

# **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

For the Financial Year **(2025–2026)**

## **1. Reference and Administrative Details**

Charity Name: UK Garifuna Community

Charity Number: 1208266

Registered Address: 17 Avalon Mansions, 7 Mary Neuner Road N8 0FD

### **Trustees:**

Marleny Montero

Wendy Velasquez

Simon Palmer

Mylene Loa-Jongartt

## **2. Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity is governed by its Constitution/Trust Deed.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the overall management and control of the charity. Trustees meet regularly to review the charity's activities, financial performance, and strategic direction.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the governing document and are responsible for ensuring that the charity operates in compliance with applicable laws and regulations in the United Kingdom.

### **3. Objectives and Activities**

#### **Objectives**

The charity's purpose is to promote social inclusion for the public benefit, particularly among individuals from the Garifuna community and other socially excluded groups living in the UK.

This includes:

Supporting individuals facing social exclusion due to ethnicity, religion, belief, or socio-economic circumstances.

Assisting integration into wider society.

Promoting cultural awareness and community cohesion.

Public Benefit Statement.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

### **4. Activities and Achievements**

During the reporting period, the charity had limited operational activity.

No formal programmes or projects were delivered during this period. However, the trustees focused on:

Establishing governance structures.

Planning future activities.

Exploring funding opportunities.

Building partnerships within the community.

Although no direct activities were carried out, these preparatory steps are considered essential for the charity's future impact and sustainability.

We are working on organizing different activities for this new annual period.

## **5. Financial Review**

Overview: £195.82

The charity's main sources of income included: Donation

Donations: £ 195.82

Grants: £ 195.82

Fundraising activities: £ 0.00

Financial Summary: £195.8

Total Income: £157.40

Total Expenditure: £157.40

Year-End Balance/Reserves: £ 38.37

Funds were used to support the charity's objectives and essential operational costs £38.37

Reserves Policy

The charity aims to maintain a small level of reserves to cover basic administrative expenses and ensure financial stability.

## **6. Risk Management**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These include:

Limited funding

Lack of operational activity

Capacity and resource constraints

To mitigate these risks, the trustees have:

Implemented financial monitoring processes

Developed initial planning strategies

Begun identifying funding and partnership opportunities

## **7. Plans for the Next Year**

The charity aims to:

Launch community engagement activities.

Organise cultural and educational events,

Develop support programmes for vulnerable individuals.

Apply for grants and secure funding.

Strengthen partnerships with local organisations in London.

Increase awareness of the Garifuna community and its needs.

We are working on organizing different activities for this new annual period, such as the Latin American Gastronomic Fair, where we can invite other support groups to promote different foods and cultures.

## **8. Trustees' Responsibilities Statement**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The trustees confirm that:

They have selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently.

They have made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

They have prepared the accounts on a going concern basis.

## **9. Approval**

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on:

Date: 27-03-2026

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Name: Marleny Montero

Signature:

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