

**ERITREAN COMMUNITY IN UK
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
31 MARCH 2024**

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 2024.

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:-

Mr. Habteriorgis Aklilu	- Chair
Mrs. Mesghenet Seyoum Adhanom	- Secretaty
Mrs. Lula Ghebretinsae	- Treasurer
Miss. Lwam Haile	
Mr. Michael Medhane	
Mr. Eyob Ghebremichael	
Mr. Dawit Welderufael	

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 mainstream 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 2024 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 2024.

Review of Activities

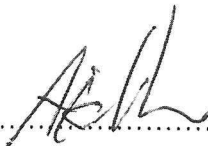
The charity’s principal source of income is grants from public bodies and other charities. In the year ended 31 March 2024 the principal grant funders were the London Borough of Islington, Trust for London, Health watch Islington, City Bridge Trust, and Islington BAMER- IBAA Consortium. Total income received during the year was £84,936, (2023: £137,335) and after deducting expenses of £81,988, (2023: £93,875) the charity made a surplus of £2,948 during the year.

In furtherance of its principal objective the charity during the year ended 31 March 2024 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 2024 the charity’s funds amounted to £149,316, (2023-£146,368) an increase of £2,948 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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Mr. Habteriorgis Aklilu
Eritrean Community in the UK

Chair

30th November 2024

**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 2024, 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.

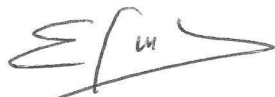
Basis of independent examiner's report

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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30th November 2024

**ERITREAN COMMUNITY IN UK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YE-AR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Expenditure					
Incoming Resources					
Grants					
L B of Islington		27,500	0	27,500	22,000
L B of Islington (Education Department)		0	9,000	9,000	7,000
Trust for London		0	9,350	9,350	34,000
Healthwatch Islington (CCG)		0	5,278	5,278	9,634
L B Islington IBAA Consortium		0	11,594	11,594	14,792
City Bridge Trust		0	0	0	27,675
Awards For All		0	0	0	9,940
L B Islington Refugee Forum		0	0	0	2,750
Comic Relief		0	5,570	5,570	0
Cloudesley		0	850	850	0
Cripple Gate Foundation		0	8,000	8,000	0
		<u>27,500</u>	<u>49,642</u>	<u>77,142</u>	<u>127,791</u>
Other Income					
Parental contributions (MTSS)		0	4,470	4,470	7,910
Membership fees		0	1,985	1,985	1,460
Sundry Income		510	0	510	0
Interest		829	0	829	174
		<u>1,339</u>	<u>6,455</u>	<u>7,794</u>	<u>9,544</u>
		<u>28,839</u>	<u>56,097</u>	<u>84,936</u>	<u>137,335</u>
Resources Expended					
Direct charitable expenditure		19,793	61,235	81,028	93,125
Management and administration	2	480	480	960	750
	3 & 4	<u>20,273</u>	<u>61,715</u>	<u>81,988</u>	<u>93,875</u>
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources					
For the Year		8,566	(5,618)	2,948	43,460
Funds brought forward at					
1st April 2023		25,778	120,590	146,368	102,908
Funds carried forward at					
31st March 2024		<u>34,344</u>	<u>114,972</u>	<u>£149,316</u>	<u>£146,368</u>

**ERITREAN COMMUNITY IN UK
BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	0	77
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		164,837	171,406
		<u>164,837</u>	<u>171,406</u>
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	6	(15,521)	(25,115)
Net Current Assets		<u>149,316</u>	<u>146,291</u>
Net-Assets		<u>£149,316</u>	<u>£146,368</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted	7	34,344	25,778
Restricted	7	114,972	122,590
		<u>£149,316</u>	<u>£146,368</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 November and signed on their behalf by

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Mrs. Lula Ghebretinsae -Treasurer

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these accounts.

**ERITREAN COMMUNITY IN UK
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 MARCH 2024**

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	480	480	960	750
	480	480	960	750
	2024 £	2023 £		

3. Total Resources Expended

Total resources used include

Depreciation of fixed assets	77	25	
Examiner's remuneration	960	750	
	960	750	

4. Staff Costs

Wages and salaries	53,764	75,639	
Pension	905	1,509	
Redundancy	3,030	0	
	£57,699	£77,148	

The average (full-time equivalent) number of persons employed during the year was: -

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5. Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture, Fittings & Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2023	21,614
Additions	0
Disposals	0

At 31 March 2024	£21,614
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2023	£21,537
On disposals	0
Charge for year	77

At 31 March 2024	£21,614
Net book values	
At 30 March 2024	£0

At 31 March 2023	£77

6. Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
Accruals and other creditors	4,743	8,232
Funds received in advance	10,779	16,883
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	£15,552	£25,115
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	Balance 1 April 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Used £	Transfers Between Funds £	Balance 31 March 2024 £
7. Funds					
Unrestricted Funds	25,778	28,839	(20,273)	0	34,344
Restricted Funds					
L B of Islington (Education Dept)	1,234	9,000	(9,180)	0	1,054
Trust for London	8,573	9,350	(13,323)	0	4,600
Healthwatch Islington	7,746	5,278	(2,817)	0	10,207
L B Islington IBAA Consortium	12,296	11,594	(10,576)	0	13,314
City Bridge Trust	19,157	0	(13,076)	0	6,081
Big Lottery Awards for All	8,459	0	(2,970)	0	5,489
LB Islington Refugee Forum	2,637	0	(0)	0	2,637
Parental contributions (MTSS)	23,717	4,470	(259)	0	27,928
Membership fee	3,800	1,985	(0)	0	5,785
Comic Relief	0	5,570	(2,575)	0	2,995
Cloudesley	0	850	(850)	0	0
Cripple Gate Foundation	0	8,000	(6,089)	0	1,911
Special Projects (see note below)	32,971	0	(0)	0	32,971
	120,590	56,097	(61,715)	0	114,972
<i>Total Funds</i>	£146,368	£84,936	(81,988)	£0	149,316

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 (2023: £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.

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Detailed statement of Financial activity
31 MARCH 2024

Incoming Resources	31.3.2024	31.3.2023
Grants		
L B of Islington	27,500	22,000
L B of Islington (Education Department)	9,000	7,000
Trust for London	9,350	34,000
Healthwatch Islington (CCG)	5,278	9,634
L B Islington IBAA Consortium	11,594	14,792
City Bridge Trust	0	27,675
Big Lottery Awards For All	0	9,940
L B of Islington Refugee Forum	0	2,750
Comic Relief	5,570	0
Richard Cloudsay	850	0
Cripple Gate Foundation	8,000	0
Other income		
Parental contributions (MTSS)	4,470	7,910
Membership fee	1,985	1,460
Bank interest	829	174
Sundry Income	510	0
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	84,936	137,335
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Resources Expended		
Wages and salaries	57,698	77,148
Rent and Rates	10,232	8,057
Insurance	640	393
Travelling and subsistence	215	1,745
Telephone and Internet	1,248	1,005
Postage and stationery	861	1,614
Accountancy fee	960	750
Payroll preparation	645	480
Computer expenses	161	260
Consultancy fee	2,400	0
Training and recruitment	0	160
Saturday School refreshments	267	39
Sundry expense	0	517
Bank charges	108	12
Older people refreshments	2,259	1,670
Community empowerment and events expenses	2,367	0
Hardship grants paid	1,850	0
Depreciation	77	25
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Total Expenses	81,988	93,875
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Surplus	2,948	43,460
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