

Charity Number: 1173334

Afrocats

Report and financial statements
For the year ended 5th June 2021

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Reference and administrative information for the year ended 5th June 2021

Charity number 1173334

Registered office and operational address 83 Ducie Street,
Manchester,
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Trustees Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Reina Euphemia Jukon Yaidoo	Chair
Lindsey Jane Stirrup	Trustee
Ruth Alison Bellhouse	Trustee

Key management personnel Magdalen Bartlett Chief Executive Officer

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Afrocats Trustees' annual report

for the year ended 5th June 2021

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 5th June 2021.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the charity's constitution and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and activities

The promotion of social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

For the purpose of this clause, 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth; ill-health (physical or mental); discrimination on the grounds of race, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed; poor educational and skills attainment.

Our programmes

Natives of the World

Natives of the World is our programme of work for adults from marginalised backgrounds. Through our activities, everyone can feel included and part of society. Our aim is for the adults we work with to access volunteering and creative activities to improve their well-being and employability skills.

The adult refugees and asylum seekers we work with often experience complex health and social care needs. We have seen an increase in offering support for newly granted stay, low-wage or unemployed adults who suffer from low self-esteem and confidence, and those that have poor mental health.

Youth of the World

Youth of the World is our programme of work for young people so they can broaden their horizons. We work with children and young people aged 8 to 18 who do not have access to activities and education support. Without this, young people have low aspirations and limited future employment opportunities.

Children and young people We work with economically disadvantaged children and young people from different backgrounds, including young refugees and asylum seekers. Home-schoolers Children from low-wage households: Many children and young people care for their parents or other family members.

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

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Achievements and performance

The charity's main activities and who it tries to help are described below. All its charitable activities focus on work with refugees and asylum seekers ie creative and wellbeing workshops, culturally appropriate food parcels and data expenses were undertaken to further Afrocats' charitable purposes for the public benefit.

We were able to engage with;

- 84 Adults, of which 82% were women
- 41 children and young people
- 28 volunteers

Provided the following;

- 5 food deliveries that benefitted 187 people
- 30 creative packs that helped 43 children across Greater Manchester
- 2 Laptops and 12 tablets for children to complete their schoolwork on
- 20 creative workshops for children
- 44 creative and wellbeing workshops for adults
- 53 attendees across Afrocats 3 online events
- 30 people signposted to partner organisations

Financial review

Each year, Afrocats has increased our revenue; this year, we have surpassed the expected income of over 30k to over 50k. Our new financial position has given us a chance to apply for larger grants to attract core funding. We are a small CIO, developing relationships with funders and building a track record to build credibility and trust through our reports.

We are confident that we will attract more significant, long term grants for our organisation to grow financially and to deliver our much-needed work to service users.

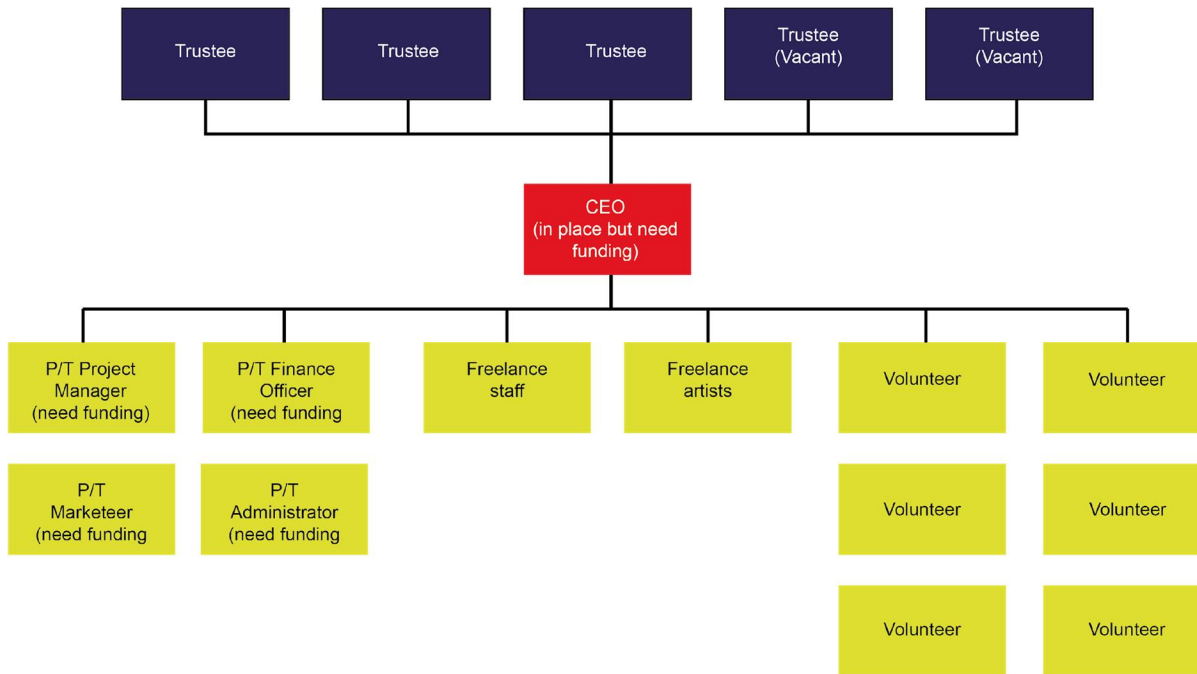
Reserves policy

Our reserve policy stipulates that we aim to have enough unrestricted cash to cover operating expenses for three to six months' expenses. However, we are a new small charity, and we run on a grant by grant basis at the moment.

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Structure, governance and management

Afrocats Structure



Management

Board of Trustees

A board of three trustees governs Afrocats who are passionate about the issues that affect pockets of Britain whose lives are disadvantage.

The charity was founded by Magdalen Bartlett and managed by the trustees, and the majority vote makes decisions. The trustees specify who can become a director, call the Board's meetings, and how the Board elects the charity officers. The trustees are volunteers and don't share in any operating surplus.

Afrocats has a team of volunteers and creative freelancers; Afrocats organises team meet-ups consisting of a board member, one or more staff and groups of volunteers. Afrocats orient teams toward specific tasks or projects to form a network that allows people to efficiently move into and out of the organisation.

Afrocats elect trustees to be board members through advertisement and invitation. Each individual has to go through an interview and then be selected by most attending Board members and the CEO.

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Staff

Afrocats has not got paid staff yet, but CEO Magdalen Bartlett provides freelance project Management and coordination voluntarily or through intermittent funding support. Afrocats works with a team of volunteers and a freelance creative team.

Magdalen Bartlett manages the staff and volunteers. Volunteers take on various roles and responsibilities such as fundraising, administration, managing sessions, supporting artists and drivers. Once core funding is received the Board of trustees will hire part-time staff.

Operations

Afrocats CEO oversees the day to day operations with project management, managing volunteers, finance and budgets, and reporting to funders and the trustees.

Magdalen Bartlett does this with support from volunteers.

Ali Gunn provides Marketing support on a voluntary and freelance paid basis.

Magdalen Bartlett reports to trustees at monthly meetings with the Chair to ensure the smooth running of the charity's aims and finances according to our constitution and newly completed business plan.

Any surplus Afrocats has is reinvested into our charity.

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation, registered as a charity on 08/06/2017 in England and Wales.

The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 6 to the accounts

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Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice 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 that 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 Act 2011. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Independent examiner's report
to the trustees of
Afrocats

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th June 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Catherine Hall

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Date.....12/11/2021

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Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 5 June 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Receipts					
Donations		888	-	888	-
Grants	3	-	51,414	51,414	24,492
Total receipts		888	51,414	52,302	24,492
Payments					
Project Management		-	9,500	9,500	1,700
Website, Marketing and Publicity		-	2,061	2,061	-
Equipment and Materials		58	4,623	4,681	195
Freelance Artists		-	3,910	3,910	515
Research costs		-	300	300	-
Postage, Print and Stationery		-	637	637	317
Venue Hire		-	441	441	3,090
Food Parcels		126	3,750	3,876	-
Information Technology		-	43	43	474
Travel		-	600	600	130
Translator costs		-	174	174	-
Refreshments		-	300	300	86
Awards for all		-	1,671	1,671	-
Gift Vouchers		75	-	75	-
Telephone and Internet		-	1,913	1,913	-
Subscriptions		-	-	-	47
Volunteer costs		-	330	330	40
Trainees		-	-	-	52
Training		-	63	63	350
Administration		-	1,000	1,000	-
Other		614	291	905	-
Total payments		873	31,607	32,480	6,996
Net receipts/(payments)		15	19,807	19,822	17,496
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit)		15	19,807	19,822	17,496

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 5 June 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds</i> 2020 £
Note				
Cash funds				
Bank and cash balances at start of year	-	17,496	17,496	24,492
Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	15	19,807	19,822	(6,996)
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Bank and cash balances at end of year	15	37,303	37,318	17,496
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Approved by the Trustees on 1/11/2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Reina
Euphemia
Jukon Yaidoo
(Chair)

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 5 June 2021

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis.

2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

3 Grants received

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
BBC Children in Need	-	9,993	9,993	9,992
Duchy fund	-	500	500	-
Southway Housing	-	-	-	1,000
Arts Council England	-	3,802	3,802	13,500
GMCVO	-	2,540	2,540	-
Phoenix Global Fund	-	5,000	5,000	-
Global Fund 1	-	3,000	3,000	-
Community Fund	-	9,290	9,290	-
Local Network Fund	-	2,500	2,500	-
Manchester Wellbeing Fund	-	1,830	1,830	-
D'Oyly Carte	-	3,000	3,000	-
Awards for All	-	1,671	1,671	-
Forever Manchester	-	7,288	7,288	-
Albert Hunt Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
	-	51,414	51,414	24,492

4 Receipts from charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Donations	888	-	888	-
	888	-	888	-

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6 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration during the year .

Trustees received travel and subsistence expenses during the year of £nil (2020: £nil).

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year.

7 Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	Balance at 6 June 2020	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 5 June 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
BBC Children in Need	9,619	9,993	(7,381)	-	12,231
Duchy fund	-	500	(322)	-	178
Southway Housing	96	-	-	-	96
Arts Council England GMCVO	7,781	3,802	(866)	-	10,717
Phoenix Global Fund	-	2,540	(2,538)	-	2
Global Fund 1	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Community Fund	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Local Network Fund	-	9,290	(7,939)	-	1,351
Manchester Wellbeing Fund	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
D'Oyly CARTE	-	1,830	(1,005)	-	825
Awards for All	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Forever Manchester	-	1,671	(1,671)	-	-
Albert Hunt Trust	-	7,288	(2,350)	-	4,938
	-	1,000	(35)	-	965
Total	17,496	51,414	(31,607)	-	37,303

Name of fund

Description, nature and purposes of the fund

BBC Children in Need	Work with Children and Young People
Duchy Fund	Work with Children and Young People
Southway Housing	Targeted work with Manchester young people
Arts Council England	To develop and invest in artistic and cultural experiences that enrich people's lives and support activities across the arts, museums and libraries – from theatre to digital art, reading to dance, music to literature, and crafts to collections
GMCVO	Targeted work with Greater Manchester to support in education, training, economic, community development, human rights, religious and equality
Phoenix Global Fund	Supports a network of BAME people
The Community Fund	To help improve peoples lives and communities
Local Network Fund	To help tackle poverty and disadvantaged children and young people
Manchester Wellbeing Fund	To support people with their mental wellbeing in Manchester
D'Ogly CARTE	Work with Young People and Adults
Awards for All	To benefit the community which includes purchasing new equipment or materials, hosting events, activities, performance, volunteer expenses
Forever Manchester	To support community activity across Greater Manchester
Albert Hunt Trust	To support people with physical and mental welfare

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9 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 6 June 2020 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	As at 5 June 2021 £
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
	-	888	(873)	-	15
	-	888	(873)	-	15
Funds			£		
Restricted			37,303		
General			15		
Total			37,318		