Charity number: 1191407

THE NETWORK OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN FOR BRIGHTON & HOVE

Unaudited

Trustees' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2026

Network of International Women of Brighton and Hove

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Network of International Women of Brighton and Hove

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Trustees

Linda Beanlands, Co-Chair
Kathleen Howell
Laila Rashdan
Fiona Sharpe, Co-Chair
Cathy Maxwell
Renuka Chandraker
Elizabeth Reading
Dr Synne Dyvik-James
Yasmin Valli (resigned 23 June 2025)
Aicha Lihihi (appointed 30 September 2025)
Elaine Crush (appointed 25 April 2025)

Charity registered number

1191407

Principal office

C/O Community Base, 113 Queens Road, Brighton, BN1 3XG

Bankers

Metro Bank, 82 North Street, Brighton BN1 1ZA.

Trustees' report
For the year ended 31 March 2026

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year to 31 March 2026.

Objectives and Activities

a. Policies and objectives

The promotion of social inclusion for the public benefit among women and their families whose first language is not English who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position.

b. Activities for achieving objectives

By providing: 1. education and training in the English language and in vocational skills; and 2. social and recreational facilities and events involving the local community.

The Trustee Board reviewed its Constitutional Objectives and Policies at its meetings in October and November 2022. Taking into account the progress and development of the Network of International Women of Brighton and Hove (the Network) since 2017/18, the following revised objectives were approved at its meeting on 24th January 2023, as an accurate reflection and description of the Network's aims and objectives. These revised objectives are set out below:

- To improve the quality and wellbeing of women's lives, particularly for women whose first language is not English, by providing a 'safe space', social and personal support, access to entitlements and essential services as well as mentoring, education, training and employment opportunities equivalent to women's skills, experience and qualifications.

- To provide opportunities where women can participate and have their voice heard in wider community dialogue and civic life, particularly on matters which are related to exclusion, discrimination, racism and inequality.

- To promote social and economic inclusion through recreational activities and participation in local and city-wide community and public events.

- To inspire and resource, individual and group, creative and therapeutic initiatives which celebrate women's talents and facilitate personal growth and empowerment.

Achievements and performance

The Lloyds Foundation and Enjoolata continue to support us to build the resilience of the Network so that it can meet increasing needs and demand for our services. Membership continues to increase (the Network has grown to over 700 women from 78 different countries speaking 69 different languages). However, the Network is now regarded as having particular expertise in being able to meet the needs of women whose insecure immigration status increases the complexity of dealing with domestic abuse, poverty, insecure housing and isolation. Referrals from partner agencies into the Network for our casework support (96 referrals between January and July 2026) and to our Cost of Living and Increasing Economic Independence workshops have significantly increased.

We were fortunate to receive funding from the Roddick Foundation, Sussex University and Brighton & Hove City Council to enable Sussex University to carry out an independent Evaluation of the effectiveness of the Network. Research took place between January and July 2026 and the now published findings provide strong evidence of the value of the Network in terms of increased health and wellbeing of individual women and an increased sense of belonging. See: https://niwbh.org/about-us/our-impact/ . The Evaluation also confirms the importance of sustaining and securing the 'cornerstones' of our approach and model of working which have been with us since we began in 2017.

They are:

- That any women who self- identifies as an 'International Women' is welcome to join the Network.
- That there are no barriers to membership, receiving Network support and participating in activities.

- That our weekly open 'drop in' the publicly accessible, City Centre Library as a 'safe space' is a constant in welcoming women with the opportunity to enjoy and access what the Network has to offer.
- That as far as is feasible to continue to be a volunteer led organisation, sharing personal resources as 'bridges' of support for others.

Our published priorities in 2025 /25 were to:

- Embrace our growing membership and empower Network women and racially minoritised communities by ensuring that their lived experience influences service design, particularly those which reduce inequality, discrimination and violence against women and girls.
- Increase the capacity of our holistic, trauma informed Casework Service, Cost of Living and Economic Abuse programmes. Together with partners, reduce domestic abuse and increase women's economic independence.
- Inspire and foster creativity: using creative work as our shared language, build friendships and trust, showcase women's talents and cultural heritage through collaborative projects and community events which say this is who we are and these are our stories.
- Sustain activities and improve health and wellbeing overall – including our 'Food of the World' shared cooking evenings, city and country walks, Eco-therapy, dancing, and others.
- Continue developing our Volunteer Programme which respects women's aspirations, maximises work experience skills and qualifications and opens up pathways to employment and career choices.
- Develop an Evaluation Framework in collaboration with academic partners, building on published research and evidence that trusted social connections, providing bridges to feelings of safety, and access to services lead to wider social integration.
- Support 'Newcomers' and in partnership, provide weekly 'drop in' advice and support and which help create a culture of welcome and sanctuary in the city.

Working towards the achievement of the above objectives, during 2025/2026 we further expanded the range of activities being offered. In partnership with the Adult Education Centre/City Council, we delivered Art courses, established a 'One Voice; choir and supported our Sewing Collective. The Collective is now well established as a co-operative creating the opportunity for women to participate further in public events and supplement their incomes. We organised the City-wide International Women's Day event and took part in Refugee Week and other events.

We have provided monthly 'Cost of Living' programmes which have been oversubscribed at every session. The support and advice sessions attended by many women and family members, include many who are referred to us by statutory health and social care services and specialist third sector agencies. This hugely successful programme has extended even further as a result of working closely with the national Surviving Economic Abuse organisation. As a result, we are piloting a 'Compass' project in the city, extending cost of living assistance into addressing economic abuse and working towards the wider objective of increasing many women's economic independence. We link across with our VAWG partners to share information and learning for the benefit of all women in the city.

We delivered on the commission from the Council's Library service to create 12 Tapestries, each one specific to a local Library and the communities that it serves. In so doing we supported all libraries and the City Council to be awarded City of Sanctuary accreditation and to create a culture of welcome for all in the City.

Throughout the year we extended our reach beyond our Network membership and led the delivery of weekly outreach 'Sanctuary' sessions to all asylum seekers and refugees who are placed in local hotels and asylum accommodation. We provide food, clothing, toiletries and direct access to 'advice desks' from the Council's Housing officers, a Health Visitor and immigration legal advice. Our Caseworker also attends to provide support.

In addition, we provide casework support to a weekly food bank and drop in hosted by Brighton Women's Centre. In particular we respond to those whose first language is not English, book interpreters if needs be and triage for full casework support if required.

As stated, during the past year, Trustees have continued to take practical steps towards securing the future of the Network. In particular, supported by consultancy support and expertise from the Lloyds Foundation, we

have put in place a Casework Management system which records data against a range of indicators. This important development will support our work to ensure we feed into the design and delivery of services which better meet the needs of BME, refugee and migrant women and their families.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the below financial review and the accounting policies in the accounts.

b. Financial review

The charity ended the financial year in a sound financial position returning an overall surplus of £68,024 (2025: £25,783).

The charity's income increased in the year thanks to grants from Brighton and Hove City Council, the Enjoolata Foundation, Homity Fund, Lloyd's Foundation, Changing Chalk, SGN, Hilden Trust, Developing Communities & Women's Centre, The Roddick Foundation, Awards for All National Lottery, SEA, The PCC for Sussex, The Rosa Fund.

c. Reserves policy

General reserves are defined as that portion of unrestricted funds remaining once the Trustees have set aside any amounts required as designated funds. The policy ensures that the Network continues to build financial resilience, while at the same time ensuring that income is not retained for longer than required. The policy determines a minimum level of general unrestricted reserves amounting to six months of operating costs. Trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support costs are covered in the short term.

The balance held as general unrestricted funds at 31 March 2026 was £57,612 (2025: £38,283)

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The charity was incorporated on 22 September 2020 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
It is governed by the constitution of the same date.

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected under the terms of the CIO Association.

The minimum number of trustees is three.

Trustees must be reappointed every three years. A Trustee who has served for three consecutive (3 year) terms may not be reappointed until after an interval of one year.

Plans for future periods

The Network has become a key, trusted and well-respected organisation in Brighton and Hove, capable of providing life changing support to individual women who would otherwise be marginalised, shut out from essential services and at risk. In addition, through its active participation in multi-agency forums and on behalf of women whose voices and lived experience would otherwise not be heard, it is able to contribute to the design and development of city-wide strategic priorities and service provision.

Continuing to secure the sustainability of the organisation is our highest priority for the coming year, as well as continuing to deliver the activities and support that women tell us they need. Securing funding and extending the capacity of our confidential one to one and holistic Casework service is also a top priority. We anticipate continuing increases in the Network's diverse membership and remain committed to planning for that. We aim to conclude delivery of the Strategic Objectives as set out above in the coming year.

The Network anticipates being an organisation that is of 'medium size', continues to keep core costs at a minimum while ensuring effective and efficient functionality and ensuring that the maximum amount of funding is of direct benefit to the women we serve. We will draw upon the data and information that will now be available to us (from the Casework Management System) so that we can further demonstrate impact and which together with the findings of the Evaluation (https://niwbh.org/about-us/our-impact/ offer the opportunity for other local and national organisation to adopt our model of working.

Public Benefit

In shaping our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the Trustees have given consideration to the duties set out in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011, to have regard to public benefit. In particular, the Trustees have considered how the project's planned activities contribute to the overall aims and objects they have set.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 29 June 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Chair Linda Beanlands 11 August 2026

Independent examiner's report
For the year ended 31 March 2026

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Network of International Women of Brighton and Hove (the 'charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: S.D Marshall Dated: 11 August 2026

Network of International Women of Brighton and Hove

Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 March 2026

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £	Total funds 2025 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	**79,890**	**126,398**	**206,288**	152,482
Charitable activities	3	**706**	**3,021**	**3,727**	3,744
Total income		**80,596**	**129,419**	**210,015**	156,226
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	**39**	**1,366**	**1,405**	1,947
Charitable activities	5	**25,449**	**115,137**	**140,586**	128,496
Total expenditure		**25,488**	**116,503**	**141,991**	130,443
Transfers between Funds	14	**(1,800)**	**1,800**	**-**	-
Net surplus before other recognised gains and losses		**53,308**	**14,716**	**68,024**	25,783
Net movement in funds		**53,308**	**14,716**	**68,024**	25,783
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**38,283**	**87,928**	**126,211**	100,428
Total funds carried forward		**91,591**	**102,644**	**194,235**	126,211

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

Network of International Women of Brighton and Hove

Balance sheet
As at 31 March 2026

	Note	£	2026 £	£	2026 £
Current assets					
Debtors	12		**-**		851
Cash at bank and in hand			**202,873**		126,087
			202,873		126,938
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13		**(8,638)**		(727)
Net assets			**194,235**		126,211
Charity Funds					
Restricted funds	14		**102,644**		87,928
General reserves	14	**57,612**		38,283	
Designated reserves – administrator fund	14	**29,523**		-	
Designated reserves – volunteer fund	14	**4,456**		-	
Total Unrestricted funds	14		**91,591**		38,283
Total funds			**194,235**		126,211

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 29 June 2026 and signed on their behalf, by:

Chair: Linda Beanlands 11 August 2026

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

Network of International Women of Brighton and Hove

Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Cashflow from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	20	**76,786**	19,461
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		**76,786**	19,461
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		**126,087**	106,626
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		**202,873**	126,087

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

The Network of International Women of Brighton and Hove constitute a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

These accounts are prepared in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole pound.

1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of the activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

The charity does not hold any fixed assets.

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1.5 Stock

The charity has no stocks.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount.

1.7 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £	Total funds 2025 £
Donations	**390**	**1,100**	**1,490**	2,872
Grants	**79,500**	**125,298**	**204,798**	149,610
Total donations and legacies	**79,890**	**126,398**	**206,288**	152,482

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £	Total funds 2025 £
Goods sold	**-**	**2,708**	**2,708**	3,041
Other income	**706**	**313**	**1,019**	703
Total Income from charitable activities	**706**	**3,021**	**3,727**	3,744

4. Cost of Raising Funds

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £	Total funds 2025 £
Marketing and Communications	**39**	**937**	**976**	1,335
Website	**-**	**429**	**429**	612
Total	**39**	**1,366**	**1,405**	1,947

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5. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £	Total funds 2025 £
Direct costs - note 6	**-**	**104,693**	**104,693**	102,518
Support costs - note 7	**25,449**	**10,444**	**35,893**	25,978
Governance costs – note 8	**-**	**-**	**-**	-
Total	**25,449**	**115,137**	**140,586**	128,496

6. Direct costs

	Total 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Project Support		**61,388**		31,495
Cost of Goods Sold		**2,708**		2,831
Art Material & Fabrics		**495**		680
Course & Instructor Fees		**2,838**		2,175
Translation Costs		**4,769**		15,856
Event Room Hire		**12,592**		11,872
Stall and Event fees		**1,886**		2,263
Project Equipment [1]		**292**		10,022
Catering & Refreshments at Events		**1,064**		471
Emergency Support				
Food Purchases for Outreach sessions	**8,091**		8,426	
Energy Saving Devices	**1,644**		3,532	
Emergency Assistance	**549**		-	
Food Vouchers	**1,350**		1,848	
Fuel Vouchers	**-**		6,207	
Toiletries	**195**		1,023	
Clothes & Shoes	**676**		1,013	
Total Emergency Support		**12,505**		22,049
Printing & Stationery		**175**		94
Travel		**3,090**		935
Training		**417**		1,195
Telephone Costs		**162**		108
Sundries		**312**		472
		104,693		102,518

[1] Includes £10,000 for sewing machines in 2025

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7. Support costs

	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Staff Costs	**30,201**	20,468
Hire of rooms	**1,188**	859
Equipment	**70**	1,475
Insurance	**550**	388
Subscriptions/Licence	**1,758**	189
Accounting	**1,226**	1,861
Travel	**124**	226
Training	**210**	217
Refreshments	**172**	48
Sundries	**394**	247
	35,893	25,978

8. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £	Total funds 2025 £
Independent Examination fees	**-**	**-**	**-**	-
	-	**-**	**-**	-

9. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Wages and salaries	**85,714**	50,884
Social security costs	**-**	-
Other pension costs	**1,488**	661
	87,202	51,545

Staff costs are allocated according to the functions of each staff member and therefore form part of direct costs and project support costs as appropriate. In addition, a considerable amount of time is donated by our volunteers, the value of which is not reflect in these accounts.

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The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2026	2025
	No.	No.
Staff	**3**	2

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in the year.

10. Net income

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration.
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind.
During the year, three Trustees received £927 reimbursement of expenses (2025 - £146).

11. Key Management Personnel

The Charity considers its key management personnel to be the Trustees.

12. Debtors

	2026	2025
	£	**£**
Debtors	**-**	796
Prepayments	**-**	55
	-	851

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2026	2025
	£	**£**
Accruals	**8,638**	727
	8,638	727

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14. Statement of funds – Current Year

	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/(out) £	Balance at 31 March 2026 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	38,283	53,096	-	(33,767)	57,612
Designated Administrator Fund	-	25,000	(25,016)	29,539	29,523
Designated Volunteer Fund	-	2,500	(472)	2,428	4,456
	38,283	80,596	(25,488)	(1,800)	91,591
Restricted funds					
COL & Caseworker project	61,003	59,290	(77,369)	-	42,924
Health & Wellbeing	2,419	-	(72)	-	2,347
Outdoor Living	1,723	4,321	(3,031)	500	3,513
Food Event	1,802	-	(1,044)	800	1,558
Friday Sanctuary	6,038	30,127	(16,147)	-	20,018
Sewing Collective	5,755	7,828	(9,378)	-	4,205
Library Session	2,331	785	(1,684)	500	1,932
Ukraine Project	6,857	-	-	(6,857)	-
E & M Project	-	20,068	(5,943)	6,857	20,982
Art Project	-	7,000	(1,835)	-	5,165
	87,928	129,419	(116,503)	1,800	102,644
Total of funds	**126,211**	**210,015**	**(141,991)**	**-**	**194,235**

Cost of Living & caseworker project: provides personalised and expert information about how to achieve financial savings alongside emergency support for individual women facing fuel and food poverty. Sessions attended by the national 'Surviving Economic Abuse' Organisation helps achievement of wider priority of increasing the economic independence of women. The Casework service provides one to one support and advice to women and families to keep them safe including making safeguarding referrals if needed, address insecure housing, access benefit entitlements, support access to health care services and provide other bridges which enable women improve their lives.

Health & Wellbeing: health experts are invited to talk to Network members about matters related to health and wellbeing e.g. nutrition, mental health support, cancer prevention and more.

Outdoor Living: a programme of weekly outdoor activities including city, country and nature walks and time in the Ecotherapy project.

Food Event: evening get togethers in the cities' Community Kitchen with Network women resourced to purchase ingredients and to teach others to help make their national dishes which are then shared and eaten together.

Friday Sanctuary: a weekly outreach project for asylum seekers and refugees placed in hotels and dispersal accommodation. In partnership, we provide emergency support together with housing, immigration and health care advice and advocacy.

Sewing Collective; our highly skilled sewers in an enterprise which creates beautiful items from sustainable fabrics and which are sold at makers fairs and help increase incomes and gain some economic independence.

Library session: Wednesday weekly drop-in and 'safe space' in Jubilee library with creative activities as a shared language for all existing and new members. We build friendships and share resources and information as a platform to individual women receiving help and to access our confidential, one to one, casework service if needed. Commissioned work includes making individual banners for 15 local libraries – enabling them all to become 'Libraries of Sanctuary', contributing to community integration.

Ukraine Project: a weekly outreach project which together with local Ukrainian community leaders, council and third sector specialist organisations provide emergency support for newcomers as well as a regular drop in for those seeking to rebuild their lives in the city through friendships, support and shared cultural celebrations.

Art Project: the art group gives our members time to engage in creative activities enabling them to increase their ability to express themselves artistically. This helps their mental health and wellbeing and raises their self-esteem as they share their skills and cultures, whilst making close friendships. They are led through a range of artistic techniques, which include painting, collage, colour blending, book making, amongst others

15. Statement of funds – Prior Year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/(out) £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	28,416	30,318	(19,951)	(500)	38,283
Restricted funds					
COL & Caseworker project	25,002	89,405	(53,404)	-	61,003
Health & Wellbeing	2,596	-	(177)	-	2,419
Outdoor Living	1,808	2,260	(2,345)	-	1,723
Food Event	1,261	525	(984)	1,000	1,802
Friday Sanctuary	7,370	13,408	(14,740)	-	6,038
Sewing Collective	6,429	18,260	(18,934)	-	5,755
Library Session	1,939	2,050	(1,658)	-	2,331
Ukraine Project	25,607	-	(18,250)	(500)	6,857
	72,012	125,908	(110,492)	500	87,928
Total of funds	**100,428**	**156,226**	**(130,443)**	**-**	**126,211**

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Current assets	**93,058**	**109,815**	**202,873**
Creditors due within one year	**(1,467)**	**(7,171)**	**(8,638)**
	91,591	**102,644**	**194,235**

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Current assets	**38,283**	**88,655**	**126,938**
Creditors due within one year	**-**	**(727)**	**(727)**
	38,283	**87,928**	**126,211**

17. Pension Commitments

The charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £1,488 (2025 - £661). Contributions totalling £220 (2025 - £45) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

18. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year (2025 - £Nil).

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19. Cash generated from operations

	2026 £	2025 £
Surplus for the year	**68,024**	25,783
Adjustments for:		
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in debtors	**851**	951
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**7,911**	(7,273)
Cash generated from operations	**76,786**	19,461