

**ERITREAN COMMUNITY IN UK
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
31 MARCH 2023**

Registered Charity No. 802877

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The trustees present their annual report with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Status

Eritrean Community in UK is an unincorporated association. It was registered with the Charity Commission in April 1990; its registration number is 802877. The charity's principal address is 84 Mayton Street, London, N7 6QT.

Trustees

The trustees in office in the year were as follows:-

Mrs. Mesghenet Seyoum Adhanom	- Chair	
Mr. Fyob Ghebremichael	- Secretary	
Mrs. Lula Ghebretinsae	- Treasurer	
Mr. Dawit Welderufacl		
Mr. Habteriorgis Aklilu		Appointed 27.3.2023
Miss. Lwam Haile		Appointed 27.3.2023
Mr. Michael Medhane		Appointed 27.3.2023
Mrs. Awet Ghebreleul		Resigned 27.3.2023
Mr. Dayani Sirak		Resigned 27.3.2023

Trustees responsibilities

The trustees are responsible:

- (i) for preparing accounts which comply with the current statutory requirements and with the charity's governing document;
- (ii) for keeping proper accounting records;
- (iii) for safeguarding the assets of the charity; and
- (iii) for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are required to ensure that accounts are prepared for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those accounts the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

Objectives

The principal objective of the charity in the year under review was "to promote a scheme and projects which will benefit the community at large and the Eritrean Community in particular by relieving distress, advancing education (of main stream and mother tongues) and providing or assisting in the provision of facilities for recreation and supply of advice in the interest of social welfare (not of course

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encroaching upon the statutory provision) with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said members of the community.”

Review of Financial Transactions

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 4 for the year ended 31 March 2023 sets out how the charity's funds have been applied, and the Balance Sheet on page 5 sets out the charity's financial position at 31 March 2023.

Review of Activities

The charity's principal source of income is grants from public bodies and other charities. In the year ended 31 March 2023 the principal grant funders were the London Borough of Islington, Trust for London, Health watch Islington, City Bridge Trust, and Islington BAMER- IBAA Consortium. Total income received during the year was £137,335, (2022: £96,777).

In furtherance of its principal objective the charity during the year ended 31 March 2021 was mainly engaged in providing advice, counselling and support to Eritreans in respect of welfare, housing, education, health, immigration, culture, employment and training. It also carried out outreach work. Further details of the charity's activities are given in its Annual Report.

At 31 March 2023 the charity's funds amounted to £146,368 (2022-£102,908) an increase of £43,460 from the previous year end. The charity's net assets are adequate to fulfil the obligations of the charity.

Dependency on Volunteers' Services

The charity is dependent upon the services of unpaid volunteers and would like to thank them for the valuable services given by them during the year.


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Mrs. Mesghenet Seyoum Adhanom, Chair
Eritrean Community in the UK

30th November 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ERITREAN COMMUNITY IN UK**

I report on the accounts of the Eritrean Community in UK for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 4 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,
- have not been met; and
- (ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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30 November 2023

**ERITREAN COMMUNITY IN UK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YE-AR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Expenditure					
Incoming Resources					
Grants					
L B of Islington		22,000	0	22,000	22,000
L B of Islington (Education Department)		0	7,000	7,000	4,666
Trust for London		0	34,000	34,000	16,000
Healthwatch Islington (CCG)		0	9,634	9,634	4,342
L B Islington IBAA Consortium		0	14,792	14,792	18,490
City Bridge Trust		0	27,675	27,675	26,500
Awards For All		0	9,940	9,940	0
L B Islington Refugee Forum		0	2,750	2,750	0
		<u>22,000</u>	<u>105,791</u>	<u>127,791</u>	<u>91,998</u>
Other income					
Parental contributions (MTSS)		0	7,910	7,910	3,960
Membership fees		0	1,460	1,460	815
Interest		174	0	174	4
		<u>174</u>	<u>9,370</u>	<u>9,544</u>	<u>4,779</u>
		<u>22,174</u>	<u>115,161</u>	<u>137,335</u>	<u>96,777</u>
Resources Expended					
Direct charitable expenditure		18,273	74,852	93,125	87,243
Management and administration	2	375	375	750	750
	3 & 4	<u>18,648</u>	<u>75,227</u>	<u>93,875</u>	<u>87,993</u>
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources For the Year					
		3,526	39,934	43,460	8,784
Funds brought forward at 1st April 2022					
		<u>22,252</u>	<u>80,656</u>	<u>102,908</u>	<u>94,124</u>
Funds carried forward at 31st March 2023					
		<u>25,778</u>	<u>120,590</u>	<u>£146,368</u>	<u>£102,908</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 MARCH 2023**

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:-

Furniture, fittings & equipment - 25% on a reducing balance

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2. Management and Administration				
Independent examination of accounts	375	375	750	750
	<u>375</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
	2023 £	2022 £		
3. Total Resources Expended				
Total resources used include				
Depreciation of fixed assets	25	34		
Examiner's remuneration	750	750		
	<u>775</u>	<u>784</u>		
4. Staff Costs				
Wages and salaries	75,639	68,105		
Pension	1,509	727		
	<u>£77,148</u>	<u>£69,337</u>		
The average (full-time equivalent) number of persons employed during the year was:-	5	5		
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>		

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5. Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture, Fittings & Equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	21,614
Additions	0
Disposals	0
	£21,614
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2022	£21,512
On disposals	0
Charge for year	25
	£21,537
Net book values	
At 30 March 2023	£77
At 31 March 2022	£102

6. Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
Accruals and other creditors	8,232	2,982
Funds received in advance	16,883	7,833
	£25,115	£10,815

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	Balance 1 April 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Used £	Transfers Between Funds £	Balance 31 March 2023 £
7. Funds					
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	22,252	22,174	(18,648)	0	25,778
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
L B of Islington (Education Dept)	477	7,000	(6,243)	0	1,234
Trust for London	1,124	34,000	(26,551)	0	8,573
Healthwatch Islington	3,318	9,634	(5,206)	0	7,746
L B Islington IBAA Consortium	9,611	14,792	(12,107)	0	12,296
City Bridge Trust	15,008	27,675	(23,526)	0	19,157
Big Lottery Awards for All	0	9,940	(1,481)	0	8,459
LB Islington Refugee Forum	0	2,750	(113)	0	2,637
Parental contributions (MTSS)	15,807	7,910	(0)	0	23,717
Membership fees	2,340	1,460	(0)	0	3,800
Special Projects (see note below)	32,971	0	(0)	0	32,971
	<u>80,656</u>	<u>115,161</u>	<u>(75,227)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>120,590</u>
<i>Total Funds</i>	<u>102,908</u>	<u>£137,335</u>	<u>(93,875)</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>146,368</u>

The Special Projects reserve is comprised of funds previously considered restricted to the Eritrean Training, Employment and Education Project and the Children's Care Centre. These funds have now been determined as available for related special projects. The Eritrean Community in UK wishes to establish a community centre in London for the benefit of the Eritrean community, and the funds in this reserve could be applied towards this purpose.

8. Trustees Expenses

A total of £0 (2022: £0) was reimbursed to trustees in the year.

No trustee or any person connected with them has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year directly or indirectly from the charity's funds.