

REFUGEES WELCOME IN RICHMOND

England & Wales · Charity number 1204282

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-08-09

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF REFUGEES WELCOME IN RICHMOND IS THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AMONG PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEKING ASYLUM, THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, AND VULNERABLE MIGRANTS IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED ON THE GROUNDS OF THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POSITION, TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF SUCH PEOPLE, AND ASSIST THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY, BY PROVIDING:A. A LOCAL BEFRIENDING NETWORK THAT ENCOURAGES AND ENABLES THESE INDIVIDUALS TO PARTICIPATE MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY;B. SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL SUPPORT AND EVENTS INVOLVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY;C. ADVOCACY AND GENERAL SUPPORT THROUGH SERVICES RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, HEALTH AND WELLBEING;D. EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND IN VOCATIONAL SKILLS;E. FOOD AND OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS;F. SIGNPOSTING TO OTHER CHARITIES AND AGENCIES FOR SERVICES BEYOND THIS CHARITY'S REMIT;G. RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ISSUES RELATING TO REFUGEES AND THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM

Activities: We assist refugees and asylum seekers in Richmond upon Thames to settle successfully by: befriending, advising on accommodation, helping with communications, collecting and disseminating information, supporting material and emotional needs and signposting to other support agencies. We hold meetings and events to raise awareness, share information, raise funds, or for celebration.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Richmond Upon Thames

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£5,011	£2,125	-	-
2024-03-31	£303	£1,247	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alistair Blunt		2024-07-08
David Austin		2025-09-08
David Dally		2026-04-02
Jon Fayle		2024-04-18
Juliet Thompson		2023-08-09
Larissa Rothe		2026-01-19
Zivile Meksriunaite		2026-01-15

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Refugees Welcome in Richmond (RWinR) Annual Return and Financial Statements For the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Registered office:

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Structure and management

Refugees Welcome in Richmond (RWinR) started in November 2015 as a group of concerned local people, initially seeking to support Syrian refugees arriving in Richmond upon Thames through the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme. We have since broadened our support for sanctuary seekers from all countries, UK government refugee schemes, and people seeking asylum in and around the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. In order to fulfill our purposes more effectively we became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 9th August 2023.

Charitable status

Since becoming a CIO, RWinR has operated with a Board of Trustees, together with one non-trustee board observer as our Nominated Safeguarding Lead. The Board meets regularly every six to eight weeks and communicates regularly in between minuted meetings of the Board. Some of our trustees have additional roles delivering the work of the charity.

Governing documents, policies and procedures

RWinR operates according to its [Constitution](#) and the public policies and procedures as detailed on the Charity Commission website.

Board of Trustees

The RWinR Board of Trustees (1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025) was chaired by:

- **Valerie Booth** (appointed 8 August 2023, resigned 20 January 2025)
- **Susan Murray** (appointed 20 January 2025)

With the role of vice chair held by:

- **Susan Murray** (appointed 8 August 2023, resigned 20 January 2025)
- **Alexis Hatto** (appointed 20 January 2025)

With the role of treasurer held by:

- **Juliet Thompson** (appointed 8 August 2023)

And the following trustees listed in alphabetical order by last name:

- **Alistair Blunt** (appointed 8 July 2024)
- **Sarah Collett** (appointed 8 August 2023)
- **Jon Fayle** (appointed 8 March 2024)
- **Alexis Hatto** (appointed 8 August 2023)
- **Olga Pomazan** (appointed 8 July 2024, resigned 4 November 2024)

Susan Attwood observed the Board as RWinR's Nominated Safeguarding Lead.

Objectives and activities

The main purpose of RWinR is the promotion of social inclusion and improved well-being for the public benefit for sanctuary seekers in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and surrounding areas.

We aim to achieve the above by providing:

- a local befriending network that encourages and enables these individuals to participate more effectively with the wider community;
- social and recreational support and events involving the local community;
- advocacy and general support through services relating to employment, housing, health and wellbeing;

- education and training in English language and in vocational skills;
- food and other essential items;
- signposting to other charities and agencies for services beyond this charity's remit;
- raising public awareness of issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum.

The trustees have had regard to the [guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit](#).

Achievements and performance

Our main activities during the reporting year have included befriending 10 individual sanctuary seekers providing a range of support in relation to housing, asylum requests, access to legal advice and employment opportunities. We have run a weekly social hub for Ukrainians and other clients at the Vineyard Community Centre in Richmond. Of the 43 sessions delivered 28 gave access to and interpretation for Citizens Advice, one session offered employment advice from WorkMatch and 9 therapeutic clay workshops were provided.

We have worked closely with the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. As Richmond is a Borough of Sanctuary we are members of the Richmond Sanctuary Partnership. Working with their new department for Refugees Services, we have provided information and support for anyone arriving in the Borough in need of sanctuary. This has included helping the council host an accommodation information evening to advise Ukrainians in search of rental accommodation.

Additional integration activities have included working with Turner's House to enable a women's art project, working with Cooking-Up to offer workshops about eating and cooking on a tight budget, providing access to places at Kew Park Rangers football summer school for sanctuary seeking children, running cultural tours for Ukrainians, access to English lessons and vouchers for bicycles from the Barnes Bike Sale.

For an overview of our latest impacts to date, please visit our website at: <https://refugeeswelcomeinrichmond.org/our-impacts/>

Financial statements

Review of financial position at the end of the period

RWinR has £5,994 in cash at 31 March 2025 and the Trustees believe this is sufficient to carry out the charity's purposes in 2025/2026.

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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

RWinR holds reserves of £500 which is sufficient to cover one year's administration costs

Amount of reserves held

£500

Reasons for holding zero reserves

N/A

Details of fund materially in deficit

N/A

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

N/A



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Refugees Welcome in Richmond CIO

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1st April 2024		31st March 2025

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 8 months to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	2,543	-	-	2,543	300
Gift Aid	458	-	-	458	-
Grant	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Interest	10	-	-	10	3
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,011	-	-	5,011	303
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,011	-	-	5,011	303
A3 Payments					
Material goods for sanctuary seekers	1,110	-	-	1,110	529
Interpretation/translation services	-	625	-	625	230
Events	-	-	-	-	274
Administrative expenses	390	-	-	390	214
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,500	625	-	2,125	1,247
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,500	625	-	2,125	1,247
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,511	- 625	-	2,886	- 944
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,888	1,220	-	3,108	4,052
Cash funds this year end	5,399	595	-	5,994	3,108

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	CAF Current Account	5,399	595	-
	(Restricted fund is for Ukrainian refugees)	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,399	595	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

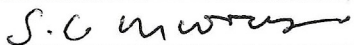
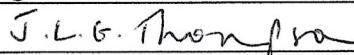
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Susan Murray	12.1.26
	Juliet Thompson	12.1.26

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Accounts



Refugees Welcome in Richmond (RWinR) Annual Return and Financial Statements For the period 9th August 2023 to 31st March 2024

Registered office:

9 LICHFIELD ROAD
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Structure and management

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Charitable status

Since becoming a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) in August 2023, RWinR has operated with a Board of Trustees, together with one non-trustee board observer as our Nominated Safeguarding Lead. Our trustees carry out multiple roles, including administration, befriending, communications, liaison with the Council and other local organisations. The Board meets regularly every six to eight weeks and communicates regularly in between minuted meetings of the Board.

Governing documents, policies and procedures

RWinR operates according to its [Constitution](#), [Business Plan](#), and the public policies and procedures as detailed on the Charity Commission home page.

Board of Trustees

The RWinR Board of Trustees from 9th August 2023 to 31 March 2024 was chaired by **Valerie Booth** with **Susan Murray** as Vice Chair. Other trustees are listed in alphabetical order by surname:

1. **Alistair Blunt** (Housing Officer)
2. **Sarah Collett** (Events and Deputy Safeguarding Officer)
3. **Jon Fayle** (Outreach Officer)
4. **Alexis Hatto** (Admin and Comms Manager)
5. **Olga Pomazan** (Volunteer Manager)
6. **Juliet Thompson** (Treasurer)

Susan Attwood observed the Board as RWinR's Nominated Safeguarding Lead. **Marie-Louise Le Hur** also observed the Board as RWinR's Marketing and Social Media Officer.

Objectives and activities

Our main activities during the year include befriending approximately seven individual sanctuary seekers with varied support in relation to housing, asylum requests, access to legal advice and employment opportunities. We have run a weekly social hub for Ukrainians and other clients at the Vineyard Community Centre. We also operate two WhatsApp groups, one in Ukrainian for local refugees and the other in English for their sponsors.

We work closely with the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames providing information and support for anyone arriving in the Borough in need of sanctuary.

The trustees have had regard to the [guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit](#).

For an overview of our latest impacts to date, please visit our website at: <https://refugeeswelcomeinrichmond.org/our-impacts/>

Financial statements

Review of financial position at the end of the period

RWinR has £3810 in cash at 31.3.2024 and the Trustees believe this is sufficient to carry out the charity's purposes in 2024/ 2025.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

RWinR holds reserves of £500 which is sufficient to cover one year's administration costs

Amount of reserves held

£500

Reasons for holding zero reserves

N/A

Details of fund materially in deficit

N/A

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

N/A



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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No (if any)

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 9th August 2023	To	Period end date 31st March 2024
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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					
Donations	300	-	-	300	-
Bank interest	3	-	-	3	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	303	-	-	303	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	303	-	-	303	-
A3 Payments					
Material goods for sanctuary seekers	349	180	-	529	-
Interpretation/translation services		230	-	230	-
Events		274	-	274	-
Administration expenses	214	-	-	214	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	563	684	-	1,247	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	563	684	-	1,247	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 260	- 684	-	- 944	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds at 9th Aug 2023	2,148	1,904	-	4,052	-
Cash funds this year end	1,888	1,220	-	3,108	-

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	CAF Current Account	1,888	1,220	-
	(restricted fund is for Ukrainian refugees)	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,888	1,220	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Valerie Booth</i>	Valerie Booth	20/01/2025
<i>Juliet Thompson</i>	Juliet Thompson	20/01/2025