



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	21 st	January	2016		31 st	March	2017

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Women Seeking Sanctuary Advocacy Group Wales

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1165259

Charity's principal address

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North Church Street

Cardiff

Postcode

CF10 5HB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mrs Valerie Adela Jones		Whole year	
2	Miss Constance Nzeneu		Whole year	
3	Miss Joyce Nangwa		Whole year	
4	Ms Cheryl Brooke Martin		Whole year	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit amongst women asylum seekers and refugees in Wales by preventing them from becoming socially excluded, relieving their needs and assisting them to integrate into society.

For the purpose of this clause ‘socially excluded’ means being excluded from society, or part of society, as a result of being a member of a socially and economically deprived community

To advance the education of the public in general about the issues that relate to refugees and those seeking asylum.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

WSSAG has attended a number of networking events and meetings to raise awareness of our organisation and the work we do. This networking is very important as we have been able to identify key partners working in the area of campaign and support for women’s issues. WSSAG invited Julie Morgan AM and Joyce Watson AM to discuss the issues of women trafficked in Wales; identifying issues that impact on victims and survivors.

The Organisation has also made links the regional race council Race Equality First and has had meetings with Aliya Mohammed to discuss partnership working as well as arranging future workshops to empower our members about hate crime, racism and discrimination. We have worked hard this year to strengthen our relationships with refugee and asylum organisations and services. WSSAG has met with Salah Mohammed, CEO of the Welsh Refugee Council, Anne Hubbard, Director of the Wales Migration Partnership. These organisations will signpost refugee and sanctuary seeking women to our organisation.

WSSAG supports sanctuary seeking women and many of our members have children. We feel it is important to engage with charities whose main purpose is to support children, and can ensure that the appropriate support can be sourced if required. WSSAG has made links with Children in Wales: we hosted workshops to discuss cultural differences in parenting, how to engage with social services, etc..

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have engaged with and strengthened relationships with local Universities. We participated in two focus groups with South Wales University. These focus groups discussed issues affecting people seeking sanctuary and in particular concentrated on the impact of the Governments 'go home van campaign'.

We worked with Cardiff University in delivering to our members various courses. A representative from Cardiff University attends our office and our members have been able to undertake courses. The University was also able to promote opportunities and availability of courses and support.

One of our aims is to empower women seeking sanctuary to become more independent and this we feel is achieved in many different ways. WSSAG hosted monthly drop in meetings for members to drop in and meet others who share similar experiences, receive peer support and breakdown isolation by encouraging socialising.

Events are shared with Welsh Refugee Council, Migrant Help, Lynx House, Oasis Centre, Trinity, Links Cardiff Mental Health Team, CHAPS, Diverse Cymru, STAR Communities 1st, ISSA Wales, BAWSO, Breakfast Club, Rainbow of Hope, Student Action for Refugees, Bundles of Joy, DPIA, CCC Asylum Team, local faith groups that work with Asylum Seeking and Refugee women and some other places we have followed on Twitter.

In December 2016, WSSAG held a Christmas Party for all of the mothers and children who attend WSSAG support groups, what a lovely party it was! We were fortunate to have donations of children's presents and the use of the hall for the party from St. Mary's Church. Tesco House, Maes Y Coed collected and donated a lot of toys for the children. The Mother's Union of the Llandaff Diocese generously donated gifts and toiletries which were distributed through our drop in sessions through the year. We had a lot of volunteers who really helped to make our Christmas Party a great success on the day by helping to set up the room, serve food and D.J for the children's games (pass the parcel, musical chairs and musical statues) and not forgetting the very tasty donations of a variety of homemade food and cakes.

In February 2017, we organised a Children's Workshop on Online Safety in our hall in Butetown. The workshop was about educating children and mothers about accessing and staying safe online and using social media through cartoons and through children literature. We had 14 mothers and 15 children who attended (different group ages). Some mothers were able to learn how to setup Parental controls for their children on "YouTube".

Feedback:

"Please how often do you organise this type of workshop? Next time, please let us know and I will invite other mothers. We did not grow up with this... We need to learn as we are now living in this country with our children and they are growing up and learning things we didn't"

"We need to learn so that we know our children are safe online and who are they online with".

"Please invite us next time of a similar training"

WSSAG has supported 40 women via new referrals, in relation to direct one to one support with advocacy and outreach.

The areas of advocacy that we have assisted sanctuary seeking women in are:

Housing: 7 women

Issues with Home Office and Immigration Status: 24 women

School/ Education: 6 women

Health: 4 women

Other agencies: Police/ Social Services: 1 women

Welfare Benefit: 2 women

Employment: 2 women

Signposting and assistance with referral to other services: 4 women

**It should be remembered that often casework will involve more than one area of advocacy per person.*

Of the 40 Women supported: 21 have been granted the sanctuary to remain in the UK. 18 are waiting to hear the outcome of their applications and 1 member (woman and three children) was removed and returned to her country of origin.

Since January 2016, we have grown our membership by 40 Women from various ethnic groups and nationalities.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Women Seeking Sanctuary Advocacy Group Wales closely manages its finances. The Board has a delegated finance Officer presents quarterly and presents financial and management reports to the board of trustees at every meeting.

We are currently in a good situation to continue our work into the next year.

The board of trustees acknowledges that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three months expenditure.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities:

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
2. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP,
3. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
4. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and
5. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

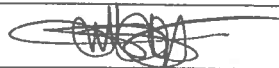
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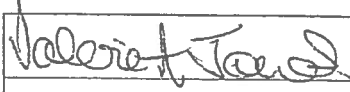
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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Constance Tounkap Nzeneu	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	13.08.2018	

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Valerie Adela Jones	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	13.08.2018	

WSSAG WALES ACCOUNT 2016-2017

INCOME

Balance carried forward	5,384.99
GRANTS (Community Foundat	9,986.00
DONATION	116.72
BOOKS SALES	45.00

TOTAL INCOME	<u>15,532.71</u>
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EXPENSES

Travel expenses	18.00
Refreshments	272.21
Phone bills	403.40
Electricity	178.34
Gas	142.37
Insurance fees	
Office Exps	200.00
Salary Cost	2,130.00
Volunt Exps	

Total Expenditure	<u>3,344.32</u>
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Balance	<u>12,188.39</u>
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WSSAG WALES ACCOUNT 20 - 2017/

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