

**ERITREAN COMMUNITY IN UK
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
31 MARCH 2025**

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 2025.

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:-

Miss. Lwam Haile	- Chair	
Mrs. Simret Kidane	- Secretary	Appointed 16.11.2025
Mrs. Mesghenet Seyoum Adhanom	- Treasurer	
Mr. Negash Mebrahtu		Appointed 16.11.2025
Mr. Sonobra Ahmed Mohamed		Appointed 16.11.2025
Miss. Filmawit Ghirma Mekonen		Appointed 16.11.2025
Mr. Michael Medhane		
Mr. Habteriorgis Aklilu		Resigned 6.4.2025
Mr. Eyob Ghebremichael		Resigned 16.11.2025
Mr. Dawit Welderufael		Resigned 16.11.2025
Mrs. Lula Ghebretinsae		Resigned 16.11.2025

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 2025 sets out how the charity's funds have been applied, and the Balance Sheet on page 5 sets out the charity's financial position as at 31 March 2025.

Review of Activities

The charity's principal source of income is grants from public bodies and other charities. In the year ended 31 March 2025 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 £68,162, (2024: £84,936) and after deducting expenses of £63,878, (2024: £81,988) the charity made a surplus of £4,284, (2024- £2,948).

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.

On 31 March 2025 the charity's funds amounted to £153,600, (2024-£155,452) an increase of £4,284 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.



Miss. Lwam Haile
Eritrean Community in the UK

Chair

21st January 2026

**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 2025, 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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Certified Accountants and Statutory Auditors
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21st January 2026


**ERITREAN COMMUNITY IN UK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Expenditure					
Incoming Resources					
Grants					
L B of Islington		20,973	0	20,973	27,500
L B of Islington (Education Department)		0	4,666	4,666	9,000
Trust for London		0	0	0	9,350
Healthwatch Islington (CCG)		0	9,897	9,897	5,278
L B Islington IBAA Consortium		0	18,990	18,990	11,594
Comic Relief		0	0	0	5,570
L B Islington, Richard Cloudesley		0	1,750	1,750	850
Cripple Gate Foundation		0	0	0	8,000
		<u>20,973</u>	<u>35,303</u>	<u>56,276</u>	<u>77,142</u>
Other Income					
Parental contributions (MTSS)		0	4,795	4,795	4,470
Membership fees		0	2,725	2,725	1,985
Apollo Telecoms Limited		3,300	0	3,300	0
Interest		1,066	0	1,066	829
		<u>4,366</u>	<u>7,520</u>	<u>11,886</u>	<u>7,794</u>
		<u>25,339</u>	<u>42,823</u>	<u>68,162</u>	<u>84,936</u>
Resources Expended					
Direct charitable expenditure		14,202	48,716	62,918	81,028
Management and administration	2	480	480	960	960
	3 & 4	<u>14,682</u>	<u>49,196</u>	<u>63,878</u>	<u>81,988</u>
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources					
For the Year		10,657	(6,373)	4,284	2,948
Funds brought forward at					
1st April 2024		34,344	114,972	149,316	143,368
Funds carried forward at					
31st March 2025		<u>45,001</u>	<u>108,599</u>	<u>£153,600</u>	<u>£149,316</u>

**ERITREAN COMMUNITY IN UK
BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>157,498</u>	<u>164,837</u>
		157,498	164,837
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(3,898)</u>	<u>(15,521)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>153,600</u>	<u>149,316</u>
Net Assets		<u>£153,600</u>	<u>£149,316</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted	7	45,001	34,344
Restricted	7	<u>108,599</u>	<u>114,972</u>
		<u>£153,600</u>	<u>£149,316</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 21st January 2026 and signed on their behalf by



 Mrs. Mesghenet Seyoum Adhanom -Treasurer

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

**ERITREAN COMMUNITY IN UK
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 MARCH 2025**

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 2025 £	Total 2024 £
2. Management and Administration				
Independent examination of accounts	480	480	960	960
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	480	480	960	960
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	2025 £	2024 £		
3. Total Resources Expended				
Total resources used include				
Depreciation of fixed assets	77	77		
Examiner's remuneration	960	960		
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4. Staff Costs				
Wages and salaries	39,398	53,764		
Pension	452	905		
Redundancy	0	3,030		
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	£39,850	£57,699		
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The average (full-time equivalent) number of persons employed during the year was: -	5	5		
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5. Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture, Fittings & Equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	21,614
Additions	0
Disposals	0
	£21,614
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	£21,614
On disposals	0
Charge for year	0
	£21,614
Net book values	
At 30 March 2025	£0
At 31 March 2024	£0

6. Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
Accruals and other creditors	3,898	4,743
Funds received in advance	0	10,779
	£3,898	£15,552

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	Balance 1 April 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Used £	Transfers Between Funds £	Balance 31 March 2025 £
7. Funds					
Unrestricted Funds	34,344	25,339	(14,682)	0	45,001
Restricted Funds					
L B of Islington (Education Dept)	1,054	4,666	(4,219)	0	1,501
Trust for London	4,600	0	(2,525)	0	2,075
Healthwatch Islington	10,207	9,897	(7,217)	0	12,887
L B Islington IBAA Consortium	13,314	18,990	(15,597)	0	16,707
City Bridge Trust	6,081	0	(6,081)	0	0
Big Lottery Awards for All	5,489	0	(5,489)	0	0
LB Islington Refugee Forum	2,637	0	(2,637)	0	0
Parental contributions (MTSS)	27,928	4,795	(0)	0	32,723
Membership fee	5,785	2,725	(0)	0	8,510
Comic Relief	2,995	0	(2,995)	0	0
LB Islington, Richard Cloudesley	0	1,750	(525)	0	1,225
Cripple Gate Foundation	1,911	0	(1,911)	0	0
Special Projects (see note below)	32,971	0	(0)	0	32,971
	114,972	42,823	(49,196)	0	108,599
<i>Total Funds</i>	£149,316	£68,162	(63,878)	£0	153,600

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 (2024: £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.