

Charity Number: 1173334

Afrocats

Report and financial statements
For the year ended 5th June 2022

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Reference and administrative information for the year ended 5th June 2022

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Registered office and operational address 83 Ducie Street,
Manchester,
M1 2JQ

Trustees Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Reina Euphemia Jukon Yaidoo Chair

Linzi Jane Stirrup Secretary

Ruth Alison Bellhouse Trustee

(Ruth left in July 2022 due to medical reasons and was replaced by Pauline. We are looking for two trustees with a financial and law background.)

Key management personnel Magdalen Bartlett Chief Executive Officer

Bankers Lloyds
42-46 Market St,
Manchester
M1 1PW

Independent Examiner Catherine Hall FCCA DChA
Slade & Cooper Limited
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Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 5th June 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 5th June 2022.

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 trust deed 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, relieving the needs of those people who are 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, asylum seekers and young people from diverse backgrounds. Creative and cultural activities, health and wellbeing workshops and community and food initiatives were undertaken to further Afrocats' charitable purposes for the public benefit. We were able to engage with;

- 96 adults (90% of which were women)
- 127 children and young people
- 65 volunteers

Provided the following;

- 1 Christmas food drop that benefitted 17 people
- 17 face-to-face wellbeing sessions
- 5 mindfulness sessions
- 52 movement, fitness and dance sessions
- 10 outdoor community experiences
- 5 poetry sessions
- 48 face-to-face creative sessions
- 3 performances
- 1 film
- 2 cultural visits
- Volunteering opportunities for 31 adults and 16 young people we support

Financial review

We have secured over £79k funds from Reaching Communities to build Afrocats as an organisational structure and hire freelance and staff to build on Afrocats' reach.

Afrocats has developed a strong profile and is finding a place in the cultural, creative and well-being sector to work in partnership to establish a commission stream to contribute funds and build a reserve pot.

We are working on a fundraising plan to maximise our income from January 2023.

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.

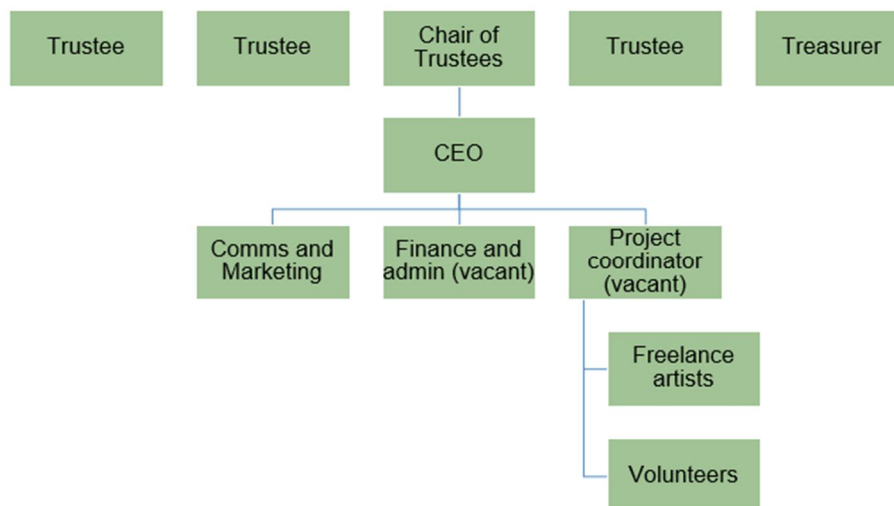
Reserves policy

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



Two trustees places are missing

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.

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.

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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 and freelance project assistants.

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 charity is constituted under a trust deed date. 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

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

..... Reina Euphemia Jukon Yaidoo (Chair)..... 9/1/2023 Date

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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 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

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 FCCA DChA

Slade & Cooper Limited, Chartered Certified Accountants
Beehive Mill, Jersey Street
Manchester, M4 6JG

11/01/2023 Date

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Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 5 June 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Receipts					
Donations		1,691	-	1,691	888
Grants	3	3,939	34,213	38,152	51,414
Commission		12,675	-	12,675	-
Total receipts		18,305	34,213	52,518	52,302
Payments					
Project Management		-	9,438	9,438	9,500
Website, Marketing and Publicity		509	2,929	3,438	2,061
Equipment and Materials		367	913	1,280	4,681
Freelance Artists		450	16,005	16,455	3,910
ACCESS Costs		1,548	1,468	3,016	-
Overheads		342	40	382	-
Research costs		-	-	-	300
Postage, Print and Stationery		30	413	443	637
Venue Hire		90	1,375	1,465	441
Food Parcels		108	750	858	3,876
Freelance Fees		9,737	6,243	15,980	-
Information Technology		-	133	133	43
Travel		169	2,498	2,667	600
Translator costs		-	180	180	174
Refreshments		17	1,554	1,571	300
Awards for all		-	-	-	1,671
Gift Vouchers		-	-	-	75
Telephone and Internet		-	2,389	2,389	1,913
Subscriptions		-	-	-	-
Volunteer costs		206	685	891	330
Trainees		-	-	-	-
Training		-	-	-	63
Administration		-	720	720	1,000
Project Slip		200	-	200	-
Other		1,255	610	1,865	905
Total payments		15,028	48,343	63,371	32,480
Net receipts/(payments)		3,277	(14,130)	(10,853)	19,822
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit)		3,277	(14,130)	(10,853)	19,822

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 5 June 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2022	<i>Total funds</i> 2021
Note	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank and cash balances at start of year	15	37,303	37,318	17,496
Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	3,277	(14,130)	(10,853)	19,822
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Bank and cash balances at end of year	3,292	23,173	26,465	37,318
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Approved by the Trustees on **09/01/2023** and signed on their behalf by:

Reina (Chair)
Euphemia
Jukon Yaidoo

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 5 June 2022

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 £	2022 £	2021 £
Albert Hunt Trust	-	-	-	1,000
Arnold Clarke	-	1,000	1,000	-
Arts Council England	-	1,500	1,500	3,802
Awards for All	-	-	-	1,671
BBC Children in Need	-	9,998	9,998	9,993
Community Arts North West	-	990	990	-
Community Fund	-	4,400	4,400	9,290
Didymus	-	2,000	2,000	-
Duchy fund	-	-	-	500
D'Oyly Carte	-	-	-	3,000
Event Brite	142	-	142	-
Forever Manchester	-	-	-	7,288
Global Fund 1	-	-	-	3,000
Greater Manchester Mental Health	-	3,000	3,000	-
GMCVO	-	-	-	2,540
Local Network Fund	-	-	-	2,500
Manchester Alliance	920	-	920	-
Market St Manchester	390	-	390	-
Manchester Metropolitan University	1,358	-	1,358	-
Manchester Wellbeing Fund	-	-	-	1,830
Phoenix Global Fund	-	-	-	5,000
Reaching Communities	-	2,300	2,300	-
School Workshops	385	-	385	-
Southway Housing	-	-	-	-
The Charity Service	-	1,000	1,000	-
This Girl Can	-	8,025	8,025	-
Walk the Plank	744	-	744	-
	3,939	34,213	38,152	51,414
	3,939	34,213	38,152	51,414

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 5 June 2022 (continued)

4 Receipts from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
Donations	1,691	-	1,691	888
Commission	12,675	-	12,675	
	14,366	-	14,366	888
	14,366	-	14,366	888

5 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

No trustees or other persons connected with them received any remuneration during the year .

Trustees received travel and subsistence expenses during the year of £nil (2021: £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.

6 Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	Balance at 6 June 2021	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 5 June 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Albert Hunt Trust	965	-	(894)	-	71
Arnold Clarke	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Arts Council England	10717	1,500	(11,725)	-	492
BBC Children in Need	12,231	9,998	(13,049)	-	9,180
Community Arts North West	-	990	(975)	-	15
The Community Fund	1,351	4,400	(1,727)	-	4,024
Didymus	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
Duchy fund	178	-	(178)	-	-
D'Oyly Carte	3,000	-	(2,900)	-	100
Forever Manchester	4,938	-	(4,938)	-	-
Global Fund 1	3,000	-	(3,000)	-	-
Greater Manchester Mental Health	-	3,000	(859)	-	2,141
GMCVO	2	-	-	-	2
Manchester Wellbeing Fund	825	-	(825)	-	-
Reaching Communities	-	2,300	(1,520)	-	780
Southway Housing	96	-	(96)	-	-
The Charity Service	-	1,000	(200)	-	800
This Girl Can	-	8,025	(5,457)	-	2,568
	37,303	34,213	(48,343)	-	23,173
	37,303	34,213	(48,343)	-	23,173

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 5 June 2022 (continued)

Name of fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Albert Hunt Trust	To provide access and project management for our Natives of the world programme
Arnold Clarke	Arnold Clarke funds Afrocats to provide travel expenses and refreshments for our Natives of the World Programme
Arts Council England	The £1500 was a percentage that Arts Council England retained until the completion of the project
BBC Children in Need	Three-year fund to support our Youth of the World programme to support creative activities
Community Arts North West	Contracts to contribute to creative activities in Manchester with children and young people
The Community Fund	To Support our food and creative activities
Didymus	To support our creative activities with our children and young people
Duchy Fund	To support our creative activities with our children and young people
D'Oyly Carte	To support our creative activities with our children and young people
Forever Manchester	To provide essential items for women and their families
Global Fund 1	To support core costs and Afrocats development as a Charity
Greater Manchester Mental Health	To provide creative and well-being activities for women
GMCVO	To provide creative activities for participants in our Natives of the World programme
Manchester Wellbeing Fund	To provide creative and well-being activities for women
Reaching Communities	Three-year funding to support our core costs
Southway Housing	To provide cultural dance classes
The Charity Service	Afrocats engaged with women, children and young people across Manchester to visit cultural and social interest places such as local parks, museums, art galleries, and events and festivals
Manchester Libraries of Sanctuary	To provide cultural dance classes online and Face-to-Face
This Girl Can	To provide cultural dance classes online or face-to-face with women and girls

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 5 June 2022 (continued)

7 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 6 June 2021 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	As at 5 June 2022 £
Donations	15	1,691	(1,523)	-	183
Commission	-	12,675	(10,715)	-	1,960
Grants	-	3,939	(2,790)	-	1,149
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	15	18,305	(15,028)	-	3,292
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Restricted			23,173		
General			3,292		
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Total			26,465		
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