CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st Januar2025 Period start date To 31st December 2025 Period end date

Charity name: KRIO DECENDANTS UNION UNITED KINGDOM &IRELAND

Charity registration number:1189037

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	(1) The advancement of the education of the public in the culture and history of the Krio people of Sierra Leone. (2) The promotion and protection of health in Freetown, Sierra Leone, by the provision of health outreach programmes that consist of health awareness sessions/talks in the areas of basic hygiene, nutrition, disease prevention, HIV, sexual health and pregnancy that are delivered by registered health practitioners.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	During the past year, the organisation made notable progress across several key areas: • **Thanksgiving Services** The organisation successfully held its 5th Annual Thanksgiving Service, which was well attended. The organisation also joined our Aku brothers and sisters to celebrate at the Muslim **Thanksgiving Service** at the Mosque to further strengthening interfaith and cultural unity. **Fundraising Activities** We continue to deliver our annual fundraising through a luncheon sale which was very successful. The organisation is also planning its second major fundraising event, which is our formal bi-annual formal **Dinner**

		and Dance, scheduled for **Saturday, 24 October 2026**. **Charitable Giving** A successful charity-giving initiative was carried out in December in collaboration with **KDY Freetown**. Through this partnership, the organisation provided **300 gift bags containing health and hygiene products** to two communities—**Goderich and Wellington**. The collaboration with the KDY President proved effective, and the organisation looks forward to continuing this valuable partnership. • The organisation maintained a healthy membership account, with **95% of membership fees paid** for the 2024/25 financial year. • The organisation's website was successfully completed, with regular maintenance currently ongoing to ensure up-to-date content and functionality. • The organisation successfully hosted its Black History Month event on Saturday, 28 October 2025, as part of a general face-to-face meeting. The event was well attended and featured the recognition of 12 notable Krio's. A concept banner was produced, and members represented these notable individuals by dressing, speaking, and presenting in character. This interactive session encouraged learning and reflection on the significant roles these individuals played in promoting Krio culture and heritage.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees continued to meet virtually on a monthly basis to provide guidance, oversight, and support in decision-making, ensuring the effective and efficient running of the organisation. They continue to put in place policies, financial regulations and systems for

		the efficient management of the organisation. In doing so, Trustees pay due regard to the guidance of the Charity Commission, particularly in relation to public benefit.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	KDU UKI does not offer grants
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	KDU UKI has not engaged in social investment
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	As stated under Fundraising above
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The organisation has attracted outside interest from various other like-minded charity groups due to the quality of activities that we have embarked on for the past few years. One of our objectives is to promote education about our history and culture. This will enable the young adults to take interest in their culture and continue to promote Kriodom. The organisation continues to grow steadily with likeminded Krio people in the UK and Ireland expressing interest to join the group. To date we have over 116 active and paid-up members. We continue receive expression of interest and process applications for new members monthly. These are members with quality and diverse expertise's that the organisation can benefit from. The organisation has maintained a good structure on how to keep members updated with the regular information sharing process. We continue to have general meetings virtually every month and face to face meetings 4 times a year. This continues to work successfully for members, giving everyone the opportunity to meet

face to face periodically to socialise and share our African cuisine after the face-to-face meetings.

Projects in the Pipeline. The organisation continues to develop several projects aimed at sustaining growth, leadership development, and cultural preservation:

- **Untold Stories Project (Ongoing)**
  Work on the *Untold Stories* project continues, with efforts now focused on securing funding to deliver a public mural and accompanying online digital content highlighting notable Krios. As part of this process, the Heritage Team visited the Mayor of Camden, **Eddie Hanson**, who invited the team to the Mayoral Parlour. Following this visit and subsequent discussions, a funding proposal was prepared and submitted. The organisation is currently awaiting feedback from the mayor.
- The organisation remains committed to encouraging young adults to take on increased leadership responsibilities as part of future planning and succession.
  The organisation continues its collaborative working relationship with KDY, which has proven to be effective and mutually beneficial.

Untold Stories Project – Progress Update (2025 Highlight)

The *Untold Stories* project remains one of the organisation's key highlights for 2025. A dedicated **Project Working Group (WG)** was established and co-led by **Iyamide Thomas** and **Khadiru Mahdi**.

The preferred format of the project, and the most suitable London borough to serve as the public-realm location as chosen to be Camden.

		The outcome of these consultations showed strong consensus in favour of delivering a **public mural**, supported by a **digital platform**. Reports from all three workshops have now been completed.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Details in the Income and Expenditure Report.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	This is in development as we grow our funds.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	This is to be determined as we grow our funds.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Subscription and donations. We anticipate funds from fundraising activities to be the main source of income going forward.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Current cost of living to raise adequate funds.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution and Bye Laws
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election of Trustees is in accordance with our Nominations and Elections Procedures which allows every paid-up member one vote per contested position. The constitution makes provision for elections to be overseen by two independent Electoral Officers.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees Roles & Responsibilities, Code of Conduct, NCVO Charity Governance Code for Small Charities, The Essential Trustees: Trustees' 6 main duties (Charity Commission's Guidance).
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Organisational Structure: Chair & Trustees, Sub-Committees, Members. Networks include Small Charities Coalition and National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO).
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	**None**
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Krio Descendants Union UK & Ireland
Other name the charity uses	KDU UKI
Registered charity number	1189037
Charity's principal address	162 Birling Road Erith DA8 3HS

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	Velma Gage-Tobun	President	15.02.2024 – present	
2	Lawrence Lusaine	Vice President	25.03.2023 – present	
3	Doretha James	General Secretary	15.02.2024 – present	
4	Susan McEwen	Assistant General Secretary	23.02.2023 – present	
5	Dr Kayode Ronald Adesimi Robbin-Coker	Heritage Secretary	30.11.19 – Present	
6	Mohamed Gibril Carew	Assistant Heritage Secretary	15.02.2024 – present	
7	Jesse Hammelburg	IT & E Communications Officer	29.01.2021 – present	
8	Marionette Gilpin	Organising Secretary	29.01.2022 – Present	
9	Fredericka Gage	Assistant Organising Secretary	15.02.2024 – present	
10	Madline Val-Macauley	Welfare & Pastoral Officer	29.01.2021 – Present	
11	Ramatulai Adisa-Sesay	Assistant Welfare & Pastoral Officer	29.01.2021 – Present	
12	Lindsay Benjanin	Treasurer	01.01.2022-Present	
13	Mrs Yvette Erritan John	Assistant Treasurer	30.11.19 – present	
14	Ellen Samuels	Ex-Officio	30.11.19 – Present	
15	Mrs Beryl Genevieve Juma	Ex-Officio	30.11.19 – Present	
16	Mr Abdul Rashid Thomas	Internal Auditor	30.11.19 – Present	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Charity Governance	Khadiru Mahdi	

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

Exemptions from disclosure

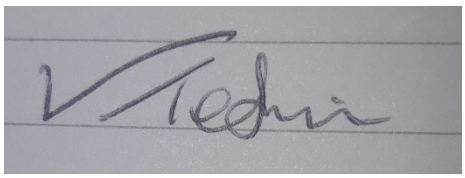
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mrs Velma Gage-Tobun	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	President	
Date	30 September 2026	

	A	B	C	D
1	**KDU UK & I Financial Transactions For Calendar Year 2025**			
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3	**Current Account Balance @ 01-Jan-2025**		**18,573.08**	
4	**Deposit Account Balance @ 01-Jan-2025**		**313.35**	
5	**Total Balance @ 01-Jan-2025**		**18,886.43**	
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7	**Items In**	**Income**	**Items Out**	**Expenses**
8	Application Fee for Membership	35.00	Young Adults Meeting	122.50
9	Asoebi	40.00	Black History Month	625.00
10	Aso-eke	80.00	Carrier Bags for Freetown, Health Outreach Gift	210.20
11	Badges	10.00	Centenarian - Birthday Gift	100.00
12	Benevolent	110.00	Benevolent	200.00
13	Christmas Party	1,260.00	Christmas Party	1,451.60
14	Dance Deposit Returned	500.00	Dinner Dance Deposit	250.00
15	Donation from Well Wisher	50.00	Freetown Bags for Health Outreach Gift	987.00
16	Head Ties	24.00	Hand Fans	349.45
17	Luncheon Sale	4,186.57	Luncheon Sale	2,567.75
18	Membership Subscriptions	4,246.00	Charity Insurance	169.77
19	Miscellaneous - Various Inputs	120.98	Miscellaneous (PayPal)	11.07
20	Print Material Sales	4,135.00	Print Materials	4,658.12
21	T-Shirt Sales	220.00	T-Shirt Purchase	264.00
22	Thanksgiving	5,322.11	Thanksgiving	3,252.00
23	Deposit Account Interest	9.00	KDU Global Yearly Fee	710.68
24			Foreign Exchange Charges	27.00
25			KDU Health Outreach	1,500.00
26			Donation to Moyamba Thanxg	50.00
27			SL KDU Materials	100.00
28			Untold Stories	100.00
29			Wonders of Walworth	500.00
30			Website Hosting	386.89
31			Zoom Pro for Online Meetings	152.62
32	**Total Transactions**	**20,348.66**		**18,745.65**
33				
34	**Current Account Balance @ 31-Dec-2025 (inc £2736.51 Untold Stories)**			**18,398.84**
35	**Deposit Account Balance @ 31-Dec-2025**			**2,090.60**
36	**TOTAL BALANCE @ 31-Dec-2025**			**20,489.44**