REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

CHARITY NUMBER: 1158762

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Structure, governance and management

Structure

The Community of Tigrayan in the United Kingdom (CTG-UK) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Registration Number 1158762 and was set up on 3rd October 2014.

Recruitment and Appointment of the Management Committee

The Trustees, all CTG-UK members, are known as members of the Management Committee and are appointed in accordance with the constitution of the charity, being elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Charity focuses its work on the most disadvantaged and marginalised community, the Management Committee seeks to ensure that it reflects the specific needs of these groups through the diversity of the knowledge and skills brought in by the trustee body, such as management skills and finance expertise.

Organisational Structure

The Charity have 10 Board of Trustees who meet on a monthly basis and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The trustees have the power to co-opt up to 3 further members.

There are two part time staff, and 6 volunteers who have therefore carried out all the operations of the charity during the year.

Risk Management

The trustees continues to consider potential organisational, operational, financial and administrative/systems risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure that systems and strategies are in place to minimise those risks.

Safeguarding Policy

CTG-UK has a safeguarding policy in place. Disclosure and barring service checks are carried out on volunteers and trustees. These checks are repeated every year in accordance with statutory requirements.

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects ('Objects') are:

(1) The relief of poverty, sickness and distress and the advancement of education, particularly among persons of the community of Tigrayan now living in the UK.

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- (2) To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.
- (3) To promote social inclusion of persons of the community of Tigrayan now living in the UK by preventing them from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate in society.
- (4) To act as a resource for young people, particular from the community of Tigrayan, by providing advice, assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of advancing in life and helping such young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to fully participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.
- (5) The advancement of environmental protection or improvement in Tigray by working closely with local, regional, national, and international governmental, and non-government organisations and agencies.
- (6) Providing support to organisations who are working to build a strong anti-poverty network in the Tigray regional state and to support the development programmes in Tigray to promote social justice with the objective to combat poverty.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

The CTG-UK trustees continually review the work of the charity to determine whether it continues to meet its aims, objectives and activities and provides good quality services for the benefit of the public. The trustees monitor, and respond to, the views and opinions of its service users, and other interested parties, to ensure that the services the charity delivers meet their needs.

How our activities deliver public benefit

CTG-UK's main activities and services include: -

- Supplementary classes and homework clubs.
- Advice, support, and advocacy in various areas including welfare benefits, settlement issues, education, training, employment, and other settlement issues.
- Female and young people training, and development programmed.
- Health development programmed.
- Job search activities and CV writing.
- Provide courses such as English, IT, web-design.
- Organize social and cultural events, trips seminars and workshops.
- Providing volunteering and work placement opportunities.
- Advice, information, and support on small business start-ups.
- Organizing seminars and workshops on training, employment and other settlement issues.

Achievements and performance for the year ended 31st March 2021

The services provided by CTG-UK are divided into different projects. Each project is assigned to a project leader and volunteers. This allows service users to feel comfortable by giving them a constant point of contact. The services provided at the Centre are varied and driven by our clients' needs.

I. COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROJECT

The "Community Connections" Project was launched in is new; previously, we focussed upon specific needs e.g., advice, training etc. however we have forgotten the ethos of 'community' which is becoming lost in this fast paced, modern world; the project was developed to assist different cohorts of Tigrayans build social connections and rediscover the benefits of 'Community'.

The "Community Connections" Project activities include: -

- (1) Forum establishment and group formation to bring Tigrayans together to discuss their needs and design project work.
- (2) Responsive and engaging activities: developed by the groups, delivery of weekly social gatherings, training sessions, confidence building, and advice workshops etc.
- (3) Volunteer recruitment and training to foster a user-led approach.

The "Community Connections" Project was designed and developed by Tigrayans experiencing exclusions, particularly young people, women and older people; experiencing social isolation and chronic exclusions e.g. females who experience cultural and gender constraints.

"Community Connections" is planned to help the Tigrayan community rediscover the ethos of 'community' by engaging in their own shared centre, coming together to assist each other and build those social connections that are becoming lost in the metropolis of London.

Activities will focus on creating social connections between excluded people who are also becoming housebound and isolated which is leading to mental ill health such as depression and will include:-

- (1) Forum Establishment and Group Formation: we want to bring specific cohorts of people together to discuss their needs and design project work e.g., older people, women, young people, which will provide a starting point leading to these cohorts integrating and building social connections between groups e.g. inter-generational etc.
- (2) Responsive and Engaging Activities: the groups will meet and discuss their issues from which they will design, develop and deliver a programme of user-led activities which will include: -
 - Weekly social gatherings,
 - Community celebratory events
 - Training sessions such as confidence building and communications workshops which will assist people to make new connections

- IT training to use social media which is increasingly used to maintain contact between people / groups of people
- (3) Volunteer recruitment and training to foster a user-led approach including befriending and group leadership

The project has delivered the following services to 157 people/participants: 103 participants from Southwark, 45 participants from Lambeth and 9 participants from other boroughs.

We have delivered 67 sessions, using different methods of delivery during the Covid-19 period including delivering services via zoom and by telephone.

II. COMMUNITY OF TIGRAYANS ADVICE AND SUPPORT PROJECT

The Community of Tigrayans advice, information, and support "Independent Futures" Project has the following four key activities: -

- Advice, Information & Support: 10am 12pm and 1pm 3pm in the Centre every Monday and Wednesday [drop-in and by appointment].
- 1-1 coaching and training in household management e.g., budget development, to work out income versus expenditure and assess how best to manage individual families' finances as a preventative measure which safeguards against debt and financial issues which are avoidable for families / individuals.
- Recruitment of a team of volunteers who will gain key skills as 'community advisors' to support the sessions and provide 1-1 mentoring for individuals / families; two volunteers will work in the surgeries daily as we develop a register of up to 10 volunteers each year to work on the project;
- Service and Ouality Development.

The organisation has assisted and supported over 212 case in total including domestic violence issues (10 cases); asylum fresh claim (60 cases); homelessness issues (10 cases); immigration related matters, refused cases that need to be addressed to the home office NASS, Red Cross and other Organisations (5 cases); housing matters (25 cases); travel document applications and other British passport applications (10 cases); alcohol and drugs related matters (8 cases); repatriation process for the death of our community members (9 cases); community support letter for various institutions (15 cases); state pension, Universal Credit, housing benefit, income support (30 cases); other matters (30 cases) and the organisation sadly lost around 8 users to COVID -19 and a huge number continue to be vulnerable to the pandemic. The isolation and recovery measures have not been kind to our users who struggle to even access services due to a lot of barriers such as language ... considering that COVID – 19 has inflicted great damage to our members mental health and financial position.

The Trust for London funded project has been greatly needed as our services has become inundated with users including newly arrivals seeking support. Many agencies are referring all their Tigrayan clients to us for support as they are unable to cater for their needs. We currently have a waiting list of 30 users who need our immediate support and attention to their advice needs.

III. LIFE AFTER COVID - 19 (LAC) PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

The Community of Tigrayan in the UK (CTG-UK), the Eritrean Saho Culture Association (ESCA) and Lambeth Somali Community Association (LAMSON) have established a partnership Project known as "Life after COVID (LAC)" Project. The purpose of this is project is that COVID – 19 has proved to be an unprecedented Challenge to the local communities and the three organisations have attempted to meet these challenges as best they are able by forming a partnership project. The partnership project aims to compliment and augment local and national advice and aid by tailoring it to the three communities by providing interpreting and translation support, culturally appropriate food aid, educational and befriending services to reduce social and digital isolation in these already marginalised communities. We have also supported children who have missed out during lockdown by providing them with learning materials with additional support via Zoom calls from volunteers. School leavers who faced difficult time with entering the job market was also supported, as well as young people who have lost employment due to COVID. The LAC Partnership Project was funded by National Lottery Community Fund to spend the funding over six months from October 2020 – March 2021.

The three Charities produce translated leaflets for their communities on COVID -19. The Charities had also provided trained staff to provide advice and translate information to people from these communities, who are often isolated within their own neighbourhoods. They had proposed a service similar to the Citizen's Advice Bureau, specifically to help these isolated and vulnerable communities. The three communities had also provided translated advice and guidance on services, legislation and information available from the gov.uk website and government departments such as Public Health England. They also provided translation and support for applications and forms related to local government such as housing advice and medical services such as signing up to GP practices. This has been achieved by providing translated leaflets and brochures via the post as well as verbal advice over the phone. We have been also providing an ad-hoc call advice function, available 24 hours a day for advice. In addition to the above services we have been also be sending government-advised COVID-19 PPE such as gloves and face coverings via post to affected families. The partnership working among the three Charities was exemplar as they have reached their communities during the difficult and challenging time by sharing experience and good practices and met the unmet needs of their communities.

IV. COMMUNITY OF TIGRAYANS WOMEN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE FORUM

The Community of Tigrayans Women's Forum has been providing and organising different workshops and seminars on health, training, and other settlement issues. The forum has also been providing support and training to children and young people such as mother tongue, supplementary classes and homework club and also has been successfully bringing young people together and empowering them to build their confidence, maximise their potential and contribute to the wider society by actively participating in community activities.

Financial Review

The results of the year's operation are set out in the attached financial statements. The net movement in funds for the year £20,360 and for the year ended 31st March 2020 £6,981. The retained reserves at 31st March 2021 amounted to £50,936 and for the year ended 31st March 2020 was £30,576.

Investment Policy

Any funds not required for immediate use are moved into bank deposit accounts.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees of the CTG-UK has developed a reserve policy and will be reviewed annually.

Plans for the future:

CTG-UK trustees are currently reviewing the business plan and fundraising strategy for the next three years (2021 - 2024). They are also considering both collaboration work with similar organisations to sustain the work of the charity and meet the unmet needs of the Tigrayan Community.

Trustees

The Trustees who served throughout the year were as follows:

Abraham Mebrahtu

Mulat Haregot

Berhane Gebru

Netsanet Gebru

Henoke Daniel

Hiwot Robins

Simon Hayelom

Hassan Roble

Yalemzewed Abraha

Habtom Zeru

Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

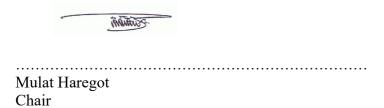
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, to disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the charity at that time and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity 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 above report, which has been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015), and the requirements of accounting and reporting by

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Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts	in
accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 201:	5),
(SORP 2015), was approved by the Trustees on 4 th December 2021.	



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Community of Tigrayan in the United Kingdom

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 11 to 16.

Respective Responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as 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 whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view'.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the trustees have not met the requirement to ensure that:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or
- (2) 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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Date: 8th December 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Incoming Resources	Not e	Unrestric ted Funds	Restrict ed	TOTAL Funds 2021	Unrestrict ed Funds	Restrict ed Funds	TOTAL Funds 2020
Donation and Legacies	2	-	-	-	3,979	-	3,979
Charitable activities	3	12,167	30,000	42,167	10,946	16,950	27,896
Other activities		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments – bank Interest		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Income		12,167	30,000	42,167	14,925	16,950	31,875
Expenditure:	4						
Fundraising		-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		627	21,180	21,807	9,627	15,267	24,894
Total expenditure		627	21,180	21,807	9,627	15,267	24,894
Net movement in funds		11,540	8,820	20,360	5,298	1,683	6,981
Reconciliation of fund:							
Total funds brought forward		28,893	1,683	30,576	23,595	-	23,595
Total funds carried forward		40,433 ======	10,503 =====	50,936 =====	28,893 ======	1,683 =====	30,576 =====

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

		2021	2020
	Note	£	
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	4	1,582	1,328
CURRENT ASSETS			
Other debtors and prepayments		7,500	_
Cash at bank and in hand		43,354	30,498
Total Current Assets		50,854	30,498
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CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		(1,500)	(1,250)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		49,354	29,248
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		50,936	30,576
FUNDS OF CHARITY		10.503	1 (02
Restricted income funds		10,503	1,683
Unrestricted income funds		40,433 50,936	28,893 30,576
		30,930 =====	30,370

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for smaller entities (effective January 2015).

Signed as approved by the Trustees on

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 Mulat H	Haregot	Date: 04/12/2021

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), *Accounting and Reporting by Charities*, published in March 2015 and applicable accounting standards.
- (b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.
- (c) Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets where applicable, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable which means that funding received in advance of expenditure that will be incurred in a future period is deferred to that future period.
- (d) Incoming resources from investments is included when receivable.
- (e) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT that cannot be recovered.
- (f) All expenditure is allocated to support costs on the basis that there was minimal activity in the year and no direct charitable expenditure. This represents a change from prior periods, when costs not incurred directly on charitable activities were allocated between charitable activities and support costs on the basis of the amount of staff time spent on non-specific or administrative work.
- (g) Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
- (h) Restricted income funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.
- (i) Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- (j) Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value over each asset's expected useful life, as follows: -

Computer and office equipment

20% reducing balance

2. Income from donations and legacies

Grants, donations, and legacies:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations	1		•	3,979
TOTALS	-	-	-	3,979
IOIALS	======	======	======	======

3. Income from charitable activities

	Un- restricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Partnership funding (LAC)	-	15,000	15,000	
LB Lambeth	5,000	-	5,000	-
Peoples Health Trust	6,250	-	6,250	6,250
Memberships fees	917	-	917	325
Trust for London	-	15000	15,000	15,000
Advice UK	-			1,950
Local Giving		-		500
Locust Foundation Donation		-		3,609
Other Income (with bank Interest)		-		262
Total Income from charitable activities	12,167	30,000	42,167	27,896 ======

4. Analysis of Expenditure

	Direct Charitable expenditure	Governance costs	Support costs	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Salary, NI and pension (5)	16,704	-	1,946	18,650	14,497
Sessional staff	-	-	-	-	3,262
Premises & Utilities	960	-	379	1,339	1,269
Project Costs	464	-	-	464	756
Administration Costs	709	-	-	709	808
Professional & IE Cost	-	250	-	250	250
Locust Foundation Donation	-	-	-	-	3,609
Depreciation	395	-	-	395	443
Insurance & interest	-	-	-	-	-
Sub - Total	19,232	250	2,325	21,807	24,894
Sub-Total					
Governance Costs	250	(250)	-	-	-
Support Costs	2,325	-	(2,325)	-	-
Total Expanses	21,807	-	-	21,807	24,894
Total Expenses	=====	======	=====	=====	=====

The total expenditure (2020/2021), £627 was unrestricted and £21,180 was restricted.

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Wages & Salary

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salary	18,650	14,497
Total	18,650	14,497

The average head count of employees during the year was 2 (2020:2). The average number of fulltime equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Number of management and administrative staff	1	1
Number of core service staff	1	1
Total	2	2

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year (2020: nil).

No trustee received any remuneration or other payment including reimbursement of expenses during the year (2020: no trustee remuneration or other payment including reimbursement of expenses).

5. Fixed Assets

	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2020	2,056	2,056
Additions	649	649
Disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2021	2,705	2,705
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2020	728	728
Disposals	-	-
Charge this period	395	395
At 31 March 2021	1,123	1,123
Net book value		
At 31 March 2021	1,582	1,582
At 31 March 2020	1,328	1,328

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6. CREDITOR AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade Creditors	1,250	1,000
Independent Examination fees	250	250
Table	1,500	1,250
Total	======	=====

7. Debtors & Receivable

	2021	2020	
	£	£	
Trust for London	7,500	-	
T-4-1	7,500	-	
Total	=====	======	

8. Movements in Funds

Funds:	Balance at 1 st April 2020	Incoming Unrestricte d		Outgoing	Balance at 31st March 2021
Restricted Funds:	£	£		£	
Balance brought Forward	1,683	-	-	-	1,683
Trust for London	-	-	15,000	(7,500)	7,500
Partnership funding (LAC)	-	-	15,000	(13,680)	1,320
Total Restricted Funds	1,683	-	30,000	(21,180)	10,503
Unrestricted Fund:					
Brought Forward	28,893	-	-	-	28,893
Peoples Health Trust	-	6,250	-	(627)	5,623
LB Lambeth	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Membership fees	-	917	-	-	917
Total Unrestricted Fund	28,893	12,167	-	-	40,433
Total Fund Carried Forward	30,576	12,167	30,000	(21,807)	50,936

9. CONTROL

The charity is controlled by the Board of Trustees.