Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	1	1	2025	To	31	12	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Islington Managua Friendship Association
Other names charity is known by	IMFA
Registered charity number (if any)	1141003
Charity's principal address	16 Connaught Road
	London
Postcode	N4 4NS

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	Brian Mack	Secretary		
2	Stella Embliss	Treasurer		
3	Tony Killilea			
4	Helen Ottino			
5	Magdalena Pickton			
6	Helena Sobczyszyn			
7	Harry Low			
8	Luke Crawley			
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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

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution dated 19th January 2011
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected at annual general meeting of the members

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.

The trustees meet regularly to manage the charity and organise fundraising activities. Other members are welcome to attend and have access, on request, to the minutes.

IMFA is managed by eight trustees (including secretary and treasurer and a second signatory on the charity's account). Brian Mack is the secretary and Stella Embliss the treasurer. A chair and minute taker are elected at each meeting. Trustees are elected annually by the membership.

Risk – IMFA's Risk Management Statement was reviewed and an amended statement approved at a meeting of the Trustees on 16th September 2020.

On 10th November 2021 we adopted a fresh Business plan, to be read in conjunction with the Risk Management Statement.

IMFA's Child Protection Policy was reviewed and redrafted, in light of fresh guidance from the Charity Commission. The policy was approved at a meeting of the Trustees on 5th June 2018.

Following implementation of the GDPR, IMFA reviewed its practice and prepared a written Policy on Collection, Retention and Processing of Personal Data. This was approved at a meeting of the Trustees on 15th October 2018. It was reviewed and a revised policy approved at a meeting of the Trustees on 8th June 2020.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The association is established to:

1) advance the education of pupils in “Los Pollitos” nursery and primary school by the provision of finance, equipment and other school resources which will directly benefit the said pupils in completing their education;

2) to contribute to such other charitable purposes as the Trustees shall from time to time determine.

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)

The trustees have each read and had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on the advancement of education for the public benefit, December 2008.

IMFA became registered with the Charity Commission on 18th March 2011.

IMFA has continued to meet the core salaries of the teachers - currently 9, including a new teacher, Madely, of the English language.

At the end of 2024 we had commenced the funding of substantial building works and these were completed over the course of 2025: –

- Raising the level of the toilet block so that it would no longer flood in the heavy rains.
- Paving of all of the patio to the front of the school so the children do not sink in the mud at playtime.
- Building of the office, form the old kitchen
- Repairing the roofs
- Replacing floor tiles
- Painting the entire school (inside and out)

We raised the funds sent to the teachers for salaries in the summer, with the following recommendation: -

- For the primary school teachers by $25.00 per month;
- For the pre-school teachers by $5.00 per month (in recognition that the pre-school teachers also receive monies from the Ministry of Education).

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.

Trustees, wider members and supporters of IMFA give their time voluntarily in respect of fund-raising and managing of the charity. The trustees of IMFA acknowledge the commitment of those who donate regularly through the 'sponsor a teacher' scheme and participate in our fund-raising pub quizzes. The trustees are particularly grateful to those supporters who have volunteered to set quizzes.

At a meeting of the trustees on 22nd February 2012 the following statement of principle was adopted:

IMFA will aim to pay salaries for the teachers at 'Los Pollitos' at a rate comparable to that which other teachers in Nicaragua generally receive.

'Los Pollitos' – teachers and children

The school continues to be well attended.

Via the WhatsApp group for all the teachers and trustees we continue to receive regularly, photos and videos, from several of the teachers, showing a great variety of colourful and lively educational activities that the children are engaged in, including participating in community and national festive celebrations.

We have been pleased to note that every primary year group has a weekly class on the Dignity and Rights of Women.

Our secretary, Brian, visited the school, at his own expense, in the spring, when he met the English teacher, Madely, and another new teacher, Reyna.
Madely teaches basic English to all six primary classes for 45 minutes, three times each week.

Paola Godoy, the school's longest serving current teacher, retired at the end of the academic year in December.

Fund-raising

Standing orders
One-off donations

We have continued to hold regular pub quizzes at the Roebuck Tavern, opposite the Royal Free Hospital. This has proved an excellent venue for us.

This has been the second year of our receiving donations from the Workers' Beer Company from monies raised from volunteer working at the bars at the Glastonbury Festival. From 2024, with the exception of "fallow" years, IMFA will provide voluntary bar staff and IMFA will receive funds from WBC in consideration of the hours the volunteers have worked at the festival.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	IMFA will maintain a reserve of funds in order to cover ongoing expenditure. The level of the reserve will be kept under review at least once per year and prior to any major expenditure.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

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.

Principal sources of funds:

Monthly donations through the 'sponsor a teacher' scheme and other one-off donations on which we claim gift aid; the holding of regular pub or online quizzes.

Expenditure:

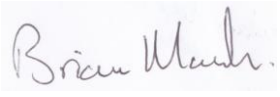
The core salaries of the teachers at 'Los Pollitos'
Maintenance and expansion of the school building and school resources to improve the quality of the teaching environment and to enable a greater number of children living near the school to receive a nursery and primary education

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		Helen M Ottino
Full name(s)		Helen Ottino
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary and Trustee	Trustee

Date	10th March 2026

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ISLINGTON MANAGUA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION
A Registered Charity - Reg. No 1141003
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
INCOME		
Donations by standing order	10,305.40	11,003.40
Income from Quizzes	1,284.20	1,204.62
Donations		
from Individuals	5,080.00	255.50
from organisations	11.25	1,381.81
from Just Giving	54.41	47.81
from Easy Fundraising	45.65	104.54
Gift Aid received - main claim	2,711.53	2,603.95
Gift Aid received - small donations	248.27	469.17
Glastonbury income	5,439.56	4,942.08
GROSS INCOME	**25,180.27**	**22,012.88**
OTHER RECEIPTS		
Glastonbury deposits	4,250.00	4,750.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**29,430.27**	**26,762.88**
EXPENDITURE		
Pay for teachers	18,685.88	15,435.91
Improvements to school building	2,504.84	2,212.06
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	21,190.72	17,647.97
OTHER PAYMENTS		
Glastonbury deposits returned	4,180.00	4,750.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**25,370.72**	**22,397.97**
SURPLUS IN THE YEAR	**4,059.55**	**4,364.91**
Total funds brought forward	**11,985.66**	**7,620.75**
Total funds carried forward	**16,045.21**	**11,985.66**
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
Bank balance	**16,045.21**	**11,985.66**

Approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd March 2026
Signed on behalf of the trustees by:

Brian Mack — BRIAN MACK — 02/03/2026

Stella Embliss — STELLA EMBLISS — 02/03/2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Islington Managua Friendship Association		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1141003
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2025**.

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	J. Williams	**Date:**	26/03/2026
Name:	Joel David Williams		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCIE		
Address:	1 Montrose Avenue Stretford Manchester M32 9LN		