

North West Migrants Forum

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107318

Details

Status Received

Company number [999999](#)

Registered 2020-02-11

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Activities

Purposes: To promote the benefit of migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and their families in particular but not exclusively, (hereinafter called the “beneficiaries”) living in Derry City and its environs (hereinafter called the “area of benefit”) by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to promote racial harmony, equality and diversity and in particular: a) to relieve need, hardship and distress among beneficiaries and their families through the provision of information, advice, support and representation; b) to promote good community relations and the social inclusion of the beneficiaries through the provision of educational, social, recreational and multicultural activities

What the charity does: The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Human rights/equality, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Asylum seekers/refugees, Ethnic minorities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£348,878	£373,936	£-98,844	7

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ala Al Deen		
Hala Ahmed		
Imani Griffin		
Peterjennings		
Seun		
Sylvester		
Virginia Aldana		

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This report will include the financial overview for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

Statement of Financial Activities - Page 7 of the financial statements:

The Statement of Financial Activities presents the total income and expenditure for the financial year ended 31 March 2025. The total income has increased by £40,460 - 13% from 31 March 2024. Restricted income has increased from 2024 to 2025 by £22,618, this was due additional funded awarded from Halifax, DCSDC Peace Plus, Radius Housing and Esmee Fairbairn. Unrestricted income has increased by £17,842; this was due to the increase in income from Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust.

In the year ended 31 March 2025, expenditure has decreased by £16,307 – 4%. The decrease relates wages and travel costs. See breakdown of expenditure on page 14 of the financial statements.

At the 31 March 2025 the charity had a deficit of £25,058; this was made up of a surplus £27 of restricted funds, and a deficit of £25,085 of restricted funds. Overall balance of reserves - £10,791 – this is made up of restricted reserves balance of £528 and unrestricted reserves - £10,263 carried over to financial period 31 March 2026.

Balance Sheet – Page 8 of the financial statements

The Balance Sheet presents the financial position of the charity at the 31st March 2025. The Balance Sheet is made up of:

Tangible fixed assets with a net book value of £4,728 – this is made up of office equipment. Assets are depreciated at 33% annually.

Debtors of £20,679 relate to grant income due at the year-end which have since been received, and prepayment of £253 relating to insurance.

Cash at bank and on hand at 31.03.25 - £84,228.

The company had liabilities of £98,844 at the year ended 31 March 2025. This is made up of accruals - £5,596 and deferred income of £93,248.

Balance sheet total of £10,791 is made up of restricted funds of £528 and unrestricted funds of £10,263.

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NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2024

Company Number NI661353

Charity Number NIC107318

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Charity Reference and Administrative Details Year Ended 31 March 2024

Charity registration number	NIC107318
Company registration number	NI661353
Trustees	Monadel Bazzara Irina Chernichenko Ibrahim Dandhousa Cristina Kozak Philip McDermott Marija Stuke
Chief executive officer	Lilian Seenoi-Barr
Registered office	Embassy Building 3 Strand Road Derry BT48 7BH
Auditor	L Duffy & Co 12 Queen Street Derry BT48 7EG
Solicitor	Hasson & Company 39-41 Clarendon Street Derry BT48 7ER
Bankers	Danske Bank

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees, who are also the directors under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Governing Document

North West Migrants Forum (known as NWMF) is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on the 13 May 2019 and accepted as a charity by the Inland Revenue. The company was registered with the new Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (Regulator of Charities in Northern Ireland) on the 11 February 2020.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The number of members at the 31st March 2024 was 6.

The charitable objects of the charity are to promote the benefit of migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and their families in particular but not exclusively living in Derry City and its environs by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to promote racial harmony, equality and diversity and in particular: a) to relieve need, hardship and distress among beneficiaries and their families through the provision of information, advice, support and representation; b) to promote good community relations and the social inclusion of the beneficiaries through the provision of educational, social, recreational and multicultural activities.

The charity meets the public benefit test, as the organisation provides services, which can be accessed by members of the public who are in need of such services (as per guidance issued by Charity Commission).

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Objectives and activities

The North West Migrants Forum (NWMF) exists to serve and protect the interest of migrants, refugees and people of minority ethnic communities living in the North West of Northern Ireland. It was founded in 2012 to address needs identified by migrants, specifically from Black Minority Ethnic (BME) background, for advice, practical integration support, solidarity and capacity building in the Derry City and Strabane District Council area (DCSDC) and its environs.

NWMF membership includes people from all walks of life including from countries that are diverse culturally and have experience conflict or are still in conflict. We recognise the wealth of knowledge/expertise they bring that can be tapped into to shape the future of NI. This wealth of experience and expertise is used to deliver projects that focus on culture, peace building and reconciliation.

Our focus is to increase the strength of the BME sector and the shared sense of belonging as equals within the Northern Ireland society. We promote equality, diversity, integration and inclusion of people of minority ethnic background, refugees and migrant communities through intercultural dialogue and learning. Our objectives are to:

- Educate and raise awareness of minority rights across public institutions & services,
- Building capacity to influence & challenge discrimination, inequality, racism and hate crime
- Supporting the integration of newcomers and migrants from a minority ethnic background through a variety of activities

In doing so, NWMF facilitate BME participation in consultation processes and shared learning and promote their participation in all aspects of public life.

We also assist/advise non-statutory and Statutory organizations to respond to issues related to migrants and deliver cultural functions and events

We have an excellent track record in delivering successful intercultural programmes and NWMF is the only organisation locally that emphasises on interculturalism to

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achieve peace and respect for diversity. It is also the only dedicated migrants' organization in the north west of Northern Ireland that provides holistic services to BME people.

Recruitment and Appointment of Directors

The Directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. The traditional business skills, along with service users, community and voluntary groups are well represented on the Board of Directors and the Directors are requested to provide an updated list of skills they are able to bring to the company each year and in the event of particular skills being lost due to retirements, individuals are approached to offer themselves for election to the Board of Directors.

Directors.

Trustees Induction and Training

New trustees are invited to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. Briefing sessions jointly led by the Chairperson and the Chief Executive cover:

- The obligations of trustees.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity, including the memorandum and articles.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Future plans and objectives

All Trustees receive an Enhanced Access NI check and training on Child Protection, Vulnerable Adults, Lone Working, Health and Safety, Complaints and Equal Opportunities. Training on Good Governance, Managing Performance, Risk Management, Strategic Planning and GDPR is also provided to Trustees.

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Risk Management

The Board of Trustees conduct on a regular basis a review of major risks to which the charity is exposed. This review is updated annually. Where appropriate, systems and procedures are established or updated to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a new Fundraising Strategy and the establishment of three social enterprises to allow for alternative funding methods for the charity's activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of comprehensive procedures for the authorisation of all transactions and projects.

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety rules for staff, volunteers and visitors. All policies and procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure they meet with the needs of the charity and changes to the law.

Organisational Structure

The Board of Directors meets at least 4 times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The trustees have ultimate legal and financial responsibility for the affairs of North West Migrants Forum, although the management of the organisation has generally been delegated to the staff, through the Chief Executive (Lilian Seenoi).

Internal and external factors

The trustees have made a full assessment of the internal and external factors that may affect these financial statements and do not deem any factors material enough to have an impact.

Financial review

The charity has had another successful year. The charity's income increased by 17% to £308,418 (2023 - £264,373) whilst total funds carried forward decreased to £35,849 (2023 - £117,674).

Reserves policy

The trustees have established the level of reserves (that is those funds that are freely available) that the charity ought to have. Reserves are needed to bridge any funding gaps that may occur and should be maintained at the equivalent of 3 months

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expenditure in order for the charity to continue its activities. The trustees consider that an ideal level of reserves would be £60,000. Unrestricted reserves at the 31 March 2024 were £19,942 (2023 - £10,508). Whilst well short of our target reserves we are pleased that unrestricted reserves have increased during the year.

We, the trustees of North West Migrants Forum believe that NWMF is working to its original aims and objectives whilst abiding to its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of North West Migrants Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Auditors

A resolution will be proposed at the AGM that L Duffy & Co be re-appointed as auditors to the charity for the ensuing year.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by

Marija Stuke
Chair

Irina Chernichenko
Treasurer

4 November 2024





Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of North West Migrants Forum

We have audited the financial statements of North west Migrants Forum for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard FRS102. *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may

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cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Report of the Trustees, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustee's report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

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- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 66 of that Act.

We have undertaken the audit in accordance with the requirements of IAASA Ethical Standards including IAASA Ethical Standard – Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in note 15 to the financial statements.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charitable company and considered that the most significant are the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the Companies Act 2006 and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charitable company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We considered the risk of fraud through management override, and in response we incorporated testing of their use of accounting estimates, and remained sceptical throughout the audit.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is

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sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them

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in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Mr Laurie Duffy
(Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of
L Duffy & Co
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor



4 November 2024

L Duffy & Co are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the companies Act 2006

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Statement of Financial Activities For Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023
Incoming from:					
Donations and legacies					
- Grants	2	93,838	206,157	299,995	252,070
- Gifts and donations		2,423		2,423	6,970
Other Income	3		6,000	6,000	5,333
Total incoming resources		96,261	212,157	308,418	264,373
Resources Expended					
Raising funds	4	2,000	26,050	28,050	17,738
Charitable activities	5	74,920	259,666	334,586	209,489
Governance costs	6	9,907	17,700	27,607	25,430
Total resources expended		86,827	303,416	390,243	252,657
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	7/8/9	9,434	(91,259)	(81,825)	11,716
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		10,508	107,166	117,674	105,958
Total Funds Carried Forward		19,942	15,907	35,849	117,674

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2024

		2024 £	2023 £
	Notes		
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	10	8,540	6,772
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	9,951	-
Bank		31,334	116,623
		<u>41,285</u>	<u>116,623</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	13,976	(5,721)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>27,309</u>	<u>110,902</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		35,848	117,674
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13	-	-
Net Assets		<u>35,849</u>	<u>117,674</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	14	19,942	10,508
Restricted funds	14	15,907	107,166
		<u>35,849</u>	<u>117,674</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 4 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Marija Stuke
Chair

Irina Chernichenko
Treasurer

4 November 2024

The notes on pages 16 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

Company Registration Number: NI661353

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Notes To The Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

General information and basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows

Land and buildings	4% straight line
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Office equipment 33.3% straight line

Debtors

Debtors are stated after all known bad debts have been written off and specific provision has been made against all debtors considered doubtful of collection.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and it is probable that the income will be received.

Grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Gifts and donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities upon receipt.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.

Donated goods for resale in charity shops are included in the period the goods are sold. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Investment income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds
- Expenditure on charitable activities
- Other expenditure

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

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Costs of raising funds include the salaries of staff who promote fundraising and overhead costs of charity shops.

Charitable activities comprise those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of its assets and are associated with constitutional, statutory and strategic requirements.

Creditors payable within one year

Creditors and provisions payable within one year are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements

- ***Depreciation rate for office equipment***

Depreciation rate used by management for office equipment is 33.3% straight line per annum. Management have decided to err on the side of prudence and write the office equipment off over 3 years. Whilst they are aware that this is a high rate of depreciation NWMF management prefer to err on the side of prudence.

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Notes To The Financial Statements
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2. Grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
National Lottery		101,500	101,500	60,000
Lottery Heritage Fund		40,000	40,000	50,000
TEO		45,186	45,186	25,902
Joseph Rowntree	62,638		62,638	76,124
Co-Op foundation	30,000		30,000	-
NIHE		5,000	5,000	4,999
Community Foundation		12,646	12,646	4,847
Ulster University		1,825	1,825	-
Small Unrestricted	1,200		1,200	-
St Stephen's Green Trust				27,186
DCSDC				3,012
	93,838	206,157	299,995	252,070

3. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
WHST		2,000	2,000	-
EA		4,000	4,000	-
STEP EUSS				5,333
	0	6,000	6,000	5,333

4. Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,000	25,000	27,000	16,688
Stationery and printing	-	150	150	150
Telephone	-	400	400	400
Computer and software	-	500	500	500
	2,000	26,050	28,050	17,738

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5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	21,000	169,489	190,489	120,304
Programme costs	22,512	50,031	72,543	49,894
Rent and rates	5,387	22,000	27,387	16,835
Insurance	696	1,300	1,996	1,219
Heat and light	1,890	4,000	5,890	5,454
Stationery and printing	-	423	423	519
Telephone	-	1,981	1,981	1,667
Website and computer	1,345	2,277	3,622	4,489
Travel	18,534	7,000	25,534	6,803
Professional fees	1,000	-	1,000	96
Repairs and maintenance	1,526	1,000	2,526	2,028
General expenses	1,030	165	1,195	181
	74,920	259,666	334,586	209,489

6. Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	-	14,000	14,000	14,000
Stationery and printing	-	100	100	100
Telephone	-	200	200	200
Website and computer	-	200	200	200
Travel	-	200	200	-
Audit fee	1,800	3,000	4,800	4,800
Professional fees	2,014	-	2,014	-
Bank charges	119	-	119	55
Depreciation	5,974	-	5,974	6,075
	9,907	17,700	27,607	25,430

NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM
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7. Resources Expended

Total resources are stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	4,800	4,800
Depreciation	5,974	6,075
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8. Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There was no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' Expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

9. Staff Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	205,285	134,942
Social security costs	15,998	9,481
Pension costs	10,206	6,569
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	231,489	150,992
	_____	_____

Average number of employees during the year	6	4
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No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents.

NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM
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10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Office Equip £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2023	27,872	27,872
Additions	7,742	7,742
Disposals		0
At 31 March 2024	35,614	35,614
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2023	21,100	21,100
Charge or year	5,974	5,974
Disposals		0
At 31 March 2024	27,074	27,074
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 2024	8,540	8,540
At 31 March 2023	6,772	6,772

11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors	9,000	-
Prepayments	951	-
	9,951	-

12. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2024 £	2023 £
PAYE	5,589	-
Pensions	1,061	921
Creditors and Accruals	7,326	4,800
	13,976	5,721

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13. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

14. Movement in Funds

	At 1 April 2023	Net incoming resources	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	10,508	9,434	19,942
Restricted funds	107,166	(91,259)	15,907
Total Funds	117,674	(81,825)	35,849

15. IAASA's Ethical Standard Section 6 – Provisions Available For Audit of Small Entities

In common with many other businesses of this size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024 £	2022 £
Incoming Resources				
Voluntary income:				
Grants	93,838	206,157	299,995	252,070
Gifts and donations	2,423	-	2,423	6,970
Other income	-	6,000	6,000	5,333
Total incoming resources	96,261	212,157	308,418	264,373
Resources Expended				
Raising funds				
Wages and salaries	2,000	25,000	27,000	16,688
Stationery and printing	-	150	150	150
Telephone	-	400	400	400
Computer and software	-	500	500	500
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>26,050</u>	<u>28,050</u>	<u>17,738</u>
Charitable activities				
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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024 £	2023
Governance costs				
Wages and salaries	-	14,000	14,000	14,000
Stationery and printing	-	100	100	100
Telephone	-	200	200	200
Website and computer costs	-	200	200	200
Travel	-	200	200	-
Audit fee	1,800	3,000	4,800	4,800
Professional fees	2,014	-	2,014	-
Bank charges	119	-	119	55
Depreciation	5,974	-	5,974	6,075
	<u>9,907</u>	<u>17,700</u>	<u>27,607</u>	<u>25,430</u>
Total resources expended	86,827	303,416	390,243	252,657
Net income / (expenditure)	9,434	(91,259)	(81,825)	11,716

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North West Migrants Forum




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Annual report

ANNUAL REPORT



2023 - 2024

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ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

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Principal Address: 2nd & 3rd Floor, Embassy Building, 3 Strand Road, Derry, BT48 7BH

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Bank: Danske Bank

Chairperson: Marija Stuke

Treasurer: Irina Chernichenko

Board Members: Munadel Bazzara, Ibrahim Dandousha, Cristina Kozak, Idris Mohammed, Charlie Dillon (until August 31 2023), Philip McDermott (from September 19 2023), Paul Sceeny (from September 19 2023) – Secretary (also from September 19 2023)

Policy and Strategic Planning Advisors: Hannah Davies, Philip McDermott (also Director from September 19 2023), Beverly Simpson and Mike Waldron



About Us

With over 50 volunteers and seven staff, the North West Migrants Forum (NWMF) is the leading anti-racism charity in the north west. In the 13 years of its existence, the organisation has developed a wide range of programmes to assist people seeking safety and those granted international protection, students and indeed anyone from a minority ethnic background who has come to live and work in the Derry City and Strabane District and beyond.



Our Vision

Our vision is to change lives and transform the narrative around black and minoritised communities.

We do this through tackling prejudice and stereotypes, normalising access to services and promoting respect, fairness, equality and success.

Our Mission

Our key mission is to promote the benefit of migrants, international students, people seeking international protection, people granted international protection and their families.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Marija Stuke

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I present to you the annual report for the North West Migrants Forum.

This past financial year has been one of progress and of change for our organisation. It was also a year packed with achievements that continued to underscore our collective commitment to fostering positive change.

As the charity's work, scope and administrative requirements expanded, it was agreed that we had outgrown our premises at Fountain Street. Following discussions with our landlord, Martin Bros, we decided that The Embassy Building would be a better fit. We moved on October 3 2023 and quickly settled in to our new home.

In April 2023 we welcomed Conor Sharkey to the team as our Media and Communications Officer while in early 2024 both our Community Integration and Welfare Officer Al Albawab and Programmes Manager Naomi Green tendered their resignations. Their departures were met with sadness and I want to take this opportunity to thank them for the sizeable contributions they made during their time with the North West Migrants Forum.

With conflicts erupting or escalating in the Middle East, in Europe, in Africa and elsewhere, countless individuals and families were forced to seek safety outside their home countries. Many of them found their way to the north west, leading to an increased demand for our support services. On a daily basis dozens of individuals and families sought us out to assist them with important issues such as housing, GPs and dentists, education, visas and financial matters.

Away from the day-to-day support we provided, we continued to deliver our big calendar events like the Advancing Race Equality Awards, our Black History Summit and our annual fun day.

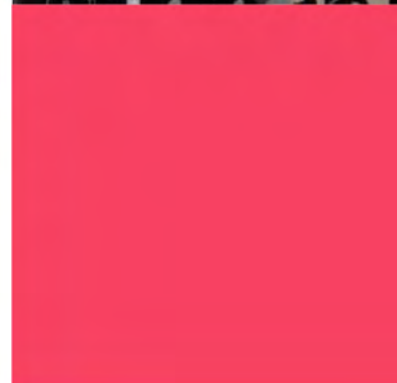
Our Social Café continued to be a vital outlet for reducing isolation, building connections, holding activities, workshops and meetings as well as language skill improvement.

The dedication of our team meant we were also able to continue progressing projects such as Let's Talk Race and Racism, Racial Justice in NI: Influencing Lasting Change, Black Heritage: Hidden History in Northern Ireland, New Beginnings: Building Pathways to a Shared Future and the youth-led Future Communities project.

Add to all that meetings with top-level officials within the UK and Irish governments, fact-finding trip to Wales, a visit to London to collect the

'Good For Me, Good For FE' award we won for our collaboration with the North West Regional College and you get a picture of just how much we have achieved.

As Chairperson, I extend my gratitude to our dedicated team, partners and supporters. Together we are creating a positive and lasting impact on lives and communities across the North West and beyond.



DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMES'S REPORT

Lilian Seenoi Barr

2023-24 was another year of change, growth and impact for the North West Migrants Forum, as we reflected on more than a decade of supporting migrant and minoritised communities in Derry and beyond, as well as looking forward to how NWMF's activities might evolve in the coming years.

Alongside an expansion of our community welfare services and English language support and continuing education programmes, we completed the 'development' phase of our groundbreaking Black History project that will uncover and celebrate Black history and heritage within (especially) the north of Ireland. One of the highlights of that work was meeting with officials from the Welsh

Government and DARPL programme to explore how anti-racism has been embedded into the schools' Curriculum for Wales. We look forward to encouraging similar approaches here as this project enters its next phase.

Another of our key projects reaching a milestone phase was the campaign for free movement rights throughout the island of Ireland and end to the 'invisible hard border'. We were grateful to the Communication Workers' Union for hosting our largest townhall event to-date at their conference centre beside Croke Park, where we welcomed TDs and Senators from each of the main government and opposition parties. We continued to make the case for changes to the Common Travel Area (CTA) arrangements to both the British and Irish governments, as well as working with our colleagues at the Committee for the Administration of Justice (CAJ) to counter misinformation about asylum seekers crossing the land border.

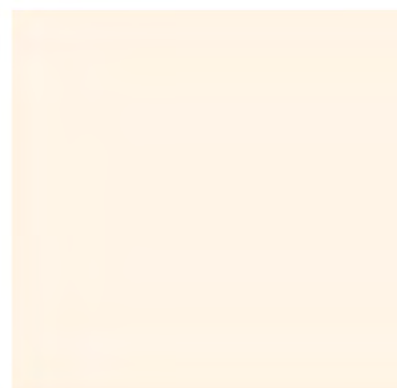
We held our third, and biggest, Advancing Racial Equality Awards ceremony – filling the Ballroom at the Everglades Hotel with a night of celebration and entertainment, as well as a serious message about promoting inclusivity and diversity. Our annual Black History Summit has also now become a regular fixture, hosted this time by Ulster University at Magee campus.

As well as welcoming two new Board members, we moved from our previous base in Fountain Street into the iconic Embassy Building. As well as being closer to Derry's main transport hub, this new location gives us more space that will better suit our long-term needs and exciting plans for expansion. Reflecting our drive for further growth, we also engaged an external HR services provider that can offer us round-the-clock professional advice as well an online portal that holds staff

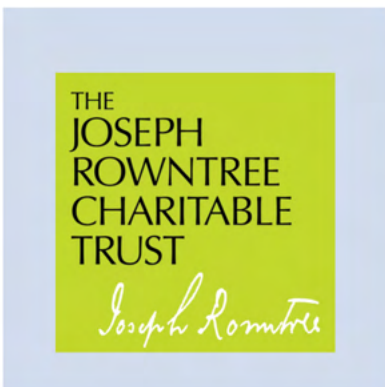
records in one place and allows them to log their hours and leave requests more seamlessly.

None of this vital work would be possible without the dedication of our staff, volunteers, partners and supporters, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of you.

Thank you for being part of the NWMF journey.



OUR FUNDERS





KEY HIGHLIGHTS

2023-2024

Growing conflict and record displacement meant it was another extremely busy 12 months for the North West Migrants Forum. Despite the challenges we were still able to progress our campaigns, deliver flagship events like our Black History Summit, hold family fun days and community workshops alongside our normal day-to-day support and services.

DUBLIN TOWNHALL MEETING

The Common Travel Area was the focus of a day of discussion hosted by ourselves in the Communications Workers' Union, William Norton House, Dublin, on September 21 2023.

In conjunction with the Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ) and the Irish Network Against Racism (INAR), the townhall meeting examined the challenges the Common Travel Area (CTA) creates for some people living on the island of Ireland.



BLACK HISTORY SUMMIT

Our annual Black History Summit for 2023 took place in Ulster University's Magee campus, Derry, on October 21 2023.

Around 100 people gathered in the Great Hall to hear why the diverse experiences of black and minority ethnic communities and individuals should be taught as part of the school curriculum.

Among the speakers was Dr Eburn Joseph along with Dr Hyab Yohannes and Professor Charlotte Williams who travelled from Wales for the Summit.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

We held our Christmas party in our new home in The Embassy Building on December 14 2023.

It was our first major event in our new centre and over 60 people, including a group of students and their families from Singapore, gathered to enjoy foods from all over the world, including Greece, Iran, Africa and Yemen.

It was a lovely evening with Santa handing out gifts to all the wide-eyed young people.





ADVANCING RACE EQUALITY AWARDS

On March 7 2024 over 300 people gathered in the Everglades Hotel for the 2023 Advancing Race Equality Awards. Nine awards were given out:

- Schools Anti-Racism Ambassadors
- Anti-Racism School of the Year
- Anti-Racism Teacher of the Year
- Community Champion
- Advancing Racial Justice and Fairness
- Anti-Racism Leader of the Year
- Anti-Racism Media of the Year
- Young Leader
- Special Recognition Award

SOCIAL CAFÉ

Our Social Café continued to provide a much-needed outlet for our members, helping reduce isolation and encourage integration and friendship-building. Over the 12 months literally hundreds of people and families dropped in to meet up, enjoy an activity or workshop and to participate in an English language class.



LET'S TALK RACE AND RACISM

Between October 2023 and January 2024 we delivered Let's Talk Race and Racism workshops to seven schools across the city and district, reaching a total of 549 young people.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENING

On June 12 2023 we gathered in our Fountain Street premises offices to celebrate the work of our volunteers, without whom our charity would not exist. We were joined by Mayor Sandra Duffy and we were delighted to have her with us to say a big thank you to those who keep the wheels of the North West Migrants Forum turning.





REVIEW OF PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES **2023-2024**

It was a year of change for the North West Migrants Forum as we left our long-time home at Fountain Street and moved to the Embassy Building at 3 Strand Road. This is a review of our main activities and projects, offering an insight into the effectiveness and impact of our initiatives.

Our day-to-day work

Global unrest in Somalia, Sudan, Palestine, Eritrea, Yemen and other countries meant we faced an increased demand for our support services. On a daily basis dozens of individuals and families sought us out to assist them with important issues such as housing, GPs and dentists, education, visas and financial matters.

Thanks to funding from a range of sources we were able to deal with the influx of people and the complex matters they often needed to discuss.

We were also able to provide a variety of workshops aimed at helping those arriving in the north west for the first time meet friends and get to know the city and district better.

With the number of people seeking sanctuary in Northern Ireland on the rise, several high profile politicians and figures agreed to meet us to hear the challenges we as an organisation were facing.

Among those who visited us were Steve Baker MP, SDLP MP Colum Eastwood, DUP MLA Deborah Erskine, Sinn Féin MP Órfhlaith Begley and Chief Commissioner of the Equality Commission Geraldine McGahey who, along with her colleagues, travelled from Belfast to the North West Migrants Forum in August 2023.

Sadly we said goodbye to both our Community Integration and Welfare Officer Al Albawab and Programmes Manager Naomi Green, both of whom departed in early 2024. Their resignations left a significant gap in the organisation and we would take this opportunity to thank them both for the contributions.



Racial Justice in Northern Ireland: Influencing Lasting Change



The impact of our Racial Justice in Northern Ireland project has been significant and far-reaching. Through extensive engagement with a wide range of sectors in the north west, including local councillors, schools, the Police Service of Northern Ireland, Ulster University, and the broader community, we have played a crucial role in fostering peace and inclusivity.

Learning Exchange Trip to Wales

In September 2023 we, along with members of all Northern Ireland's main political parties and representatives from the education sector, embarked on a trip to Cardiff to explore the development of an inclusive curriculum that centres on anti-racism education in schools. Wales, being the first part of the UK to implement an anti-racism action plan and an inclusive curriculum, offered valuable insights for policymakers and community activists working on racial justice initiatives. The experience helped influence decisions and advocate for an inclusive curriculum aimed at tackling racism both in schools and across society. In addition to learning from Welsh institutions that have successfully integrated black history into their curriculum, a key goal of the trip was to establish connections, which was achieved successfully.



Connecting Communities; campaign for change

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Dublin Townhall Meeting

On September 21 2023 we ran buses from Derry and from

Belfast to the Communications Workers' Union, William Norton House, Dublin.

In conjunction with the Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ) and the Irish Network Against Racism (INAR), the townhall meeting examined the challenges the Common Travel Area (CTA) creates for some people living on the island of Ireland.

As well as a lived experience panel of individuals – some of whom had to apply for a visa just to travel to Dublin – speakers included Chief Commissioner of Northern Ireland's Human Rights Commission Alyson Kilpatrick, Senator Emer Currie, People Before Profit TD Paul Murphy, Daniel Holder of CAJ, Sinn Féin TD Martin Kenny and Shane O'Curry of INAR.

There was significant press coverage in the run-up to the event with the Derry Journal, the Derry News, Derry Daily, Radio Foyle, UTV and the Irish Examiner all picking up on it. This helped us bring the issue of the Common Travel Area to a much wider audience.

On October 25 2023 a joint North West Migrants Forum/CAJ delegation met with representatives from the Irish Government in Dublin. Around the table were officials from the Department of Justice, Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of the Taoiseach.



And on November 24 we were back in Dublin for what was due to be a follow-up to our September townhall meeting. It had to be postponed however due to the riots which erupted in Dublin city centre on November 23.



Community Engagement in Enniskillen

Black Heritage: The Hidden History in Northern Ireland



The core aim of this project was to widen the scope of engagement with the heritage of Northern Ireland, inviting participation from a wide spectrum of individuals and groups. While it specifically highlights black history and heritage, the broader mission is to enlighten and involve a diverse demographic across Northern Ireland. This project also served as a vital platform for black and ethnic minority communities to acknowledge and celebrate their contributions to Northern Ireland's history and heritage.

Research: The project has unearthed local and national stories through extensive searches in archives and academic papers, bringing forward narratives that have been marginalised or forgotten.

Oral Histories: The project has recorded the experiences of black and mixed heritage individuals in NI, providing personal insights into the lived experiences of these communities. The research findings and discoveries will be meticulously curated into a Black History Exhibition.

Workshops at schools and organisations: A tailored workshop was delivered at schools and organisations aiming to educate the younger generation about black heritage and history.

Development of Black History Curriculum: At the core of our project was the creation of a flexible black history tool, tailored for educational use in schools. This tool has undergone meticulous development, shaped by continuous feedback, review, and refinement.

Black History Summit



Our annual Black History Summit took place in Ulster University's Magee campus, Derry, on October 21 2023.

Around 100 people gathered in the Great Hall to hear why the diverse experiences of black and minority ethnic communities and individuals should be taught as part of the school curriculum.

The Summit came hot on the heels of our learning exchange visit to Wales.

Among the speakers was Dr Ebum Joseph, a Nigerian-Irish lecturer, author and consultant and now Special Rapporteur for Ireland's National Action Plan Against Racism. Dr Joseph spoke passionately about the need for black education to be embedded in the school curriculum as did Dr Hyab Yohannes and Professor Charlotte Williams who travelled from Cardiff for the Summit.

Those in attendance were told that it was really important the lessons from the event did not stay in the room. *"Share them with your families, friends, share them on your social media,"* said our Chief Executive Lilian Seenoi Barr. *"The more we share, the greater the chance we have of building a more inclusive society."*

New Beginnings: Building Pathways to a shared future



Through this project, we were able to facilitate discussions within schools and communities to raise awareness about race and racism, emphasising the imperative of combating racial inequality. These workshops were delivered at: St Theresa's Primary School, Sion Mills Primary School, Edward's Primary School, Model Primary School, St Anne's Primary school, Hazelwood College and Lisneal College. Some additional workshops were also delivered at: Housing Services Forum/Housing Executive office and PTA Long Tower Primary School, Derry.



A Fairer Future: Migrant Justice Fund



Our joint project with the Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ) took off in February 2024 with the hiring of our Joint Project Research and Campaigns worker Shannon Doherty. Shannon hit the ground running in her role and has become a welcome addition in both organisations.

A key outcome of this project is to centre and embed opportunities for black and minoritised people to become more engaged in participatory politics across all areas of policy in an all-Ireland basis. The project work will particularly focus on bridging the gap between lived experience expertise and legal and policy expertise in NI.

It will increase confidence and capabilities of people with lived experience, develop permanent capacity among racially minoritised communities to campaign and achieve change in racial justice policies.

The project will ensure public discussion of migration issues within the context of the Common Travel Area and hostile environment is better informed, by highlighting human impact experience.

Social Café

With the number of individuals seeking sanctuary in Northern Ireland on the rise, our Social Café continued to be a vital part of our projects.



The primary aim of this initiative was to bridge cultural gaps and cultivate inclusivity and community engagement among a diverse range of individuals. But with the move to our new premises we were able to develop our Social Café into much more than that. It became a classroom, a pool hall, a friendship circle, a youth club, a creative place and most importantly, a safe space.



Coshquin Family Fun Day



Our annual Family Fun Day took place in Coshquin on May 14 2023 and was a fantastic gathering that brought the community together for a day of enjoyment and connection. With activities for everyone, including games, crafts and a variety of food options, there was something for all ages to enjoy. The air was filled with laughter as families explored the stalls, the bouncy castles and took part in the drumming workshop provided by Wilson.

The energy and sense of community made the Coshquin Family Fun Day a memorable experience for all who attended.



Future Communities, Youth Leadership Development



Following the awarding of £150,000 from the Co-Op Foundation we were able to develop our Summer Club. We recruited youth workers Adrián Baena, Aoife Greenberg and Dearbhla Herron who, along with some of our members, reached out to children aged seven to 16 across the city and district.

The children spent the summer months enjoying wall climbing, playing sports, visiting the local bowling alley and cinema and generally engaging in activities that benefitted both their mental and physical health.



The aim of the Summer Club was to break down barriers, bring young people together and give them a safe place where they could have fun and make friends. They were also given the opportunity to build connections with people from a range of places and backgrounds, fundamentally providing them with a host of skills and experiences to build a more inclusive and empowered future.

To watch them develop in confidence and create lasting friendships was very rewarding for everyone associated with the North West Migrants Forum.





Mothers and Babies Group



January 2024 saw our first gathering of our new Mum and Baby Group, under the expert watch of Western Trust Health Visitors Donna McNally and Cheryl McElhinney.

Held each Friday morning, the Mother and Baby Group brought fun and giggles to the North West Migrants Forum.

The aim of the project was to reduce isolation and creating connections. From music and dance mornings to making play dough to handing out halal food packages during Ramadan, the Mum and Baby Group quickly became a breath of fresh air for everyone involved in the North West Migrants Forum.

By their own admission, Donna and Cheryl said it was the highlight of their week with “Fridays full of fun, laughter, singing and dancing”.

“We work in a constantly changing environment, interacting with families who have diverse beliefs, life experiences and culture. This helps us as health professionals learn, listen and understand their needs and adjust our practice accordingly to ensure high quality care delivery.”



Advancing Race Equality Awards



On March 7 2024 around 300 people from all sections of society gathered in the Everglades Hotel for the 2024 Advancing Race Equality Awards.

It was a memorable night for many – those who collected winner and runners-up trophies and those there representing sponsors, organisations or who were there to cheer on a colleague.

The host, comedian and TikTok star Fabu D, better known as Black Paddy, put on quite a show, keeping the audience entertained throughout.

Speaking after the awards, the internet celebrity said he was humbled to be asked to host such an inspirational event.

“This has been one of the best occasions of my life. The organisers, the participants, the speakers, the sponsors - everyone should take a bow. I am so grateful to have been asked to do this and it has been incredible to meet so many people working every day to create a better world. An amazing event, just amazing.”

The winners were:



- **Schools Anti-Racism Ambassadors: Strabane Academy**
- **Anti-Racism School of the Year: North West Regional College**
- **Anti-Racism Teacher of the Year: Edel Sweeney, Oakgrove PS**
- **Community Champion: Hilda Orr**
- **Advancing Racial Justice and Fairness: MSCNI**
- **Anti-Racism Leader of the Year: Mukesh Chugh**
- **Anti-Racism Media of the Year: BBC Spotlight NI**
- **Young Leader: Chaudhary Hamza Riaz**
- **Special Recognition Award: Sarah Roberts**

Funders and Sponsors of the Event:



Our American friends

We had two students from the USA spend time with us during the year, Faith Boirard and Finian Falvey.

Faith Boirard, who is studying at Denison University, came to Derry as part of the Conflict, Peace and Transition in Northern Ireland Programme at Ulster University. She immediately became an enthusiastic and dedicated member of our team, working on a variety of projects but focusing on our Black History Project where she helped conduct oral history research. Faith also took part in our school visits and assisted with our Common Travel Area campaign.

Finnian Falvey came to us from St Olaf College in Minnesota. Like Faith, Finnian got stuck in to work at the Forum, helping in various capacities including the organising of our Advancing Race Equality Awards.

We are thankful for their dedication to the Forum during their time here and we are confident they will both excel in whatever career path they choose to pursue.



North West Regional College's Asylum Seeker Scholarship



A developing relationship with the North West Regional College bore fruit in November 2023 when it was announced that our member and volunteer Chukwuka 'Frank' Nwanonenyi was to receive the College's first ever Asylum Seeker Scholarship.

Frank left his native Nigeria in June 2022 and arrived in Derry in January 2023. After seeking support from ourselves and following discussions with the College, Frank was accepted on to an Access Adult Learning Diploma in Health and Welfare.

The collaboration between the College and ourselves caught the eye of the judges in the 'Good For Me, Good For FE Awards', held each year to celebrate the good work of further education colleges.

They invited both parties to the House of Lords in London to collect the 'Charity Partner of the Year' trophy.

Addressing those gathered in the House of Lords, the College's Head of Client Services, Gillian Moss (*pictured bottom left with our Media Officer Conor Sharkey*) said, "Working in partnership, the College and Migrants Forum have been able to open doors to education for many people who otherwise would not have been able to pursue their learning."



Event to mark World Refugee Day

Over 75 people gathered in our former base at Fountain Street on June 20 2023 for an event organised to mark World Refugee Day. The audience comprised representatives from a range of sectors including community, government, education, voluntary and legal.

Host for the day was our former Programmes Manager Naomi Green while guest speakers included Úna Boyd of the Committee on the Administration of Justice, solicitor Suzanne Moran of SRM Legal and our CEO Lilian Seenoi Barr.

Their contributions were followed by a question and answer session for members of the public.

Mrs Barr said, "For us World Refugee Day is a day to reflect on the difficulties facing so many people across the globe. But it is also a day to celebrate the diversity and contribution those seeking sanctuary and those who have already been granted it make to society.

"This event was deeply poignant as we remembered all those who have perished in pursuit of

safer, better lives. But it was also an opportunity to inform and to tell the stories of those who have survived and who now want to give back to the communities that have offered them shelter.

"It was a great day and I want to thank all those who came along. Hopefully they left feeling they had learnt something and hopefully they will carry that with them and help us in the goals we are trying to achieve."



North West Migrants Forum

AGM 21 January 2024

Auditor's Report to Members

Financial Statements For Year Ended 31 March 2024

**L Duffy & Co Chartered Accountants
12 Queen Street, Derry**

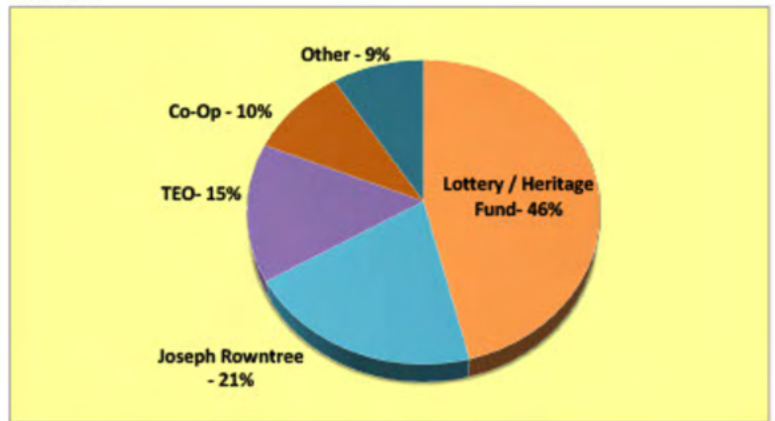
North West Migrants Forum
Income and Expenditure For year to 31 March 2024

Income	2024	2023
National Lottery	101,500	60,000
Lottery Heritage Fund	40,000	50,000
TEO	45,186	25,902
Joseph Rowntree Trust	62,638	76,124
Co-Op Foundation	30,000	
NIHE	5,000	4,999
Community Foundation	12,646	4,847
Ulster University	1,825	
Education Authority	4,000	
Small unrestricted	1,200	
WHST	2,000	
Derry City Council		3,012
St Stephen's Green Trust		27,186
STEP EUSS		5,333
Fundraising and donations	2,423	6,970
	<u>308,418</u>	<u>264,373</u>
Expenditure		
Program Costs	72,543	49,894
Wages and Pensions	231,489	150,992
Rent	27,387	16,835
Insurance	1,996	1,219
Heat and Light	5,890	5,454
Telephone and internet	2,581	2,267
Travel	25,734	6,803
Printing, postage and stationery	673	950
Website and software costs	4,322	5,189
Professional Fees	3,014	96
Audit and accountancy	4,800	4,800
Repairs and cleaning costs	2,526	2,028
Bank charges	119	55
Training and subscriptions	1,195	
Depreciation	5,974	6,075
Total Expenditure	<u>390,243</u>	<u>252,657</u>
Excess Income Over Expenditure/(Expenditure Over Income)	(81,825)	11,716
Funds Brought Forward	<u>117,674</u>	<u>105,958</u>
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>35,849</u>	<u>117,674</u>
Total Charity Funds		
Unrestricted	19,942	10,508
Restricted	15,907	107,166
	<u>35,849</u>	<u>117,674</u>

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Financial Summary For Year Ended 31 March 2024**

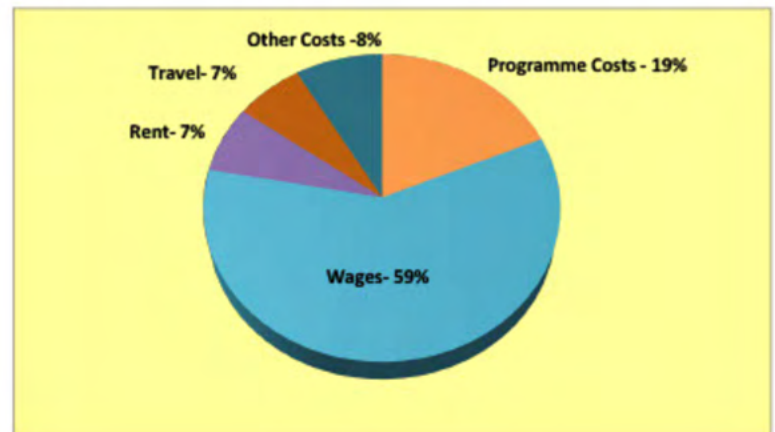
Income	2024	%
National Lottery/ Heritage Fund	141,500	46%
Joseph Rowntree	62,638	20%
TEO	45,186	15%
Co-Op Foundation	30,000	10%
Other	29,097	9%
Total income	<u>308,421</u>	100%

Income



Expenditure	2024	%
Programme costs (incl travel)	72,543	19%
Wages	231,489	59%
Rent	27,387	7%
Travel	25,734	7%
Other Costs	33,090	8%
Total expenditure	<u>390,243</u>	100%

Expenditure



North West Migrants Forum

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Annual return

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of North West Migrants Forum

We have audited the financial statements of North west Migrants Forum for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard FRS102. *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may

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cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Report of the Trustees, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustee's report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

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- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 66 of that Act.

We have undertaken the audit in accordance with the requirements of IAASA Ethical Standards including IAASA Ethical Standard – Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in note 15 to the financial statements.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charitable company and considered that the most significant are the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the Companies Act 2006 and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charitable company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We considered the risk of fraud through management override, and in response we incorporated testing of their use of accounting estimates, and remained sceptical throughout the audit.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is

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sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them

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in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Mr Laurie Duffy
(Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of
L Duffy & Co
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor



4 November 2024

L Duffy & Co are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the companies Act 2006

North West Migrants Forum

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107318

Accounts

NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2023

Company Number NI661353

Charity Number NIC107318

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Charity Reference and Administrative Details Year Ended 31 March 2023

Charity registration number	NIC107318
Company registration number	NI661353
Trustees	Monadel Bazzara Irina Chernichenko Ibrahim Dandhousa Cristina Kozak Philip McDermott Idris Mohammed Paul Sceeny Marija Stuke
Chief executive officer	Lilian Seenoi-Barr
Registered office	Embassy Building 3 Strand Road Derry BT48 7BH
Auditor	L Duffy & Co 12 Queen Street Derry BT48 7EG
Solicitor	Hasson & Company 39-41 Clarendon Street Derry BT48 7ER
Bankers	Danske Bank

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees, who are also the directors under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Governing Document

North West Migrants Forum (known as NWMF) is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on the 13 May 2019 and accepted as a charity by the Inland Revenue. The company was registered with the new Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (Regulator of Charities in Northern Ireland) on the 11 February 2020.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The number of members at the 31st March 2023 was 8.

The charitable objects of the charity are to promote the benefit of migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and their families in particular but not exclusively living in Derry City and its environs by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to promote racial harmony, equality and diversity and in particular: a) to relieve need, hardship and distress among beneficiaries and their families through the provision of information, advice, support and representation; b) to promote good community relations and the social inclusion of the beneficiaries through the provision of educational, social, recreational and multicultural activities.

The charity meets the public benefit test, as the organisation provides services, which can be accessed by members of the public who are in need of such services (as per guidance issued by Charity Commission).

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Objectives and activities

The North West Migrants Forum (NWMF) exists to serve and protect the interest of migrants, refugees and people of minority ethnic communities living in the North West of Northern Ireland. It was founded in 2012 to address needs identified by migrants, specifically from Black Minority Ethnic (BME) background, for advice, practical integration support, solidarity and capacity building in the Derry City and Strabane District Council area (DCSDC) and its environs.

NWMF membership includes people from all walks of life including from countries that are diverse culturally and have experience conflict or are still in conflict. We recognise the wealth of knowledge/expertise they bring that can be tapped into to shape the future of NI. This wealth of experience and expertise is used to deliver projects that focus on culture, peace building and reconciliation.

Our focus is to increase the strength of the BME sector and the shared sense of belonging as equals within the Northern Ireland society. We promote equality, diversity, integration and inclusion of people of minority ethnic background, refugees and migrant communities through intercultural dialogue and learning. Our objectives are to:

- Educate and raise awareness of minority rights across public institutions & services,
- Building capacity to influence & challenge discrimination, inequality, racism and hate crime
- Supporting the integration of newcomers and migrants from a minority ethnic background through a variety of activities

In doing so, NWMF facilitate BME participation in consultation processes and shared learning and promote their participation in all aspects of public life.

We also assist/advise non-statutory and Statutory organizations to respond to issues related to migrants and deliver cultural functions and events

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We have an excellent track record in delivering successful intercultural programmes and NWMF is the only organisation locally that emphasises on interculturalism to achieve peace and respect for diversity. It is also the only dedicated migrants' organization in the north west of Northern Ireland that provides holistic services to BME people.

Recruitment and Appointment of Directors

The Directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. The traditional business skills, along with service users, community and voluntary groups are well represented on the Board of Directors and the Directors are requested to provide an updated list of skills they are able to bring to the company each year and in the event of particular skills being lost due to retirements, individuals are approached to offer themselves for election to the Board of Directors.

Directors.

Trustees Induction and Training

New trustees are invited to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. Briefing sessions jointly led by the Chairperson and the Chief Executive cover:

- The obligations of trustees.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity, including the memorandum and articles.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Future plans and objectives

All Trustees receive an Enhanced Access NI check and training on Child Protection, Vulnerable Adults, Lone Working, Health and Safety, Complaints and Equal Opportunities. Training on Good Governance, Managing Performance, Risk Management, Strategic Planning and GDPR is also provided to Trustees.

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Risk Management

The Board of Trustees conduct on a regular basis a review of major risks to which the charity is exposed. This review is updated annually. Where appropriate, systems and procedures are established or updated to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a new Fundraising Strategy and the establishment of three social enterprises to allow for alternative funding methods for the charity's activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of comprehensive procedures for the authorisation of all transactions and projects.

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety rules for staff, volunteers and visitors. All policies and procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure they meet with the needs of the charity and changes to the law.

Organisational Structure

The Board of Directors meets at least 4 times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The trustees have ultimate legal and financial responsibility for the affairs of North West Migrants Forum, although the management of the organisation has generally been delegated to the staff, through the Chief Executive (Lilian Seenoi).

Internal and external factors

The trustees have made a full assessment of the internal and external factors that may affect these financial statements and do not deem any factors material enough to have an impact.

Financial review

The charity has had another successful year. The charity's income increased by 52% to £264,373 (2022 - £173,308) whilst total funds carried forward increased to £117,464 (2022 - £105,898).

Reserves policy

The trustees have established the level of reserves (that is those funds that are freely available) that the charity ought to have. Reserves are needed to bridge any funding gaps that may occur and should be maintained at the equivalent of 3 months

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expenditure in order for the charity to continue its activities. The trustees consider that an ideal level of reserves would be £40,000. Unrestricted reserves at the 31 March 2023 were £10,508 (2022 - £4,335). Whilst well short of our target reserves we are pleased that unrestricted reserves have increased during the year.

We, the trustees of North West Migrants Forum believe that NWMF is working to its original aims and objectives whilst abiding to its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of North West Migrants Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Auditors

A resolution will be proposed at the AGM that L Duffy & Co be re-appointed as auditors to the charity for the ensuing year.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by

Marija Stuke
Chair



Irina Chernichenko
Treasurer



17 December 2023

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of North West Migrants Forum

We have audited the financial statements of North west Migrants Forum for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard FRS102. *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the IASSA's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may

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cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Report of the Trustees, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 66 of that Act.

We have undertaken the audit in accordance with the requirements of FRC Ethical Standards including FRC Ethical Standard – Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in note 15 to the financial statements.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charitable company and considered that the most significant are the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the Companies Act 2006 and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charitable company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We considered the risk of fraud through management override, and in response we incorporated testing of their use of accounting estimates, and remained sceptical throughout the audit.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

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- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM**

**Mr Laurie Duffy
(Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of
L Duffy & Co
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor**



17 December 2023

**L Duffy & Co are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the
companies Act 2006**

NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM

Statement of Financial Activities For Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022
Incoming from:					
Donations and legacies					
- Grants	2		252,070	252,070	170,280
- Gifts and donations		6,970		6,970	306
Other Income	3	5,333		5,333	2,722
Total incoming resources		12,303	252,070	264,373	173,308
Resources Expended					
Raising funds	4		17,738	17,738	12,650
Charitable activities	5		209,489	209,489	181,616
Governance costs	6	6,130	19,300	25,430	18,957
Total resources expended		6,130	246,527	252,657	213,223
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	7/8/9	6,173	5,543	11,716	(39,915)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		4,335	101,623	105,958	145,873
Total Funds Carried Forward		10,508	107,166	117,674	105,958

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2023

		2023 £	2022 £
	Notes		
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	10	6,772	2,739
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	-	4,000
Bank		116,623	103,447
		<u>116,623</u>	<u>107,447</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,721)	(4,228)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>110,902</u>	<u>103,219</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		117,674	105,958
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13	-	-
Net Assets		<u>117,674</u>	<u>105,958</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	14	10,508	4,335
Restricted funds	14	107,166	101,623
		<u>117,674</u>	<u>105,958</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 17 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Marija Stuke
Chair

Marija Stuke

Irina Chernichenko
Treasurer

17 December 2023

[Signature]

The notes on pages 16 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

Company Registration Number: NI661353

NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM

Notes To The Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting policies

General information and basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows

Land and buildings	4% straight line
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Office equipment 33.3% straight line

Debtors

Debtors are stated after all known bad debts have been written off and specific provision has been made against all debtors considered doubtful of collection.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and it is probable that the income will be received.

Grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Gifts and donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities upon receipt.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.

Donated goods for resale in charity shops are included in the period the goods are sold. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Investment income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds
- Expenditure on charitable activities
- Other expenditure

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

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Costs of raising funds include the salaries of staff who promote fundraising and overhead costs of charity shops.

Charitable activities comprise those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of its assets and are associated with constitutional, statutory and strategic requirements.

Creditors payable within one year

Creditors and provisions payable within one year are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements

- ***Depreciation rate for office equipment***

Depreciation rate used by management for office equipment is 33.3% straight line per annum. Management have decided to err on the side of prudence and write the office equipment off over 3 years. Whilst they are aware that this is a high rate of depreciation NWMF management prefer to err on the side of prudence.

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For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

2. Grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
National Lottery		60,000	60,000	100,000
Lottery Heritage Fund		50,000	50,000	-
TEO		25,902	25,902	(9,073)
Joseph Rowntree		76,124	76,124	41,250
St Stephen's Green Trust		27,186	27,186	16,793
DCSDC		3,012	3,012	-
NIHE		4,999	4,999	-
Community Foundation		4,847	4,847	-
CRC				8,270
Red Cross				5,050
British Council				1,200
WHSCT				6,790
	0	252,070	252,070	170,280

3. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
STEP EUSS	5,333	-	5,333	2,667
Interest	-	-	-	55
	5,333	0	5,333	2,722

4. Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	-	16,688	16,688	12,000
Stationery and printing	-	150	150	150
Telephone	-	400	400	350
Computer and software	-	500	500	150
	0	17,738	17,738	12,650

NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM
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5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	-	120,304	120,304	75,882
Programme costs	-	49,894	49,894	70,128
Rent and rates	-	16,835	16,835	16,669
Insurance	-	1,219	1,219	1,432
Heat and light	-	5,454	5,454	3,069
Stationery and printing	-	519	519	2,254
Telephone	-	1,667	1,667	1,138
Website and computer	-	4,489	4,489	1,395
Travel	-	6,803	6,803	4,947
Professional fees	-	96	96	3,096
Repairs and maintenance	-	2,028	2,028	1,606
General expenses	-	181	181	-
	0	209,489	209,489	181,616

6. Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	-	14,000	14,000	11,500
Stationery and printing	-	100	100	100
Telephone	-	200	200	200
Website and computer	-	200	200	100
Audit fee	-	4,800	4,800	3,600
Professional fees	-	-	-	403
Bank charges	55	-	55	81
Depreciation	6,075	-	6,075	2,973
	6,130	19,300	25,430	18,957

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7. Resources Expended

Total resources are stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	4,800	3,600
Depreciation	6,075	2,973
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8. Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There was no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' Expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

9. Staff Costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	134,942	90,157
Social security costs	9,481	4,717
Pension costs	6,569	4,508
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	150,992	99,382

Average number of employees during the year	5	4
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No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents.

NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM
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10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Office Equip £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2022	17,764	17,764
Additions	10,108	10,108
Disposals		0
At 31 March 2023	27,872	27,872
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2022	15,025	15,025
Charge or year	6,075	6,075
Disposals		0
At 31 March 2023	21,100	21,100
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 2023	6,772	6,772
At 31 March 2022	2,739	2,739

11. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Accrued income and prepayments	0	4,000

12. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2023 £	2022 £
Pensions	921	628
Accruals	4,800	3,600
	5,721	4,228

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13. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

14. Movement in Funds

	At 1 April 2022	Net incoming resources	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	4,335	6,173	10,508
Restricted funds	101,623	5,543	107,166
Total Funds	105,958	11,716	117,674

15. IAASA's Ethical Standard Section 6 – Provisions Available For Audit of Small Entities

In common with many other businesses of this size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023 £	2022 £
Incoming Resources				
Voluntary income:				
Grants	-	252,070	252,070	170,280
Gifts and donations	6,970	-	6,970	306
Other income	5,333	-	5,333	2,722
Total incoming resources	12,303	252,070	264,373	173,308
Resources Expended				
Raising funds				
Wages and salaries	-	16,688	16,688	12,000
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NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Audit fee	-	4,800	4,800	3,600
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Depreciation	6,075	-	6,075	2,973
	<u>6,130</u>	<u>19,300</u>	<u>25,430</u>	<u>18,957</u>
Total resources expended	47,607	246,527	252,657	213,223
Net income / (expenditure)	6,173	5,543	11,716	(39,915)

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North West Migrants Forum

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107318

Annual report

ANNUAL REPORT

2022 - 2023



ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

North West Migrants Forum

Charity Number: 103178

Principal Address: 3rd Floor, Embassy Building, 3 Strand Road, Derry, BT48 7BH

Auditor: Laurie Duffy; FCA L Duffy & Co Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors, 12 Queen Street, Derry, BT48 7EG

Bank: Danske Bank

Chairperson: Marija Stuke

Treasurer: Irina Chernichenko

Board Members: Charlie Dillon, Kristina Kozak, Monadel Bazzara, Idris Mahmud Mohammed, Ibrahim Dandousha

Policy and strategic planning advisors: Hannah Davies, Beverly Simpson, Mike Waldron, Dr Philip McDermott



ABOUT US

With over 50 volunteers and six full-time staff, the North West Migrants Forum (NWMF) is the leading anti-racism charity in the north west. In the ten years of its existence, the organisation has developed a wide range of programs to assist people seeking safety and those granted international protection, students, and indeed anyone from a minority ethnic background who has come to live and work in the Derry City and Strabane District and beyond.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to change lives and transform the narrative around black and minoritised communities.

We do this through tackling prejudice and stereotypes, normalising access to services and promoting respect, fairness, equality and success.

OUR MISSION

Our key mission is to promote the benefit of migrants, international students, people seeking international protection, people granted international protection and their families.





CHAIRPERSON

Marija Stuke

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I present to you the annual report for the North West Migrants Forum.

This past financial year has been another remarkable chapter in our organisation's history. Despite the setbacks since Covid, the financial year 22/23 was one filled with achievements that underscore our collective commitment to fostering positive change.

Our ongoing support for migrant and minority communities remained at the forefront of our work as we returned to in-person services and support. This included initiatives developed through our National Lottery New Beginnings: Building Pathways to a Shared Future and Better Health: Stronger Communities projects sponsored by Western Health & Social Care Trust. Supported by Derry City and Strabane District Council, our ten-week asylum support programme concluded with a lively celebration on Culture Night at our Fountain Street centre. The Social Café became a vital outlet for connection, activities and language skill improvement throughout the 12-month period, addressing the isolation caused by the Covid pandemic.

The second Advancing Racial Equality Awards this year was another highlight. It is heartening to witness the positive impact these awards have had in inspiring others to join the cause and contribute to building a more inclusive future. In October 2022, we also launched the Black Heritage in NI: The Hidden History Project at the Black History Summit in St Cecilia's College. Our campaign for free movement rights for third country nationals within the Common Travel Area (CTA) was also an important aspect of our advocacy work this year. We also promoted inclusivity through our Let's Talk Race and Racism workshops in nine schools in the Derry and Strabane district area.

As Chairperson, I extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated team, partners and supporters. Your commitment and enthusiasm have been the driving force behind these accomplishments. Together, we are creating a positive and lasting impact on the lives of individuals and communities across the North West and beyond.



DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMES

Lilian Seenoi Barr

As we reflect on the incredible journey of the Northern West Migrants Forum over the past financial year, I am thrilled to share with you our outstanding achievements in fostering positive change within our communities. As the Director of Programmes, I am immensely proud of the impactful initiatives and projects that we have developed in NWMF as we continue to go from strength to strength. One of the highlights of this year was the second annual Advancing Racial Equality Awards, a fantastic night that celebrated those committed to promoting inclusivity and diversity.

This event not only celebrated the achievements of individuals and organisations but also served as a platform to inspire others to join the cause. Our five-year National Lottery Fund New Beginnings: Building Pathways to a Shared Future project is designed to empower individuals to access community services, enhance their conversational English skills, receive vital mental health support and foster new connections through a dedicated befriending café. It is heartening to witness the positive impact this project has already had on the lives of those we aim to serve.

Additionally, we took a bold step towards reshaping the narrative of Northern Ireland's history with the initiation of the Black Heritage in NI: The Hidden History Project. Launched at the inspiring Black History Summit in St Cecilia's College in October 2022, this project aims to uncover and celebrate the rich Black history and heritage in Northern Ireland. We hosted our traditional Christmas party on December 23, 2022, at the Waterfoot Hotel, our first holiday gathering since the onset of the Covid pandemic. More than 40 attendees, including individuals, children and families enjoyed food, music and dancing, with the special opportunity to meet Santa and receive a gift.

With funding from Derry City and Strabane District Council, we launched a ten-week programme to assist those seeking asylum in the north-west. The programme concluded with a lively celebration on Culture Night, 23rd September 2022, at our Fountain Street centre, featuring diverse foods, music and dance, creating a festive atmosphere. The organisation also played a crucial role in fostering inclusivity by delivering Let's Talk Race and Racism workshops in nine schools across Derry and Strabane from October 2022 to March 2023. Additionally, the Social Café remained a valuable outlet, providing a space for connection, activities, classes, and language skill improvement for individuals and families throughout the 12-month period, especially considering the isolation induced by the Covid pandemic.

Throughout the year, our unwavering commitment to supporting migrant and minority communities remained a top priority. We continued our advocacy efforts for free movement rights within the Common Travel Area (CTA) with our townhall meeting in the Museum of Free Derry in June 2022 in partnership with CAJ and Bloody Sunday Trust.

As we celebrate these milestones, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated team, staff, volunteers, partners and supporters. Your enthusiasm and support have been instrumental in making these accomplishments possible. Together, we are making a positive and lasting impact on the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for being a part of the NWMF journey.

OUR FUNDERS

**Joseph Rowntree
Charitable Trust**



**National Lottery
Community
Fund**



**St Stephens
Green Trust**



**National Lottery
Heritage Fund**



**The Executive
Office**



Bank Of Ireland



**Derry City &
Strabane District
Council**



**The Housing
Executive**



KEY HIGHLIGHTS 2022-2023

WE returned to providing advice and services in-person to our members and service users and to engaging face-to-face with our ally agencies following the lifting of Covid restrictions.



DERRY TOWNHALL MEETING

On June 27 2022 we held a townhall meeting in the Museum of Free Derry as part of our 'Common Travel Area, Rights, Limitations and Opportunities' campaign. The meeting was organised in partnership with CAJ and Bloody Sunday Trust with Dr Anthony Soares of the Centre for Cross Border Studies, professor Colin Harvey of Queen's University, Ciara O'Connor-Pozo of The Bloody Sunday Trust and Fianna Fáil Senator Niall Blaney among the guest speakers.

The meeting examined the limitations of CTA rules and what they mean for non-Irish and non-UK citizens; the CTA and the proposed Electronic Travel Authorisation and the impact of Brexit on EU Nationals and NI in general.



BLACK HISTORY SUMMIT

On October 22 2022 we held our second annual Black History Summit in St Cecilia's College.

Among the guest speakers we had writer and activist Chantelle Lunt and author and barrister Marie Claire Amuah. The focus was on 'Decolonising Heritage: Building a Shared Future' where we explored what it means to decolonise heritage and history and why it is so important. We also used the well-attended event to launch our new five-year 'Black Heritage in NI: Hidden History' project and we talked about the UN Decade for People of African Descent. The various contributions were followed by cuisines from Africa and the Caribbean.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

We held our annual Christmas party on December 23 2022 in the Waterfoot Hotel, our first such gathering since the beginning of the Covid pandemic.

Over 40 people – individuals, children and families - enjoyed a full Christmas meal while the little ones got to visit Santa who handed out gifts.

For some of those in attendance it was their first experience of Christmas, Irish style.



ADVANCING RACE EQUALITY AWARDS

Our Advancing Race Equality Awards took place on September 22 2022 in the Waterfoot Hotel.

Thirteen awards were given out:

- Anti-Racism Ambassador – Primary School
- Anti-Bullying Ambassador -Primary School
- Anti-Racism Ambassador – Secondary School
- Anti-Bullying Ambassador -Secondary School
- Young Leader
- Community Champion of the Year
- Anti-Racism School of the Year
- Anti-Racism Teacher of the Year
- Anti-Bullying Teacher of the Year
- Anti-Racism Leader of the Year
- Anti-Racism Media Award
- Advancing Racial Justice and Fairness Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award



CULTURE NIGHT

Following a funding allocation from Derry City and Strabane District Council, we held a ten-week programme aimed at supporting those seeking asylum in the north west. One of the key dates within the ten weeks was Culture Night, September 23 2022. To mark Culture Night we invited members to our Fountain Street centre where they enjoyed foods, music and dance from their various countries.



SOCIAL CAFÉ

Our Social Café continued and provided a much-needed outlet for members following the isolation brought about the Covid pandemic. Over the 12-month period countless individuals and families dropped in to meet up, enjoy an activity, participate in a class and to improve their language skills.



LET'S TALK RACE AND RACISM

Between October 2022 and March 2023, we delivered Let's Talk Race and Racism workshops to nine schools across Derry City and Strabane District.



REVIEW OF PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

A review of our main activities and projects to provide insights into the effectiveness and impact of our initiatives



CONNECTING COMMUNITIES, CAMPAIGN FOR CHANGE & EFFECTIVE ACTIVISM, SUPPORTING INTERCOMMUNITY PRACTICE

We worked with a dynamic cohort of 30 active citizens, each bringing diverse skills and experiences to the table, who have continually been actively involved in different aspects of the campaign. Their collective efforts have not only resulted in exceptional progress but also marked significant growth and development in their campaigning skills, confidence, knowledge and dedication to activism.

Meeting Irish Taoiseach Micheál Martin:

On April 1 2022 we had the privilege of meeting the then Irish Taoiseach Micheál Martin at the Building Common Ground event hosted by the John and Pat Hume Foundation.

We raised critical issues related to the Common Travel Area (CTA), highlighting its limitations for visa nationals, including concerns about racial profiling.

Raising Awareness:

We conducted impactful grassroots activities in Derry during the month of April. Through dedicated community initiatives, our volunteers engaged in leafleting and door-to-door outreach to foster direct connection with the local community.

Community Engagement

Our team took a proactive step in community engagement by travelling to Dublin to meet with the Irish Network Against Racism (INAR) and the Muslim Council of Ireland. Both organisations endorsed our campaign for racial equality on an all-Ireland basis and we secured their commitment to collaborative lobbying efforts.



CONNECTING COMMUNITIES, CAMPAIGN FOR CHANGE & EFFECTIVE ACTIVISM, SUPPORTING INTERCOMMUNITY PRACTICE

Rights, Limitations and Opportunities townhall event:

We hosted a townhall meeting in Derry in collaboration with CAJ and the Museum of Free Derry which was very well attended with the DCSDC mayor making an opening speech. The event covered the following topics: The limitations of the CTA rules, what CTA limitations mean for visa nationals living in Ireland both north and south, the proposed Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) and the impact of Brexit on EU nationals and NI in general.

It was very impactful to hear from those whose lives and freedoms are restricted as residents who are not UK or Irish citizens.

The townhall meeting was covered by BBC Radio Foyle , thus increasing awareness of the issues addressed in this project and bringing it to the wider public across NI and beyond.

Meeting with Irish Government:

In November 2022 a delegation of NWMF active citizens met with the Departments of Justice, Taoiseach and Foreign Affairs to share their experiences and highlight the differences in how non-nationals experience the Common Travel Area (CTA) compared with British and Irish nationals. The meeting highlighted our views on current policies regarding the CTA. This was the first time the three departments had ever met in one room to discuss policy areas affecting the integration of minoritised communities on the island of Ireland.

The three departments committed to continue engaging with us, with a determination to make real progress on making the whole island accessible to all who live here.



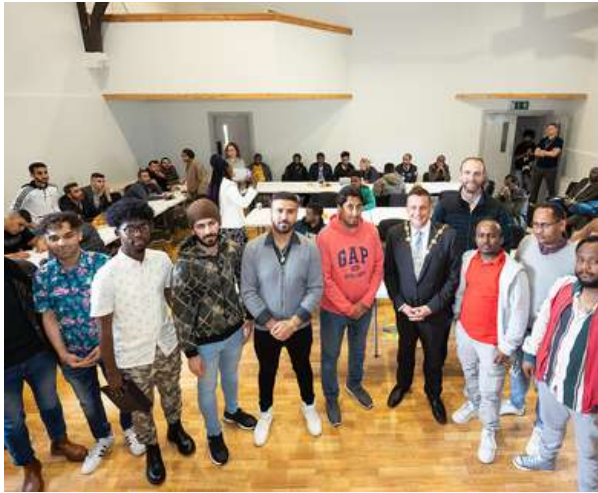
NEW BEGINNINGS: BUILDING PATHWAYS TO INTEGRATION

In May 2022, with the influx of individuals seeking protection in Derry, The Befriending Social Café emerged as a pivotal component of the New Beginnings: Building Pathways to a Shared Future project. The primary aim of this project was to foster inclusivity and community engagement among a diverse range of individuals and to bridge cultural gaps. Through a well-structured program, we successfully established a safe place where new residents and the local community could come together and build connections.

We organised weekly events including Culture Night, picnic, barbecue, city tour, and pottery.



COMMUNITIES UNITED PROMOTING INCLUSION & DIVERSITY



An information session at NWMF with the presence of the Mayor of DCSDC and political representatives to welcome the newly arrived residents.



Legal advice sessions with Sinead Marmion from Phoenix Law Solicitors.



Lunch with interpreters and solicitors from Phoenix Law who were offering legal advice and support to newly arrived residents seeking protection in Derry.

In response to the significant arrival of new groups of residents seeking protection, we face an increased demand for advice and support services.

Our dedicated staff adapted their communication methods and utilised various channels including WhatsApp text messages to facilitate easier communication and ensure that crucial information reaches those in need.

Asylum seekers were helped by providing legal representation for everyone and arranging appointments, assisting them in filling out forms, registering for GP practices and English classes, referring them to food banks and conversational English workshops and providing any other type of assistance to help them settle in their new environment.

Due to the increased number of people demanding English classes, we reached out to the North West Regional College for English classes and FE/HE courses. We were successful in securing funding for free ESOL classes for asylum seekers. We were able to hold an information day on courses and continue to offer support for delivering the appropriate classes in partnership with NWRC.

NEW BEGINNINGS: BUILDING PATHWAYS TO A SHARED FUTURE

We officially launched New Beginnings: Building Pathways to a Shared Future, a five-year project funded by the National Lottery Community Fund on December 13 2022. We kicked off our programme with a presentation of its objectives, followed by a delicious spread of cuisines from Sudan, Iran and Syria.

SOCIAL CAFÉ, CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE SESSIONS TWICE A WEEK:

Our Social Café maintained its commitment to hosting conversational English language sessions twice a week (Tuesday and Thursday). These sessions played a crucial role in providing a welcoming and safe environment for social interaction. Our distinctive feature of the Café was the active participation of individuals from different countries who prepared food each Tuesday. This added a rich multicultural dimension to the sessions.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Here are some photos to reflect on our Christmas party which was held on December 23 2022 in the Waterfoot Hotel. For some of those in attendance, this Christmas party was more than just a seasonal gathering, it was their inaugural experience of Christmas, Irish style. The event served as a cultural bridge, introducing new residents to the unique traditions and warmth that characterise Irish holiday celebrations.



LET'S TALK ABOUT RACE AND RACISM IN NORTHERN IRELAND



We are proud to highlight the successful delivery of our 'Let's Talk Race and Racism' workshops, which reached students at Foyle College, Chapel School, Model School, St Cecilia's School, St Columb's College, St Joseph's School, Strabane Academy, Lisneal College and St Patrick's & St Brigid's College. These workshops were designed to sensitise and educate students on the crucial issues surrounding race and racism. The sessions encompassed a variety of engaging elements including presentations, open dialogues, interactive activities and a segment on culture and identity, expertly facilitated by individuals from diverse minority backgrounds. This initiative reflects our commitment to fostering understanding, promoting inclusivity and empowering the younger generation to contribute positively to a more harmonious and equitable society.



ADVANCING RACE EQUALITY AWARDS

The second annual Advancing Racial Equality Awards ceremony was successfully delivered on September 22 2022 in the Waterfoot Hotel with 274 people attending. Eighteen individuals and organisations were recognised and awarded for taking positive action to promote and advance race equality in NI.

Attendees included nominees for the Race Equality Awards, teachers and their colleagues, political leaders, award sponsors, judges, community and statutory organisations and members of the public.



List of winners:

- Anti-Racism Ambassador of the Year: *Sean Sweeney (St Anne's PS)*
- Anti-Racism Ambassador of the Year: *Abigail Diver & Joanna McCombe (Strabane Academy)*
- Anti-Bullying Ambassador of the Year: *Abigail Sharkey (St Anne's PS)*
- Anti-Bullying Ambassador of the Year: *Joshua Doherty (Foyle College)*
- Young Leader: *Hassan Al Khawam & Mahmoud Khaled*
- Community Champion of the Year: *Eddie Breslin & Belfast Trust Ethnic Minority Staff Network*
- Anti-Racism School of the Year: *Mallusk Integrated Primary School & Strabane Academy*
- Anti-Racism Teacher of the Year: *Joanne Nicholl (St Cecilia's College)*
- Anti-Bullying Teacher of the Year: *Gary Hetherington (Strabane Academy)*
- Advancing Racial Justice and Fairness Award: *Multi-Ethnic Sports & Culture NI (MSCNI)*
- Anti-Racism Leader of the Year: *Alderman Graham Warke & Joseph Ricketts*
- Anti-Racism Media Award: *Elaine McGee*
- Lifetime Achievement Awards: *Ronald Vellem*

To watch the short video of the Advancing Race Equality Awards: [Click Here](#)

ADVANCING RACE EQUALITY AWARDS

Nominees of the Advancing Race Equality Awards were judged by a distinguished panel of independent judges with a proven commitment to advancing race equality: Dr Raymond Russell, Goretti Horgan, Tshamano Mushapho, Patrick Corrigan, Coumilah Manjoo, Dr Manal Mahdi, Eliza Browning, Naomi Green, Brian Dougherty MBE, Andy George, Dr Philip McDermott and Hannah Davies.



School categories (Anti-Racism Ambassador of the Year and Anti-Bullying Ambassador of the Year) were also judged by a group of young people based on amazing art works sent by nominees.



We extend our gratitude to our sponsors for their generous support.



BLACK HERITAGE IN NI: THE HIDDEN HISTORY PROJECT

Black History Month Summit: 'Decolonising Heritage, Building a Shared Future'

The second annual Black History Summit was held on October 22 2022 and was hosted at St Cecilia's College in Derry. Approximately 80 participants attended the event which was hosted by our very own TJ Mushapho. We had a trio of distinguished keynote speakers, each bringing their unique perspective to the theme of 'Decolonising Heritage for a Shared Future'. Dr Livingstone Thompson, representing ACSONI, Maire-Claire Amuah from the Black Cultural Archives and Chantelle Lunt of the Black Curriculum. The discussions were complemented by Donna Namukasa, Belfast-based Ugandan musician with an extensive knowledge of African music and culture from Uganda.

The rhythm continued with dance performances by NWMF volunteers Nixon, Ken and Yakoub who got everyone up on to their feet. Attendees were also treated to a diverse array of cultural foods, reflecting the culinary richness of Africa with dishes from Guyana, Nigeria, Somalia and Ethiopia for lunch. The summit not only served as a forum for discussion but also marked the formal launch of the Black Heritage in NI: The Hidden History Project.



BLACK HERITAGE IN NI: THE HIDDEN HISTORY PROJECT

Funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, our transformative five-year initiative, the Black Heritage in NI: The Hidden History Project, was formally launched in October 2022 at the second annual Black History Summit hosted at St Cecilia's College in Derry. The Project was informally launched at Foyle College, with media (BBC, UTV) coverage and social media.

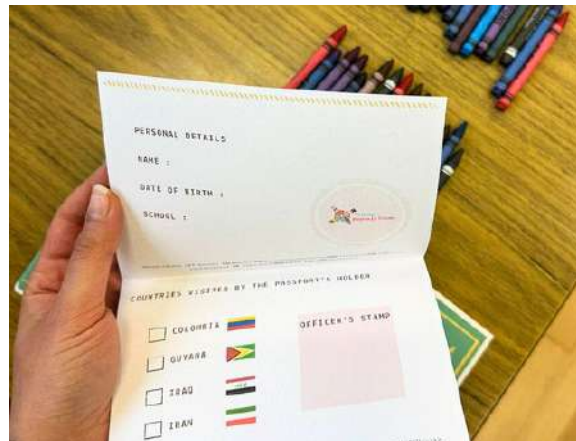
This project is dedicated to reshaping our perception of Northern Ireland's history by acknowledging and celebrating the rich tradition of cultural and ethnic diversity beyond stereotypical 'two community' narratives. Planned activities for the project include hosting Annual Black History Month Summits, conducting workshops on racial literacy along with efforts to reform the school curriculum to include minority heritage and creating valuable resources for collaborative work with schools. The main focus of the project will be an exhibition highlighting Black heritage and history which will be accompanied by a black history map and book.

In the initial stages of this development year, the focus of the work has been on extensive research, the collection of oral histories and the creation of resources for schools. It is hoped that the Black Heritage in NI project will make a lasting impact and create a lasting record of Black history and influences in NI, challenging historical assumptions and fostering a more inclusive understanding of history within NI.



ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL, DUNGANNON

We conducted a series of workshops at St Patrick's PS Dungannon, engaging with students on various topics. Day one focused on discussions about race and racism, followed by culture and identity workshops featuring four different countries (Colombia, Iran, Guyana and Iraq) on day two. The festivities reached their peak with a cultural celebration event on day three, featuring diverse traditional food, music and a fashion show. This contributed to an overall experience that was both enlightening and enjoyable.



BETTER HEALTH STRONGER COMMUNITIES

CULTURALLY SENSITIVE WOMEN'S HEALTH WORKSHOPS

A workshop on women's health was held at the NWMF centre and proved to be an engaging and informative event. It significantly enhanced the participants' understanding of the relationship between reproductive health and mental and emotional wellness. The programme included personalised consultations with an expert gynaecologist consultant, offering a safe and confidential space for women to address their unique reproductive health concerns.

The involvement of a highly skilled gynaecologist consultant from a minority background was a highlight of the workshop, as they brought an essential understanding of the cultural nuances relevant to the attendees.



We also held some art workshops and sessions of daily conversational English for women only.



North West Migrants Forum

AGM 25 January 2023

Auditor's Report to Members

Financial Statements For Year Ended 31 March 2023

**L Duffy & Co Chartered Accountants
12 Queen Street, Derry**

North West Migrants Forum
Income and Expenditure For year to 31 March 2023

Income	2023	2022
Natinal Lottery	60,000	100,000
Lottery Heritage Fund	50,000	
TEO	25,902	(9,073)
St Stephen's Green Trust	27,186	16,793
Joseph Rowntree Trust	76,124	41,250
STEP EUSS	5,333	2,667
NIHE	4,999	
Community Foundatin	4,847	
Derry City Council	3,012	
Red Cross - Crisis Fund		5,050
British Council		1,200
NI Community Relations		8,270
WH SCT		6,790
Fundraising and donations	6,970	361
	<u>264,373</u>	<u>173,308</u>
Expenditure		
Program Costs	49,894	70,128
Wages and Pensions	150,992	99,382
Rent	16,835	16,669
Insurance	1,219	1,431
Heat and Light	5,454	3,069
Telephone and internet	2,267	1,689
Travel	6,803	4,947
Printing, postage and stationery	950	2,504
Website and soiftware costs	5,189	1,645
Legal	96	3,499
Audit and accountancy	4,800	3,600
Repairs and cleaning costs	2,028	1,606
Bank charges	55	81
Depreciation	6,075	2,973
Total Expenditure	<u>252,657</u>	<u>213,223</u>
Excess Income Over Expenditure/(Expenditure Over Income)	11,716	(39,915)
Funds Brought Forward	<u>105,958</u>	<u>145,873</u>
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>117,674</u>	<u>105,958</u>
Total Charity Funds		
Unrestricted	10,508	4,335
Restricted	107,166	101,623
	<u>117,674</u>	<u>105,958</u>

**NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM
FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

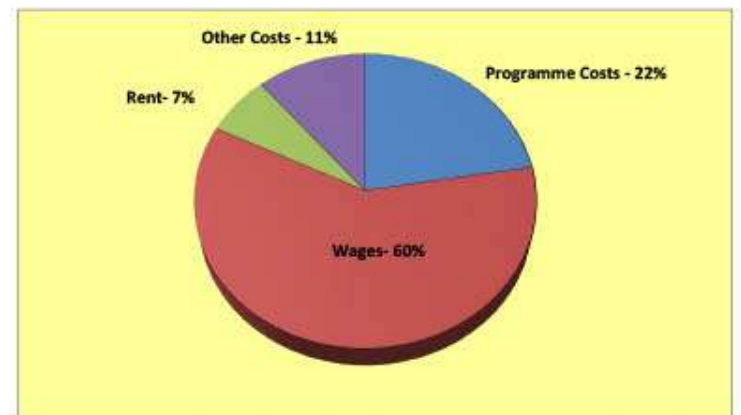
INCOMING RESOURCES	2023	%
National Lottery/ Heritage Fund	110,000	42%
Joseph Rowntree	76,124	29%
St Stephen's Green Trust	27,186	10%
TEO	25,902	10%
Other	25,161	9%
Total incoming resources	<u>264,373</u>	100%

INCOMING RESOURCES



RESOURCES EXPENDED	2023	%
Programme costs (incl travel)	56,697	22%
Wages	150,992	60%
Rent	16,835	7%
Other Costs	28,133	11%
Total resources expended	<u>252,657</u>	100%

RESOURCES EXPENDED




NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2023

		2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets	Notes		
Tangible assets	10	6,772	2,739
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	-	4,000
Bank		116,623	103,447
		<u>116,623</u>	<u>107,447</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,721)	(4,228)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>110,902</u>	<u>103,219</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		117,674	105,958
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13	-	-
Net Assets		<u>117,674</u>	<u>105,958</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	14	10,508	4,335
Restricted funds	14	107,166	101,623
		<u>117,674</u>	<u>105,958</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 17 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Marija Stuke *Marija Stuke* Irina Chernichenko 17 December 2023
Chair Treasurer 

The notes on pages 16 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

Company Registration Number: NI661353

Feedback from Project Participants



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Abdulelah Sallam · Follow

It was a wonderful day, thanks NWMF.

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Abdulelah Sallam · Follow

We had a good time with others and ate food . Thanks Lilian,Thanks all the staff

1 y Like Reply



Tanya Ni Dheoráin

This is a great idea .



Pipestaryling&upholstery · Follow

Excellent excellent excellent!!! And it looked mighty craic!!!



Barbara King

Well said and well done, keeping reinforcing 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

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Vernita Smartt Sutton

Brilliant

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Kenneth Odumukwu

North West Migrants Forum is among the best organization I have ever seen so far.... always on point with details and supportive

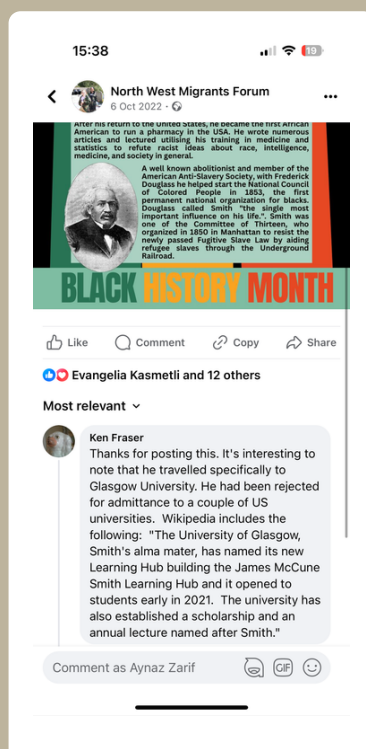
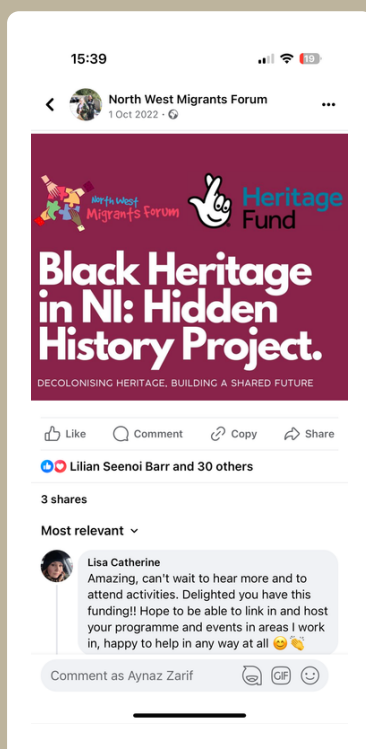
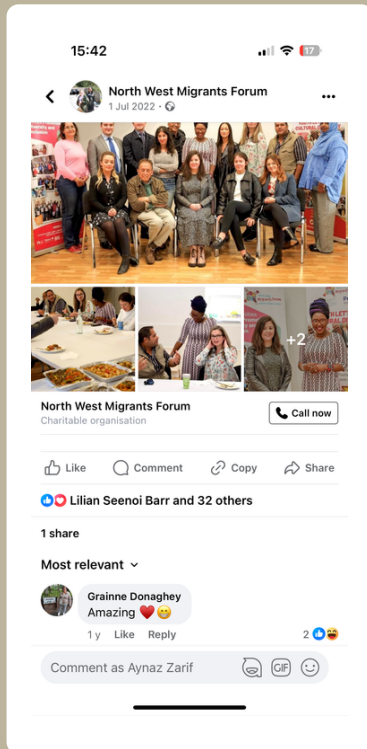
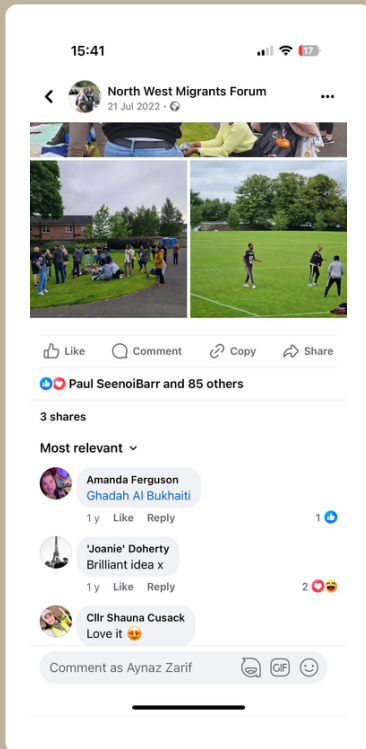
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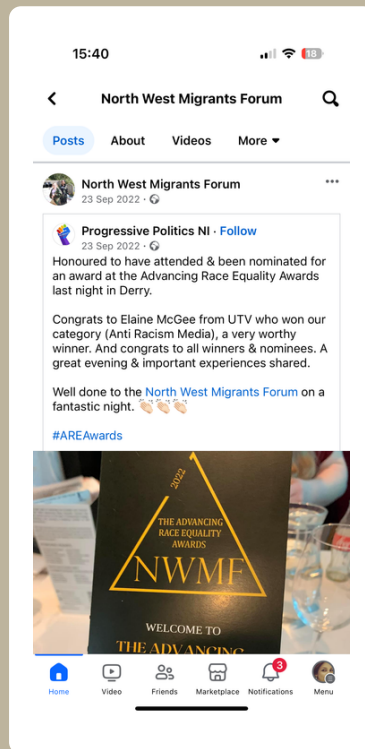
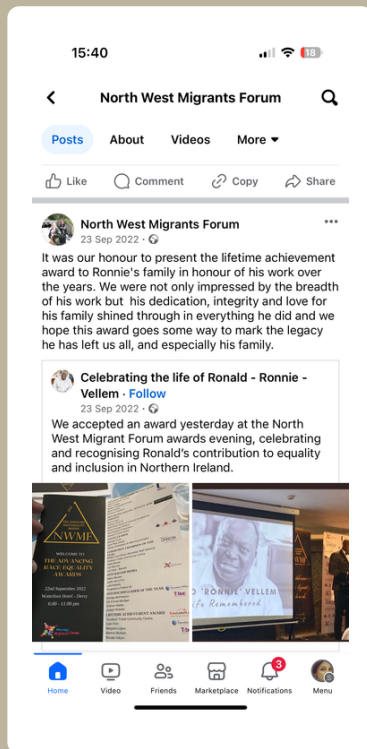
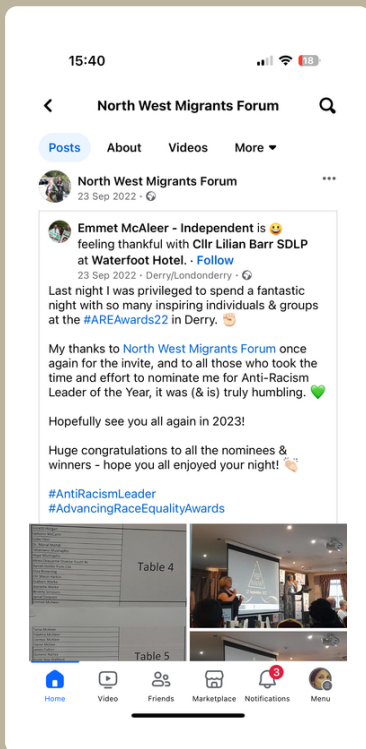
Dean Martin McLaughlin



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Feedback from Project Participants



From: Norma Sleator <citnorma4@gmail.com>
Sent: 27 February 2023 10:13
To: Naomi Green <n.green@nwmf.org.uk>
Subject: Re: Fwd: Support for university course

Hi Naomi

Inwant to thank you and your colleagues for your input on Friday, the feedback I have been getting from students and tutors is very positive and they were shocked at the difficulties faced by people coming to this country. It will make us all more aware of these situations and how we might help.

I will forward the links to everyone.

Once again a big thank you.

Regards

Norma *emails outside yours!*

To whom it may concern,

As a school we are wondering if your team could come to our school over the coming weeks to complete a workshop with some of our children. In the past we have had much success and positive feedback from these workshops.

This would also be great as the school celebrates Black History month.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Patricia

Mrs Patricia McNutt
Vice Principal



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North West Migrants Forum

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107318

Annual return

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of North West Migrants Forum

We have audited the financial statements of North west Migrants Forum for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard FRS102. *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the IASSA's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may

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cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Report of the Trustees, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 66 of that Act.

We have undertaken the audit in accordance with the requirements of FRC Ethical Standards including FRC Ethical Standard – Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in note 15 to the financial statements.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charitable company and considered that the most significant are the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the Companies Act 2006 and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charitable company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We considered the risk of fraud through management override, and in response we incorporated testing of their use of accounting estimates, and remained sceptical throughout the audit.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

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- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
NORTH WEST MIGRANTS FORUM**

**Mr Laurie Duffy
(Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of
L Duffy & Co
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor**



17 December 2023

**L Duffy & Co are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the
companies Act 2006**