

REFUGEE CAFE

Charity registration number: 1191147

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021

Objectives and Activities

Our principal objective is to enable our clients (people from the refugee community in the London borough of Lewisham and surrounding neighbourhoods) to develop skills in the preparation, serving and marketing of food and other products so that they and their families can generate income and improve their social integration within the area.

In pursuing that objective, we plan to operate a cafe - a place where food can be prepared and served to customers - that will be a site where our training can be delivered. The cafe will operate on a commercial basis with any surplus used to finance other aspects of the training programme.

The cafe will be open for our clients, their family and friends, and customers from the general public. This will support the objective of improving social integration within the community. We will use the cafe and other activities, as well as social media, to attract support from the local community as donors and volunteer workers.

We are pursuing other activities related to our principal objective in order to raise funds and improve social integration. These include staging events such as community dinners, stalls at local markets for our produce, and online sales. In the future, we plan to use the facilities of the cafe to support these activities.

We plan to deliver a training programme taking advantage of the cafe and other opportunities.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

We will make applications to organisations which award grants to support our work. The aim will be to increase the income we generate ourselves and reduce our dependence on grants.

Achievements and Performance

In the period covered by this report, Refugee Cafe has been unable to open a cafe or launch a training programme (although we have pursued other activities). This is because of Coronavirus restrictions imposed by the United Kingdom government. We have, nevertheless, continued our planning so that we can pursue these activities when we are able to do so.

During the year we were able to engage four beneficiaries in preparing food for our events and merchandise for our sales outlets, giving them enhanced skills and confidence. These were paid at the London living wage or on a commission basis and some took part in sessions to improve English language skills..

Refugee Cafe currently has no employees but during the year we benefitted from the efforts of over fifty local volunteers. In addition to assisting with our market and online sales, volunteers spread awareness of Refugee Cafe through social media. We enjoy widespread recognition in the Lewisham area which will provide a strong base for our future activities.

Financial Review

At 30 April 2021, Refugee Cafe had assets of over £50,000. Of this, nearly £35,000 is restricted, mainly to finance the training programme and setting up and running the cafe. The unrestricted reserve amounted to over £16,000 and is considered to be sufficient to maintain the charity's financial stability, protect against risks, and respond to opportunities.

During the year, we raised nearly £50,000 from grants and donations. We also made a profit of about £3,500 from our activities in a 'virtual' cafe - preparing food for market stalls, online sales, sales to traders, and community events.

During the year, our administrative overheads were £1,149.

Structure, Governance and Management

Refugee Cafe began operations on 1 May 2020. It was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 3 September 2020.

The trustees during the year to 30 April 2021 were:

Abdullah Al Awayed, from 1 May 2020
Azi Arman, from August 2020
Charli Hunt, from 1 May 2020 to January 2021
Danielle Pham, secretary, from December 2020
Eleri Jones, from January 2021
Freya Laing from 1 May 2020
Iolanda Chirico, chair, from 1 May 2020
Katie Irving, from 1 May 2020 to December 2020
Kehinde Ikulogan, from 1 May 2020 to November 2020
Marco Munoz, from 1 May 2020
Ronnie Haydon, from 1 May 2020 to December 2020
Roy Warden, treasurer, from December 2020
Sujeeva Samasundara, from 1 May 2020

Iolanda Chirico resigned as chair and trustee on 24 June 2021 and Azi Arman became interim chair.

Reference and Administrative details

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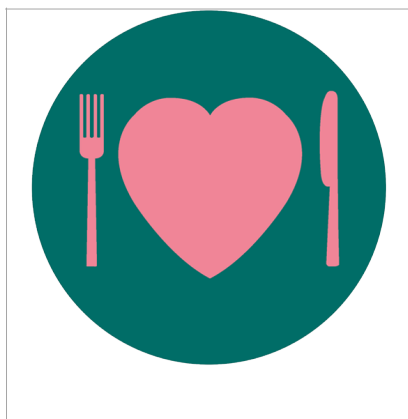
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved this report.

Azi Arman
interim Chair

19 October 2021



REFUGEE CAFE ACCOUNTS
1 MAY 2020 TO 30 APRIL 2021

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 19 October 2021.

Azi Arman (interim chair)

Roy Warden (treasurer)

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies (note 2)	12,107	37,338	49,445
Charitable activities (note 3)	2,095	-	2,095
Other trading activities (note 4)	9,901	-	9,901
Total	24,103	37,338	61,441
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	137	-	137
Other activities (notes 5, 6 and 7)	7,026	2,510	9,626
Total	7,163	2,510	9,673
Net movement in funds	16,760	34,828	51,588
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	0	0	0
Total funds carried forward	16,760	34,828	51,588

**BALANCE SHEET
AT 30 APRIL 2021**

	£
Current assets	
Stocks (note 8)	2,866
Debtors	594
Cash at bank and in hand	48,866
Total current assets	52,326
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	198
Net current assets	52,128
Provisions for liabilities (note 9)	360
Total net assets	51,768
Unrestricted funds	16,760
Restricted funds	34,828
Total charity funds	51,768

The notes on pages 4 to 8 form part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

1.1 These 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

1.2 These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis (see note 13).

1.3 Income is accounted for when: - the charity becomes entitled to it (unconditionally entitled in the case of grants and donations); - the trustees are virtually certain that it will be received; and - its monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.4 Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

1.5 Expenditure on assets of less than £1,000 per item is treated as revenue expenditure and is not capitalised.

1.6 The value of any voluntary help received is not included.

1.7 Liabilities are recorded as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay.

2. Analysis of donations received

	£
Award for All	10,000
Groundwork - Right to Thrive	5,598
Haberdashers	2,000
Lewisham Homes	2,500
London Catalyst	2,000
Total donations for training	22,098
Community Fund	3,100
Feeding the City	2,400
Launchpad	4,940
London Catalyst	2,500
Other donations	1,300
Total donations for cafe	14,240
Community Fund	1,000
Total donations for volunteer coordinator	1,000
Co-op	1,248
Kusuma Trust	10,000
Other donations	859
Total unrestricted donations	12,107

3. Analysis of income from events

	£
Community dinner	1,165
Cookery demonstrations	625
Other events	305
Total income from events	2,095

4. Analysis of income from other trading activities

	£
Online sales	4,843
Sales at markets	4,131
Sales to traders	669
Artwork sales	258
Total sales	9,901

5. Analysis of unrestricted expenditure on other trading activities

	£
Ingredients and packaging	3,224
Merchandise	125
Artwork	252
Payments to chefs	1,397
Kitchen expenses	335
Market fees	240
Miscellaneous	1,116
Online fees	127
Postage	133
Consumables	107
Transport	27
Total cost of other trading activities	5,967

6. Analysis of unrestricted expenditure on overheads

	£
Accountancy	360
Bookkeeping	43
Clothing	54
Insurance	249
Miscellaneous	149
Printing	45
Training received	75
Website	84
Total cost of overheads	1,059

7. Analysis of restricted expenditure on equipment

	£
Pizza dough roller	599
Food processor	416
Camera	335
Deep frier (x2)	286
Vegware pots	176
Stick blender	131
Meat mincer	119
Panini grill	119
Chopping knives and boards	100
Condiments holder	83
Laminator	40
Chaffing dish	35
Hand blender	25
Stainless steel bowls	21
Napro jar closer	17
Digital scales	15
Total expenditure on equipment	2,510

8. Analysis of stocks

	Opening balance	Purchases	Consumption	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£
Ingredients and packaging	0	5,530	3,224	2,306
Merchandise	0	683	125	558
Artwork	0	252	252	0
Total	0	6,465	3,601	2,864

9. Provisions

A provision of £360 has been made for the fee of the independent examiner.

10. Analysis by activity stream

	Charity £	Training £	Cafe £	Artwork £	TOTAL £
Donations and legacies	13,107	22,098	14,240	0	49,445
Charitable activities	0	0	2,095	0	2,095
Other trading activities	0	0	9,643	258	9,901
Total income	13,107	22,098	25,978	258	61,441
Raising funds	137	0	0	0	137
Other	1,149	0	8,225	252	9,626
Total expenditure	1,286	0	8,225	252	9,763
Surplus/(deficit)	11,821	22,098	17,713	6	51,678

11. Analysis of funds

	Opening balance £	Incomings £	Outgoings £	Closing balance £
Training	0	22,098	0	22,098
Cafe	0	14,240	2,510	11,730
Volunteer coordinator	0	1,000	0	1,000
Total restricted funds	0	37,338	2,510	34,828
Unrestricted fund	0	24,103	7,253	16,850
Total funds	0	61,441	9,763	51,678

12. Reserves

On 27 May 2021, the trustees adopted the following policy on reserves.

Refugee Cafe will set aside a reserve to maintain its financial stability, to help protect against risks, and to enable the organisation to respond to opportunities.

The amount of the reserve will be an amount of unrestricted and uncommitted funds available in liquid form.

The amount of the reserve for a year will be included in the budget for that year, will be monitored by trustees during the year, and will feature in the annual report for the year.

The aim will be to retain a reserve of at least three months forecast operating expenditure. This level will be kept under review.

13. Going concern

The trustees consider that there is a reasonable expectation that Refugee Cafe has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and, for this reason, the going concern basis has been adopted in preparing these financial statements. The trustees have considered the impact on the charity's planned activities of the impact of the COVID 19 virus and the steps taken by the government in response to it. This impact has caused some plans to be deferred, in particular the plan to open a physical cafe. General fundraising and income from other activities is, nevertheless, adequate to finance other operations for the foreseeable future.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Refugee Cafe

**On accounts for the
year ended**

30 April 2021

**Charity
no (if any)**

1191147

Set out on pages

1 to 8

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 April 2021.

**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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

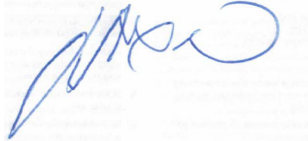
**Independent
examiner's
statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed:



Date: 05/10/2021

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