

Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107574

Details

Known as BOMOKO NI

Status Received

Registered 2020-12-14

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

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Activities

Purposes: The Object of the Charity are: (1) to prevent and relief poverty of refugees and asylum seekers women by the provision of advice and advocacy services to help the beneficiaries who cannot afford necessary items such as furniture, bedding, clothing or fuel; to make grants of money for the relief of the poor (2) to advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of facilities, courses, trainings, programmes, grants for education, and resources to enable, assist and encourage the education of persons in English language, skills training and learning programme through colleges and universities. (3) to promote cultural diversity and racial harmony by the promotion cultural activities to foster understanding between people from diverse background and the indigenous people in Northern Ireland and to cultivate a sentiment in favour of social integration and good relation. (4) to provide relief to refugees women through access to specialist advice, education and workshops of the welfare benefits system, and understanding of the social housing process. (5) the advancement of health of the beneficiaries through the provision of mental health wellbeing trauma workshops and the referral to health professional and counselling services for treatment. (6) the advancement of the human rights through the promotion of good relations and social engagement events between refugees and asylum seekers women and indigenous women to foster understanding between them, and the promotion of equality and diversity through the elimination of any type of form of discrimination.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, 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, Cultural, Education/training, Relief of poverty, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Asylum seekers/refugees, Ethnic minorities, Mental health, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£65,227	£52,612	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Fariha		
Mrs Khlood Alnablsee		
Ms Josephine Teresa McDonnell		

Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association

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**NORTHERN IRELAND REFUGEES AND ASYLUM
SEEKERS WOMEN ASSOCIATION**

(a charitable association)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2025

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CHARITY INFORMATION AND OFFICERS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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CHARITY REFERENCE NUMBER

NI107574

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees, who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of the company, present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK GAAP and confirm that the reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation was the Charities SORP (FRS102).

TRUSTEES

The trustees of the charity during the financial year were as stated on page 1.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the charity are

- to prevent and relieve poverty of refugees and asylum seekers women by the provision of advice and advocacy services to help the beneficiaries who cannot afford necessary items such as furniture, bedding, clothing or fuel; to make grants of money for the relief of the poor
- to advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of facilities, courses, training programmes, grants for education, and resources to enable, assist and encourage the education of persons in English language, skills training and learning programme through colleges and universities
- to promote cultural diversity and racial harmony by the promotion of cultural activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds and the indigenous people in Northern Ireland and to cultivate a sentiment in favour of social integration and good relations
- to provide relief to refugees women through access to specialist advice, education and workshops of the welfare benefits system, and understanding of the social housing process
- the advancement of health of the beneficiaries through the provision of mental health wellbeing trauma workshops and the referral to health professionals and counselling services for treatment
- the advancement of the human rights through the promotion of good relations and social engagement events between refugees and asylum seekers women and indigenous women to foster understanding between them, and the promotion of equality and diversity through the elimination of any type of form of discrimination.

ACHIEVEMENTS

During the year the charity has obtained funding from many sources. This has enabled it to

- distribute toys and other gifts to the under-privileged at Christmas
- run cookery workshops
- provided language classes principally for the English language
- provided mental health training and other such training workshops
- set up walking groups to enable group rambles and hikes
- distributed provisions such as food and basic necessities to struggling individuals and families
- provided advice and advocacy services
- provided community engagement
- purchased office equipment
- provided office accommodation and paid office rental
- establish a youth group to bring young people together through activities, fostering strong relationships within and across communities. This initiative aims to enhance the places and spaces that are important to those communities and support young people in reaching their full potential by assisting at the earliest possible stage
- co-design and produce a Human Rights & Housing Guide for refugees and Asylum Seekers in Northern Ireland, in partnership with the British Institute of Human Rights

therefore the objectives are being achieved in a very positive manner.

RELATED PARTIES

There are no related parties to report save the board of trustees.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

RESULTS

The surplus for the year was £2,596 (2024: -£ 2,128 deficit)

CHARITABLE STATUS

The charity is an unincorporated charitable association. It is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under reference number 107574.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The direct benefits flowing from the purposes

- (1) include reduced levels of poverty among women in Northern Ireland who are refugees or asylum seekers leading to/demonstrated through feedback from the beneficiaries and through regular evaluations/surveys carried out by the organisation. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.
- (2) include the increase knowledge of the English Language, access to education, and employment opportunities among refugees and asylum seekers women living in Northern Ireland. The benefit can be demonstrated through the number of participants that register to attend the English Language classes, courses at college and universities, training programs, and those that achieve accreditation, and through evaluation and feedback from beneficiaries. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.
- (3) include a greater understanding and respect between refugees and asylum seekers women and local people thus fostering better integration and community cohesion among women in Northern Ireland. The benefit can be demonstrated by showcasing our diverse cultural richness through specific refugee's women cultural event celebration and through the participation of refugees' women to local cultural events celebration. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.
- (4) include the ability for refugees and asylum seekers women to become independent and fulfil their individual needs through a better understanding of the welfare benefits and accommodation system. The benefit can be demonstrated by the feedback from beneficiaries and the regular evaluation carried out by the organisation of beneficiaries who are able to financially support themselves and their families. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.
- (5) include reducing the level of mental health trauma among refugees and asylum seekers' women living in Northern Ireland leading to better mental well-being and quality of life. The benefit can be demonstrated through feedback from beneficiaries and evaluation carried out by the organisation after mental health awareness workshops and referrals. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.
- (6) include increasing knowledge and understanding of civic and human rights among refugees and asylum seekers living in Northern Ireland leading to the living of a law-abiding citizen's life, and to the report of any form or type of discrimination and inequality faced in their daily life. The benefit can be demonstrated through feedback and the number of participants to human rights and equality commission events and seminars, and evaluation of hate and discrimination incidents reported by beneficiaries to the organisation. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.

The beneficiaries are refugees and asylum seekers women. No person connected with the organisation gains a private benefit which is more than incidental to carrying out the purposes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW & RESERVES POLICY

Reserves at 31 March 2025 were £6,126 . The company's core expenditure is very low due to the charitable nature of the operations. It continues to expand its charitable and fund raising activities to ensure it reaches as many people in need as possible. The profile of expenditure is as agreed with the funders when applicable.

Unrestricted funds are funds which 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 if identified as such. 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.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

(continued)

IMPACT OF COVID-19

The impact of coronavirus restrictions meant that there had been a reduction in physical meetings of the board and a bigger concentration on remote activities. Now back to normal there has been no impact on the charity's sustainability due to the low overhead model and increasing fund resources. The trustees are satisfied that the charity can continue to endeavour to achieve its objectives.

GOING CONCERN

The trustees, having considered the charity's income streams, financial means and strategy for dealing with issues such as the impact of Covid-19, over the next 12-18 months, are satisfied that the going concern basis is appropriate.

FUTURE PLANS

As stated above the charity continues in its attempt to find relevant funders and projects to further its objectives in the coming years.

AUDIT EXEMPTION

In accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 the charity is exempt from the statutory audit requirement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The independent examiner, Donald R Minshull FCA of Minshull & Company, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor, offers himself for re-appointment.



Mrs Khlood Alnablsee

Trustee

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Date 29 January 2026

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
NORTHERN IRELAND REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS WOMEN ASSOCIATION**

I have examined the financial statements, on pages 7 to 12, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and related notes of Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association for the year ended 31 March 2025. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission for NI, as required under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act
2. The the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1. to 4. listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Donald R Minshull FCA
Minshull & Co
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Date 29 January 2026

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**NORTHERN IRELAND REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS WOMEN ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

INCOME	Note	2025			2024
		£ restricted	£ unrestricted	£ total	£ total
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>					
Donations	8	-	6,347	6,347	2,280
Other income		-	-	-	522
<i>Income from Charitable Activities</i>					
Capital grants amortised	9	667	-	667	667
Revenue grants and contracts credited	6	58,213	-	58,213	65,214
<i>Investment Income</i>					
Bank interest		-	-	-	-
		58,880	6,347	65,227	68,683
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on Charitable Activities					
Grants Payments and Essential Supplies		3,989	-	3,989	17,156
Workshops		642	-	642	1,540
Other Direct Charitable Expenditure		1,691	-	1,691	457
Travelling		3,697	-	3,697	703
		(10,019)	-	(10,019)	(19,856)
Total		(10,019)	-	(10,019)	(19,856)
Income less charitable activities direct costs		48,861	6,347	55,208	48,827
Charitable activities - support costs					
Rent and service charge		6,914	1,843	8,757	6,780
Insurance		437	-	437	983
Heat and light		1,627	1,063	2,690	-
Building maintenance		-	-	-	336
Equipment repairs and leasing		-	-	-	794
Telephone and Zoom		587	-	587	748
Postage, stationery and office supplies		308	-	308	626
Wages and salaries	4	31,165	-	31,165	31,952
Staff pension scheme	4	2,062	-	2,062	1,525
Bank interest and charges		-	42	42	47
Depreciation		667	-	667	667
Governance costs					
Accountancy & Audit Fees		1,094	-	1,094	1,094
Legal and professional fees		4,000	803	4,803	5,405
		(48,861)	(3,751)	(52,612)	(50,955)
Total		(48,861)	(3,751)	(52,612)	(50,955)
Net in/(out)ward resources for the period 2		-	2,596	2,596	(2,128)
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2024		-	3,530	3,530	5,660
Balance carried forward at 31 March 2025		-	6,126	6,126	3,530

The charity made no other gains or losses during the year other than those stated above
The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed Assets	5		77		744
Current Assets					
Prepaid expenses		2,294		105	
Grants receivable		12,884		7,812	
Cash at bank and on hand		19,406		19,293	
		<u>34,584</u>		<u>27,210</u>	
Liabilities (amounts falling due within one year)					
Revenue grants deferred	6	25,761		20,795	
Capital grants deferred	9	77		744	
Accruals		1,883		1,978	
Other taxes		814		907	
		<u>28,535</u>		<u>24,424</u>	
Net Current Assets			6,049		2,786
Net Assets			<u>6,126</u>		<u>3,530</u>
FUNDS					
General reserve			6,126		3,530
Restricted Funds			-		-
Balance at 31 March 2025			<u>6,126</u>		<u>3,530</u>

For the financial year in question the charity was entitled to exemption under Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 relating to small charities. No one has required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to the accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charities subject to the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Approved, and authorised to be issued, by the Board of Trustees on the date below and signed on its behalf by



Mrs Khlood Alnablsee
Trustee

Date 29 January 2026

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

(a) Basis of Preparation

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 - Charities SORP (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

(b) Reconciliation With Previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have decided that in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 no restatement of comparative items was required.

(c) Preparation of the Accounts on a Going Concern Basis

The company reports -£2,596 cash outflow for the year and the trustees have formulated a strategy that will secure the immediate future of the company for the next 12 to 18 months and on that basis the charity is a going concern.

(d) Income

Income is recognised when the company has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, of a revenue nature, is recognised when the company has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not repayable to the funder.

Capital grants are amortised in line with the depreciation of the associated assets, the purchase of which has been funded by said grants.

(e) Donated Services and Facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the item by the charity is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

(f) Interest Receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company, normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the financial institution.

(g) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the company. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity that the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the company's work.

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(h) **Expenditure and Irrecoverable Value Added Tax**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- costs of raising funds comprise the costs of commercial trading
- expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the company
- governance and support costs include all other costs

Unrecovered Value Added Tax is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

(i) **Support Costs**

Support costs are disclosed separately in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(j) **Tangible Fixed Assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing £200 or more are stated in the accounts at original cost less depreciation in order to write off the cost of fixed assets, over their estimated useful lives, using the following annual rate :

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25.00% -	33.33%
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(k) **Debtors**

Debtors and accrued income are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

(l) **Cash at Bank and in Hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

(m) **Creditors and Provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the company 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. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after any discounts.

(n) **Financial Instruments**

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(o) **Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement**

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cashflow statement on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company.

(p) **Company status and members liability**

The company is limited by guarantee. The members are the trustees, that is the committee as listed on page 2. The liability in respect of the guarantee is £1 per member of the charity.

2. DEFICIT/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR IS STATED AFTER CHARGING:

Accountancy Fees	£
Examination Fees	1,094
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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3. TRUSTEES

The trustees received no emoluments nor expenses during the period.

4. EMPLOYEES

Number of employees

The averageweekly number of persons employed by the company, excluding trustees, during the year was:

	2025 number	2024 number
Managerial and administration	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
The remuneration paid to the employees was	£	£
Wages and salaries	31,165	31,952
Pension contributions	2,062	1,525
	<u>33,227</u>	<u>33,477</u>

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2024: £nil). Pension costs are allocated to activities in proportion to the related staffing costs incurred and are charged to the relevant fund when payable.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures & Fittings £	TOTAL £
COST		
at 1 April 2024	4,800	4,800
Additions	-	-
	<u>4,800</u>	<u>4,800</u>
at 31 March 2025	4,800	4,800
DEPRECIATION		
at 1 April 2024	4,056	4,056
Charge for the Year	667	667
	<u>4,723</u>	<u>4,723</u>
at 31 March 2025	4,723	4,723
NET BOOK VALUE		
at 31 March 2025	<u>77</u>	<u>77</u>

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6. RESTRICTED FUND GRANTS AND FEES

	2025 £	2024 £
Funder - Cash for Kids (Family Support and activities for children and young people)	3,000	14,525
The British Institute of Human Rights Communities project co-designed and produced Human Rights & Housing Guide for refugees and asylum seekers in Northern Ireland	1,419	-
The Executive Office	39,389	57,888
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust	1,000	-
Migrant Centre NI	12,500	-
Quarto Collective - Bryonie Reid	800	-
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Total amounts received in year	58,107	72,413
Amount accrued at 1 April 2024	(7,812)	(19,672)
Amount deferred at 1 April 2024	20,795	25,456
Amount accrued at 31 March 2025	12,884	7,812
Amount deferred at 31 March 2025	(25,761)	(20,795)
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Credit to Statement of Financial Activities	58,213	65,214

7. RESTRICTED FUNDS SUMMARY

	Opening Balance £	Income/ Credits £	Expenditure/ Transfers £	Closing Balance £
Cash for Kids (Family Support and activities for children and young people)	-	3,989	(3,989)	-
National Lottery Commty Grt (Comp Installation)	-	360	(360)	-
National Lottery (Integration)	-	307	(307)	-
The British Institute of Human Rights Communities project co-designed and produced Human Rights & Housing Guide for refugees and asylum seekers in Northern Ireland	-	1,295	(1,295)	-
The Executive Office	-	44,461	(44,461)	-
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Migrant Centre NI	-	2,863	(2,863)	-
Quarto Collective - Bryonie Reid	-	800	(800)	-
National Lottery (Cost of Living)	-	3,804	(3,804)	-
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	-	58,880	(58,880)	-

8. DONATIONS

	2025 £	2024 £
Black Santa	3,400	1,500
Common Knowledge Centre	820	-
Alliance for Choice	2,127	-
DFC	-	120
Lush	-	100
Sundry	-	560
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Credit in Statement of Financial Activities	6,347	2,280

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9. CAPITAL GRANTS

Included current liabilities is an amount deferred in respect of grants received for the purchase of fixed assets. Amounts received in respect of fixed asset purchases are matched with the related depreciation charges and are therefore written off over the useful life of the asset concerned. The amount deferred at 31 March 2025 was £77 (2024: £744) and amortised for the year, £667 (2024: £667).

10. RELATED PARTY

There were no related party transactions to note.

11. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association is an unincorporated association. The charity's CCNI charity reference can be found on the company information page.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

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The objectives of the charity are

- to prevent and relieve poverty of refugees and asylum seekers women by the provision of advice and advocacy services to help the beneficiaries who cannot afford necessary items such as furniture, bedding, clothing or fuel; to make grants of money for the relief of the poor
- to advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of facilities, courses, training programmes, grants for education, and resources to enable, assist and encourage the education of persons in English language, skills training and learning programme through colleges and universities
- to promote cultural diversity and racial harmony by the promotion of cultural activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds and the indigenous people in Northern Ireland and to cultivate a sentiment in favour of social integration and good relations
- to provide relief to refugees women through access to specialist advice, education and workshops of the welfare benefits system, and understanding of the social housing process
- the advancement of health of the beneficiaries through the provision of mental health wellbeing trauma workshops and the referral to health professionals and counselling services for treatment
- the advancement of the human rights through the promotion of good relations and social engagement events between refugees and asylum seekers women and indigenous women to foster understanding between them, and the promotion of equality and diversity through the elimination of any type of form of discrimination.

ACHIEVEMENTS

During the year the charity has obtained funding from many sources. This has enabled it to

- distribute toys and other gifts to the under-privileged at Christmas
- run cookery workshops
- provided language classes principally for the English language
- provided mental health training and other such training workshops
- set up walking groups to enable group rambles and hikes
- distributed provisions such as food and basic necessities to struggling individuals and families
- provided advice and advocacy services
- provided community engagement
- purchased office equipment
- provided office accommodation and paid office rental

therefore the objectives are being achieved in a very positive manner.

RELATED PARTIES

There are no related parties to report save the board of trustees.

RESULTS

The surplus for the year was -£2,130 (2023: £ 1,021)

CHARITABLE STATUS

The charity is an unincorporated charitable association. It is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under reference number 107574.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

(continued)

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The direct benefits flowing from the purposes

- (1) include reduced levels of poverty among women in Northern Ireland who are refugees or asylum seekers leading to/demonstrated through feedback from the beneficiaries and through regular evaluations/surveys carried out by the organisation. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.
- (2) include the increase knowledge of the English Language, access to education, and employment opportunities among refugees and asylum seekers women living in Northern Ireland. The benefit can be demonstrated through the number of participants that register to attend the English Language classes, courses at college and universities, training programs, and those that achieve accreditation, and through evaluation and feedback from beneficiaries. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.
- (3) include a greater understanding and respect between refugees and asylum seekers women and local people thus fostering better integration and community cohesion among women in Northern Ireland. The benefit can be demonstrated by showcasing our diverse cultural richness through specific refugee's women cultural event celebration and through the participation of refugees' women to local cultural events celebration. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.
- (4) include the ability for refugees and asylum seekers women to become independent and fulfil their individual needs through a better understanding of the welfare benefits and accommodation system. The benefit can be demonstrated by the feedback from beneficiaries and the regular evaluation carried out by the organisation of beneficiaries who are able to financially support themselves and their families. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.
- (5) include reducing the level of mental health trauma among refugees and asylum seekers' women living in Northern Ireland leading to better mental well-being and quality of life. The benefit can be demonstrated through feedback from beneficiaries and evaluation carried out by the organisation after mental health awareness workshops and referrals. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.
- (6) include increasing knowledge and understanding of civic and human rights among refugees and asylum seekers living in Northern Ireland leading to the living of a law-abiding citizen's life, and to the report of any form or type of discrimination and inequality faced in their daily life. The benefit can be demonstrated through feedback and the number of participants to human rights and equality commission events and seminars, and evaluation of hate and discrimination incidents reported by beneficiaries to the organisation. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.

The beneficiaries are refugees and asylum seekers women. No person connected with the organisation gains a private benefit which is more than incidental to carrying out the purposes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW & RESERVES POLICY

Reserves at 31 March 2024 were £3,530. The company's core expenditure is very low due to the voluntary nature of the operations. It continues to expand its charitable and fund raising activities to ensure it reaches as many people in need as possible. The profile of expenditure is as agreed with the funders when applicable.

Unrestricted funds are funds which 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 if identified as such. 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.

IMPACT OF COVID-19

The impact of coronavirus restrictions meant that there had been a reduction in physical meetings of the board and a bigger concentration on remote activities. Now back to normal there has been no impact on the charity's sustainability due to the low overhead model and increasing fund resources. The trustees are satisfied that the charity can continue to endeavour to achieve its objectives.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

GOING CONCERN

The trustees, having considered the charity's income streams, financial means and strategy for dealing with issues such as the impact of Covid-19, over the next 12-18 months, are satisfied that the going concern basis is appropriate.

FUTURE PLANS

As stated above the charity continues in its attempt to find relevant funders and projects to further its objectives in the coming years.

AUDIT EXEMPTION

In accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 the charity is exempt from the statutory audit requirement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The independent examiner, Donald R Minshull FCA of Minshull & Company, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor, offers himself for re-appointment.



Mrs Khlood Alnabisee
Trustee

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Date 28 June 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
NORTHERN IRELAND REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS WOMEN ASSOCIATION**

I have examined the financial statements, on pages 7 to 12, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and related notes of Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association for the year ended 31 March 2024. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission for NI, as required under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act
2. The the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1. to 4. listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Donald R Minshull FCA
Minshull & Co
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Date 28 June 2024

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**NORTHERN IRELAND REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS WOMEN ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

INCOME	Note	2024			2023
		£ restricted	£ unrestricted	£ total	£ total
Activities for generating funds					
Donations		-	2,280	2,280	1,960
Other income		-	522	522	-
Income from Charitable Activities					
Capital grants amortised	8	667	-	667	1,309
Revenue grants and contracts credited	6	65,214	-	65,214	58,223
Investment Income					
Bank interest		-	-	-	-
		65,881	2,802	68,683	61,492
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on Charitable Activities					
Promotional Costs		-	-	-	454
Production Costs		-	-	-	400
Grants Payments and Essential Supplies		15,034	2,122	17,156	13,560
Workshops		1,454	86	1,540	1,457
Other Direct Charitable Expenditure		238	219	457	-
Travelling		703	-	703	208
Total		(17,429)	(2,428)	(19,856)	(16,079)
Income less charitable activities direct costs		48,452	375	48,827	45,413
Charitable activities - support costs					
Rent and service charge		6,780	-	6,780	3,343
Insurance		983	-	983	873
Heat and light		-	-	-	776
Building maintenance		-	336	336	270
Equipment repairs and leasing		312	482	794	382
Telephone and Zoom		562	186	748	717
Postage, stationery and office supplies		344	282	626	30
Wages and salaries		31,952	-	31,952	30,494
Staff pension scheme	8	1,525	-	1,525	2,062
Bank interest and charges		-	47	47	49
Depreciation		667	-	667	1,309
undry expenses		-	-	-	447
Governance costs					
Accountancy & Audit Fees		1,094	-	1,094	780
Legal and professional fees		4,233	1,172	5,405	2,852
Total		(48,452)	(2,505)	(50,957)	(44,392)
Net in/(out)ward resources for the period 2		-	(2,128)	(2,130)	1,021
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2023		-	5,660	5,660	4,639
Balance carried forward at 31 March 2024		-	3,530	3,530	5,660

The charity made no other gains or losses during the year other than those stated above
The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these accounts

**NORTHERN IRELAND REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS WOMEN ASSOCIATION
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed Assets	5		744		1,411
Current Assets					
Prepaid expenses		105		105	
Grants receivable		7,812		19,672	
Cash at bank and on hand		19,293		17,239	
		<u>27,210</u>		<u>37,016</u>	
Liabilities (amounts falling due within one year)					
Revenue grants deferred	6	20,795		25,456	
Capital grants deferred	8	744		1,411	
Accruals		1,978		4,365	
Other taxes		907		1,535	
		<u>24,424</u>		<u>32,767</u>	
Net Current Assets			2,786		4,249
Net Assets			<u>3,530</u>		<u>5,660</u>
FUNDS					
General reserve			3,530		5,660
Restricted Funds			-		-
Balance at 31 March 2024			<u>3,530</u>		<u>5,660</u>

For the financial year in question the charity was entitled to exemption under Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 relating to small charities. No one has required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to the accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charities subject to the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Approved, and authorised to be issued, by the Board of Trustees on the date below and signed on its behalf by



Mrs Khlood Alnabisee

Trustee

Date 28 June 2024

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these accounts

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

(a) Basis of Preparation

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 - Charities SORP (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

(b) Reconciliation With Previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have decided that in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 no restatement of comparative items was required.

(c) Preparation of the Accounts on a Going Concern Basis

The company reports £2,130 cash outflow for the year and the trustees have formulated a strategy that will secure the immediate future of the company for the next 12 to 18 months and on that basis the charity is a going concern.

(d) Income

Income is recognised when the company has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, of a revenue nature, is recognised when the company has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not repayable to the funder.

Capital grants are amortised in line with the depreciation of the associated assets, the purchase of which has been funded by said grants.

(e) Donated Services and Facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the item by the charity is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

(f) Interest Receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company, normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the financial institution.

(g) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the company. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity that the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the company's work.

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(h) **Expenditure and Irrecoverable Value Added Tax**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- costs of raising funds comprise the costs of commercial trading
- expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the company
- governance and support costs include all other costs

Unrecovered Value Added Tax is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

(i) **Support Costs**

Support costs are disclosed separately in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(j) **Tangible Fixed Assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing £200 or more are stated in the accounts at original cost less depreciation in order to write off the cost of fixed assets, over their estimated useful lives, using the following annual rate :

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25.00% -	33.33%
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(k) **Debtors**

Debtors and accrued income are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

(l) **Cash at Bank and in Hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

(m) **Creditors and Provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the company 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. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after any discounts.

(n) **Financial Instruments**

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(o) **Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement**

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cashflow statement on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company.

(p) **Company status and members liability**

The company is limited by guarantee. The members are the trustees, that is the committee as listed on page 2. The liability in respect of the guarantee is £1 per member of the charity.

2. DEFICIT/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR IS STATED AFTER CHARGING:

Accountancy Fees
Examination Fees

£
1,094

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3. TRUSTEES

The trustees received no emoluments nor expenses during the period.

4. EMPLOYEES

Number of employees

The averageweekly number of persons employed by the company, excluding trustees, during the year was:

	2024 number	2023 number
Managerial and administration	1	1
	1	1
	£	£
Wages and salaries	31,952	30,494
Pension contributions	1,525	2,062
	33,477	32,556

The remuneration paid to the employees was

Wages and salaries
Pension contributions

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2023: £nil). Pension costs are allocated to activities in proportion to the related staffing costs incurred and are charged to the relevant fund when payable.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

COST	Fixtures & Fittings £	TOTAL £
at 1 April 2023		
Additions	4,800	4,800
	4,800	4,800
at 31 March 2024	4,800	4,800
DEPRECIATION		
at 1 April 2023		
Charge for the Year	3,389 667	3,389 667
at 31 March 2024	4,056	4,056
NET BOOK VALUE		
at 31 March 2024	744	744

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6. RESTRICTED FUND GRANTS AND FEES

	2024 £	2023 £
Funder - Cash for Kids (Family Support)	14,525	11,895
National Lottery (Integration)	-	8,860
The Executive Office	57,888	35,958
National Lottery (Cost of Living)	-	10,000
Total amounts received in year	72,413	66,713
Amount accrued at 1 April 2023	(19,672)	(13,689)
Amount deferred at 1 April 2023	25,456	10,983
Amount accrued at 31 March 2024	7,812	19,672
Amount deferred at 31 March 2024	(20,795)	(25,456)
Credit to Statement of Financial Activities	65,214	58,223

7. RESTRICTED FUNDS SUMMARY

	Opening Balance £	Income/ Credits £	Expenditure/ Transfers £	Closing Balance £
Cash for Kids (Family Support)	-	12,990	(12,990)	-
National Lottery Commty Grt (Comp Installation)	-	360	(360)	-
National Lottery (Integration)	-	307	(307)	-
The Executive Office	-	46,028	(46,028)	-
National Lottery (Cost of Living)	-	6,196	(6,196)	-
	-	65,881	(65,881)	-

8. CAPITAL GRANTS

Included current liabilities is an amount deferred in respect of grants received for the purchase of fixed assets. Amounts received in respect of fixed asset purchases are matched with the related depreciation charges and are therefore written off over the useful life of the asset concerned. The amount deferred at 31 March 2024 was £744 (2023: £1,411) and amortised for the year, £667 (2023: £1,309).

9. RELATED PARTY

There were no related party transactions to note.

10. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association is an unincorporated association. The charity's CCNI charity reference can be found on the company information page.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107574

Annual report



Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association (Bomoko NI)

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

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1. Introduction

The Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association (Bomoko NI) is a unique organisation created by and for refugee and asylum seekers and women living in Northern Ireland.

Bomoko NI has emerged in response to the needs of refugees' asylum seekers women living in Northern Ireland.

This document contains the impact of the work the organisation has delivered in year 23-24 as well as since its establishment.

There has been a focus on ensuring we are set up to effectively deliver Bomoko's NI program as written in our strategic plan document.

Since its establishment, we have also built strong relationships with funders and various community organisations.

We look forward to continuing to work with all the partners and stakeholders in the coming year and beyond.

2. Our Mission

Bomoko NI connects and empowers refugee and asylum seekers women in Northern Ireland to claim our rights and improve our lives through self-determination and public participation.

3. Our Vision

Our vision is a society where every refugee and asylum-seeking women can fully participate and unlock her potential and where her needs and rights are respected.

4. Our Core Values

We are led by refugee and asylum seekers women and seek to harness our energy, skills and enthusiasm to support our community.

In all we do, we empower refugee and asylum seekers women to address their own challenges and meet their own needs.

We seek to collaborate with those who want to support our community, including statutory agencies, voluntary sector and members of wider society.

We are equal and have the rights to dignity, to be heard and to meet our basic needs.

We welcome all refugee and asylum seekers women and be inclusive of all, irrespective of religion, country of origin, status, age, family or racial background.

5. Our Objectives

The organisation's objects ('the objects') are to support and emerging in response to the needs of refugee and asylum seekers women living in Northern Ireland by:

- To prevent and relieve the poverty of refugees and asylum seekers women by the provision of advice and advocacy services to help the beneficiaries who cannot afford necessary items such as furniture, bedding, clothing, or fuel; to make grants of money for the relief of the poor.
- To advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of facilities, courses, training, programs, grants for education, and resources to enable, assist and encourage the education of persons in the English language, skills training, and learning programs through colleges and universities.
- To promote cultural diversity and racial harmony by the promotion of
- cultural activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds and the indigenous people in Northern Ireland and to cultivate a sentiment in favour of social integration and good relation;
- To provide relief to refugees' women through access to specialist advice, education, and workshops of the welfare benefits system and understanding of the social housing process.
- The advancement of the health of the beneficiaries through the provision of mental health well-being trauma workshops and the referral to health professional and counselling services for treatment.
- The advancement of the human rights of refugees and asylum seekers women living in Northern Ireland through the promotion of good relations and social engagement events between refugees and asylum seekers women and indigenous women, to foster understanding

between them. And the promotion of equality and diversity through the elimination of any type or form of discrimination.

6. Advocacy and Advice Support Services

The advocacy and advice support services have been running since we set up Bomoko NI in April 2019, supporting refugee and asylum-seeking women in Northern Ireland. The services operate five days a week on an appointment and drop-in-based system. Members are allowed to discuss issues for which they require support, and several options are explored together to decide upon the best course of action for the individual involved.

On average, 10 to 15 members a week attended the Advocacy and Advice Service, including emergency support with Tesco and Lidl gift card vouchers, food parcels, clothes, babies' wipes and nappies, and toiletries.

Each year, we have an increase in our membership. Families and single women joined the organisation every week and we noticed an increased demand for advocacy and advice services compared to the previous years.

Through our advice and advocacy support services, we assisted 1200 members on the following issues:

- **Housing**

320 service users were assisted on the housing issues.

We have specifically worked with families, single parents, and single women on housing issues moving from hostels to Nass accommodations. We also assisted

those who were newly granted refugee status during the transition from the Nass accommodations to Housing Executive temporary accommodations.

We also contacted Migrant Help on behalf of the service users for the following issues: home electricity/gas, boilers, and dampness.

We contacted MPs and MLAs' constituency offices to act on behalf of families and single women regarding a long stay in the hostels as well as for families with children with special needs who were sent outside Belfast after being granted refugee status as children were missing school and hospital appointments.

We also raised the issues of the living conditions of children and families in the hotels, the delays in the weekly payment support, and other issues that affected the living conditions of families in the hotels.

We worked in partnership with NICCY for families with children who have been sent outside Belfast during the school period after being granted refugee status.

We also worked and supported other refugee, members of Bomoko NI to access the appropriate accommodations and address the ongoing issues.

- **Education and Training**

In year 23-24, a total of 192 of service users were supported in accessing education through various means including grant applications, referrals and the opportunity to attend the English classes and accredited training programs.

These were facilitated in collaboration with the following institutions and community centres following:

-Belfast Metropolitan College, Conway Education Centre, East Belfast Mission, and Gems Belfast.

Additionally, the service users participated in training, workshops, and information sessions gatherings organised by our organisation.

- **Welfare rights**

We assisted 320 service users with issues related to benefits throughout the year.

Our team engaged with job benefits to address delays in payments and child benefits. We guided newly granted refugee status members of Bomoko NI in registering with job centre and provided referrals to the relevant agencies Law Centre and Advice NI.

We also offered advice on how to apply for various types of benefits and supported service users through the application process.

- **Referral and signpost**

Throughout the year, we referred and signposted 368 of service users to organisations and services for the issues outside our area of expertise. This included:

- **Immigration and Legal services:** Referrals were made Solicitor offices, Law Centre, and the constituency offices of MPs and MLAs, as well as Advice NI.
- **Physical and Mental Health:** Service users were directed to mental health specialists' organisations and GPs for appropriate services.

- **Family Reunion:** Guidance was provided for service users needing assistance with family reunion processes through the British Redcross
- **Women trafficking and domestic abuse:** Support was offered to service users through organisations such as: Flourish and Women's aid
- **Food Bank: Members:** service users were referred to various foodbank including Bradbury Hub, North Belfast food bank, and South Belfast foodbank
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7. Employment and Volunteer opportunity

During the year, we collaborated with 15 dedicated volunteers' members of Bomoko NI as well as internship students from Queen's university.

Our organisation assisted in submission of employment and volunteer placement applications and provided references.

Furthermore, we referred and advised members on volunteering opportunities with partner organisations that align with their qualifications and areas of expertise.

8. Funding and Donations

Funding Overview

Bomoko NI has worked diligently to secure a diverse range of funding sources to sustain its programs over the past 18 months. The funds have been utilised to support various initiatives, including:

- Program Activities: Training and workshops such as English classes, online cookery workshops, health-oriented weekly walking groups, multicultural events, International Women's Day celebration, and

activities for Community Engagement and Integration (including visits to historical sites to learn about the NI's history), and refugee week.

- Operational Costs: Essential budget covered office insurance, office rent, telephone and internet, and staff salaries.
- Direct Families support: Assistance provided to families in the form of home gas and electric top-ups, food parcels, Tesco, Dunnes Store and Lidl gift cards vouchers, as well as household items, baby necessities such as nappies and toiletries.

Bomoko NI has successfully secured funding from several funders:

- The Executive Office (Minority Ethnic Development Funds)
- National Lottery (Award for All)
- Cash for Kids

Donations Received

In addition to funding, Bomoko NI has received Material donations from various organisations, which include:

Materials donations and Cheque:

- Cash for Kids (children's Christmas appeal toys)
- Salvation Army (children's Christmas appeal toys)
- Toiletries, baby nappies and wipes from various donors
- Another World Belfast
- Homeless Period
- Trademark Training
- St Anne Cathedral (Black Santa, cheque)

9. Social opportunities and integration

Services users have actively participated in meetings and events, seminars, conferences, training, and workshops organised by the Bomoko NI and partnered organisations including:

- International Women's Day in partnership in collaboration with Corrymeela Community
- Family residential with the Corrymeela Community
- Refugee week celebration
- Women's Resources Development Agency
- Belfast Mela
- Volunteer Now
- Queen University
- National Women Council
- Housing Executive
- Good Relations Week
- QUB Sanctuary
- Feminist Communities for Climate Justice
- Community Foundation Ireland
- Migrant Forum
- Refugee and Asylum Forum
- PSNI

10. Networking and Partnerships

Bomoko NI actively engaged with multiple organisations through face-to-face and online meetings and events. Key partners include:

- Migrant Forum (Belfast City Council)
- Reclaim the Agenda
- Belfast Trust
- Law Centre NI
- Women Resource Development Agency
- Housing Executive
- Community Foundation NI
- National Lottery
- PSNI
- National Women's Council of Ireland
- Lorag (Inner South Neighbourhood Issue sub-group)
- MSCNI
- Corrymeela
- British Institute of Human Rights (BIHR)
- Community Foundation Ireland
- CO3
- National Women's Council of Ireland
- Common Knowledge (Ireland)

11. Activities

Bomoko NI conducts its work through several key activity areas, which are systematically classified in our financial accounts:

Online English Languages Support

We provide English classes twice a week catering to different levels: beginners, intermediate, and level 1.

The classes are facilitated by qualified English tutors through both online and in person sessions, with an average attendance of 10-12 each week.

The classes are designed to provide Bomoko NI service users with accessible informal ESOL learning opportunities tailored to their needs, including one-to-one lessons when required.

Training and workshops

A range of training and workshops has been delivered within the organisation including:

- Mental Health and Resilience
- Employment training (covering CV writing, Job search strategies, and interview skills)
- Volunteer training
- Money management
- Food hygienic
- Leadership training
- Cooperative and its rules
- Online cookery workshops
- Information session on the free various accredited training courses (Belfast Works Connects).
- Sewing classes
- Health-focused Walking Programs

Community Engagement and Integration/Civic Education

Members and their families have participated in community engagement and integration trips to significant sites such as:

- Newcastle beach
- Portrush beach
- Belfast Zoo
- Giant's Causeway
- Giant's Causeway Carrick a rede rope bridge.
- Family residential in partnership with Corrymeela

Walking Group Activity

Since January 2020, Bomoko NI has hosted a weekly walking group, attracting an average of 10- 15 women per month.

Support for Food Parcels, gift card vouchers, and home electricity and gas top-ups

Throughout the year, we assisted 250 service users 6 to 8 times with food parcels, grocery (for Teso, Lidl and Dunnestores) , and home energy support, which included electricity and gas top-ups, toiletries, baby products and children (family) Christmas toys. The support was based to family living condition.

Online Cookery Demonstration Workshops

We developed an online cookery program where women members of Bomoko NI shocase and prepare meals from their home countries.

This project aims is to reduce isolation among refugee and asylum-seeking women, providing a platform for enjoyment and a means to cope with the stresses associated with their journeys.

12. THANKS, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our board members, service users, funders, our Project Coordinator, our finance worker, our partners and all our dedicated volunteers, and all those who have supported our mission.

Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107574

Annual return

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
NORTHERN IRELAND REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS WOMEN ASSOCIATION**

I have examined the financial statements, on pages 7 to 12, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and related notes of Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association for the year ended 31 March 2024. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission for NI, as required under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act
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Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1. to 4. listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Donald R Minshull FCA
Minshull & Co
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Date 28 June 2024

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Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107574

Accounts



Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association (Bomoko NI)

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

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1. Introduction

The Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association (Bomoko NI) is a unique organisation created by and for refugee and asylum seekers and women living in Northern Ireland.

Bomoko NI has emerged in response to the needs of refugees' asylum seekers women living in Northern Ireland.

This document contains the impact of the work the organisation has delivered in year 22-23 as well as since its establishment.

There has been a focus on ensuring we are set up to effectively deliver Bomoko's NI program as written in our strategic plan document.

Since its establishment, we have also built strong relationships with funders and various community organisations.

We look forward to continuing to work with all the partners and stakeholders in the coming year and beyond.

2. Our Mission

Bomoko NI connects and empowers refugee and asylum seekers women in Northern Ireland to claim our rights and improve our lives through self-determination and public participation.

3. Our Vision

Our vision is a society where every refugee and asylum-seeking women can fully participate and unlock her potential and where her needs and rights are respected.

4. Our Core Values

We are led by refugee and asylum seekers women and seek to harness our energy, skills, and enthusiasm to support our community.

In all we do, we empower refugee and asylum seekers women to address their own challenges and meet their own needs.

We seek to collaborate with those who want to support our community, including statutory agencies, voluntary sector, and members of wider society.

We are equal and have the rights to dignity, to be heard and to meet our basic needs.

We welcome all refugee and asylum seekers women and be inclusive of all, irrespective of religion, country of origin, status, age, family or racial background.

5. Our Objectives

The organisation's objects ('the objects') are to support and emerging in response to the needs of refugee and asylum seekers women living in Northern Ireland by:

- To prevent and relieve the poverty of refugees and asylum seekers women by the provision of advice and advocacy services to help the

beneficiaries who cannot afford necessary items such as furniture, bedding, clothing, or fuel; to make grants of money for the relief of the poor;

- To advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of facilities, courses, training, programs, grants for education, and resources to enable, assist and encourage the education of persons in the English language, skills training, and learning programs through colleges and universities.
- To promote cultural diversity and racial harmony by the promotion of
- cultural activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds and the indigenous people in Northern Ireland and to cultivate a sentiment in favour of social integration and good relation;
- To provide relief to refugees' women through access to specialist advice, education, and workshops of the welfare benefits system and understanding of the social housing process.
- The advancement of the health of the beneficiaries through the provision of mental health well-being trauma workshops and the referral to health professional and counselling services for treatment.
- The advancement of the human rights of refugees and asylum seekers women living in Northern Ireland through the promotion of good relations and social engagement events between refugees and asylum seekers women and indigenous women, to foster understanding between them. And the promotion of equality and diversity through the elimination of any type or form of discrimination.

6. Advocacy and Advice Support Services

The advocacy and advice support services have been running since we set up Bomoko NI in April 2019, supporting refugee and asylum-seeking women in Northern Ireland. The advocacy and advice support services operate five days a week on an appointment and drop-in-based system. Members are provided with the opportunity to discuss issues they require support for, and several options are explored together to decide upon the best course of action for the individual involved.

On average 10 to 15 members, a week attended the Advocacy and Advice Service including 10-15 people for emergency support with Tesco and Lidl gift card vouchers, food parcels, clothes, babies' wipes and nappies, toiletries, and household furniture.

Each year, we have an increase in our membership. Families and single women joined the organisation every week and we noticed an increased demand for advocacy and advice services compared to the previous years.

Throughout the past 18 months, our service of advice and advocacy supported 1027 members on the following issues:

- **Housing**

175 members were supported on the housing issues.

We have specifically worked with families, single parents, and single women on housing issues moving from hostels to Nass accommodations.

We contacted Migrant Help about home electricity/gas, boilers, and dampness for asylum seekers families, and single who have moved to houses.

We contacted MPs and MLAs constituency offices to act on behalf of families and single women with physical and mental health issues who have been living in hostels for a long period.

We also contacted MPs and MLAs' constituency offices for families with children with special needs who were sent outside Belfast after being granted refugee status.

We also raised the issues of the living conditions of children and families in the hotels, the delays in the weekly payment support, and other issues that affected the living conditions of families in the hotels.

We also worked and supported refugee members of Bomoko NI to access the appropriate accommodations and addressed the ongoing issues.

We referred and signposted (members) to Housing Executive, Extern, Housing Rights, MPs' and MLAs constituency offices on the issues we do not have expertise or do not deliver.

- **Education**

Regarding accessing education, we supported 300 members throughout the year.

10 women were supported to access education through grant applications.

45 women accessed Bomoko NI online English classes twice a week (beginners, intermediate, and level 1).

75 women were signposted to Belfast Metropolitan College, Conway Education Centre, and Gems Belfast.

170 women attended training, workshops, and information sessions within the organisation.

- **Welfare rights**

190 members were supported on the issue related to benefits.

We contacted the job benefits for delay payments and for child benefits. We signposted newly granted refugee status members of Bomoko NI to the Job Benefits for registration.

We advised members on how to apply for benefits and helped on the processus.

We contacted Migrant help on behalf of asylum seekers families and single women members of Bomoko NI regarding the weekly support delay payments.

We also signposted (members) to Advise NI, Law Centre NI and the Job Benefits on the issues that we do not have expertise or do not deliver.

- **Referral and signpost**

During the year, we referred and signposted 362 members to the following organisations and companies on the issues for which we do not deliver and not have the expertise:

- **Immigration and Legal services**

90 members were referred and signposted to:

-Solicitor offices

-Law Centre

-MPs and MLAs constituency offices

- **Physical and Mental Health**

10 members were signposted to mental health specialist organisations to get the appropriate services.

-Healthy Mind Coach

-GP

- **Family Reunion**

10 members were signposted to British Redcross

- **Domestic violence and physical abuse**

22 members were signposted to the following organisations:

Victim Support

Women's Aid

- **Women trafficking**

10 women were signposted to the following organisation:

Flourish

- **Food Bank**

220 members were signposted to:

Bradbury hub

North Belfast foodbank

South Belfast foodbank

Swift Hearers Ministries

7. Employment and Volunteer opportunities

During the year, we worked with 20 active volunteers' members of Bomoko NI in the office and outside office activities.

We had 2 brilliant interns' student from Queen University.

We provided and completed the employment and volunteer placement applications and work references for members.

We also advised and signposted members to volunteer with other partners organisations which deliver works that match their qualifications gained in their home countries, in other to gain a work experience and be prepared for the labour market when granted refugee status.

8. Funding and Donations

Funding

Bomoko NI worked hard to have a variety of sources of funds to sustain its work for the last 18 months. The funds were used to deliver the following programs:

- Activities such as training and workshops, online cookery workshops, weekly walking group activity for health and wellbeing, multicultural day, refugee week and Christmas celebration.
- Core such as office insurance, office rent, telephone and internet, and salaries.
- Direct Families support of home gas and electric top-ups, parcel foods, Tesco, Dunnes Store and Lidl gift cards vouchers, household items, baby nappies and toiletries.

We secured funding from the following funders:

- The Executive Office (Minority Ethnic Development Funds)

- National Lottery
- Cash for Kids
- St Anne Cathedral (Black Santa)

Donations

We received cheques and Materials donations from the following organisations:

Cheques:

- Unison
- Lush Belfast

Materials donations:

- Homeless Period
- Household items from various donors and friends
- Tesco Express
- Cash for Kids (children Christmas appeal toys and babies' diapers, wipes, and toiletries)
- Salvation Army (children Christmas appeal toys)

9. Social opportunities and integration

Members attended meetings and took part to events, seminars, conferences, training, and workshops delivered by the Bomoko NI and partners organisations:

- International Women's Day in partnership with HSBC
- Family residential in partnership with the Corrymeela Community
- Refugee week celebration
- Victim Support annual conference.
- Women's Resources Development Agency
- Belfast Mela
- Volunteer Now
- DFC
- Queen University (Feminist Equality Society)
- National Women Council
- UK Pivot Ltd
- Housing Executive
- Good Relations Week
- Migrant Forum
- Refugee and Asylum Forum
- PSNI
- Christmas celebration

10. Networking and Partnerships

We took part in the following face to face and online meetings and events with the following organisations:

- Migrant Forum (Belfast City Council)
- Reclaim the Agenda
- Belfast Trust
- Law Centre NI

- All-Island Women's Forum
- Women Resource Development Agency
- Housing Executive
- NICRE
- APG
- CFNI
- National Lottery
- PSNI
- National Women's Council of Ireland
- Lorag (Inner South Neighbourhood Issue sub-group)
- Inter-Ethnic Forum
- MSCNI
- UK Pivot Ltd
- Corrymeela
- Stronger Together

11. Activities

Bomoko NI undertakes its work through the following areas of activities, which are the main classification used throughout our financial accounts:

Online English Languages Support

We provide online English classes twice a week at different levels: beginners, intermediate, and level 1.

The classes were run by a qualified professional English tutor through online zoom.

For the beginners' class attendance averages 12 students and can rise to 17; for an intermediate level, an average of 10 students and can rise to 15 students per class, and for Level 1 average of 12 students and can rise to 15 students.

Our online English classes provide an opportunity for Bomoko NI women who are not able to access mainstream education provision to attain informal ESOL classes at a level suitable to their needs. We provided One-to-one lessons for students when required.

Training and workshops

The following training and workshops were delivered for our members:

- Mental Health and Resilient
- Employment training (CV writing, Job search, interview skills)
- Volunteer training with Volunteer Now
- Child Protection Module 2 with the Belfast City Council
- Financial Education with HSBC partner
- Food hygienic
- Leadership training
- Cooperative and its rules
- Online cookery workshops
- Impact on the cost-of-living workshop.
- Belfast Works Connects information session on the free accredited training courses.
- Sewing classes
- Walking for health

- Review of the People and Place Strategy for NI (Strategic Investment Board)
- Impact on the cost-of-living with Women Resources Development Agency

Community Engagement and Integration/Civic Education

- 82 women, young people, and children visited women from the Inter-Ethnic Forum group and Ballymena Presbyterian Church Portrush
- 15 women visited the Northern Ireland Parliament Building)
- 120 women, young people, and children attended day trip to Portrush and Ulster Folk Museum
- 50 members, women and their children attended the family residential in partnership with Corrymeela

Fundraising

This year, Bomoko NI took part to the community challenge fundraising organised by Cash for Kids. The fund raised was used to buy Childrens' schools bags and shoes. 60 asylum children from the organisation benefited from this support.

Walking group activity

This is an ongoing project which started in January 2020 during Covid -19 pandemic to help members to keep active and fit for a better mental and physical health. Every week 10 to 12 women attend the walk.

Online Cookery Demonstration Workshops

We developed an online cookery workshop program where each week one woman demonstrates and cook meals from her country.

This project is to combat isolation among refugee and asylum seekers women.

The women found it enjoyable, and it helped them deal with stress of the asylum journey and the increased of the cost of living to which they are confronted.

Direct family monthly support

We supported 300 people, families, single mothers, and single women members of Bomoko NI 8 to 10 times with food parcels, Tesco, Lidl and Dunnesstore gift card vouchers, home electric and gas top-ups, toiletries, baby wipes, and nappies, household items, and home furniture.

12. THANKS, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We want to thank our Board members, our Members and Service Users, our Funders, our Project Coordinator, our finance worker, our partners and all the volunteers for helping us to organise all the activities throughout the year.

Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107574

Annual report

NI CHARITY REF - 107574

**NORTHERN IRELAND REFUGEES AND ASYLUM
SEEKERS WOMEN ASSOCIATION**

(a charitable association)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

CHARITY INFORMATION AND OFFICERS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees, who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of the company, present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK GAAP and confirm that the reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation was the Charities SORP (FRS102).

TRUSTEES

The trustees of the charity during the financial year were as stated on page 1.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the charity are

- to prevent and relieve poverty of refugees and asylum seekers women by the provision of advice and advocacy services to help the beneficiaries who cannot afford necessary items such as furniture, bedding, clothing or fuel; to make grants of money for the relief of the poor
- to advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of facilities, courses, training programmes, grants for education, and resources to enable, assist and encourage the education of persons in English language, skills training and learning programme through colleges and universities
- to promote cultural diversity and racial harmony by the promotion of cultural activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds and the indigenous people in Northern Ireland and to cultivate a sentiment in favour of social integration and good relations
- to provide relief to refugees women through access to specialist advice, education and workshops of the welfare benefits system, and understanding of the social housing process
- the advancement of health of the beneficiaries through the provision of mental health wellbeing trauma workshops and the referral to health professionals and counselling services for treatment
- the advancement of the human rights through the promotion of good relations and social engagement events between refugees and asylum seekers women and indigenous women to foster understanding between them, and the promotion of equality and diversity through the elimination of any type of form of discrimination.

ACHIEVEMENTS

During the year the charity has obtained funding from many sources. This has enabled it to

- distribute toys and other gifts to the under-privileged at Christmas.
- run cookery workshops
- provided language classes principally for the English language
- provided mental health training and other such training workshops
- set up walking groups to enable group rambles and hikes
- distributed provisions such as food and basic necessities to struggling individuals and families
- provided advice and advocacy services
- provided community engagement
- purchased office equipment
- provided office accommodation and paid office rental

therefore the objectives are being achieved in a very positive manner.

RELATED PARTIES

There are no related parties to report save the board of trustees.

RESULTS

The surplus for the year was £1,021 (2022: £ 2,433)

CHARITABLE STATUS

The charity is an unincorporated charitable association. It is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under reference number 107574.

**NORTHERN IRELAND REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS WOMEN ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The direct benefits flowing from the purposes

- (1) include reduced levels of poverty among women in Northern Ireland who are refugees or asylum seekers leading to/demonstrated through feedback from the beneficiaries and through regular evaluations/surveys carried out by the organisation. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.
- (2) include the increase knowledge of the English Language, access to education, and employment opportunities among refugees and asylum seekers women living in Northern Ireland. The benefit can be demonstrated through the number of participants that register to attend the English Language classes, courses at college and universities, training programs, and those that achieve accreditation, and through evaluation and feedback from beneficiaries. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.
- (3) include a greater understanding and respect between refugees and asylum seekers women and local people thus fostering better integration and community cohesion among women in Northern Ireland. The benefit can be demonstrated by showcasing our diverse cultural richness through specific refugee's women cultural event celebration and through the participation of refugees' women to local cultural events celebration. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.
- (4) include the ability for refugees and asylum seekers women to become independent and fulfil their individual needs through a better understanding of the welfare benefits and accommodation system. The benefit can be demonstrated by the feedback from beneficiaries and the regular evaluation carried out by the organisation of beneficiaries who are able to financially support themselves and their families. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.
- (5) include reducing the level of mental health trauma among refugees and asylum seekers' women living in Northern Ireland leading to better mental well-being and quality of life. The benefit can be demonstrated through feedback from beneficiaries and evaluation carried out by the organisation after mental health awareness workshops and referrals. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.
- (6) include increasing knowledge and understanding of civic and human rights among refugees and asylum seekers living in Northern Ireland leading to the living of a law-abiding citizen's life, and to the report of any form or type of discrimination and inequality faced in their daily life. The benefit can be demonstrated through feedback and the number of participants to human rights and equality commission events and seminars, and evaluation of hate and discrimination incidents reported by beneficiaries to the organisation. There is no harm or private benefit arising from this purpose.

The beneficiaries are refugees and asylum seekers women. No person connected with the organisation gains a private benefit which is more than incidental to carrying out the purposes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW & RESERVES POLICY

Reserves at 31 March 2023 were £5,660 . The company's core expenditure is very low due to the voluntary nature of the operations. It continues to expand its charitable and fund raising activities to ensure it reaches as many people in need as possible. The profile of expenditure is as agreed with the funders when applicable.

Unrestricted funds are funds which 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 if identified as such. 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.

IMPACT OF COVID-19

The impact of coronavirus restrictions meant that there had been a reduction in physical meetings of the board and a bigger concentration on remote activities. Now back to normal there has been no impact on the charity's sustainability due to the low overhead model and increasing fund resources. The trustees are satisfied that the charity can continue to endeavour to achieve its objectives.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

GOING CONCERN

The trustees, having considered the charity's income streams, financial means and strategy for dealing with issues such as the impact of Covid-19, over the next 12-18 months, are satisfied that the going concern basis is appropriate.

FUTURE PLANS


As stated above the charity continues in its attempt to find relevant funders and projects to further its objectives in the coming years.

AUDIT EXEMPTION

In accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 the charity is exempt from the statutory audit requirement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The independent examiner, Donald R. Minshull FCA of Minshull & Company, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor, offers himself for re-appointment.



Mrs Khlood Alnablisee
Trustee

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Date 19 June 2023

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NORTHERN IRELAND REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS WOMEN ASSOCIATION**

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**NORTHERN IRELAND REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS WOMEN ASSOCIATION
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

INCOME	Note	2023			2022
		£ restricted	£ unrestricted	£ total	£ total
Activities for generating funds:					
Donations		-	1,960	1,960	2,391
Other income		-	-	-	211
Income from Charitable Activities					
Capital grants amortised	8	1,309	-	1,309	1,220
Revenue grants and contracts credited	6	58,223	-	58,223	57,725
Investment Income		-	-	-	-
Bank interest		-	-	-	11
		59,532	1,960	61,492	61,559
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on Charitable Activities					
Walking supplies and materials		-	-	-	500
Cooking supplies and materials		-	-	-	313
Cultural Events		-	-	-	217
Face Coverings and Screen		-	-	-	500
Promotional Costs		-	-	-	-
Transport		454	-	454	1,675
Production Costs		-	-	-	1,225
Grants Payments and Essential Supplies		400	-	400	-
Tutors and Training		13,560	-	13,560	10,878
Workshops		-	-	-	4,954
Other Direct Charitable Expenditure		1,457	-	1,457	-
Travelling		-	-	-	1,222
		208	-	208	-
Total		(16,079)	-	(16,079)	(21,484)
Income less charitable activities direct costs		43,453	1,960	45,413	40,075
Charitable activities - support costs					
Rent and service charge		3,343	-	3,343	3,343
Insurance		873	-	873	860
Heat and light		776	-	776	-
Building maintenance		270	-	270	230
Equipment repairs and leasing		236	146	382	-
Telephone and Zoom		659	58	717	713
Postage, stationery and office supplies		12	18	30	596
Wages and salaries		29,817	678	30,494	27,063
Staff pension scheme	8	2,062	-	2,062	2,298
Bank interest and charges		9	40	49	57
Depreciation		1,309	-	1,309	1,220
Sundry expenses		445	-	446	1
Governance costs					
Accountancy & Audit Fees		780	-	780	1,140
Legal and professional fees		2,862	-	2,862	120
Total		(43,453)	(939)	(44,392)	(37,642)
Net in/(out)ward resources for the period:		-	1,021	1,021	2,433
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2022		-	4,639	4,639	2,206
Balance carried forward at 31 March 2023		-	5,660	5,660	4,639

The charity made no other gains or losses during the year other than those stated above
The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

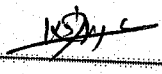
	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed Assets	5		1,411		1,580
Current Assets					
Prepaid expenses		105		-	
Grants receivable		19,672		13,689	
Cash at bank and on hand		17,239		5,334	
		<u>37,016</u>		<u>19,023</u>	
Liabilities (amounts falling due within one year)					
Revenue grants deferred	6	25,456		10,983	
Capital grants deferred	8	1,411		1,580	
Accruals		4,366		2,714	
Other taxes		1,535		686	
		<u>32,768</u>		<u>15,963</u>	
Net Current Assets			4,249		3,059
Net Assets			<u>5,660</u>		<u>4,639</u>
FUNDS					
General reserve			5,660		4,639
Restricted Funds			-		-
Balance at 31 March 2023			<u>5,660</u>		<u>4,639</u>

For the financial year in question the charity was entitled to exemption under Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 relating to small charities. No one has required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to the accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charities subject to the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Approved, and authorised to be issued, by the Board of Trustees on the date below and signed on its behalf by


Mrs Khlood Alnabisee
Trustee
 Date 19 June 2023

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these accounts

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

(a) Basis of Preparation

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 - Charities SORP (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

(b) Reconciliation With Previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have decided that in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 no restatement of comparative items was required.

(c) Preparation of the Accounts on a Going Concern Basis

The company reports -£1,021 cash outflow for the year and the trustees have formulated a strategy that will secure the immediate future of the company for the next 12 to 18 months and on that basis the charity is a going concern.

(d) Income

Income is recognised when the company has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, of a revenue nature, is recognised when the company has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not repayable to the funder.

Capital grants are amortised in line with the depreciation of the associated assets, the purchase of which has been funded by said grants.

(e) Donated Services and Facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the item by the charity is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

(f) Interest Receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company, normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the financial institution.

(g) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the company. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity that the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the company's work.

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(h) Expenditure and Irrecoverable Value Added Tax

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- costs of raising funds comprise the costs of commercial trading
- expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the company
- governance and support costs include all other costs

Unrecovered Value Added Tax is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

(i) Support Costs

Support costs are disclosed separately in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(j) Tangible Fixed Assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £200 or more are stated in the accounts at original cost less depreciation in order to write off the cost of fixed assets, over their estimated useful lives, using the following annual rate:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25.00%	33.33%
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(k) Debtors

Debtors and accrued income are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

(l) Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

(m) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the company 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. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after any discounts.

(n) Financial Instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(o) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cashflow statement on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company.

(p) Company status and members liability

The company is limited by guarantee. The members are the trustees, that is the committee as listed on page 2. The liability in respect of the guarantee is £1 per member of the charity.

2. DEFICIT/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR IS STATED AFTER CHARGING:

Accountancy Fees	£
Examination Fees	780

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3. TRUSTEES

The trustees received no emoluments nor expenses during the period.

4. EMPLOYEES

Number of employees

The averageweekly number of persons employed by the company, excluding trustees, during the year was:

	2023 number	2022 number
Managerial and administration	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
The remuneration paid to the employees was	£	£
Wages and salaries	30,494	27,063
Pension contributions	2,062	2,298
	<u>32,555</u>	<u>29,361</u>

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2022: £nil). Pension costs are allocated to activities in proportion to the related staffing costs incurred and are charged to the relevant fund when payable.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

COST	Fixtures & Fittings £	TOTAL £
at 1 April 2022		
Additions	3,660	3,660
	1,140	1,140
at 31 March 2023	<u>4,800</u>	<u>4,800</u>
DEPRECIATION		
at 1 April 2022		
Charge for the Year	2,080	2,080
	1,309	1,309
at 31 March 2023	<u>3,389</u>	<u>3,389</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
at 31 March 2023	<u>1,411</u>	<u>1,411</u>

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6. RESTRICTED FUND GRANTS AND FEES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Funder - Cash for Kids (Family Support)	11,895	8,295
Red Cross	-	595
National Lottery (Integration)	8,860	-
The Executive Office	35,958	24,622
Belfast City Council	-	3,837
National Lottery (Cost of Living)	10,000	-
Total amounts received in year	66,713	37,349
Amount accrued at 1 April 2022	(13,689)	-
Amount deferred at 1 April 2022	10,983	17,671
Amount accrued at 31 March 2023	19,672	13,689
Amount deferred at 31 March 2023	(25,456)	(10,983)
Credit to Statement of Financial Activities	58,223	57,725

7. RESTRICTED FUNDS SUMMARY

	Opening Balance	Income/ Credits	Expenditure/ Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£
Cash for Kids (Family Support)	-	11,932	(11,932)	-
National Lottery Community Grt (Comp Installation)	-	720	(720)	-
Red Cross	-	575	(575)	-
National Lottery (Integration)	-	1,400	(1,400)	-
National Lottery (Life in Lockdown Project)	-	526	(526)	-
CFNI New Needs Fund	-	576	(576)	-
CFNI Comic Relief	-	848	(848)	-
The Executive Office	-	42,955	(42,955)	-
	-	59,532	(59,532)	-

8. CAPITAL GRANTS

Included current liabilities is an amount deferred in respect of grants received for the purchase of fixed assets. Amounts received in respect of fixed asset purchases are matched with the related depreciation charges and are therefore written off over the useful life of the asset concerned. The amount deferred at 31 March 2023 was £1,411 (2022: £1,580) and amortised for the year, £1,309 (2022: £1,220).

9. RELATED PARTY

There were no related party transactions to note.

10. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association is an unincorporated association. The charity's CCNI charity reference can be found on the company information page.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107574

Annual return

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
NORTHERN IRELAND REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS WOMEN ASSOCIATION**

I have examined the financial statements, on pages 7 to 12, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and related notes of Northern Ireland Refugees and Asylum Seekers Women Association for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed,

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission for NI, as required under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1. to 4. listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Donald R Minshull FCA
Minshull & Co
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Date 19 June 2023

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