EMPOWERMENT LONDON

Registered charity number 1197540

Trustees' Annual Report
and
Receipts and Payments Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2025

Prepared by the trustees in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity Commission guidance for charities preparing receipts and payments accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees present their report and the receipts and payments accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

1. Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Empowerment London
Registered charity number	1197540
Legal structure	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Governing document	constitution
Principal address	40 Luffman Road, Lee, London, SE12 9SX
Trustees who served during the year	Benjamin Wellington, Jacqueline Wellington, David Ansa
Chair	Benjamin Wellington
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc (charity account)
Independent examiner	Not required for the year (see note 6 to the accounts)

2. Structure, governance and management

Empowerment London is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its constitution. The charity is run by its board of trustees, who meet as required and are responsible for the charity's strategy, finances and compliance.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the charity's governing document. Trustee induction and responsibilities are addressed as part of the charity's governance arrangements.

The trustees manage risk by approving expenditure, monitoring finances and maintaining appropriate safeguarding arrangements. Given the charity works with young people, the trustees treat safeguarding as a priority and safeguarding is treated as a priority and appropriate safeguarding procedures and checks are used for activities involving young people.

The charity has not received any payments to trustees, and no trustee received remuneration or expenses during the year.

3. Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are to advance the education of the public in the arts, including creative and media skills, with particular benefit to young people and people experiencing disadvantage.

In practice, Empowerment London delivers creative skills and employability programmes for disadvantaged young people under the age of 25. The charity aims to help young people build confidence, develop creative and practical skills and move towards education, training and work.

The trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its activities, and confirm that the charity's activities provide public benefit by supporting young people who face disadvantage.

4. Achievements and performance

During the first quarter of 2025, the charity delivered creative activities supported by grant funding and donations. The activities focused on creative skills development and practical participation in the arts and creative media.

The trustees have not retained sufficient verified outcome data in the source document to state a definitive number of beneficiaries or quantified progression outcomes for 2025.

The charity's activity during the year was supported by a donation of £3,000 from Wellington B Charity, together with a further donation of £75, and was concentrated in the first quarter of the year. The charity's bank account recorded no transactions from April to December 2025. Programme delivery was limited after the first quarter while the charity focused on securing further funding. The trustees confirm that the figures in these accounts relate to the Lloyds Bank charity account and that no other bank accounts or cash transactions are included.

5. Financial review

The charity's accounts are prepared on the receipts and payments basis, as permitted for charities with gross income below the relevant threshold.

- Total receipts for the year were £3,075, comprising grant funding of £3,000 and donations of £75.
- Total payments were £3,081, all spent on the charity's activities: £3,035 on hire costs, £16 on materials and £30 on other activity costs.
- Payments exceeded receipts by £6.00, reducing funds held from £6.20 at 1 January 2025 to £0.20 at 31 December 2025.

Reserves policy: The trustees aim to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to support the charity's ongoing administration and programme delivery. At the year end the charity held £0.20, which is below an appropriate operating reserve. The trustees are seeking further funding to rebuild reserves.

Fund structure: all funds at the year end are treated as unrestricted, subject to confirmation of the grant terms.

Going concern: the charity held minimal funds at the year end. The trustees The charity held £0.20 at the year end and therefore has very limited cash reserves. The trustees intend to continue operations subject to securing further grant, donation and other charitable income..

6. Plans for the future

The trustees intend to continue delivering creative skills and employability programmes for young people under 25. The charity is developing a six-month programme of workshops in filmmaking, music, poetry, performing arts and creative media for around 30 young people, prioritising ethnic minority and disabled young people, subject to securing funding.

7. Trustees' responsibilities

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year. For a charity preparing receipts and payments accounts, the trustees must:

- keep accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011;
- prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under it;
- safeguard the assets of the charity and take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

8. Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 30/09/2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: BENJAMIN WELLINGTON
Benjamin Wellington, Trustee

Date: 30/09/26

Statement of Receipts and Payments

Empowerment London – for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Receipts			
Grants received	2	3,000.00	[ ]
Donations received	2	75.00	[ ]
Total receipts		**3,075.00**	**[ ]**
Payments			
Charitable activities – hire costs	3	3,035.00	[ ]
Charitable activities – materials	3	16.00	[ ]
Charitable activities – other costs	3	30.00	[ ]
Total payments		**3,081.00**	**[ ]**
Net (payments in excess of receipts) for the year		**(6.00)**	**[ ]**
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2025		6.20	[ ]
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2025		**0.20**	**[ ]**

Represented by:

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Unrestricted funds	4	[0.20 – confirm]	[ ]
Restricted funds	4	nil	[ ]
Total funds		**0.20**	**[ ]**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

as at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash funds			
Lloyds Bank – charity account	5	0.20	[ ]
Cash in hand		nil	[ ]
Total cash funds		**0.20**	**[ ]**
Other assets and liabilities			
Other monetary assets (e.g. debtors, investments)		nil	[ ]
Assets retained for the charity's own use		nil	[ ]
Liabilities (amounts owed at year end)		nil	[ ]

Approved by the trustees on [date] and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: _____
[Name of trustee], Trustee

Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity Commission guidance for charities preparing receipts and payments accounts. Receipts and payments are recorded when money is received or paid, and the statement of assets and liabilities records the charity's year-end position. The charity's financial year runs from 1 January to 31 December. All figures are taken from the Lloyds Bank charity account statements for January to December 2025.

2. Receipts

Date	Source	Type	Amount £
15 Jan 2025	Same Mind Group Ltd	Donation [confirm]	75.00
3 Feb 2025	Wellington B Charity	Grant	1.00
3 Feb 2025	Wellington B Charity	Grant	1,499.00
3 Mar 2025	Wellington B Charity	Grant	1,500.00
Total			**3,075.00**

The two payments from Wellington B Charity on 3 February 2025 (£1.00 and £1,499.00) together form a single grant of £1,500.00. The trustees should retain supporting documentation confirming the purpose and nature of each receipt.

3. Payments

Date	Payee and purpose	Category	Amount £
3 Feb 2025	Hire – I. Kraftchenko	Hire costs	1,500.00
3 Feb 2025	Hire – S. Kabangu	Hire costs	35.00
27 Jan 2025	Paint – K. Lebusa	Materials	16.00
3 Mar 2025	Hire – I. Kraftchenko	Hire costs	1,500.00
10 Mar 2025	B. Wellington charitable activity costs	Other costs	30.00
Total			**3,081.00**

The hire costs related to delivery of the charity's activities. Payee names are shown as they appear on the bank statements.

4. Analysis of funds

The closing balance of £0.20 is shown as unrestricted, subject to confirmation of the Wellington B Charity grant terms.

5. Reconciliation to bank

Balance per bank statement, Lloyds Bank charity account (ending 8160), 31 December 2025	£0.20
Unpresented cheques and outstanding items	nil
Balance per cash book / statement of assets and liabilities	£0.20

Bank balances across the year: £6.20 at 1 January 2025; £65.20 at 31 January; £30.20 at 28 February; £0.20 at 31 March; and £0.20 at each month end from April to December, with no transactions in those months.

6. Independent examination and external scrutiny

Gross income for the year was £3,075. This is below the £25,000 threshold that applied for financial years ending before 30 September 2026, so the accounts are not required to be independently examined or audited, unless the charity's governing document requires it.

7. Trustee remuneration, expenses and related party transactions

No trustee received remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year. Confirmed, subject to trustee review. The trustees should confirm whether any payee or funder named in these accounts is connected to a trustee or to a person connected with a trustee. If so, the relationship and transaction should be disclosed in accordance with the governing document and Charity Commission requirements.

8. Other notes

The charity had no employees, no assets held for its own use, no investments and no outstanding liabilities at 31 December 2025. The trustees confirm, subject to final review, that the charity had no employees, no assets held for its own use, no investments and no outstanding liabilities at 31 December 2025.

Comparative figures for 2024 are to be taken from the previous year’s accounts. Comparative figures for 2024 should be inserted from the approved 2024 accounts before filing.