REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

FOR

CREATIVE MINDS MIDDLESBROUGH (CIO)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1204432

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees have adopted the provisions set out in *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities that prepare their accounts in accordance with the *Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)*, effective from 1 January 2019.

This approach ensures that the charity's financial reporting remains transparent, consistent, and in line with best practice across the sector. It reflects the trustees' commitment to maintaining high standards of governance and accountability in the stewardship of the charity's resources.

Charitable Objectives

The charity is established for the following purposes:

- **To relieve sickness and financial hardship** among women who are seeking asylum in the United Kingdom or who have refugee status, and who reside in Middlesbrough and the surrounding areas.

- **To provide facilities for recreation and other leisure-time activities** with the aim of improving the quality of life for individuals who are in need of such facilities due to factors such as youth, age, infirmity, disability, financial hardship, or adverse social and economic circumstances.

These objectives are pursued in alignment with the charity's commitment to promoting dignity, wellbeing, and inclusion for vulnerable women in the local community.

Activities

Coffee Mornings With a Difference: Between 10 to 30 women meet every Wednesday from 9:30-11:00 at the Newport Community hub for the coffee mornings. It starts with teas, coffees and snacks together with music, informal movements/dance, followed by a presentation/discussion from a service that is invited for that day. The services could be health professionals like the NHS, Cancer Research UK, NHS, Public Health or other services like My Sisters place, The Auxiliary Project, etc…to discuss issues that the women would not normally discuss at home such as menopause, Domestic Violence and FGM. The coffee morning is a warm, safe space for the women to come together and make friends as well as support each other with issues that we are going through. We also sign post to other services to support the women integrate well in the community.

Monthly Reading Club: This happens on the last Wednesday of the month, and it involves inviting a reading coach who brings books/reading materials to share with the group which we take home to read and share in the following session. The purpose of the reading club is to encourage the women to read and have some confidence in reading with their children at home.

The Iftar (Breaking the fast) Project: The iftar events happens every Friday of the month of Ramadan and both Muslims and non- are invited to come along to share a meal with others. It creates community cohesion as well as encourage different religious and cultural backgrounds to come together to learn each other's culture.

Feast of Fun (FOF) activities: During the holidays, we bring together about 100 women and children providing physical activities, arts and craft as well as serve hot meals to them. Our FOF activities are unique as both the women and children involve in the activities. This is a space where the women can come to during the holidays, rather than staying indoors or worrying about where to take their children.

Wellbeing Activities: During the year, we take about 80 women and children to The Holidays Inn Hotel Middlesbrough for a community breakfast in partnership with The Auxiliary project. This is a great treat to the women and their children as is it a space to have a quality meal followed by arts and craft activities.

We have so much fun going to the women only exercise organised by MFC Foundation as we motivate each other to go out and be physically active while making new friends.

Maternity voices from South Tees Hospital attended to discuss barriers of accessing maternity services and what could be improved. This gives the women the opportunity to share their experiences with maternity services, ask questions and suggest arears that could be improved.

Safer Communities Project: The Safer community project is sponsored by the Protect and Support Fund of The Office of The PCC, the sessions explored how and what makes the women feel safe in their area, knowledge and experience with local support available, how to report crime and also visiting spaces such as the police control room in Middlesbrough, The Fire Service to allow the ladies familiarise themselves with the police and other service and their spaces which helps to build their confidence in approaching, reporting crime and seeking support from services such as the police.

Creative Activities: In partnership with The Auxiliary project, we have been involved in different creative activities, common ground sounds, storytelling and recording. This involves sharing different cultural meals, similarities and how they are prepared and recording the stories.

In partnership with Borderlands, we were involved in The First Verse anthology by creating different poems from our different backgrounds, this was an engaging and interesting experience for the women. We then attended the celebration event and read out the poems at the event.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge our partners such as The Auxiliary Project, Purple Rose, Borderlands, the literacy project Middlesbrough Council, Health Watch and everyone who came into our service. We would also like to thank our sponsors such as Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland, Thirteen Group and Office of the PCC for the continues support.

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its constitution, which set outs the objects and powers of the charitable organisation.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity number

1204432

Registered Office

Newport Settlement Community Hub
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Middlesbrough0
TS1 5NQ

Trustees

Ramatoulie Saidykhan – Chair and Founder
Latifa Shomari – Secretary
Mabintou Conteh – Treasurer
Sanaa Adam Ibrahim – Member

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR 31 DECEMBER 2025.

				2025	2024
INCOM		**Unre-stricted funds**	**Re-stricted funds**	**Total funds** £	**Total funds** £
Grants	2	14891.27	9543	24434.27	72142.67
Total Grants				**24434.27**	**72142.67**
EXPENDITURE					
Room hires				2080	3980
Refreshment				2800	3620
Volunteer cost				300	860
Food and Catering				16800	19650
Transportation				240	4210
Cooking Utensil				360	609.32
Child-care				4840	5800
Access cost for Participants				960	8633
Facilitation cost				4930	7635
Gas & Electricity				2980	2130
Woman Swimming Lessons				0	1340
Consultancy				380	640
Station-ary				1180	1000
GIFT				90.73	215
Total Expenditure				37940.73	**60322.32**
Net Income/(Expenditure)				**-13506.46**	**11820.35**
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward				23550.74	11730.39
Total Funds carried Forward				**10044.28**	**23550.74**

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025	2024 £
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	3	10044.28	23550.74
Debtors		0	0
		1044.28	23550.74
Current Liabilities			
Creditors		0	0
Net Current Asset		10044.28	23550.74
Total asset less current liabilities		10044.28	23550.74
NET ASSETS		10044.28	23550.74
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		10044.28	23550.74
Total funds		**10044.28**	**23550.74**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.

In accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006, the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The trustees acknowledge their statutory responsibilities, which include:

(a) Ensuring that the charitable company maintains adequate accounting records in compliance with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

(b) Preparing financial statements that provide a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at the end of each financial year, and of its financial performance (surplus or deficit) for that year, in accordance with Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006. These statements must also comply with all other relevant provisions of the Act applicable to charitable companies.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies that qualify for the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were formally approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 March 2026. They were signed on behalf of the Board by:

Ramatoulie BJ Saidykhan – Chair and Founder



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 January 2025 TO 31 December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting framework for charitable companies in the United Kingdom. Specifically, they comply with:

- The *Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (FRS 102) — Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)*, effective from 1 January 2019;
- *Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) — The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*; and

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation is classified as a public benefit entity under FRS 102, and the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis using the historical cost convention, except for investments, which are stated at market value to reflect their fair value at the reporting date.

The financial statements are presented in Pound Sterling (£), which is the functional and presentation currency of the charitable company.

Going Concern - The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have assessed the charity's financial position and future plans and are of the opinion that there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue operating for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Income - Income is recognised in the *Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)* when the following conditions are met:

- The charity has entitlement to the income.
- It is probable that the income will be received; and
- The amount can be measured reliably.

Income is stated net of any applicable Value Added Tax (VAT), using the relevant flat rate scheme where applicable. This means that income subject to VAT is reported exclusive of output tax, in accordance with the charity's VAT registration and accounting treatment.

Expenditure - Liabilities are recognised as expenditure in the financial statements as soon as the charity has a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount can be measured reliably.
Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is classified under appropriate headings that reflect the nature of the costs incurred. These headings aggregate all costs related to each category of charitable activity or governance.
Where expenditure cannot be directly attributed to a specific activity or co

Taxation - The charity is exempt from corporation tax on income and gains arising from its charitable activities, as these fall within the exemptions available to charities under the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and relevant UK tax legislation. This exemption applies provided that the income and gains are applied solely for charitable purposes.

Fund accounting - The charity maintains two types of funds: unrestricted and restricted.

- **Unrestricted Funds** These funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charity's general objectives. They are not subject to any specific donor-imposed restrictions and may be applied to any of the charity's activities or operational needs.
- **Restricted Funds** Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes that fall within the charity's overall charitable objectives. These restrictions are imposed either by the donor at the time of the donation or through conditions attached to fundraising appeals for particular projects or activities. The charity ensures that restricted funds are spent in accordance with the donor's wishes or the stated purpose for which they were raised.

2. Grants Received January to December 2025

Unrestricted funds		
28/02/2025	Turn 2us	1715
08/05/2025	Turn 2us	1267.5
05/06/2025	Turn 2us	500
06/08/2025	Turn 2us	118
20/08/2025	Turn 2us	572.8
12/09/2025	Hope Foundation (Health Heart)	400
16/09/2025	The Auxiliary	664.75
01/10/2025	Turn 2us	9283
20/10/2025	Middlesbrough Council	330
07/10/2025	North East Opera	49.22
Total Unrestricted funds		**14900.27**
Restricted funds		
21/02/2025	Together Middlesbrough FOF	3015
14/05/2025	Together Middlesbrough FOF	2819
22/05/2025	Together Middlesbrough FOF	1200
17/09/2025	Tees Valley	2500
Total Restricted funds		**9534**
Total funds		**24434.27**

3. Cash at Bank

As at 31 December 2025 cash at bank is **£10044.28** of unrestricted funds.