charity is known by	AfSU
Registered charity number (if any)	1203499
Charity's principal address	Afghan Student Union East Barnet Library 85 Brookhill Road
	Barnet
	London
	Postcode EN4 8SG

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	Adin Rasheedi	Chair	13 March 2023 - present	
2	Milad Qadare		9 June 2023 – 16 August 2023	
3	Maiwand Ajan		13 March 2023 – 27 February 2024	
4	Asma Laali		04 June 2024 - present	
5	Madina Mujadidi		06 February 2024 – present	
6	Nazifa Ibrahim		08 August 2023 - present	
7	Tahmena Joyan		25 June 2024 - present	
8	Mojgan Talibi		16 August 2023 – present	
9	Abdullah Alwad		08 August 2023 - present	
10	Shirshah Rahim		08 August 2023 - present	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 9th June 2023
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO - Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Chair is elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on the 8th December held yearly. Trustees are invited to join the board by election at the next appropriate Board meeting.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	AfSU's aim is to help promote the socioeconomic development of those from the Afghan community in the United Kingdom by promoting opportunities in education.
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)	During the year, we focused on promoting educational and cultural engagement among Afghan students and young people in the United Kingdom. We organised a range of workshops, networking sessions, and community events in partnership with several universities (such as King's College London, SOAS University of London, the London School of Economics, to name a few) to support personal and academic development, as well as to strengthen connections within the Afghan student community. In addition, we facilitated limited educational support sessions for school-aged students as part of our commitment to educational advancement. We mentored students at GCSE and A-level and supported them in preparing for their exams. The majority of the students we worked with came from a refugee/asylum-seeking background. We, the trustees, confirm that we have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in planning and delivering our charity's activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

We are immensely grateful to our trustees and volunteers, who were able to make the work we conducted possible. They helped render critical services for the charity, all with the aim of providing a benefit not just to their local communities, but to the wider public.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year, we successfully expanded our outreach and visibility across UK universities. We hosted a series of academic and cultural events aimed at supporting Afghan students in higher education, including workshops on professional development and discussions on Afghan identity and community building. We also strengthened collaboration between Afghan student societies through networking initiatives and joint events, helping to foster a sense of shared identity and solidarity across campuses.

In addition, we provided limited educational support sessions for younger students as part of our commitment to promoting education and aspiration within the Afghan community. These sessions predominantly focused on supporting students who had come from disadvantaged backgrounds in achieving their very best with their GCSE/A-level exams. For many of our GCSE students especially (of which there were thirty in total), English was a second language, and as such required specialist intervention by tutors who were able to communicate effectively in the student's own language. As well as this, we aimed to support our young people by helping them develop their English skills by signposting them to ESOL classes and resources.

Our charity, at this moment in time, was run and led by university students at the undergraduate level. By the end of the academic year, we unfortunately encountered operational constraints, with several of our key charity members progressing through their education into employment. This slowed down our operations, and meant we could not run at the scale we desired to. We have since addressed this issue by recruiting more volunteers and trustees, who have helped keep the charity proactive in providing its services. These individuals also include several highly experienced professionals, and as such we have been able to provide more specialised support in the years following the specific period this annual return is for.

Overall, the year marked steady progress in advancing our mission to empower Afghan students, promote academic engagement, and build stronger community connections. Whilst we faced operational constraints, we worked to address these throughout the year.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	We do not currently hold significant reserves, with only £16 in the account at the end of the year for this annual return. This is because by the end of the year, we were redeveloping our provision and offer to potential beneficiaries to match our operational capability. This process took longer than expected as our trustees engaged in multiple workshops, focus groups, and capacity building sessions. The charity has no financial expenditure, and as such reserves were not necessarily required, as we have no outgoing expenses (no staff, assets, liabilities, debt, or anything similar). As the charity grows, we will review the reserves policy annually to ensure it remains appropriate for the scale of operations.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	The majority of our expenditure was spent on "charitable activities", this includes expenditure on technology costs, trainings, items/materials for events, food/drink for charity beneficiaries, resources for supporting students (including printing costs), and other administrative/office-related costs. By the end of the year, as we had no outgoing expenditures/income whilst we engaged in a period of reconfiguring our offer and provision to beneficiaries, we had very limited, if any, financial activity. In future years, we hope to expand our capacity as well as review our policies as we continue to grow.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Adin Rasheedi	
Full name(s)	Adin Rasheedi	

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	06/10/2025	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Afghan Student Union	1203499

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	6/9/2023		12/8/2024

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					
Charitable Income	2,164	-	-	2,164	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	2,164	-	-	2,164	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,164	-	-	2,164	-
A3 Payments					
Expenditure for charitable activities	2,148	-	-	2,148	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,148	-	-	2,148	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,148	-	-	2,148	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	16	-	-	16	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	16	-	-	16	-

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

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		16	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	16	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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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
Adin	Adin Rasheedi	10/6/2025