



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	04	07	2024		31	03	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

SOMALI SPEAKERS WOMEN'S GROUP

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1208963

Charity's principal address

VOLUNTARY ACTION ISLINGTON

200A PENTONVILLE ROAD

LONDON

Postcode

N1 9JP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Role (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	MULKI QANI	CHAIR		
2	SAFIYA CUSMAN	TREASURER		
3	MANA FATIMA AL-SHARIF ABBAS AL-SHARIF (Previously Mana Abbas)	SECRETARY		

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Labour Life Peer	SARA HYDE	House of Lords, Parliament Square, SW1A 0PW
Islington Ward Lead Councillor	UNA O'HALLORAN	Islington Town Hall, Upper St, N1 2UD
Islington Ward Councillor	PAUL COVERY	Islington Town Hall, Upper St, N1 2UD
Development Manager	TSIGEREDA TEKLETSADIK	Voluntary Action Islington, N1 9JP

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed

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.

The organisation focuses primarily on supporting young people and their families by implementing various initiatives:

- Weekly Drop-in Sessions to provide young people with a safe and welcoming environment to socialise, seek guidance, and access support services. We will be facilitating various activities from communication skills to cooking sessions.
- Collaborating with health promotion agencies, we will facilitate workshops on various health-related topics to promote physical and mental well-being among young people and their families. These workshops address crucial issues such as nutrition, mental health awareness, and healthy lifestyle choices.
- Recognising the challenges faced by parents who may have limited understanding of the education system and encounter language barriers, we offer guidance and assistance. This includes escorting parents to school parent evenings, providing information about educational resources and opportunities, and offering support to navigate the education system effectively.
- To foster family bonding and enriching experiences, we arrange outings for families to participate in recreational activities, cultural events, and educational trips. These outings aim to strengthen familial relationships and cultural experience.
- Through these initiatives, the organisation actively fulfils its purposes by addressing the needs of young people and their families, promoting holistic well-being, and fostering community Cohesion for the benefits Somali families living in Islington.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To alleviate poverty and isolation among Somali families especially those with the household of young people residing in the Islington borough and neighbouring boroughs by fostering community connections and providing essential information on social welfare.

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

We run our weekly activities:

- 'Stay and Play' activities for parents and children
- 'First Step' childcare (supported by City & Islington College)
- Maths lessons (supported by Islington Adult & Community Learning)
- Lunch clubs

issued by the Charity
Commission on public
benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main
achievements of the charity
during the year

Our greatest achievement this year was successfully implementing our community connection principles by networking with other key organisations.

- Voluntary Action Islington
- Islington Councillors
- **Islington Refugee and Migrant Forum**
- **Networking** with Jeans Stokes 'Service Users Team'

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the
charity's policy on reserves

Monthly contributions into the company's account, by the trustees, ensure sufficient reserves in place.

Details of any funds materially
in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

Section F Other optional information

History:

Somali Speakers Women's Group was founded in February 2000 at Bemerton Children's Centre located in Bemerton Estate – and has since benefitted hundreds of Somali women and their children.

We are currently addressed at Voluntary Action Islington, whilst holding our events at Jean Stokes Community Centre.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	Mana Fatima Al-Sharif Abbas Al-Sharif	
Full name(s)	Mana Fatima Al-Sharif Abbas Al-Sharif	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	

Date

25/1/2026