

AFRICAN REFUGEE COMMUNITY

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT ENDING MARCH 2018

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

APRIL 2017-MARCH 2018

INCOMING RESOURCES	RESTRICTED	UNRESTRICTED
	£	£
Grant from Refugee Council	3500	2300
Grant from Barnet Council	5000	5000
Grant from The London Community Foundation	2000	0
Grant from St Martin in the Field	5000	0
Grant from Family Action	6000	0
Grant from London Churches Refugee Fund	1000	0
Grant from the Red Cross	5000	0
Grant from other charities	2000	1000
Donations from meml	0	1790
Subtotal	<b>29500</b>	<b>10090</b>
Total	<b>Income</b>	<b>39590</b>

EXPENDITURE RESOURCES

National Insurance	0	0
Rent	0	2936
Hire Hall for workshops	6600	0
Salary for staff	10000	0
Professionals fees	5800	
Printing n/stationary/postage	1000	600
IT Material and accessories	2000	400
Telephone / broadband	890	240
Publicity Material / advert	1000	450
Travel expenses for volunteers / participants	2300	580
Transport	600	480
Refreshments	2000	600
Training for volunteers and staff	2800	500
Community Events	110	1000
Subtotal	<b>29500</b>	<b>7786</b>
Total	<b>Expended</b>	<b>37286</b>

Net income Resources / Net Movement fund	<b>2304</b>
Total fund brought forward 2016/2017	10,320.87
Total funds carried forwards	12624.87

African Refugee Community  
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2018

	£
Fixed assets	0
Current assets	0
Cash at a bank and in hands	12624.87
Creditors	0

Net assets 2017-2018

Unused funds forward	2016/2017	10320.87
Unused funds forward	2017/2018	2304
Total cash reserves carried forward		12624.87

Alfred Mwanaka  
Accountant

05/05/2018

# **Annual Report of Activities for African Refugee Community**

**(01.04.2017 -31.03.2018)**

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African Refugee Community is a charitable organisation registered by the Charity Commission in 2007 under number 1120861, our aims are to facilitate the holistic integration and rehabilitation in different contexts of African asylum seekers and refugees living in Barnet in particular and surrounding boroughs in general.

We offer the following services:

- General advice and if necessary referrals / sign posting on the following issues: Immigration, education, training, employment, mental and physical health, housing, welfare and social services.
- We run groups related to healthy eating, youth crime, obesity, integration and understanding the law, living in a new culture, well being, and domestic violence and parenting skills.
- We have a bank of interpreters that assist our clients who are struggling in English
- We have a team of volunteers and professionals who offer their time to support our clients who come to our office with complex issues
- We organise outing, visiting landmarks and sea side, our clients in care homes, prison and detention
- We organise cultural events where parents, children, young people and their friends come together to share about their experience in their country of origin and in the UK
- We provide telephone advice
- We apply for individual grant for our clients who are destitute or living in poverty and cannot afford to pay their utility bills.
- We network with other local agencies and are involved in Barnet Community activities.

African Refugee Community is a bridge organisation between asylum seekers / refugees and other professionals. We are dedicated to offer confidential and professional services for the well being, rehabilitation and integration of our service users.

We have a management team composed of 4 and 8 volunteers that support our services.

During the year started 01.04.2017 to 31.03.2018 we have registered the following data:

- Service users registered: 150                      135 living in Barnet and 15 from other boroughs
- Male adult:    60
- Women adult:    50
- Male minor under the age of 18:              25
- Female minors under the age of 18:      15
- Pregnant young girls:      7/15

**Presented issues:**

- Immigration / destitution
- Mental health ( Isolation), stigmatisation
- Employment / poverty
- Language difficulties
- Domestic violence
- Physical health
- Education and training
- Utility bills and Debts / poverty
- Crimes / Gang groups
- Divorce
- Early pregnancy
- General advice
- Culture differences
- Housing
- Translation and interpretation
- Poverty and employment
- Young people in gangs

**Groups:**

- Young Adult Group (Integration and Well Being)
- Healthy Eating
- Landmarks visits
- Seaside visits
- IT Classes

### **Partner agencies**

- Barnet Refugee Services
- Refugee Council
- Freedom from Torture
- Red Cross
- Notre Dame Refugee Centre
- Social Services
- Housing / Homeless department
- Vicar Relief Fund
- PRAXIS
- ASAP
- HEAR
- Job Centre, Citizen Advice Bureau, Barnet Law Centre and Wilson Solicitors

### **Analysis and conclusion**

Many of our service users are still struggling to integrate and they need individual and group additional assistance.

Many of them feel excluded in the community and need to be empowered to gain confidence and self-esteem so that they can engage with other local activities happening in Barnet.

Mental health, isolation, immigration, housing, culture and level of poverty is dominant, and many will come to us for assistance and guidance. English language and IT are another barrier for their integration, we are hoping to get more funding in order to offer a free English and IT lessons to our service users.

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