Company No: 5617122 - Charity Number: 1147332

Rise Community Action Limited

Annual Report
and
Annual Accounts

1st December 2024 – 30th November 2025

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LEGAL INFORMATION

Company No:	5617122
Charity Number:	1147332
Legal Status:	Limited by Guarantee and a Registered Charity
Address:	Halkevi Community Centre 31-33 Dalston Lane London E8 3DF
Broad of Directors/ Trustees:	David Kakande Lukiya Kakembo Amina Nalubega Ssendegeya
Principle Staff:	Janet Murungi – Coordinator (volunteer)
Banker:	Barclays Bank Moorgate Branch 128 Moorgate, London, EC2M 6SX

Trustees' Report

The Board of Trustees of Rise Community Action Limited (RISE) ("the Charity") present their annual report for the year ended 30th November 2024 under the Companies Act 1985 and the Charities Act 1993, together with the independently examined financial statements for that year.

Rise Community Action (RCA) was developed to provide a voice for people living with HIV/AIDS and to create a bridge between service providers and service users who we found were not accessing available services. RCA's work is directed at improving the quality of life for individuals who are socially excluded for a myriad of reasons.

Administrative Details

Rise Community Action is a registered company limited by guarantee (Company No: 5617122) and Charity No: 1147332, with its registered office is as shown on page 1.

Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association which were adopted on 9th May 2005. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the overall governance of the Charity. Trustees are either elected or co-opted and the total number of Trustees may not be fewer than three and cannot exceed seven. A co-opted member may retain office only until the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) and shall then be eligible for re-election. Effective partnership between Trustees and staff continues to contribute significantly to our success.

Objects and Principal Activities

The Charity's object is for the advancement of education, the relief of poverty and sickness, and the preservation and protection of good health of women and their families, especially persons from BME, Refugee and Asylum seekers communities, and any other person who need assistance. (a) The provision or assistance in the provision of facilities in the interest of social welfare.

Our vision is a world where everyone is given the best possible opportunities in life and where a medical condition is not a barrier to an individual ability to grasp opportunities and achieve personal fulfilment.

Our strategic aim is to achieve this by providing high quality services that is intended to have a practical and positive effect on the lives of those affected with HIV and their families.

Our Aims

- To improve the quality of lives of individuals affected by HIV, FGM or Domestic Violence.
- To create awareness on issues surrounding HIV/AIDS and reduce HIV - related stigma in the community
- To reduce isolation suffered by HIV positive people and promote their social inclusion.
- To better inform service providers on the needs of people living with HIV thus improve the quality of care
- To empower our users to make informed choices on access to services and their lives in general.

Rise Community Action (RCA) was developed to provide a voice for people living with HIV/AIDS and to create a bridge between service providers and service users who we found were not accessing available services. Our first project provided care and support for individuals living with HIV. RCA services have been extended over the past decade to include providing, support services and activities for individuals affected by Domestic Violence and FGM advocacy and empowerment sessions and sexual health promotion activities.

What We Do

Much of RCA activities is focused on addressing Domestic Violence and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). We are supporting an increasing number of victims of Domestic Violence and survivors of FGM in the wider community.

Established to provide information, care and support for women living with HIV/AIDS in London, RCA has been unfaltering in raising awareness on issues surrounding HIV/AIDS by running workshops, delivering presentations and staging community events and educating the community about the spread of HIV. RCA has been responsive to the needs of the community and its activities have been targeted at reducing the damage HIV/AIDS have been doing to its community.

Financial Support

RCA has been reliant on volunteers, chief among the volunteer have been its volunteer coordinator who continues to perform beyond all expectations and continues to work to ensure we can extend our activities across London by establishing strategic partnership with organisations that seek to impact on similar areas of need.

The management believes it is important that RCA continues to try to employ paid staff to better address the level of need present in local area. If RCA fails to grow to a point where its infrastructure is not robust enough, we are conscious that RCA will have to take radical action to ensure that it never have to turn beneficiaries away.

Funders

Life on the edge is very scary and as a direct effect small organisations are being marginalised, impacting negatively on their operation leaving an alarming number of people without a support network and in a city as soulless as London the consequences are visible everywhere.

RCA continues to work in partnership with a number of local agencies to ensure that our client group is serviced, these relationships have been central to delivering our projects.

We have continued to perform an unusual role as the administrator of CAN's (Community African Network) Bowel cancer project. A project funded by City &Hackney CCG which meant that this year £12,500 was received on behalf of CAN. As the receiving organisation, this was then paid to CAN in our accounts this figure is represent as part of the organisation's total unrestricted income and is represent in the spending under the section, activities in the furtherance of the Charity's objects.

Management and Administration

The resources expended on administration totalled £31,251 during the year. This represents 80% of the total resources spent a level of expenditure that the Trustees consider to be appropriate for the charity. These figure means that we are keeping a firm grip on our administration and management costs and this continues to allow us to direct a much greater percentage of our resources to assisting our beneficiaries.

Material Intangible Incoming Resources

A number of professionals gave their time as volunteers. As there is no financial cost to any third party, this intangible income has not been included in the Statement of Financial Activities but we put a value on it in excess of £19,451 annually.

Activities

This report communicates the value of RCA, and it will, we hope strike a chord and inspire you and others to join us in trying to make difference in the lives of those most in need.

RCA is driven by the ambition to bring comfort to those affected by Domestic Violence and FGM. We are happy that we have witnessed real changes in the lives of many victims. RCA continue to work in partnership with local charities as we try to maximise the reach of RCA in the face of ever decreasing resources a situation which was very evident as we existed in the middle of a financial downturn.

Projects

The Free Condom scheme

Rise Community Action received funding from the London Borough of Hackney's Public Health administered through the Community African Network to continue distributing free Condoms and sexual health information to the African community in Hackney.

Rise Community Action continues to distribute free condoms and sexual health information to African communities in Hackney with the aim of reducing incidences of HIV and other sexually transmitted illnesses. The activity mainly happens at places where Africans congregate like the Ridley Market, Barber shops and community events. The project has incorporated in the message of PREP which we believe will help to reduce the numbers of HIV infection among the African community

Positive East: "Harambe" Prevent Project

The Project aimed at raising awareness of PreP and promoted HIV &STI testing alongside the condom distribution project in the African community.

Ubuntu Health and Wellbeing Project

Ubuntu Health and Wellbeing supported 50 women who have experienced FGM, Domestic Violence and/or are living with HIV to improve their physical, emotional health and wellbeing through massage treatments, Zumba dance sessions and support groups.

The funding enabled Rise to provide support groups and Afrobeat Zumba sessions while working in partnership with the Hoxton Health to provide free massage treatment sessions to women.

The Zumba classes helped participants to exercise and improve fitness thus improving their physical wellbeing.

The support groups created a space for our service users to share their feelings and learn from each other about developing coping mechanisms, reduced isolation and built confidence among participants

Our service users who wouldn't normally afford or access massage treatments due to various reason ranging from body shame, some do not wish to disclose their HIV status, or when they do, found that practitioners refused to treat them. Hoxton Health was able to provide us this service with no stigma and our service users were happy to have this now available, and have fed back some of the benefits.

Serlin Family Foundation

This project supported and addressed the challenges of poverty caused the rising cost of living especially in a borough the ranks high with levels of poverty. It has enabled us to tackling food and hygiene poverty for women affected by Domestic abuse, FGM or HIV and their families. We have been able to support the most vulnerable and those suffering the scourge of poverty due to the cost-of-living crisis. Our service users:

- Received free food vouchers,
- Support with utility bills
- Shared hot meal in a safe environment

African Health Policy Network - Minnow-Vators and sustain grant

Rise Community Action delivered series of afrobeats dance and support group sessions for women who live with HIV, and/or the effects of domestic violence /FGM. The project aimed to improving the physical, emotional health and wellbeing of its participants, reduced isolation and improved self-esteem

CITY & HACKNEY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNTY CHAMPIONS PROGRAM

The Community Health Champion Dementia Awareness Project, delivered by Volunteer Centre Hackney and funded by the Dementia Alliance has the following aims:

- Raise awareness of Dementia - signs, symptoms, risk factors
- Raise awareness of potentially reducing risk factors for developing and slowing progression of dementia symptoms
- Raise awareness of the importance of early diagnosis

- Raise awareness and clarity/criteria for referral pathway for dementia diagnosis and support

- Understand barriers and enablers to improved access to dementia services and support, e.g., stigma

- Signpost to information, resources and activities in support of "living well" with Dementia: health care and social support e.g. befrienders, social clubs to reduce isolation etc

Quick-thinking and adaptability has made RCA a critical force over the past three years. RCA ability to respond to extraordinary crises should not be underestimated or ignored for it is clear that this charity is more responsive than many had imagined having tested in an unusual manner.

We continue to try and foster constructive relationships with statutory organisations. When the local authority resources overstretched RCA continues to step to the plate, and our collaboration is becoming one of the great positives in these times.

Post-Covid, RCA clearly requires a seat at the table, a commitment of support from the public sector is more important than ever. We are conscious that RCA is in danger of being driven out of operation as the larger charities attracts 90 plus percentage of the available funding and micro charities of RCA who deliver over 90% of the activities in the sector at a local level, is seen as a mere after thought. Corporate England does not see us.

Thank you All

The inspirational work of our volunteer coordinator continues to define our activities and enhance our reputation. We are so please that all of our volunteers following her lead. The Board expresses its thanks to the beneficiaries, volunteers and casual users, to all those who continue to help RCA to deliver its' services. RCA will continue to work tirelessly to ensure we can extend our activities to all in the city.

Thank you.

Director/Trustee: Amina Nalubega Signature: 

22/07/2026

Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the charitable company and the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing these statements, the Directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The Directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Rise Community Action Limited
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure Account)
Year ended 30 November 2025

	Notes	Restricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2024
		£	£
INCOME RESOURCES	**2**		
Grants		39,001	55,632
Donations			400
Other			1570
Total Income Resources		39,001	57,602
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Resources Expended on managing and Administering the charity		-31,251	-61,334
Other Cost of activities			
Total Resources Expended		**31,251**	**-61,334**
NET (OUTGOING) / INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS		7,750	**-3,732**
Other recognised gains		-	-
Net Movement in Funds		**7,750**	**-3,732**
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 DECEMBER 2024		-	-
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 AUGUST 2025		**7,750**	**-3,732**

Continuing Operations
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Total Recognised Gains and Losses
The organisation has no recognised gains and losses.

£12,500 of this income was received on behalf of Community African Network for its cervical and bowel Cancer in City and Hackney project.

Rise Community Action Limited
Balance Sheet
Year ended 30 November 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	4	1,190	1400
Current Assets			
Debtors			
Cash in Hand		-	-
Cash at Bank		12,829	5428
Net Current Assets		12,829	6828
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within one year	5		
Net Current Liabilities			
Net Assets		12,829	6828
Capital and Reserves			
Called up Capital			
Surplus/ Deficit		7,750	-3732
Funds	7	7,750	-3,732

Audit Exemption Statement
For the year ending 30 November 2025, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies
Directors/ Trustees responsibilities.
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
The members acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to the accounting periods and the preparation of accounts.
These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the trustees on 21 July 2026 and signed on its behalf by: Lukiya Kakembo

Trustee/Director.....Lukiya Kakembo

Rise Community Action Limited
Notes to the Account

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments, which are included at market value in accordance with the exception of investments, which are included at market value in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities effective April 2008.

Financial Reporting Standards Number 1
Exemption has been taking from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the Company qualifies as a small company and the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities.

Incoming Resources
Income from Donations are recognised as Incoming resources when receivable, except where donors specify that the income be used in a future accounting period, in which case the income is deferred to that period.

Resources Expended
Resources Expended are recognised on an accruals basis and include Vat.

Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	15%

2. Incoming Resources

	Total 2025 (£)	Total 2024 (£)
Grants		55,632
LB Highgate LTD	17,176	
African HIV	4,500	
NHS	12,500	
Positive East	1,500	
LB Hackney	1,025	
Volunteer Centre	2,300	
Donation		400

Other		1,570
	39,001	**57,602**

3. Total Resource Expended

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Project Activities	31,951	61,334

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Fixtures, Fittings, & Equipment
	£
Cost/ Valuation	1400
Depreciation 15%	-210
Net Book Value at 30 November 2025	1190
Net Book Value at 30 November 2024	1400

5. Creditors - Amounts Falling Due within one year

	2025
Other taxation and social security	
Creditors/ Accrued expenses	

6. Transactions with directors

During the year the organisation has not purchased any goods from a company in which any of the trustees / directors has a controlling interest.

7. Funds

	Surplus / (Deficits) Account
	£
Balance brought forward	-3772
Surplus for the year	7750
Other gains and losses	-
Balance carried forward	3978

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

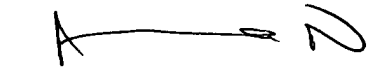
Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Acts and the charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee



Date: 28/7/2026

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Accountant's Report
Year ended 30 November 2025

We have examined the financial statements pages 6 to 8 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS

As described on pages 3&4 the Trustees who are directors for the purpose of company law are responsible for the preparation of financial statements, they consider that the audit requirements under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 does not apply. We have been appointed under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and report in accordance with regulation made under section 44 of that Act. It is our responsibility to examine the accounts, without performing an audit to report to the trustees.

Basis of Examiners` Statement

This report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 47(7b). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity trustees and comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as necessary for the purpose of the report. The procedures undertaken do not constitute an audit.

Examiners` Statement

Based on our examination no matter has come to our attention which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect accounting records have not been kept in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and to prepare accounts which comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006

No matter has come to our attention in connection with our examination to which in our opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the financial statement.

W Pearson (Accountant / Forensic Accountant)

Date: 23/07/2026

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