



COMMUNITIES WELFARE NETWORK

Supporting needs and improving lives

ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023

CHARITY INFORMATION

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 of March 2023

The Communities Welfare Network (CowNet) was established in 2003 as a charitable Community Organisation and a company limited by guarantee.

The organisation is based in London supporting the needs of disadvantaged people from minority communities, particularly, Asylum seekers, Refugees migrants, displaced people from their country of origin because of war, victim of violence, political or religious beliefs, intimidation and threat to their lives.

Most of the organisation's activities are focused on tackling poverty, social exclusion, capacity building of the communities and welfare support services.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and Objectives of the organisation are:

The advancement of education and the tackling of causes of poverty affecting Minority Communities throughout Lambeth, Southwark and Westminster.

And the aim is achieved by carrying out the following activities:

- The provision of information and advice by means of workshops, drop - in and one to one sessions.
- The Provision of training for employment and employment related advice
- The provision of financial capability training and advice sessions
- The Provision of literacy and numeracy classes and supplementary education for children.
- The Provision of recreational Activities
- The provision of health promotion activities
- The provision of befriending, interpreting and domestic support services
- Assistance to victims of the rising cost of living

FINANCIAL REVIEW

This Financial year we had unrestricted income of £18,020 and restricted income of £39,686. Total income was £57,706. We had a surplus of £773 on the unrestricted income and £2331 surplus on restricted income. Income brought Forward from previous year amounted to £34,330, giving a total of £37,434 carried forward over the period 2023-2024. The charity had unrestricted reserves of £14,835, and restricted reserves £12,200 to continue pending projects. At the end of 22/23, total Reserves was £27,035.

Public benefit statement

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered clause 17 of the Charity Act 2011 and the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The above achievements demonstrate the public benefit arising from the Charity's activities.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which Communities Welfare is Exposed and are satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks including risk assessment, maintaining a risk register, which is reviewed annually.

Activities For The Period 2022-2023

Employment Support Services

The employment support services targeted people who are not in employment and self-employment. We delivered one to one service at the centre and telephone advice sessions. The activities included CV building and job interview technique sessions, basic IT skills training, online Job applications and voluntary job placement. The programme benefited 24 people.

Advice and Support Services

The organisation's advice and support services covered the following areas:

- Welfare benefit
- Employment and self-employment
- Debt
- Health
- Education and
- Referrals

We delivered one to one advice and information sessions and made 14 referrals to specialist. About 48 People benefited from the activities

English Skills (Esol Project)

The organisation has delivered ESOL (English for Speakers of other languages) at pre-entry level and Entry Level 1 for 14 refugees and asylum seekers.

The aim of the activities was to improve migrants, refugees and asylum seekers' English skills and facilitate their integration into the wider community and entry into part or full-time employment.

Rising Living Cost Support Services

We run important support services to people affected by the rising cost of living so that they can survive, improve their confidence and resilience.

We assisted about 44 people mainly from minority communities through food and essential items supplies, domestic works, befriending and interpreting services.

Achievement and Performance

- The organisation employment training programme and support services, enable 18 participants to secure part- and full-time employment. The remaining users are doing voluntary and temporary works with voluntary organisations and employment agencies.
- The organisation advice and support services, enabled 33 refugees, migrants and asylum seekers to make informed choices, exercise their right and improve their social and economic lives.
- The organisation's ESOL project supported 14 beneficiaries who have improved their speaking, reading, and writing skills and can now manage their own life. Eleven of them have secured part-time and full-time employment and 07 moved to further education and training
- Our support to people affected by the rising cost of living enabled them to improve their Resilience, income, confidence and mental health

PLAN FOR 2023-2024

- The organisation will continue to deliver employment skills training and employment related advice for unemployed migrants and refugees who have no right to state benefit.

We will support about 28 people in this programme to improve their skills and employability chances.

- We will continue to assist about 34 elderly people through domestic support, social clubs and befriending services.
- We will increase assistance to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in need of housing, education, welfare benefit and employment. Our target is to help about 30 people over the period 2023-2024
- The organisation will continue to deliver more ESOL training courses for new refugees, migrants and asylum seekers and we aim to train about 19 clients over the period 2023-2024 to improve their employability chances and facilitate their integration into the wider community.
- The organisation will increase support to local families with the educational need of their children, mainly uneducated parents who cannot help their children with their schoolwork.

We aim to support about 21 children in need from poor families who have no alternative.

- Over the period 2023-2024, the organisation will assist about 60 families facing financial crisis due to the rising cost of living, through food and domestic items supply

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£		
Grant receivable (1)		39686	39686	54200
Fundraising & Donation	9800		9800	5800
Membership	320		320	276
Centre rental fees	7900		7900	3900
Total Incoming Resources	<u>18020</u>	<u>39686.00</u>	<u>57706</u>	<u>64176</u>
Resources Expended				
Salary & Wages		7600.00	7600	13600
Sessional Trainers Cost	3400	4500.00	7900	10060
Rent & Rates	3260.00	13800.00	17060.00	15800
Heat/Light/ utilities		3300.00	3300	2300
Insurances		340.00	340	340
Telephone Internet & Fax	1800.00	970.00	2770.00	2180
Post/Stationery		520.00	520	560
Printing & Publicity		855.00	855	740
Delivery cost and travel expenses	760.00	340.00	1100.00	1744
Accountancy cost	220.00		220	1300
Refreshment	380.00	120.00	500.00	440
Volunteer Cost	3300.00		3300.00	3890.00
Depreciation Charge	967.00		967	523
Maintenance & Repairs	220.00	300.00	520	390
Administration Cost	400.00	300.00	700	676
Food Bank & Essential Items		4100	4100	4320
Equipment	2300.00		2300	
Fundraising cost	240.00	310	550.00	
Total Resources Expended	<u>17247.00</u>	<u>37355.00</u>	<u>54602</u>	<u>58863</u>
Net Incoming Resources	<u>773.00</u>	<u>2331.00</u>	<u>3104</u>	<u>5313.00</u>
Total Funds at 1 April 2023	<u>773.00</u>	<u>2401</u>	<u>3104</u>	<u>5313.00</u>
Fund B/F			34330	29017
Funds Carried forward at 31 March 2023			<u>37434</u>	<u>34330.00</u>

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/ 2023

Current Assets

Cash receivable	30434	36236
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Current Liability

Creditors	-6300	-3500
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Total Net Assets	<u>27035</u>	<u>34303</u>
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Funds

Restricted	12200	18983
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Unrestricted	14835	15320
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<u>Total</u>	<u>27035</u>	<u>34303</u>
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For the year ending 31/03/2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476, the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small company's regime.

Signed on behalf of the board of Directors

Felix Wohi - Director

Signed: -----

Date:----30/10/-----2023

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (1)

Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31 /03/ 2023

Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed assets investments at Market value, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the recommendation in the statement of SORP 2011 and company law 2006.

1. Grants

Grants are recognized in the statements on accrual basis following the satisfaction of any pre-conditions.

2. Depreciation

Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the charity is made at an annual rate calculated to spread the cost of the assets over its expected useful life. The depreciation charge rate in use is 25% on reducing balance method.

3. Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are grants awarded for specific projects and cannot be used for any other project. We apply this rule strictly.

Reserves Policy

The organization 's reserves policy is to maintain a level of unrestricted and undesignated reserves equivalent to 3-6 months' turnover

GRANTS RECEIVABLE (2)

City Bridge Trust		7500		
Together London		9936		
Seven Friends Foundation		5050		
Foyle Foundation		4000		
Alliance Family Foundation		3700		
London Community Foundation		5000		
Westminster Amalgamated Charity		4500		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>39686</u>		

DEPRECIATION OF FIXED ASSETS (3)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	
At the beginning of the year	1568	2091	
Addition	2300	2091	
		0	
At the end of Year	3868		
Depreciation			
At the beginning of the year	3868	2091	
Charge for the year	967	522.75	
Accumulated Depreciation	3006	2613.75	
Net Book Value	2901	1568.25	

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company and charity law requires the Directors who are also the charity trustees, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and of the results of the company at that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:
Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
State whether applicable accounting standards 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 assume that the company will not continue on that basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the board of Directors

Felix Wohi - Director

Signed:  Date: 30/10/2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the company for year ended 31 /03/ 2023

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustee consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the company Act 2006 and that an independent examination needed and that the Company qualifies as a small company under the company Act 2006.

It is my responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable me to report my opinion. My examination was carried out to ascertain that the accounting records kept by the charity are in accordance with the accounts presented with those records and that no unusual items or disclosures in the accounts come to my attention.

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

The financial statements are in agreement with those accounting records kept by the company under section 386 of Companies Act 2006;

Having regard only to, and on the basis of the information contained in those accounting records, the financial statements have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting requirements specified in section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice 2011



Date 23 / 09 / 2023

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