



UBUNTU WOMEN SHELTER
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2024

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Legal and administrative information
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Trustees

Name	Date appointed/resigned	Office the trustee holds in the SCIO
Mrs.Fatou Cham Gitteh	Appointed - 22 August 2018	Interim Chair
Ms. Padma Rao	Appointed - 10 July 2021	Treasurer
Ms. Stella Kyalikunda	Appointed - 12 December 2020	Secretary
Ms. Nicola Singh	Appointed - 28 December 2024	Trustee
Ms Reena Patel	Appointed - 28 December 2024	Trustee
Mrs Jasmine Mohammad	Appointed - 07 January 2022/Resigned -19 December 2024	
Dr. Dania Thomas	Appointed-22 August 2018/ Resigned – 01 November 2021	
Ms. Rosie Lewis	Appointed 10 November 2019/ Resigned – 01 November 2021	

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' Statement

This year we showcase a testimony that best describes the impact of our work:

“I was like a dead plant when I came to Ubuntu. I was lost and in total darkness. They provided me with accommodation which I call my peaceful home, they provided therapy, and my weekly grant. I attended the activities and still I was able to make friends when I didn't speak a word of English. The team was supportive, understanding and very patient with me, they fought for my rights and made sure that I am ok in every way. Ubuntu is my guardian because the team, the women in the shelter and the women in the women's group are all my sisters, they all come down to my level to understand me. I trust Ubuntu with my life and I feel safe when they are handling my case, my situation and my paperwork because they do it with love and care. So as one would water and treat a dead plant to bring it back to life, Ubuntu has done it with me and I will always be grateful. For me Ubuntu is a family and home, I have a lifetime attachment. No word could express what Ubuntu has done for me, it has made me feel like this. I couldn't imagine what I would have done without Ubuntu. Long live Ubuntu.”

This is one testimony of a victim of domestic abuse who stayed at our refuge. She remains an active and full participant-volunteer in our 'Recovery as Reparations' interventions and is now on track to regularize her immigration status. We hope she will join us as part of our staff team by the end of the next year. Her testimony reveals the power of our holistic wraparound, care, evolved not only to witness but to give her the skills and confidence to redress the trauma she faces at the intersection of violent misogyny, racism and egregious, immigration harm.

This powerful testament is one of many that affirms our work and keeps us going. It is only through the lens of the voices of women like hers that we dare to hope amid despair. Our shared hope is in defiance of a hostile immigration environment that continues to brutalize women like her with destitution and enforced poverty that comes with a denial of rights to work, have bank accounts, rent or drive. This is now layered over by the constant fear of being 'off-shored', with the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Integration) Act 2024 now on the statute books within the framework of the Nationality and Borders Act. Despite these headwinds, we have persevered and end this year with a streamlined specialist service run by and for the women we support, in the context of an emerging template of non- hierarchical governance that sustains and consolidates our continuing resistance.

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As always, we thank our allies across Glasgow and the North of England - local organisations, and allies who have dedicated their time, energy and resources and stand steadfast with us to achieve our goals this year. Our deepest gratitude goes out to the women and children who we have had the privilege of supporting, our beloved Jackie, Kath, Emma and Annie, our allies Rosie Lewis, Marion Bryans, Margaret Lance, Lorna Mckenzie, Nosheen Khwaja, Cloudberry Maclean. We also extend our thanks to NACCOM and their continuing support, our volunteers and wider network of support from 'our city of angels' - Glasgow without whom we would not have achieved so much over the last 12 months. Our existence, success and strength are down to your care, unconditional support and solidarity.

We extend our gratitude to our funders for their trust and affirmation of our work– the Bank of Scotland Foundation, Scottish Refugee Council, Renfrewshire Council, Corra Foundation, the Jill and Norma Franklin Trust and Comic Relief. We thank our regular donors, Meredith Keev, Mellars Bryony, MJZL Alexander, Jessica Higgins, A. Paterson, Kirsty Gilmour. We also thank our anonymous funders and the many people who contribute to our work through the year.

Thank you.

Fatou Cham Gitteh

Ms. Fatou Cham Gitteh

Interim Chair

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OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Our main charitable object is 'The prevention or relief of poverty in Scotland amongst women with unclear immigration status, no recourse to public funds (NRPF) and women unable to access homelessness, welfare and housing services by setting up and running a free night shelter providing emergency and short-term accommodation. Over the 6 years that we have started the service and in response to the needs expressed by the women we support, we have expanded our services to innovate and successfully run our trauma informed 'Recovery as Reparations' therapeutic services as interventions to resist the hostile immigration environment.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES – 12 Months to 31 March 2024

Accommodation & Shelter, Destitution & Subsistence Support, Institutional Advocacy & Access to Legal Representation, VAWG Advocacy, trauma informed 'Recovery as Reparations' Therapeutic Services, Training & Development Opportunities, Outreach Activities & Networking, Staff and Volunteer Training.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Over the last year, we have accommodated and advocated for 73 women with no recourse to public funds, including victims of domestic violence on spousal visas. In addition, we provided subsistence in the form of toiletries, food, clothing and Christmas presents, access to grants, training, and specialist, one to one, trauma-based counselling for 150 women and children. Our organisation continues to provide the following services as part of our specialist, holistic, wrap-around care and unconditional destitution support:

Accommodation and NRPF Support

We accommodated a total of 47 women, provided a total of 700 nights of accommodation that ranged from two weeks to 7 months. As part of our protocol, each woman is provided with an individual REFUGEE welcome pack (toiletries and sanitary products) and an unconditional cash grant of £50. In addition, during the period of their stay with us, we provide each woman, a weekly cost-of-living grant of £40 to cover the period before our guest gets access to home office accommodation and support. In each instance we complete an initial needs assessment to identify what their needs are. With this information we ensure they have access to a solicitor, GP, counsellor, specialist midwife services, specialist LGBTQI support. We also perform a risk assessment. As part of our specialist service, we work with each woman to develop a holistic advocacy and support plan customised to meet their unique needs working within their own cultural competencies and references.

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With a guarantee of our unconditional solidarity, we continue to provide the following as practical support for the women we accommodate:

- 24-hour emergency phone line and email support.
- Travel expenses (which includes taxi fares to Home Office interviews at 9am and lawyers etc after dark)
- Weekly ‘cost of living grants’ £40/week until our guests get access to Home Office support.
- We have provided more than 50 cash grants through the Fund for Human Need and the Aberlour Urgent Assistance Fund, ranging from £60-450 to meet their short-term cash needs.
- Access to culturally appropriate food, provisions, and toiletries as needed.

We have supported 35 women through their asylum and immigration journeys - pre-asylum until their claims are determined. This support takes several forms and includes referrals to reliable lawyers who we are confident and understand their particular circumstances and cultural contexts. We have accompanied 4 of our guests to their lawyers’ appointments and have supported 6 women to collate evidence to support their claims. This includes writing detailed support letters to visibilize mental and psychological trauma.

In addition we have reached out to their countries of origin to obtain supporting evidence for fresh claims. We have also provided 50 letters to evidence the risks and harms they have suffered because of destitution and violence to Migrant Help and the Home Office.

Our dedicated specialist team advocates on behalf of all the women we accommodate, we ensure each has urgent and immediate access to GP surgeries, A & E support if needed, and access to specialist pregnancy support for our 2 pregnant guests. We also facilitate access to contraceptives and offer AIDS tests through Waverly Care.

Specialist wellbeing ‘Recovery as Reparations’ interventions

The women we support have moderate to severe traumatic histories of violence, displacement and destitution. As women, they have been pressured by society, culture and family to silently endure the violence and abuse inflicted on them. They have sacrificed their lives for others and been tortured into submission and suffered various forms of abuse like forced marriages, FGM, political abuse and rape. They escape dangerous circumstances to seek safety and refuge in the

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UK but carry the trauma of what they have suffered with them. They have many talents but these are unknown to them as they haven’t always had a right to education, denied a voice, creative outlets and opportunities to participate fully in society. They have talents, which are yet to be discovered and many love to cook, sew and grow vegetables, flowers and fruits. Many were taught these skills by their talented mothers and grandmothers who they have left behind. Our trauma informed interventions are planned with these stories of loss and grief that damages their confidence and reduces self belief.

We believe the women we support are the experts and consistent feedback from them reveals that they feel very well supported in individual counselling sessions. They feel heard in a non-judgemental private space where they are able to talk through their trauma, giving them the space and the confidence to cope living in a foreign country, while caring for their families both here and back home and fulfilling the exacting demands of the asylum process. With the limited resources we have, we offer each woman we accommodate access to 6 sessions to start with after which and in consultation with our trauma therapist, they are offered as many sessions as they need. From March 2023 to March 2024, a total of 67 women from countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia were provided with therapeutic intervention in 320 individual sessions. In cases where it was decided to extend for more than 6 or 10 sessions, there was a clear pattern from our past experience - difficulties in sleeping, eating and/or isolation, trauma, depression was still very present. However, over the past six years, we recognise that due to their levels of trauma, counselling, though necessary as an initial intervention, is insufficient. It can take each woman many years in counselling, to recover from the trauma they have suffered and start living full autonomous lives.

They were also consistently telling us how the therapeutic support groups, piloted the year before, encouraged, motivated and empowered them, enhancing their existing life skills and opening up new talents and opportunities. They could see beyond their trauma by fully engaging in collective activities. This is how we started the ‘ Recovery as Reparations’ which is now firmly embedded in our frontline service. We now regularly run therapeutic groups that involve sewing; craftivism; poetry; storytelling; planting; hair care and makeup; way of council groups with many more planned for the following year. In response to feedback activities that were arranged and facilitated included - banner making session within the Craftism as therapy sessions, The Healing

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Power of Crochet, Demand Your Rights sessions, Hair care as therapy, Makeup as therapy, Planting as therapy with an external facilitator and in collaboration with our allies Galgael in Govan. These groups run regularly twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays with our 'hair as therapy' sessions running on Wednesday where we hire two chairs from a new Scotswoman from Eritrea.

Each new activity is topped and tailed by our specialist in-house counsellor with a specialism in immigration/ gender based violence related trauma therapy. She works with our outreach team to develop a trauma informed monitoring and evaluation framework for each event. This is then discussed by the staff team who plan and organise these or other events requested by the women to ensure that the objectives of the interventions are being met. In the main we are looking for evidence of recovery from these interventions. Recovery in this context is evidenced through subjective expressions of wellbeing before and after each activity. The outreach team (two staff and one volunteer) will have constant access to our trauma counsellor to update on progress and iron out problems as and when these reflect and evaluate whether the objectives have been met and what can be learned from this experience. We continue to reflect and learn from our experience to ensure that our women have the specialist support not only to survive but to thrive in this hostile environment.

Once completed she will meet with the women again and get feedback on how they felt about the session. These are trauma-informed interventions as each is framed and overseen by the staff and follow clear protocols aimed at creating spaces where women can see beyond their trauma. This structure entails staff making session notes from which information is collated to identify needs that require further therapeutic training and support; this further support is provided through phone calls, emails/messages, meetings, zoom call sessions between meetings; feedback forms and individual calls are made to each woman we support, if they are absent from sessions or unwell; One to One therapeutic support is also provided for trauma triggered during therapeutic support groups. We are also continually researching current mental health needs and impacts and how these are best addressed and exploring new interventions for example 'Way of council' sittings as a way to collectively heal and recover. Our specialist staff on hand receive continuous training through professional development such as vicarious trauma training and clinical supervision.

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Feedback from our group of craftivists and what these activities mean to them

One woman said it reminded her of her Mother and especially her Grandma. She used to sew with them. The memories were remembered with fondness and positivity. There was one woman who said that she was reminded of a good and then a difficult memory. She had sewn the picture of a ball and said that it reminded her of playing ball in her village, which was a good memory but it also reminded her that the difficulties of immigration and the people she met starting that journey, had treat them like a ball, tossing them around from place to place as if they were an object.

The women talked about the memories taking them back to a place of happiness and joy. Also, had it not been for these sewing classes they wouldn’t have remembered such good things, as life has become difficult and they are going through hardships but to reminded of a time which was good brings them comfort of the unity of family.

One woman said that her family are in their home country and they felt isolated here. They often don’t feel like they belong and they love good company but coming to the sewing group classes have given her a feeling like she belongs to a ‘community’ now. This has improved her moods too, as she looks forward to them every week.

Another woman said she used to be confident in her home country but she lost her confidence as she went through the hardships of getting to the UK and then being messed around here too. She became closed within herself as she couldn’t trust anyone but coming to these sewing classes has given her a voice again and she genuinely feels happy from the heart when she comes to the classes.

The success of these groups and classes has given the women courage to make friends, to be united not only in their joy but their sorrows too. The feeling of not being alone, is now shared as they have a community they belong to now. They thank Ubuntu staff for supporting them. They offer their gratitude also to the facilitators of this group – Kath and Jackie.

Community Outreach

The highlight of our community outreach activities this year was our - *ReSista Spice: cooking stories to share* - At this event two members of our team (former service users) sourced

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ingredients and cooked a dish that reminded them of home. While sharing their food in an open community drop in arrangement, they shared their stories while everyone partook of their delicious food. The participants also produced their own cooking stories to share. This activity as with all our recovery as reparation interventions are designed to give the women we support back some measure of autonomy and control over the stories of their lives. These stories are otherwise captured and maintained as depersonalised asylum/immigration casework. a soap making workshop funded by Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership - Making Arts and Culture Accessible Fund: Round 2. The women went on several outings including to the Glasgow Cathedral for a day out. *Christmas Presents* (December 2023) In late December 2022 we collected and distributed gifts to 50 children donated by three local organisations: Glasgow's No.1 Baby and Family Support Service and Glasgow's Spirit of Christmas in our office in the Adelphi Centre.

We conclude this report with two more testimonials that showcase our work:

"I was directed to Ubuntu by a woman I met near the zoo in Edinburgh. She gave me a note to help me get there and said they would take care of me. When I arrived, the admin welcomed me and let me rest. They ordered food for me and made me comfortable. The team was very understanding when they asked me questions. They took me to the shelter, which felt like home. The women there were friendly and reassured me that I wasn't alone. After a few days, I felt relaxed and forgot my worries. I am thankful for Ubuntu's support, including a weekly grant. I attended activities that helped me make friends and improve my mental well-being. Ubuntu runs hair salon to help women do their hair. One of the highlights was when the stylist invited me for a hair treatment. She gave me a lovely massage and braided my hair, making me feel joyful. Overall, I'm grateful for everything Ubuntu has done for me. They truly make us feel like part of the community and remind us that we deserve care and support. Thank you Ubuntu"

"I learned about the shelter through my lawyer, who contacted your organization for my protection. The shelter was comfortable and felt like a family. It provided everything a woman needs in daily life, along with safety and peace from neighbours. There was mutual respect among residents, which contributed to both psychological and physical comfort. Without the shelter, I would have been on the street. Thank you for your efforts and for all that you do for women.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for year

Total income for the year 2024 was £126,643 (2023, £74,830). Principal funds for this year were raised from: Charitable donations and non-government grants.

Total expenditure at 31 March 2024 was £172,788 (2023, £148,713).

Cash resources at 31 March 2024 were £21,135 (2023, £79,200). These are low levels of cash however we have been increasing these funds throughout FY 24/25 to replenish our reserves.

Net assets

The net asset position at 31 March 2024 was £60,177 (2023, £106,323) of which unrestricted funds were £55,053 and restricted funds were £5,124.

Reserves and reserves policy

The present level of income is adequate to support the continuation of activities for the foreseeable future and trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

Unrestricted reserves at 31 March 2024 were £55,053, and restricted reserves were £5,124.

Unrestricted reserves are required within the charity for contingency planning. Within any assessment of a suitable level of reserves, the trustees have only considered unrestricted operational overheads. Unrestricted reserves represent those reserves not tied up in designated funds and restricted funds. The trustees approve the level of reserves held by the charity and are satisfied that these will be sufficient for the charity to achieve its objectives for at least three months (£37,178) in the following year.

Plans for future

- Transition to a user-led and run service.
- Dedicated and trained staff which will include at least two full time paid staff and additions to our volunteer team.
- The development of our in-house dedicated, trauma-informed counselling support. This will entail setting up and managing all aspects of our very own specialised, in-house, multi-dimensional trauma counselling service (including bringing in-house the services of our dedicated specialist counsellors in the first instance to supporting Ubuntu guests when they access our front-line service for both direct and indirect support)

Phase III (2022-2026)

We envision that the organisation will be run and managed as far as possible by former guests of the shelter and service users. To this end all our guests will be offered certified in-house training and support to acquire relevant administrative and professional qualifications and confidence. To consolidate our 'Recovery as Reparations' services.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Board Recruitment

One third of Trustees are required to resign every year and there is no limit on the number of times the Trustee may be reappointed. Appointment to the board continues to be via an open and formal recruitment process.

Board Induction and Training

Initial trustees reading of the constitution at the start of first three meetings after registration. We are in the process of developing a board induction and training which will be prepared in Board meetings after the AGM.

Remuneration

The trustees are not in receipt of any salaries from the charity.

Board sub-committees

We have an operational sub-committee that meets once a month on Fridays with trustees in attendance.

Board meetings: All operational decisions impacting the long-term sustainability and financial viability of Ubuntu are taken by at least 2 trustees. Trustees attend all operational meetings where all decisions relating to the long-term financial stability of the Charity are taken in accordance with quorum requirements specified in the Constitution. This avoids a multiplicity of meetings which proved to be particularly onerous on a majority of our initial trustees who were either in the asylum system or had just received their papers and had to make court dates and other appointments that could not be re-scheduled. Also, the trustees are committed to building a strong team as a foundation for the project which requires an active hands-on Board.

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution.

Reference and administrative details

Information about the charity is set out on page 1.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES’ RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are required to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for the year.

In preparing these Financial Statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently - Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102)
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements
- Prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (January 2015) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

This report has been approved by the Board of trustees on 28th December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Fatou Cham Gitteh

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Fatou Cham Gitteh, Interim Chair

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF UBUNTU WOMEN SHELTER**

I report on the financial statements of Ubuntu Women Shelter for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 17 to 23.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and independent examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the Act) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) (the Regulations). The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeks 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the Act and Regulation 4 of the Regulations, and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the Regulations

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Frances Mullan ACIE, MSc Charity Finance
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28th December 2024

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STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	<u>31.3.24</u> Total funds	<u>31.3.23</u> Total funds £
Income from:					
Donations and Legacies	3	11,786	114,856	126,643	74,830
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Total Income		11,786	114,856	126,643	74,830
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Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	36,968	135,820	172,788	148,713
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Total Expenditure		36,968	135,820	172,788	148,713
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Net Income/(Expenditure)		(25,182)	(20,964)	(46,146)	(73,883)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward at 1 April	11	80,235	26,088	106,323	180,205
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Total funds carried forward at 31 March	12	55,053	5,124	60,177	106,323
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BALANCE SHEET
At 31 March 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	45,804	49,217
Current assets			
Debtors		1,332	-
Cash at bank and in hand		21,135	79,200
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		22,467	79,200
Liabilities: amounts due within one year	6	(1,800)	(15,000)
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Net current assets		20,667	64,200
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Total assets less current liabilities		66,871	113,417
Liabilities: amounts due after more than one year	7	(6,294)	(7,094)
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Net assets		60,177	106,323
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Funds			
Unrestricted funds	12	55,053	80,235
Restricted funds		5,124	26,088
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Total Funds		60,177	106,323
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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on the 28th December 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:

Fatou Cham Gitteh

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Fatou Cham Gitteh, Interim Chair

The notes on pages 19 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 March 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Donations, legacies, and similar income

Donations, legacies, and similar income is included in the year in which it is receivable, which is when the charity becomes entitled to the income, it is probable that it will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. Costs of charitable activities consist of those applied by the charity in meeting its charitable objectives.

Tangible fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially capitalised at cost, plus any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Property (Shelter)	- 4% over 25yrs - straight Line
Fixtures & equipment	- 25% for 4yrs - straight Line
Computer equipment	- 25% for 4yrs - straight Line

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Funds

Unrestricted general funds are the funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the directors. Restricted funds are the funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Government Grants

The charity is not currently in receipt of any Government grants.

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Going Concern

The charity is actively exploring funding from potential and existing funders moving forward. On this basis the trustees are confident that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and therefore consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on the going concern basis.

2. Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 or prior.

3. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023 £
Grants	3,645	114,856	65,641	65,641
Donations	8,141	-	9,189	9,189
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Total	11,786	114,856	126,642	74,830
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4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE

Staffing costs:

Gross salaries	-	-	-	94,767
Employers' national insurance	-	-	-	-
Employers' pension contributions	-	-	-	427
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	-	-	-	95,195
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Support cost:

Rent and Rates	-	19,848	19,848	11,538
Heat, Light and Power	-	3,946	3,946	2,779
Travelling/Accommodation	-	4,943	4,943	2,723
Printing and Stationery	4,457	-	4,457	1,043
Telephone and Computer charges	6,332	-	6,332	5,315
Repairs & Maintenance	-	11,053	11,053	1,376
NRPF & Destitute Support	-	10,368	10,368	4,626
Women Emergency Support	-	6,752	6,752	4,186
Depreciation	3,414	-	3,414	2,816
Consultancy/Accountancy Fees	11,980	-	11,980	1,393
Insurance	3,401	-	3,401	3,135
Workers Costs	-	60,341	60,341	-
Training	-	12,635	12,635	7,934
Other Costs	6,984	460	7,444	-
Volunteer Expenses	-	5,474	5,474	3,872
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	36,568	135,820	172,388	52,738
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Governance costs:

Independent examination (note 8)	400	-	400	780
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Total	<u>36,968</u>	<u>135,820</u>	<u>172,788</u>	<u>147,713</u>
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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Property (Shelter)	Furniture & Fittings	Office Equipment	<u>2024</u> Totals
COST	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2023	53,450	2,025	3,077	58,552
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>53,450</u>	<u>2,025</u>	<u>3,077</u>	<u>58,552</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2023	7,746	397	1,192	9,335
Charge for year	2,138	506	769	3,414
At 31 March 2024	<u>9,884</u>	<u>903</u>	<u>1,961</u>	<u>12,749</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2024	<u>46,566</u>	<u>1,122</u>	<u>1,116</u>	<u>45,804</u>
At 31 March 2023	45,704	1,628	1,885	49,217

6. LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>31.3.24</u>	<u>31.3.23</u>
	£	£
Other creditors		-
Accruals	1,800	15,000
	<u>1,800</u>	<u>15,000</u>

7. LIABILITIES: Amounts due after more than one year	<u>31.3.24</u>	<u>31.3.23</u>
	£	£
Loan	6,894	7,094
	<u>6,894</u>	<u>7,094</u>

8. GOVERNANCE COSTS:	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Independent examination	400	780
	<u>400</u>	<u>780</u>

9. STAFF COSTS	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	-	95,195
	<u>-</u>	<u>95,195</u>

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10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	<u>31.3.23</u> Total funds £
Income from:			
Donations and Legacies	74,830	-	74,830
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Total Income	74,830	-	74,830
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Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	148,713	-	148,713
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Total Expenditure	148,713	-	148,713
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Net Income/(Expenditure)	(73,883)	-	(73,883)
Reconciliation of Funds			
Total funds brought forward at 1 April	154,117	26,088	180,205
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Total funds carried forward at 31 March	80,235	26,088	106,323
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11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2023/24

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	<u>31.3.24</u> Total funds £
Fixed assets	45,804	-	45,804
Current assets	17,343	5,124	22,467
Current liabilities	(1,800)		(1,800)
Long-term Liabilities	(6,294)		(6,294)
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	55,053	5,124	60,177
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2022/23

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	<u>31.3.23</u> Total funds £
Fixed assets	49,217		49,217
Current assets	53,112	26,088	79,200
Current Liabilities	(15,000)		(15,000)

Long-term Liabilities	(7,094)	-	(7,094)
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	80,235	26,088	106,323
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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

2023/24

	At 1.4.23	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General funds-Grants	80,235	11,786	(36,968)	-	55,053
Restricted funds					
Grants	26,088	114,856	(135,820)	-	5,124
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Total funds	106,233	126,643	(172,788)	-	60,178
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2022/23

	At 1.4.22	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General funds-Grants	154,117	74,830	(148,713)	-	80,235
Restricted funds					
Donations - Angella	26,088	-			26,088
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Total funds	180,205	74,830	(148,713)	-	106,323
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13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

At 31 March 2024, there were no related party transactions recorded or prior year.



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