

The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In

**A charity registered under the Charity Commission for
England and Wales - No 1177599**



Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

for the year to 31 March 2021

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Reference and Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers
for the year to 31 March 2021

Trustees

David Raff	Appointed 30 April 2018
Rickie Burman	Appointed 19 March 2018
Rachel Karp	Appointed 19 March 2018
Mildred Levison	Appointed 30 April 2018
Stephen Coleman	Appointed 19 March 2018
Anita Vasisht	Appointed 7 December 2020

Charity registered number

Charity Commission for England and Wales – 1177599

Registered Office

C/o The New North London Synagogue
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Independent Examiner

Lynton Robert Stock FCA

Bankers

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Trustees' Report for the year to 31 March 2021

The Trustees present their report as a registered charity, together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year to 31 March 2021 with comparatives for year to 31 March 2020. The Trustees confirm that the report and financial statements of the Charity comply with current statutory requirements; the requirements of the Trust's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102).

The Drop in was first established in 2005 by members of The New North London Synagogue in their wish to help and give support to Asylum Seekers in Greater London.

Reference and Administrative Details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board of trustees and professional advisers on Page 3 of the financial statements.

The Trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

D Raff
R Burman
R Karp
M Levison
S Coleman
A Vasisht

Structure, governance and management

The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop in is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) that was entered on the Charity Commission for England and Wales Register of Charities on 19 March 2018, reference 1177599 and is recognised by HM Revenue and Customs, reference EW90044.

Three of the Trustees were first appointed on 19 March 2018 in accordance with the Constitution filed with the Charity Commission, the three Trustees were reappointed in March 2021. All Trustees would be eligible for re-election on an up to three year tenure as set out in the Charity's constitution.

Financial review

The Charity remains dependent on its income from donations from private individuals, trusts and foundations, all in UK. The net income for the year was £ 40,151 (£22,419 – 2020) that has been added to a general reserve.

Objectives and activities

The Trustees have referred to the original Constitution as submitted to the Charity Commission when considering the objectives and activities of the charity. The requirement and services provided to Asylum Seekers in Greater London have increased dramatically over the years and the Charity continues to provide necessary basic support in many ways that has included; the relief of financial hardship amongst those seeking or granted or even refused refugee status and their dependents living (temporarily or permanently) in London and the surrounding area; and to preserve and protect the physical and mental health of those seeking or granted refugee status and their dependents.

- The Charity held, until first lockdown in March 2020, a Drop In event at a North London school on first Sunday of every month where support was given with some financial support, social support, friendship, food, clothing, interpreting and translating, advocacy, sign posting for legal and immigration advice, medical, housing, benefits, education and other advice. The Charity succeeded in placing several new clients with good immigration lawyers to assist with their cases.
- A second venue was opened in East London in February 2019 to help those who could not afford or were unable to travel and simply wished to receive some financial support.
- Aggregate support of the drop in 2020/21 was 8209 (2019/20 – 5552), a 48% increase over the previous year.
- The in-person Drop In events stopped after March 2020 when pandemic lockdown regulations came into force and the ongoing period proved to be an extraordinarily difficult although the principal objectives did not change. During lockdown, telephone interviews were made to register newly arrived asylum seekers and client numbers grow substantially.
- In August and September 2020 and in May through to November 2021, a simplified Drop in with careful social distancing measures took place outdoors and was restricted to interviewing and registering only new clients as there was great concern that they had not been able to receive any assistance in-person. In this period some 380 new clients were welcomed and also had the opportunity to see a volunteer lawyer to help assist in their claim, complete forms so as to receive free prescriptions and dental care. As well as a supermarket voucher and travel money, each new client was offered some new clothing, a takeaway bag with food, personal hygiene items, protection masks and hand-sanitizer.
- A system was put in place so as to forward electronically to each client's mobile phone a supermarket voucher each month, which helped alleviate the hardships being experienced and on 1st April 2020 460 vouchers were sent however on 1st December 2021 955 vouchers were sent, with the consequent impact on our funds currently.
- Asylum seekers generally live in extreme poverty; Home Office support is still less than £40 per person per week given on a payment card, equivalent to approximately 50% of general income support, the official poverty line. However, many asylum seekers do not receive this amount and have no means of support. Many have insecure accommodation or are homeless, and no longer have access to the sources of support that helped them to survive.
- The aim is to help alleviate the poverty and multiple hardships being endured while going through the asylum system, and guide them to find reputable legal aid solicitors who can help them succeed with their asylum claims, so that, in the longer term, they can move forward with their lives and integrate into British society as refugees.
- The Trustees are responsible for governance and the management of the Drop in event which is organised and managed by a sub-committee with Trustee oversight. The charity has no employees and all services as described above are carried out by the generosity of volunteers.

Plans for future periods

1. To use donations to support the increasing number of asylum seekers and their requirements
2. To maximise the sustainability of its revenue base
3. To make a difference to the lives of the supported asylum seekers; and
4. To improve the physical, mental and general well-being of people attending the drop in.

Risk Management

The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop in Charity seeks to identify and manage any risks that may occur, and if so would have significant detrimental impact on the Charity. The Charity has provided procedures and policy documents so as to utilise risk management techniques in all aspects of its operations and will integrate risk management as part of its culture.

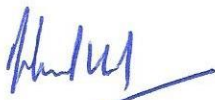
The Charity reviews these policies and procedures annually so as to identify, prioritise and assess any risk that it is subject to. Procedures will also be updated to improve controls and monitor any risks that are identified.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK General Accepted Accounting Practice) for small charities. The Trustees consider that as both income and assets are below the required levels as required for reporting under the Charities Act; an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable trusts' transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Commission requirements. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and take such steps for the protection and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on *18th January* 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



D Raff
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report for the year to 31 March 2021

I report to the trustees of the Trust on the examination of the accounts of The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In for the year to 31 March 2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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. The charity's trustees consider that as both income and assets are below the required levels as required for reporting under the Charities Act; an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed:



Name: Lynton Robert Stock FCA

Address: 25 Flower Lane, Mill Hill, London NW7 2JG

Date:

20th January 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31 March 2021

	Note	Total Unrestricted Funds 2021	Total Unrestricted funds 2020
Income from:			
Donations		215,699	158,132
Gift Aid		8,670	6,998
Deposit interest		1,978	757
Total income	2	<u>226,347</u>	<u>165,887</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities		186,196	143,468
Total expenditure	3	<u>186,196</u>	<u>143,468</u>
Net income		40,151	22,419
Reserves brought forward		334,276	311,857
		<u>374,427</u>	<u>334,276</u>
Funds held at bank		352,842	332,770
Debtors	4	21,585	1,506
Total Charities' Funds carried forward		<u>374,427</u>	<u>334,276</u>

Other than the bank account held, the charity does not hold any other assets or have any other liabilities.

The Charity's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small charities. For the year ended 31 March 2021 the charity was not required to obtain an audit.

The financial statements and report were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 18th January 2022 and signed on their behalf by:


D Raff
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Note to the Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31 March 2021

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by small Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to small charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015. Assets and liabilities are recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.1 Fund accounting

Funds are regarded as unrestricted funds which are available for use at the direction of the Trustees and only in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income. It is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer benefit to a third party. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. There are no staff employed and no associated costs incurred.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Charity and compliance with statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and any governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's operations, including support costs.

1.4 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when received as payable by the Bank.

1.6 Other debtors

Other debtors are recognised at the amount shown and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.7 Cash at Bank

Cash at bank includes cash and deposit account with immediate access to such funds.

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	Note	Total Unrestricted Funds 2021	Total Unrestricted funds 2020
2. Income received			
Donations		215,699	158,132
Gift Aid		8,670	6,998
Deposit interest		1,978	757
Total income		226,347	165,887
3. Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities:			
Donations to asylum seekers		180,867	123,363
Drop in expenses including clothing, consumables and other direct expenses made for asylum seekers		3,473	12,459
Security costs		384	2,350
Venue hire costs		650	5,296
Insurance		822	-
Total expenditure		186,196	143,468

During the period, there were no paid employees
No trustee received any remuneration, nor received any benefit in kind

4. Debtors

Gift Aid	2,094	1,640
The New North London Synagogue	182	(134)
Supermarket vouchers purchased in preparation for the April 2021 send	19,309	-
	21,585	1,506

5. Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting year that require disclosure.