

THE BANGLADESH CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND REGISTERED AS A CHARITY)

24 Pembridge Gardens
London
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Directors' Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2024

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THE BANGLADESH CENTRE**COMPANY INFORMATION**

Council of Management: Chairperson:	Saida Muna Tanseem(High Commissioner of Bangladesh)
Vice chairpersons:	Tofozzul Miah Gulnaheer Khan Md. Mamun Rashid Anwar Ali Enayeth Khan Zahidur Rahman Shahed Ahmed
Secretary (General and Joint):	Md Delwar Hussain Mahbub Ahmed Ali Ahmed Bebul Aminul Hoque Jillu
Registered Office:	24 Pembridge Gardens London W2 4DX
Business Address:	24 Pembridge Gardens London W2 4DX
Company Registration Number:	01746353
Charity Registration Number:	291187
Bankers:	HSBC Bank PLC 25 Notting Hill Gate London W11 3JJ
Independent Examiner:	Muhit & Co Chartered Certified Accountants & Tax Advisers 80A Ashfield Street Unit 4 London E1 2BJ

THE BANGLADESH CENTRE

Trustee's Report

For the year ended 31st March 2024

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Background Information

BANGLADESH CENTRE is a Bangladeshi community centre in the UK dedicated to cultural, educational and welfare services for the Bangladeshi community in London. All services are provided both in English and Bangla language. The organization serves Kensington, Chelsea and surrounding boroughs. No appointment is necessary for any advice. The organisation has an excellent local reputation for providing activities in culturally sensitive ways and has developed expertise in accessing and helping hard to reach people. It has also delivered educational courses to inspire, motivate and upskill members of the local disadvantaged communities to go forward in life.

Structure, Governance and Management

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the governing rule and applicable law.

Governing document

The charity was founded in 1983 and the trust was formed through a declaration of Trusts dated in the mid 1980s as well as being registered as a company limited by guarantee under registration number 01746353. The Memorandum of Association was amended by special resolutions passed in 1984, 1991 and 1996. The Articles of Association was amended by special resolution passed in 1991. It has been registered as charity with Charity Commission in 1985.

How the Trust was founded

BANGLADESH CENTRE was founded in 1983 by the Founder Members who have been associated with this directly and indirectly to this day.

Appointment of Trustees

The Council of Management has the power to appoint additional Trustees or remove Trustees as it considers fit to do so.

Appointment of Directors

The Council of Management has the power to appoint additional members or remove members as it considers fit to do so.

The Council of Management in office in the year are set out on page 3. The Trustees and Directors have no beneficial interest in the organisation other than as members.

Members (Founder Members)

Bashir Uddin Ahmed, Abdul Khair Chowdhury, Abul Kalam Shamsuddin Chowdhury, Khalilur Rahman Chowdhury, Altaf Hussain, Aatur Rahman Khan, Sultan Mahmud Shariff, Abdul Kadir, Najmul Hassan Zahed

Members (Permanenet Members)

A K M Abdullah, Jobrul Islam, Jahangir Khan, Md Mostofa Miah, Nasir Ali Shah, Kabir Uddin, Prof Shahidul Rahman, Md muhibur Rahman, Monojir Ali, Nasim Ahmed, Md Faizul Haque, Abul Kalam Azad Suton, Abdul Hafiz, Habibur Rahman, Dulal Uddin Rayhan, Md Isbah Uddin, Md Shamim Ahmed, Tofozzul Miah

Members (Life Members)

Gulnaheer Khan, Md Delwar Hussain, Md Mamun Rashid, Sibbir Ahmed, Mahbub Ahmed Raju, Md Sad Chowdhury, Ali Ahmed Bebul, Shahed Ahmed, Zahidur Rahman, Aminul Hoque Jilla, Abdul Hannan, Md Moynul Hoque, Mohammed Shuhel, Enayeth Khan, Fakhrul Ambia, Anwar Ali, Shamim Ahmad,

Company Secretary (And Joint Secretaries)

Md Delwar Hussain, Mahbub Ahmed, Ali Ahmed Bebul, Aminul Hoque Jilla

Organisation

The Trustees / Directors meet regularly in order to manage the affairs of the charity. Day to day running of the charity is the responsibility of the manager who manages the staff and volunteers reports directly to the Board of Trustees.

All our permanent members give at least 6 hours per week of their time. They are there to support in various activities of the charity and to gain new skills and experience to enhance their employment prospects.

Public benefit Statement

The Trustees and Directors consider that they have complied with Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 with regards to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

Objectives and Activities

BANGLADESH CENTRE is a grass roots community organisation with the aims and objectives of

“To Provide an advisory and information service including casework dealing with welfare benefits, immigration and nationality, homelessness and housing, translation and interpretation, employment and training, legal and police matters, health care and general information etc”.

What the Charity offers to the community

The charity does its best to what it can offer to the local community. Despite some financial constraints the charity offers the following activities:

- To provide supplementary school program including holding classes for Bangla language as a mother tongue, Bangla language for non-Bengali people, English as second language. GCSE and ‘A’ level Bangla, English, Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology etc.
- To provide advice, guidance on health care by professional doctor(s).
- To provide ICT facilities to beneficiaries, especially from the Bangladeshi community.
- To organize cultural functions, festivals and to hold Bangladesh national events throughout the year, (e.g. Martyrs Day and International Mother Language Day, Independence and National Day, Bangla New Year, Bangladesh Victory Day, etc.). Exhibition of crafts, paintings, photographs, are a part and parcel of the cultural activities.
- To provide music school program to the interested groups including second generation Bangladeshis through providing facilities of learning Dance, Music and Drama.
- To organize get together parties every week for women and also to arrange sociocultural seminars and hold classes on painting, knitting, sewing, cooking, performing arts etc. under women’s awareness program.

- To provide indoor and outdoor games facilities including table tennis, snooker, chess, carom board, badminton, football, cricket and gym etc.
- To provide hostel facilities with TV/visitors lounge, game room, kitchen and dining room etc. to the boarders' expected to come from all over the world and in particular from Bangladesh.
- To provide library facilities containing educational books, children's books, books on Bengali literature with sufficient Up to date stock of newspapers and periodicals.
- To provide community development services and liaises with the local authorities, central government, voluntary sector organizations with the object of maintaining a good relationship between the indigenous population and the ethnic minority communities.

BANGLADESH CENTRE LONDON

The following services are provided by Bangladesh Centre London:

- Social welfare
- IT project
- Short term hostel accommodation for the newcomers
- Supplementary classes on language
- Music, drama and dance
- Healthcare advice
- Women project
- Elderly project
- Information and library services
- Youth project

RENOVATION AND SUSPENSION OF ACTIVITIES

Bangladesh Centre is currently undergoing renovation in order to fulfil the requirements of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC) and in compliance with the standards they (RBKC) have set. Jackfruit London Enterprise drafted an agreement for 14 years with Bangladesh Centre to develop the governance and infrastructure. Jackfruit London Enterprise is also working closely with RBKC to undertake the renovation of Bangladesh Centre.

The primary goal was to carry out the renovation and so the Centre's activities were suspended for a brief moment in time. The office of the Centre has moved to an office in East London to carry out day to day affairs. Activities have been resumed in July 2020 in the new building.

CELEBRATORY EVENTS

With the support of all members, the Centre managed to celebrate events such as Victory Day (17/12/23), Martyr's Day and International Mother Language Day (20/02/2). On 31st March 2024 the Centre organised two events together.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small Companies regime.

Signed on behalf of the Board:



Delwar Hussain (General Secretary)

Approved by the Board on 11/11/2024.

THE BANGLADESH CENTRE
Independent Examiner's Report to the Directors
for the year ended 31st March 2024

The financial statements laid out in this report on pages 7 have prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the SORP, Accounting and Reporting by Charities Commission issued in April 2005 and applicable Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 1993.

Respective Responsibilities of the Executive Committee and the Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees, and the directors of the company for the purpose of Company Law you are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements. The Trustees consider that an Audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011) and that an Independent Examiner is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- Examine the Financial Statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- Follow the procedure laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and
- State whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners' Report

The examination of the accounts was carried out in accordance with the general direction given by the Charities Commissioner. The examination includes:

- A review of the accounting records kept by the Charity.
- A comparison of the accounts presented with those records made available.
- It includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts.

Finally obtaining explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters relating to the accounts. The examination also includes examination of any such matters of evidence relevant to the account of disclosures in the financial statements. It includes assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances consistently applied and adequately disclosed. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiners' Statement

In connection with our examination no matter has come to our attention:

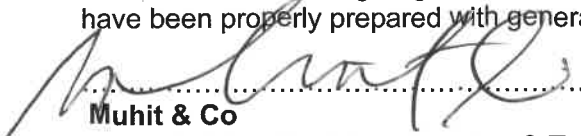
(1) Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.
- have not been met; or

(2) to which in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statement prepared give a true and fair view of the charity's state of affairs as at 31 March 2024 giving that the incoming resources and their application in the year then ended have been properly prepared with general direction given by the Charities Commissioner.


Muhit & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants & Tax Advisers
80A Ashfield Street, Unit 4, London E1 2BJ

11 November 2024

BANGLADESH CENTRE
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE					
Incoming Resources					
Income From Rental	2	-	20,000	20,000	24,000
Membership Fees		-			2,750
Life Membership Fees		-	6,000	6,000	2,400
Nomination fee		-	17,750	17,750	-
Permanent Membership Fees		-	9,000	9,000	-
Other donation			1,701	1,701	-
Total Incoming Resources		<u>0</u>	<u>54,451</u>	<u>54,451</u>	<u>29,150</u>
Resources Expended					
Expenditure during the year		-	44,741	44,741	26,818
Total Resources Expended		<u>0</u>	<u>44,741</u>	<u>44,741</u>	<u>26,818</u>
Net Incoming Resources for the year		-	9,710	9,710	2,332
Funds at 1 April 2023		-	277,641	277,641	275,309
Funds at 31 March 2024		<u>0</u>	<u>287,351</u>	<u>287,351</u>	<u>277,641</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of these accounts.

BANGLADESH CENTRE
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2024


		Total	Total
	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	6	272,781	272,781
Current assets			
Cash at Bank: Current account		32,407	14,621
Cash at Bank: HSBC account		145	145
Petty Cash		321	314
Debtors		-	10,000
		32,873	25,080
Current Liabilities			
Creditors:	5	(18,303)	(20,220)
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)		14,564	4,860
Total assets less current liabilities		287,351	277,641
Net Assets/(Liabilities)		287,351	277,641
Accumulated Funds	7		
Restricted Fund			
Unrestricted Fund		287,351	277,641
Capital Reserve		-	-
Total Funds		287,351	277,641

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with special provisions relating to small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the year ended 31 March 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and no notice has been deposited under section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 11 November 2024 and signed by:


MD DELWAR HUSSAIN
 General Secretary


SIBBIR AHMED
 Chief Treasurer

BANGLADESH CENTRE
Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act. 1993 and comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting by Charities' (issued on January 2015).

Capitalisation and depreciation of tangible fixed assets:

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised. The cost of tangible fixed assets is written off by equal instalments over the expected useful lives as follows:

Furniture, fittings and equipment, 5% reducing balance method

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds

Consists of general funds which the centre may use for its purpose at its discretion.

Restricted funds

Are those where the donor has imposed restrictions on the use of the funds which are legally binding.

Incoming Resources

Income only recognised where there is entitlement for the period.

2 Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

3 Staff Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net Salaries	9,876	9,940
Pension	27	111
	<u>9,903</u>	<u>10,051</u>

4 Debtors

Trade Debtors		
Other Debtors	-	10,000
	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>

5 Creditors

Accruals	1,320	1,380
Loan From Member	-	1,701
Net Salary	407	298
Other Creditors	128	128
PAYE and NI	75	319
Pensions	328	349
Provision for disability access	5,995	5,995
Refundable membership fees	10,050	10,050
	<u>18,303</u>	<u>20,220</u>

6 Tangible Assets**2024**

	Vehicle	Land & Buildings	Fixtures & fittings	TOTAL
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2023	6,840	229,327	109,478	229,327
Addition	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	6,840	229,327	109,478	229,327
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	6,840	-	66,024	66,024
Charges For The Year	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	6,840	0	66,024	66,024
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2024	-	229,327	43,454	272,781
At 31 March 2023	0	229,327	43,454	272,781

Value of land & building is still showing the amount of original purchase price £229,327 which is very old. Now the refurbishment work is completed, and fair value of the building price can be shown in the balance sheet by getting the independent valuation done.

7 Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis with the expectation that the company would be able to obtain sufficient grants to continue its activities in the future.

9 Movement of Funds

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 April 2023	-	277,641	275,309
Incoming Resources	-	54,151	29,150
Outgoing Resources	-	(44,441)	(26,818)
At 31 March 2024	0	287,351	277,641

INCOME	Restricted	Unrestricted	2024	2023
Grants:			£	£
Income From Rental		20,000	20,000	24,000
Membership Fees		-	-	2,750
Life Membership Fees		5,700	5,700	2,400
Nomination Fees		17,750	17,750	-
Permanent Membership Fees		9,000	9,000	-
Other Donation		1,701	1,701	-
TOTAL	0	54,151	54,151	29,150
Transfer From Reserve	-	-	-	-
Transfer To Reserve	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest Received	-	-	-	-
	0	54,151	54,151	29,150

EXPENDITURE	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
<u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u>			2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy fees		1,260	1,260	1,080
AGM expense		13,059	13,059	-
Bank charges		115	115	392
Cleaning		120	120	10
Depreciation		-	-	2,498
Ekushe February expenses		1,700	1,700	1,880
Election expenses		12,623	12,623	-
Equipment expensed		-	-	142
General expenses		-	-	400
Independence day expenses		-	-	770
Meeting expenses		340	340	-
Office expenses		107	107	-
Other legal and prof		550	550	240
Pensions		27	27	111
Rent		450	450	5,400
Repairs and maintenance		451	451	-
Stationery and printing		739	739	49
Storage rent		-	-	800
Sundry		87	87	40
Telephone and fax		1,006	1,006	936
Travel and subsistence		0	0	-
Victory day expenses		1,930	1,930	2,130
Wages and salaries		9,876	9,876	9,940
		44,441	44,441	26,818
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	0	9,710	9,710	2,332