

**AFRICAN WOMEN'S CARE**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Year Ended**  
**31 MARCH 2019**

## AFRICAN WOMEN'S CARE

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### CHARITY INFORMATION

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<b>Management Committee:</b>	Margaret Akullo	Chair
	Christine Atim	Treasurer
	Hadijah Kitembo	Member
	Jackie Kipwola	Member
	Lilian Olanya	Member
	Charles Kyazze	Member

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## **AFRICAN WOMEN'S CARE**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

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The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

African Women's care is governed by its committee who meets regularly to manage its affairs. The charity employs paid staff and uses paid consultants for specific projects. It relies heavily on committee and volunteers for its day to day activities. AWC applies for funding of projects through applications to Trusts, Local Government, Central Government and other funding bodies. Most of our projects are funded for 1 - 3 years and are monitored through regular monitoring visits from the funders and quarterly project reports.

#### **Statement of Committee's Responsibilities**

The law requires the committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the committee are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and the apply them consistently;
- make judgment and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts: and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The committee have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate systems of control, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any given time the financial position of the charity and to enable them ensure that the financial statements comply with relevant regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Risk Management**

The risk to which the charity is exposed is reviewed regularly by its committee. At every committee meeting, the agenda would include among others, health and safety risk and compliance and, financial risk. The committee is certified that appropriate steps have been taken to identify and manage major risk to which the charity is exposed.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The principal objectives and activities of the charity are:

- a) To advance education;
- b) To preserve and protect public health;
- c) To relieve poverty and suffering of women, girls and, families who are refugees especially those of African origin.

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT cont'ed**

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#### **Chairperson's Report**

It's a pleasure to present African Women's Care's annual report of activities for the year 2018-2019.

With continued cuts and high competition, we have had to work very hard this year to secure funding to deliver our service to the women we help. Despite this challenge we have experienced very high demand for our services, and the women who came to us for support have more complex needs. We managed to maintain our core services and demonstrated the effectiveness of what we do best; giving better life opportunities and futures of women surviving domestic abuse. I am pleased to know that our little touch made real difference to many lives, giving them hope for the future.

In the coming year we anticipate substantial development in all our services and endeavour to keep up with the pace of all new development within the sector especially ensuring that high quality standards are maintained in our service delivery at all times.

I would not like to forget our supporters; all our achievements would not have been possible without the consistency and generous grants and donation from our funders. May I also take this opportunity to thank every member of our team, management committee, staffs, volunteers for their enthusiasm and passion, often beyond the call of duty, in ensuring that our work adheres to the highest standard.

#### **Our achievements this year:**

##### **Grenfell Community Response**

AWC continues providing support to families affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy. With funding from the Big Lottery, AWC delivered holistic therapeutic family support programme to 30 families with children under 10 years struggling dealing with overwhelming stress of living in hotel accommodation or displacement from their homes due to the fire.

AWC is proud to have also participated in several consultations, and above all being part of voice of the community. We raised the issue of undocumented victims which was flagged up by the Guardian Newspaper and we are pleased with the government response of grant of amnesty to the victims. AWC is still among the few organisations continuing to provide support to the local community affected.

##### **Domestic Violence & Advocacy Support**

AWC continues being one of specialist BME organisation working in the field of domestic abuse and part of the nine specialist organisation known as Angelou which works to deliver the spectrum of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) services in the boroughs of Kensington & Chelsea, Hammersmith & Fulham and Westminster. Within this partnership AWC plays a unique role in delivering specialist support to BME women affected by domestic violence (DV) including delivering support to women affected by the practice of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Our services provide safety planning, advocacy, advice, information and practical guidance to BME women ensuring that women are able to make informed choices about their future and safely exit from being exploited. All our support is non-judgemental, delivered through one to one intensive casework in a safe confidential environment. This year we supported 106 women and their children

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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT cont'ed**

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#### **NRPF – No Recourse to Public Funds**

AWC continues to provide support to BME women facing domestic abuse with no recourse to public funds. We accept referrals from voluntary, community and statutory agencies. This year we had very high numbers of referral for support with limited resources, however through our support and intervention 21 women and their children have been successfully granted indefinite leave to remain.

#### **Community Engagement Activities**

AWC continues being part of the Healthworks consortium which is funded by Kensington & Chelsea NHS led by the Dalgano Trust. The project aims to reduce health inequalities among BME communities by supporting, empowering and encouraging individuals to take appropriate actions by engaging in physical activities that helps to improve their health and well-being. In the year, AWC organised group sessions for the BME women to participate in Zumba classes, African Yogo session, Walking groups, Belly dance and Cycling. We also delivered workshops promoting good health and well being, and parenting skills.

Our physical activity programme has become very popular to the hard to reach isolated women, which is to many a starting point of getting into the culture of taking part in physical activities. Some others benefited from getting buddies within local reach to support the continuation drive began. Overall, 218 women have benefited by participating; we are hoping to double the number next year.

#### **Volunteers**

AWC relies heavily upon the contribution of volunteers to deliver their much demanded services. The principle of volunteering inherits in the organisation's commitment to facilitate integration of African refugee and asylum seekers. Volunteers take responsibilities for varied tasks relating to the work of the organisation. AWC's ethos and sense of purpose are rooted in the education of women to their rights in order to increase their contribution to the wider community by using their talents. Volunteers help with general office administration duties, practical accompany clients to various services, interpretation work and including providing home visits for the elderly and those living with terminal ill health.

#### **Plans for the future**

African Women's Care plans to maximise its fund-raising activities in order to be in a better position to meet the ever increasing demand from the targeted community. We have also identified the need to invest heavily on quality standards in order to improve the quality and standard of our services. It is our commitment for the next years to continue offering our support to BME women and their children.

**Financial Review**

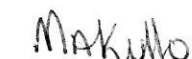
During the year, AWC received incoming resources of £57,204 (2018: £96,310) and had outgoing resources of £60,751 (2018: £87,406) in delivering its objectives as well as for management and administration of the charity.

**Reserve Policy**

One of the financial objectives of AWC is to build up reserves. It is therefore seeking to establish a level of reserves that would allow it to increase its activities as well as to enable it to maintain long-term viability.

**Thank you all**

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Margaret Akullo  
Chair

5th December 2019

## **AFRICAN WOMEN'S CARE**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF AFRICAN WOMEN'S CARE**

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I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2019.

#### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner.**

As the charity's Trustees' you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 does not apply.

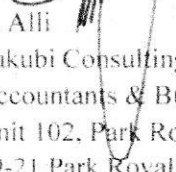
It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Direction of the Charity Commissioner under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come my attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustee' 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 accounts.

#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention: which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act: and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirement of the Act, have not been met: or to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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10th December 2019



# AFRICAN WOMEN'S CARE

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Grant	5.	-	57,204	57,204	96,310
Other Income		-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources		-	57,204	57,204	96,310
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Cost of generating voluntary income	2.	-	104	104	255
Charitable Activities	2.	-	59,922	59,922	86,327
Governance Costs	2.	-	725	725	824
Total Resources Expended		-	60,751	60,751	87,406
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the Year</b>					
		-	(3,547)	(3,547)	8,904
Movement of Funds		-	-	-	-
Balances b/f at 1 April 2018		-	9,182	9,182	278
Balances c/f at 31 March 2019		-	5,635	5,635	9,182

## AFRICAN WOMEN'S CARE

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2019


	Notes	2019 £	2018
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
<b>Tangible Assets</b>	3.	953	1,429
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	4,823		4,823
Cash at Bank & in Hand	859		3,430
	<u>5,682</u>		<u>8,253</u>
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amount falling due within one year	1,000		500
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		4,682	7,753
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>5,635</u>	<u>9,182</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		5,635	9,182
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>5,635</u>	<u>9,182</u>

#### Director's Statements

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The Trustees considers that the organisation is entitled to audit exemption under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

The Trustees acknowledges their responsibility for ensuring that the organisation keeps accounting records which comply with the provisions of the Charities Act 1993, and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation at 31 March, 2017 and of its results for the period then ended.

  
Margaret Akullo  
Chair

5th December 2019

## **AFRICAN WOMEN'S CARE**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019**

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#### **1. Accounting Policies**

- a) The financial statements are prepared under the historical costs convention and with the Charities Act 1993 and related regulations.
- b) Depreciation is provided on straight line basis over estimated useful life of the assets which is four years.
- c) These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting by Charities (SORP 2005 updated 2008) and applicable accounting standards.
- d) Voluntary income received by way of donations is included in full in the account when they are receivable
- e) Grants are recognised in full in the accounts in the year in which they are receivable
- f) Funds received for specific purpose are funds restricted for use for that purpose. These funds are shown separately in the accounts.
- g) Costs of generating funds are cost associated with attracting voluntary income.
- h) Charitable expenditure are those costs incurred in the delivery of the charity's activities and these costs includes direct support costs.
- I) Governance costs include those associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory obligations.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

#### 2. Resources Expended

Cost of generating funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£
Publicity & related costs	-	19	19	82
Volunteer Expenses	-	85	85	173
sub-total	-	104	104	255

#### Charitable Activities

Volunteer Expenses	-	2,737	2,737	5,602
Sessional Work	-	22,959	22,959	28,151
Workshops, Welfare, Events & Training	-	3,810	3,810	20,469
Consultancy	-	670	670	750
Rent	-	5,521	5,521	5,521
Salary & Wages	-	13,870	13,870	12,410
Telephone, Fax & Internet	-	1,575	1,575	2,042
Subscriptions	-	629	629	465
Information Resources	-	3,832	3,832	2,597
Print, Postage & Stationery	-	930	930	1,921
Publicity	-	611	611	2,653
Travel	-	675	675	933
Repairs & Maintenance	-	346	346	854
Bank Charges	-	434	434	351
Insurance	-	675	675	657
Sundry Expenses	-	172	172	475
Depreciation	-	476	476	476
sub-total	-	59,922	59,922	86,327

#### Governance

Management Committee meeting	-	225	225	324
Independent Examination Fee	-	500	500	500
sub-total	-	725	725	824

<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	-	60,751	60,751	87,406
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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

#### 3. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Office Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	Total
Costs	£	£
At 1 April 2018	11,990	11,990
Additions in Year	-	-
At 31 March 2019	11,990	11,990
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2018	10,561	10,561
Charge for the Year	476	476
At 31 March 2019	11,037	11,037
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 2019	953	953
At 31 March 2018	1,429	1,429

#### 4. (Deficit)/Surplus for the year

	2019 £	2018 £
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of Tangible fixed Assets	476	476

#### 5. Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Award for All	-	-	-	7,821
Big Lottery	-	26,440	26,440	8,813
City Bridge Trust	-	-	-	3,000
RBK&C Public Health (Dalgano Trust)	-	3,985	3,985	3,835
SMART (Org. Dev. Grant)	-	-	-	2,000
RBK&C (Greenfell Response)	-	-	-	10,000
RBK&C (Community Safety)	-	-	-	5,212
Tudor Trust (London Funders)	-	-	-	17,745
Tri-Borough VAWG Partnership	-	26,279	26,279	35,039
Paddington Development Trust	-	-	-	2,845
Other Income	-	500	500	-
Total	-	57,204	57,204	96,310