

Annual Trustee Report Fur Community Association of Greater Manchester (FCAGM)

Charity Number: 1203871

Company Number: CE032887

Year Ended: 2025

Introduction

The trustees of the Fur Community Association of Greater Manchester are pleased to present this Annual Trustee Report for the year ended 2025.

The charity was established to support members of the Fur community living in Greater Manchester. Many of the people we support are asylum seekers, refugees, women and children who face challenges such as language barriers, social isolation, unemployment and the effects of displacement. Throughout the year, the charity continued to respond to these needs by providing practical support, education, training and community activities, while also helping to preserve the Fur language and cultural identity.

Our work during the year was largely delivered by volunteers, supported by a small number of paid sessional tutors, and overseen by the trustees.

Our Aims

The charity's aims are to:

- Support social inclusion and reduce isolation within the Fur community in Greater Manchester
 - Improve access to education, skills and learning for children and adults
 - Help people overcome language and digital barriers
 - Support children and young people to develop confidence, skills and a strong sense of identity
 - Promote and preserve the Fur language and culture
 - Provide families with information, training and support around safety, wellbeing and safeguarding
 - Encourage unity within the community and positive engagement with the wider society
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Governance and Management

The Fur Community Association of Greater Manchester operates in line with its constitution and UK charity law. The trustees are responsible for the overall direction of the charity, overseeing activities, managing finances and ensuring that all funds are used appropriately for charitable purposes.

Trustees met regularly during the year to review progress, approve activities, monitor expenditure and discuss future plans. Decisions were taken collectively and in the best interests of the charity.

Trustees during the year

- Dr Hamid Hamid – Chairperson
- Osman Hussain – Secretary
- Abubaker Adam – Treasurer
- Abdulhalim Abdulla – Trustee
- Gabir Ahmed – Trustee
- Marwa Mohammed – Trustee

Charity Trustee Meetings

During the year, the trustees held regular meetings to discuss the charity's activities, financial position, challenges faced by the community and future planning. These meetings ensured transparency, accountability and good governance.



Figure-1: Trustee meeting discussing charity activities, finances and future planning.

Activities During the Year:

1- Fur Language and Education Activities

Education and language support remained one of the charity's main areas of work. Regular sessions were delivered for children, women, asylum seekers and adults.

The sessions focused on:

- Teaching the Fur language to children to help preserve cultural identity
- English language support to improve communication and confidence
- Arabic language support where required
- Basic maths support for children
- Basic IT skills for adults, including the use of computers and online services like job search.

These activities helped participants improve their confidence, access services more easily and better support their children's education.

The programme was delivered by 12 volunteer teachers, supported by two sessional tutors who were paid £100 per tutor.

Total annual cost: £9,000

This covered hall hire, laptops and computers, books, printers, printing paper, tutors fee and refreshments.

Education and Language Classes



Figure-2: Fur language, English and IT classes delivered by volunteer teachers.

2. Children, Women and Adult Activities / Day-Out Programmes

The charity organised a range of social and recreational activities aimed at improving wellbeing and reducing isolation.

Activities included community day-outs, bouncy castles, barbecues, football activities, music, and gifts.

The hiring of halls to provide safe and welcoming spaces for families.

These activities allowed families to relax, socialise and strengthen relationships within the community.

- Volunteers involved: 10
- Total annual cost: £7,000

Day-Out and Community Activities



figure-3: Children, women and adults taking part in community day-out activities.

3. Community and Cultural Events

During the year, the charity delivered five major community events:

New Year Event



Figure-4: Community members coming together to celebrate cultural and religious occasions.

Eid Al-Fitr Event



Figure-5: Community members coming together to celebrate cultural and religious occasions.

Eid Al-Adha Event



Figure-6 Community members coming together to celebrate cultural and religious occasions.

Christmas Event



Figure -7: Community members come together to celebrate cultural and religious occasions.

National Fur Language Day (22 February)



Figure-8: Community members coming together to celebrate Fur language and cultural day.

These events brought the community together, celebrated Fur culture and encouraged intergenerational participation. Around 30 volunteers supported the planning and delivery of these events.

Total annual cost: £15,000

This included hall hire, food and drinks, security Guards, Projectors, posters and music equipment.

4. Training and Awareness Sessions

The charity delivered eight training and awareness sessions for families and adults during the year.

Topics included drug awareness, keeping children safe, family and parenting challenges, health and safety, child abuse awareness, harassment and mental health awareness.

All sessions were delivered by eight volunteers who gave their time freely.

These sessions helped families gain knowledge, confidence and a better understanding of available support services.

Training Sessions



Figure-9: Training and awareness sessions for families and adults.

5. Employment and Job Support

The charity continued to support community members seeking employment, particularly those facing language or digital barriers.

Supported more than 200 people, with various needs included CV writing, job application forms, cover letters and general job search guidance. This support helped individuals improve their employability and confidence.

Employment Support



Figure-10: *Volunteers supporting community members with CVs and job applications.*

Volunteers

Volunteers are central to the charity's work. Over 60 volunteers supported activities during the year, including teaching, training, event support and community engagement.

The trustees would like to thank all volunteers for their dedication and commitment.

Impact Summary

During the year, the Fur Community Association of Greater Manchester delivered a wide range of activities that had a positive impact on individuals and families across the community.

Summary of impact for the year:

- Education and language sessions are delivered regularly for children and adults
- 5 major community and cultural events organised

- 8 training and awareness sessions delivered for families and adults
- Ongoing employment and job application support provided
- Over 60 volunteers are actively involved across all activities

These activities helped reduce isolation, improve skills and confidence, strengthen cultural identity, social integration for refugees and support families to feel safer and more informed.

Voices from the Community

“The language classes helped my children feel proud of who they are and improved their confidence at school.”

Parent and community member

“Volunteering with the charity has allowed me to give back to my community and support families who really need help.” **Volunteer teacher**

Financial Overview

The trustees are satisfied that the charity’s financial controls and procedures are appropriate for the size and nature of its activities. Financial records are maintained by the Treasurer and reviewed regularly by the trustees to ensure transparency, accountability and the proper use of funds.

Income and expenditure during the year were carefully managed, with spending focused on delivering direct benefits to community members and supporting the charity’s charitable objectives.

Summary of Income

Total income for the year: £35,000

All income received during the year came directly from **community members’ contributions**, fundraising within the community and voluntary donations. These funds enabled the charity to deliver its education programmes, community activities and cultural events.

Summary of Expenditure

Activity Area	Description	Cost
Education and Language Activities	Fur language teaching, English, Arabic, maths, IT skills, learning materials, job search support, hall hire and refreshments	£9,000
Children, Women & Adult Programmes	Day-out activities, bouncy castles, barbecues, football activities, hall hire and music	£7,000

Community & Cultural Events	New Year, Eid Al-Fitr, Eid Al-Adha, Christmas and National Fur Language Day events	£15,000
Total Expenditure	Annual activity costs	£31,000

Financial Position for the Year

- Total Income: **£35,000**
- Total Expenditure: **£31,000**
- Surplus for the Year: £4,000

The surplus will be carried forward to support future activities, contribute towards sustainability, and help the charity respond to emerging needs within the community.

All expenditure was agreed by the trustees and used solely for charitable purposes, in line with the charity's constitution and UK charity law.

Looking Ahead

In the coming year, the charity plans to expand education and language support, deliver more safeguarding and family training, strengthen partnerships, increase fundraising and work towards securing a permanent base for the charity.

Trustees' Statement

The trustees confirm that they have acted in the best interests of the charity, ensured that funds were used only for charitable purposes, and fulfilled their responsibilities under charity law.

Declaration

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.

Signed: 

Name: Dr Hamid Hamid

Role: Chairperson

Date: 24-01-2026

