



# First Step

NOW C/O  
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Previously at  
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Reg. Charity No. 1003569

## **First Step North East Trustees Report to cover**

**1.04.2023 to 31.03.2024 and**

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After much soul searching It is with heavy hearts that we have decided to sell our community building at 435 Westgate Road NE4 8RN and close the Charity. We have been providing our services in Newcastle West and beyond for over 34 years and have reached thousands of women and their families locally, regionally, nationally and internationally working within a multi racial, person centred and organic ethos that has enabled sustainability, trust and solidarity. Many of our beneficiaries have gone on to be community activists both here and worldwide carrying a small part of First Step with them.

We have decided that in the current political and economic climate we no longer want to be papering societal cracks. We need to be pro-active politically and effect sustainable change that raises women

- After taking advice, it was agreed to instruct J/K Property Consultants to take us through the correct process from beginning to end to be paid on completion
- After taking advice, It was agreed to appoint Beecham Peacock as our solicitors to be paid on Completion

### **We will use the proceeds of the sale**

- ◆ To support our beneficiaries and volunteers facilitating a meeting place
- ◆ To support with donations other like-minded local organisations for example the Benwell Food Bank and Refugee services. Our assets/physical resources will be distributed to local community centres, recycling/re-use projects and schools
- ◆ To award honorariums and pay those who have patiently waited during this process
- ◆ To make judicious investments
- ◆ To archive our legacy
- ◆ To close the Charity

On behalf of the Trustees of First Step North East

21.01.2026