



**Charity Commission Submission 23-24**  
**Charity Number: 517636**

# **Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

## **Year ended 30 April 2024**

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### Independent Financial Examiner

Syed Zahid Ali  
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## Trustees Annual Report 2023-2024

### Introduction

Jamaica Society Leeds was established in 1977, it was created by first-generation Jamaicans to promote Jamaican heritage and support the Leeds community. After years of effort, the society opened Jamaica House in 1989, which serves as a hub for cultural, social, and charitable activities.

### Objectives and Activities

The Society is dedicated to advancing education, relieving poverty, supporting the elderly, and improving the quality of life in the community, particularly for those of Jamaican origin. With a focus on inclusion, the Society works to empower individuals, engage youth, aid seniors, and support local artists. It provides cultural activities and works to preserve the heritage of Jamaicans in Leeds and the impact on the UK as a whole through educational activities, large-scale and small events and creative engagement activities. It also emphasises sustainability, including initiatives like a community garden.

### Achievements and Projects

- **Out of Many Festival**

2023 saw the culmination of the Society's much lauded **Out of Many Festival**. The ambitious festival of Jamaican culture, heritage and community narratives was launched in 2022 to mark 60 years of Jamaican independence and culture supported by ring fenced funding from a range of funders including Arts Council England, the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Leeds City Council, Leeds Civic Trust as well as sponsorship from Leeds 2023 and others.

Across 18 months, the acclaimed Festival attracted over 190,000 audience members to events staged by the Society and Festival partners.

The final events to be held in 2023/24 were.

**It's A Wrap Reggae Party (May 2023)** - the final of a trilogy of productions charting the history and heritage of Jamaican music featuring renown artists, community contributors and sharing of Festival outcomes.

**For King Country & Home Exhibition and Community pop ups (April - November 2023)** exploring the lives of Jamaican WW2 RAF veterans and their

families and how they shaped the foundations of the city's contemporary Black community.

**Rebellion to Romance Book Launch (June 2023)** - an event to launch the book which captured the Rebellion to Romance exhibition content and themes.

**Rebellion to Romance Pop Up Exhibitions (Summer 2023)** - mini pop-up versions in community library locations reflecting the main exhibition at Leeds Central Library which explored the impact of Jamaican culture on second generation West Indians coming of age in 70s and 80s Leeds. The exhibition went on to be featured in the city's Leodis photographic archive.

The Society's Windrush 75 celebrations citywide poster installations programme was a legacy of the festival's initial programming content held in summer 2023.

- **Celebrating Windrush 75**

The Jamaica Society Leeds delivered the celebratory project, '**Here: Windrush 75 Leeds**' in partnership with the St Kitts and Nevis Association Leeds project. 'Here: Windrush 75 Leeds' was a significant initiative to celebrate and educate the public on the contributions of the Windrush Generation, past and present, who made the city of Leeds their home. With the support of the Windrush Day Grant Scheme (WDGS), the project engaged a wide audience through exhibitions, educational workshops, and cultural events.

### **Project Achievements and Reach**

#### **Public Engagement through Billboards**

- The project successfully installed **75 large-scale portraits** of members of the Windrush Generation on billboards across **15 locations** in Leeds.
- **Elderly community member from the Windrush generation** were taken on a special guided tour of the billboards around Leeds to see the billboards of themselves, friends, family and spouses.
- **Over 850,000 people reached indirectly** through these billboards and an **estimated 1 million people reached** through social media, and national and regional media coverage.

#### **Educational Workshops in Schools**

- **6 workshops** delivered in **4 primary schools**, engaging over **450 pupils and teachers** using theatre-in-education methodology to educate children about the Windrush generation story.
- Sessions included **storytelling and arts activities** with Windrush elders and artists, fostering direct intergenerational learning.

- **Impact:** 90% of pupils reported learning something new about the Windrush generation.

## Cultural Events

- **Two major Windrush 75th Anniversary events** were held, attended by a diverse audience, including city officials and Windrush elders.
- **Windrush Day launch event:** On Thursday 22 June 2023 at lunch time, we had **the official launch of the billboards** at Kirkgate Market on a digital screen with performances and speeches, book signing and a light Caribbean cuisine. The event was attended by an intergenerational audience, local councillors and politicians. We attracted over 150 people at this event.
- The **Windrush 75 Cultural event at Jamaica House** to celebrate 75 years since the arrival of the MV Empire Windrush which marked the rise of Caribbean people migrating to the UK. The celebrations included cultural performances from Leeds based professional artists (poets, theatre makers, heritage creators, singers and musicians including steel pan players). **Over 300 people attended** with food and drink from Jamaica and St. Kitts & Nevis.

## Social Media & Press Coverage

- **Facebook:** 30,000 views, 1,400 followers.
- **Twitter:** 67,000 impressions, 1,714 profile visits.
- **Instagram:** 1,400 likes.
- **BBC News Online:** Estimated **500,000 – 2 million** reach.
- **BBC Look North:** Estimated **1 million** reach.
- **Yorkshire Evening Post:** 25,000 readers.
- **BBC Leeds Radio:** Estimated **100,000 listeners**.
- **Billboard Displays:** Reached an estimated **500,000 viewers**.

## Community Inclusion

- The project engaged participants from various age groups, faiths, and marginalized communities.
- Special efforts were made to involve **women, the elderly, and schoolchildren** from outside traditional Caribbean community areas.
- Activities reached over **2,000 people directly in person or online**.

## Volunteer & Partnership Contributions

- **14 volunteers** contributed significantly to project execution.
- **2 paid freelancers** coordinated activities.
- **Two external organizations** collaborated to support the project including billboard supplier, Pop Art.
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## Unexpected Outcomes & Lessons Learned

- The project received **unexpected in-kind support from JC Decaux**, a leading digital billboard provider.
- **Feedback from the public about the billboard was largely positive.** No instances of vandalism occurred, despite initial concerns.
- **Stronger engagement with billboard companies and the local authority** further enhanced the project's impact.

## Legacy & Future Plans

- An **online gallery** serves as a lasting digital archive of the Windrush Generation in Leeds.
- Continued promotion of the gallery during key events like **Black History Month** ensures ongoing engagement.
- Plans are in place to **seek further funding** to extend similar initiatives.

## Conclusion

'**Here: Windrush 75 Leeds**' successfully honoured the Windrush Generation, educated the public, and fostered a sense of pride in Caribbean contributions to British society. Through a combination of **public art, education, and cultural programming**, the project reached an expansive audience and made a lasting impact.

### • **Independence Anniversary Social**

On Saturday 5th August 2023, The Jamaica Society Leeds hosted the Independence Anniversary Social at Jamaica House to celebrate Jamaica's Independence. Over 60 guests join us for a lovely evening supper and drinks with a warm Jamaican rum flavour. The evening featured music of yesteryear of Jamaican and UK-Jamaican culture from ska, rocksteady, reggae, dub, lovers rock, dancehall and roots music. We held our annual Independence Church Service at the St Aidan's Church on Sunday 6 August 2023.

### • **Care Group: Befriending Activities**

The Society's Care Group Activities continued throughout the year with visits and phone calls to our elderly, sick and housebound. We ensure that members of our community especially the elderly and vulnerable are supported to reduce isolation and provide them with the cultural fellowship they need. We continued to send flowers and cards to those who have lost loved ones or are sick.

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**277, Chapeltown Road, Leeds, LS7 3HA**  
**Financial Statements**  
**For The Year Ended 30 April 2024**

## **Independent Examiner's Report to The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Jamaica Society (Leeds) for the year ended 30 April 2024.

### **Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Society'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 Act.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Society as required by section 130 of the 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.

Name: Syed Zahid Ali  
Date: 17 May 2024

Address: 20 Oaklands Avenue, Leeds, LS16 8NR

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2024**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
			2024	2023
<b>Income and Grants</b>				
<b><i>Donations and Grants</i></b>				
ACE Festival	-	6,701	6,701	44,108
National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	-	-	6,761
Community Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
Renewal & Membership (New)	335	-	335	117
Church Service Collections/Donations	100	-	100	200
Donations - Members	1,590	-	1,590	-
Membership Monthly Dues	1,354	-	1,354	1,501
Senior Citizen Members Donations	201	-	201	613
Other Donations - Members	-	-	-	1,995
Miscellaneous Donations	35	-	35	25
Leeds Inspired	-	1,431	1,431	-
Leeds City Council	-	150	150	-
NLHF & Associated Activities	-	46,230	46,230	273,273
Leeds Culture Trust	-	4,000	4,000	-
Windrush 75 Project	-	34,982	34,982	-
Leeds Fund Strategy	-	15,000	15,000	-
Loan Member	-	-	-	2,500
<b><i>Donations and Grants Total</i></b>	<b>3,615</b>	<b>108,494</b>	<b>112,109</b>	<b>341,093</b>
<b><i>Other Activities</i></b>				
Eulogy Project Book Sales	845	-	845	120
Ball Night	-	-	-	4,762
Social Function - Queens Jubilee	-	-	-	255
Social Functions	1,420	-	1,420	1,188
Use of Hall	1,637	-	1,637	1,580
Trips	751	-	751	-
Sale of Ties	-	-	-	5
Raffle	45	-	45	104
Yoga	180	-	180	60
<b><i>Other Activities Total</i></b>	<b>4,878</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,878</b>	<b>8,074</b>
<b><i>Investments</i></b>				
Deposit Account Interest	1,063	-	1,063	84
<b>Income Grand Total</b>	<b>9,556</b>	<b>108,494</b>	<b>118,050</b>	<b>349,251</b>

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2024**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
			2024	2023
<b>Expenditure</b>				
<i>Relating to the Work of The Jamaica Society</i>				
Post/Print/Stationery	839	-	839	1,041
Van/Coach Hire/Travelling	870	-	870	-
Lighting and Heating	1,520	-	1,520	1,560
General Rates/Water Rates	1,414	-	1,414	1,771
Telephone	1,223	-	1,223	946
Repairs & Maintenance	937	1,000	1,937	3,361
Accountancy Fees	500	-	500	400
Ball Night	-	-	-	5,053
Waste Disposal	1,767	-	1,767	1,753
Insurance	3,020	-	3,020	2,987
Cleaning	-	-	-	60
Benevolence - Care Group	582	-	582	657
- Tea Party/Supper	643	150	793	-
- Snr Citizens/Childrens Party	496	-	496	496
Fire Protection/Homeguard	150	-	150	2,333
Yoga	180	-	180	360
Social Fund	521	-	521	841
Church Service	358	-	358	863
Bond Refunds	100	-	100	300
Bid Writing Services	579	-	579	-
<b>Relating to the Work of The Jamaica Society Total</b>	<b>15,699</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>16,849</b>	<b>24,781</b>
<i>Expenditure on Restricted Projects</i>				
National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	2,030	2,030	5,571
Leeds Fund Strategy	-	8,500	8,500	-
Windrush 75 Project	-	34,982	34,982	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	3,000	3,000	-
ACE Festival	-	36,741	36,741	52,377
Community Foundation	-	11,834	11,834	5,850
Leeds Inspired	-	1,200	1,200	9,131
National Lottery Heritage Fund OOMF	-	64,404	64,404	246,130
	-	162,691	162,691	319,059
<b>Expenditure Grand Total</b>	<b>15,699</b>	<b>163,841</b>	<b>179,540</b>	<b>343,840</b>
<b>Income Grand Total</b>	<b>9,556</b>	<b>108,494</b>	<b>118,050</b>	<b>349,251</b>
<b>Transfers in/(out)</b>	<b>6,453</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,453</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>- 55,347</b>	<b>- 55,037</b>	<b>5,411</b>

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30 April 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
				2024	2023
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand</b>					
Deposit Account		625	-	625	625
Current Account		366	5,500	5,866	3,056
Restricted Fund Account		-	22,262	22,262	80,109
		991	27,762	28,753	83,790
<b>Represented By:</b>					
Reserves at 1 May 2023				83,790	78,380
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year				- 55,037	5,410
				28,753	83,790

**Other Assets Held for the Unrestricted Use of The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**

Fixed Assets	3	8,721
Property	4	1,398,680

The attached notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements.

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on .....  
and signed on its behalf by by

..... Trustee

..... Trustee

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Notes to The Financial Statements at 30 April 2024**

**Notes to The Financial Statements**

- The financial statements of The Jamaica Society (Leeds) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 2008 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal C/Fwd
<b>Restricted</b>					
Leeds Culture Trust	3,700	4,000	-	-	7,700
National Lottery Heritage Fund	6,826	-	2,030	-	4,796
ACE Project	4,278	-	-	-	4,278
Community Foundation	14,150	-	11,834	-	2,316
Leeds City Council	-	150	150	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	3,000	-	3,000	-	-
ACE Festival	25,293	6,701	36,741	-	4,747
Leeds Inspired	-	1,281	1,200	-	1,050
Windrush 75 Project	-	34,982	32,482	2,500	-
Leeds Fund Strategy	-	15,000	9,500	-	5,500
NLHF & Associated Activities	27,143	46,230	60,451	3,953	8,969
	<u>83,109</u>	<u>108,494</u>	<u>157,388</u>	<u>6,453</u>	<u>27,762</u>

- Assets held for the unrestricted use of The Jamaica Society (Leeds) are valued at cost less depreciation calculated at 25% on a reducing balance basis.

	Fixtures Fittings	Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
<b>Cost</b>	<u>12,400</u>	<u>13,635</u>	<u>1,148</u>	<u>27,183</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
Brought Forward	7,169	7,883	664	15,716
Depreciation for Year	1,308	1,438	121	2,867
Carried Forward	<u>8,477</u>	<u>9,321</u>	<u>785</u>	<u>18,583</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
At 30 April 2023	<u>5,231</u>	<u>5,752</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>11,467</u>
At 30 April 2024	<u>3,923</u>	<u>4,314</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>8,721</u>

- The freehold property at 277 Chapeltown Road, Leeds, LS7 3HA is shown at the insurance re-instatement valuation.