HOLDING REFUGEES & HUMAN RIGHTS IN MIND ACCOUNTS

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The directors present their report and financial statements of the company for the Period 9th January 2006 - 31st March 2007

LEGAL STATUS

The organisation became a company limited by guarantee on 9th January 2006. Company Number 5669208

REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS

St Nicholas of Tolentino Lawfords Gate Bristol BS5 0RE

OBJECTS

The Objects of the Company are:

To relieve asylum seekers and refugees by the provision of information, advice and support To preserve and protect the physical and mental health of asylum seekers and their dependants and those granted refugee status and their dependents

To advance the education of the public in general about the issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum.

To provide facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons who have need of such facilities

To promote human rights (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent United Nations conventions and declarations) by all or any of the following means -

- relieving need among the victims of human rights abuse
- conducting research into human rights issues
- educating the public about human rights
- raising awareness of human rights issues
- promoting public support for human rights
- promoting respect for human rights among individuals and corporations.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

The distinctive contribution made by HR&HRiM to the welfare of asylum seekers and refugees is in the form of a 'drop-in' service where people can access a variety of services

The drop-in centre for asylum seekers and refugees opened its doors on 12 April 2006 in the Unitarian Hall in Brunswick Square

During the year 105 adult service users have been welcomed at the centre, from a total of 19 different countries. These included 48 women and 57 men

75 people have come more than once, 60 more than twice, and 23 have come ten times or more. About half had heard of the centre from another service user and about a quarter through volunteers or trustees The Haven at Montpelier Health Centre and Refugee Action have each referred a few people

We are offering a service to those within the asylum system, those who have become destitute when their claims have been denied, and also to newly instated refugees.

A pattern of use of the centre has emerged.

- The majority of service users attend one of the English classes offered at various beginning levels. There is pressure through demand to develop the advice service which is offered. At present 6-10 people per week seek advice
- A crèche staffed by trained volunteers and two crèche workers employed by Refugee Women of Bristol is well used by parents with pre-school age children. There can be up to 8 young children at each session
- An art group meets in a quiet room in the afternoon, regularly attended by a small, committed group
- The meal in the middle of the day is provided by the Somali restaurant on Stapleton Road. In the new premises we cannot now all sit together in one room, as about 40 people (service users, volunteers and visitors) have lunch at the centre.
- Volunteers support activities that several people can join in with, games, puzzles or craft
 projects such as knitting blankets for babies born to members of the drop-in community (two
 completed and a third in the making)

The drop-in centre moved on 14 March 2007 to join forces with St Nicholas of Tolentino church in Easton. I would like to thank Father Richard Mackay and the church for welcoming and accommodating this rapidly growing project into its newly renovated parish premises. We have expanded faster than expected and are already making full use of the space. Between 25-30 adults use the centre each week, and the number is gradually increasing all the time.

The extension of activities and projects is as follows

- Volunteers have taken service users to the library over the road from the centre, assisted joining, and introduced them to the computers (which have free internet access)
- 2 Connection has been made with St Paul's Adventure Playground and groups of children have been taken to join activities during the holidays

- 3 Mark Ellory (the Sports Development Officer at BCC) has met users of the service and is supporting the development of 5-a-side football teams
- 4 Art work has been made in to greeting cards and a calendar is planned.
- 5. Volunteers are supporting a Sudanese artist to run an exhibition during Refugee Week.
- We are seeking sessional input from professional advice workers to support this aspect of the centre's work, and have a positive response from a Law Centre worker and a solicitor
- 7. We are awaiting a decision on a funding application to support the major morning activity in the centre, namely the language teaching

We have a skilled and committed pool of 24 volunteers The group now includes some who came initially as service users themselves. All the daily activities and smooth operation of the drop-in depend on their generous commitment of time and energy. The Trustees have also put in a huge amount of hard thinking, time and work in this demanding first year of the centre's opening, and have provided practical support to the centre in many ways

We are now firmly on the map, and ready for a second year of operation. We look forward to extending our activities, while continuing to meet the basic needs of asylum seekers and refugees by relieving their isolation and destitution, and offering them advice, support and friendship. It is rewarding for all of us when the friendship turns full circle and the community is enriched

DIRECTORS

Sue Njie
Damaris Le Grand
Andrew Edgington
Naomi Roberts
Lilian Kaneza
Linda Polden
Kate Oliver
Eric Jay

Chair Company Secretary Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

Company law requires the Management Committee to prepare accounts for each financial period, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the income and expenditure of the Company for that period In preparing these accounts, the Management Committee is required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently, to make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and to prepare the accounts on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue operating

The Management Committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable it to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985 It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and breaches of law and regulations

PREPARATION OF THE REPORT

Signed on behalf of the directors

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985

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Approved by the directors on . 11 th Sq.	tenber			
ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT				
I have prepared the attached accounts from the books and records supplied by the company without carrying out an audit, together with information and explanations given to me.				
Signed Froubick	. date . 1207			

Joanne Trowbridge MAAT Bristol Community Accountancy Project The Park **Daventry Road** Knowle Bristol **BS4 10D**

HOLDING REFUGEES & HUMAN RIGHTS IN MIND BALANCE SHEET

Period 9th January 2006 - 31st March 2007

	Note	£ 2006	
CURRENT ASSETS			
Current Account		1693	
Cash in Hand		118	
Debtors		1252	
		3063	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	3	(1598)	
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			1465
REPRESENTED BY:			
Restricted Funds	1.4	(310)	
Unrestricted Funds	13	<u>1775</u>	
			445=
			1465

The directors are satisfied that the Company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 (the Act) relating to the audit of the accounts for the year by virtue of section 249A(1), and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 249B(2) of the Act.

The directors have acknowledged their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221 of the Companies Act 1985.

The directors have acknowledged their responsibilities for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the company and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of this Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to this company

These financial statements were approved by the directors on the .

and are signed on their behalf by: a. J. Fry Director

The notes on pages 9 form part of these financial statements.

HOLDING REFUGEES & HUMAN RIGHTS IN MIND PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

Period 9th January 2006 - 31st March 2007

£

	Note	
INCOME Administration Expenses		14228 (12755)
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS) Interest Receivable		1473
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	2	1482
CORPORATION TAX		(17)
		1465
RETAINED PROFIT BROUGHT FORWAR	RD.	-
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		1465

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit/loss for the above financial period

None of the Company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above financial period.

The notes on pages 9 form part of these financial statements

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1. Accounting Policies

- 1 1 The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.
- The Company has taken advantage of exemption from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No 1, on the grounds that it is entitled to exemption available in Sections 246/247 of the Companies Act 1985 for small companies

13 Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations, sponsorship and other income received or generated for the objects of the company without specified purpose and are available as general funds

14 Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds given for a specific purpose as laid down by the donor

2 Operating profit (loss)

Creditors and Accruals

Operating profit for period of £1732 after charging auditors remuneration £250

The calculation is

Operating profit for the year prior to audit	1732
Accountancy	(250)
	1482

Amounts falling due within one year	
Trade creditors	658
Salaries + Tax & NI	673
Accruals	
Accountancy	250

Corporation tax 17

1598

£

4 Members' liability

The Company is Limited by Guarantee In the event of a winding up of the Company, members are required to contribute to the assets of the Company such amounts as may be required, but not exceeding £1 per member