

# WIRRAL CHANG ANNUAL REPORT

Wirral Change Limited – Contents of the Financial Statements FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:**

Registered Company Number 05844145 (England and Wales)

#### **Registered Charity Number:**

1117333

#### **Registered Office:**

12-14 St Laurence School St Laurence Drive Birkenhead Merseyside CH41 3JD

#### **Business Address:**

As Above

#### **Trustees:**

M J Gabriel (Chair)

S Ahmed

S Henry

D Gould

G M Lindfield

I McDougall

A Choi Ha Jou

L Neagu

J Joseph (resigned 24 October 2022)

#### **Company Secretary:**

Clint Agard

#### Bankers:

Unity Trust Bank plc Four Brindley Place Birmingham B1 2JB

#### **Independent Examiner:**

Counting for Communities Ltd 16 Holmwood Drive Liverpool L37 1PQ Wirral Change Limited - TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 March 2023



#### **Governing document**

The organisation which is a registered charity limited by guarantee was incorporated March 2005. The governing document is the company's memorandum and articles of association. Anyone over the age of 18 can become a member. It is managed by a Management Board of trustees. Executive committee meetings are held monthly and agenda items include finance, health & safety and staff reports.

#### **Appointment of Management Committee**

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The Trustees, who are also directors for the purpose of company law, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. At the AGM the Trustees will approve the retirement of existing Directors and or the recruitment of new Trustees in accordance with the Articles of Association under general meetings page 7 section 2.8 items (3) and (4).

#### Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees are appointed on the basis of their ability to bring to the Management Board a range of skills to assist in the governance and development of the Charity. Before appointment they are guided by the project co-ordinator through a comprehensive induction procedure designed to give them a complete understanding of the aims and aspirations of the Charity. In addition, Charity Commission literature is given to all Trustees on an on-going basis in order to assist them to understand their legal responsibilities.

#### Organisational structure

Wirral Change Limited has a Management Board who meets at least 4 times per year and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the Charity. There are three staff Management team members who individually line manage the outreach team.

#### **Public Benefit**

When planning and programming activities for the local residents of Birkenhead and the surrounding areas; the Trustees of Wirral Change are mindful of the Charity Commissions guidelines on Public Benefit.

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#### Risk identification and management

The main risks, to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been considered and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

Potential risks identified by the Trustees to the constitution of the Association's activities are:

- 1. Loss of funding stream
- 2. Lack of community involvement and take-up
- 3. Loss of access to adequate levels and/or experienced staff

#### The Trustees have sought to minimise these risks in the following ways:

- The Trustees and staff are constantly seeking out new avenues of funding. They also ensure rigorous systems are in place for collecting monitoring information.
- Maintaining financial control in order to satisfy funding regulations and maintain positive relationships with funding organisations.
- Wirral Change ensures community involvement and take-up through regular consultation with users and publicising of activities and services.

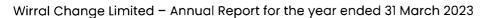
#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The principle aims and objectives of the charity are:

- To promote, for the benefit of the inhabitants of The Wirral and the surrounding area of Merseyside, the provision of facilities for education of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of the said inhabitants.
- To promote general charitable purposes for the benefit of the communities of The Wirral and the surrounding area of Merseyside and to advance the education of its residents of all ages; and in particular to provide opportunities for the aforementioned residents to participate fully in the life of their community in ways which address and alleviate social and economic disadvantage.
- To relieve poverty, advance education and promote general charitable purposes beneficial to the community in The Wirral by promoting the effective use of their charitable resources.
- To promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities run by and/or serving the ethnic minority communities in the Wirral by promoting the effective use of charitable resources.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees have a set reserves policy which requires that reserves be maintained at a level which ensures that the charity's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulties and that a proportion of reserves be maintained in readily available form. Wirral Change does not intentionally carry a surplus of reserved funds as grants are allocated per financial year and are usually must be spent within that financial year.





## CHAIR REPORT

In the period leading up to March 31, 2023, Wirral Change demonstrated unwavering commitment to supporting the diverse communities of Wirral. Our range of services expanded to address the evolving needs of our communities, thanks to the dedicated efforts of our skilled teams.

This annual report underscores the exceptional work carried out by our teams, who consistently rise to meet the constantly evolving and intricate challenges faced by our communities in their daily lives.

As we navigated the challenges posed by the pandemic, Wirral Change has made significant strides in transitioning back to offline work. This shift has been accompanied by substantial growth in our staff, a testament to our organisation's resilience and adaptability in the face of unprecedented circumstances.

In response to the ongoing crisis related to the cost of living, the senior management and board of trustees have proactively initiated strategic planning to navigate these economic challenges. Our concentrated efforts are directed towards supporting the most vulnerable communities, ensuring that our interventions are impactful and contribute to improving the quality of life. This strategic approach also involves maintaining our dedicated staff force, a crucial element in sustaining Wirral Change's mission and impact.

## **CHAIR REPORT**

Moreover, in the current year, Wirral Change has actively played a role in assisting Ukrainian refugees. We've allocated resources to address the distinct challenges confronted by these refugees. Acknowledging the pressing nature of the circumstances, we've initiated specific programs to offer both immediate aid and sustained support to individuals and families impacted by the crisis in their homeland, compelling them to seek refuge in our area.

Additionally, Wirral Change has directed efforts towards supporting BN(O) residents, recognising the unique needs and challenges they may encounter. Our initiatives aim to provide tailored assistance, contributing to the well-being and integration of BN(O) residents within the Wirral community.

Wirral Change's commitment to reaching the most marginalised and vulnerable members of our communities remains unwavering. During the reporting period, we successfully engaged with a record number of new residents and communities that were not accessing local services. Additionally, the organisation welcomed a notable number of new members to our team, contributing to the growth and enhancement of our charity. As we reflect on the achievements of the past year, we are inspired by Wirral Change's trajectory and eagerly anticipate the positive directions we may take in the years ahead.

In conclusion, the coming years hold exciting prospects for Wirral Change. We remain steadfast in our commitment to positive change and community welfare, ensuring that our initiatives and services are aligned with the evolving needs of our community.

Prepared by

MARTIN GABRIEL

CHAIR OF WIRRAL CHANGE





## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The past year has been marked by significant growth and development for Wirral Change, both in terms of personnel and organisational structure.

The consequential realisation of this growth prompted a comprehensive restructuring of our staff system, aligning our internal dynamics with the expanding needs of our community.

Throughout the reporting period, Wirral Change undertook various projects and initiatives, each contributing to a positive impact on our client group.

Notable among these initiatives was our commitment to addressing the critical issue of integration for asylum seekers and refugees who are new to the area, having experienced traumatic events in a country they are unfamiliar with — a challenge that has been at the forefront of concern for our clients.

However, it's crucial to acknowledge the challenges encountered in program implementation, particularly in the realm of housing for asylum seekers. The scarcity of suitable housing options has been a persistent obstacle, necessitating innovative approaches and collaborative efforts to address this pressing issue.

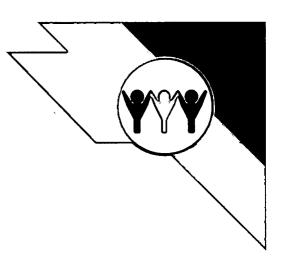
The strain on the management team was palpable, given the substantial increase in staff while maintaining the existing management structure. This realisation prompted a strategic decision to reconstruct the management team, introducing key roles such as project coordinators and team leaders for each team. The lessons learned from this reflection underscore the importance of adapting our internal structure to accommodate the growth we've experienced.

In our pursuit of continuous improvement, we organised an Away Day to engage with our staff, seeking their insights to identify the most effective organisational structure. This inclusive approach aligns with our commitment to fostering a collaborative and supportive work environment.

Looking ahead, Wirral Change is committed to implementing the reconstructed management structure to enhance organisational efficiency. This strategic adjustment aims to empower our teams, project coordinators, and team leaders, ensuring a more streamlined and responsive approach to community service.

Additionally, as part of our future plans, we are exploring new programs, projects, and initiatives that align with our mission and respond to the evolving needs of our community. Our commitment to positive change remains unwavering, and we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead as we continue to grow and adapt to better serve the Wirral community.

Prepared by
CLINT AGARD
CEO OF WIRRAL CHANGE



# OUR HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### WIRRAL JOB FAIR 2022

The fair brought together employers from various industries, offering attendees the chance to explore career options, network with professionals, and potentially secure employment.











## HAPPY PLATINUM JUBILEE

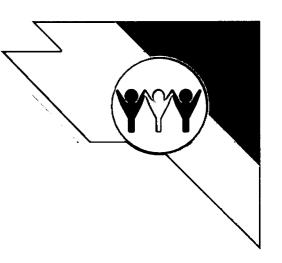
Celebrating
multicultural Britain,
this vibrant event
engaged with over 150
people from the local
community.

# AN RECRUITMENT / OPEN-DAY

Exemplar Health Care are holding an recruitment/open-day at Wirral Change for various roles including health care assistant & qualified nurse







# OUR HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### 1000 MILES THROUGH THE HIMALAYAS

With the help of generous donations, Wirral Change is setting out to establish a robust support network for the newly arrived Ukrainian Evacuees in Wirral!

Our staff members travelled up to heights over 17,000ft on the 12th highest road in the world... in a three-wheeled rickshaw









#### HIME

Wirral Change organised free holiday programs during Easter, Summer, and Christmas for children aged 5-16, eligible for free school meals benefits.

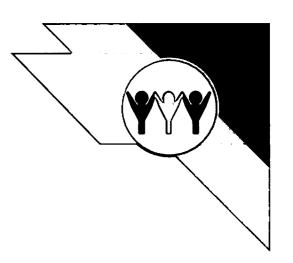
Over 160 kids from diverse backgrounds received quality activities and meals thanks to this initiative.

## WIRRAL'S IAPT SERVICE

The project with Wirral Deen Centre, Healthwatch Wirral, Talking Together Wirral - IAPT using interactive activities to explore barriers to mental health within ethnic minority communities.







# OUR HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### TAKING POSITIVE STEPS TO PREVENT FALLS

A Medequip representative visited Wirral Change to engage with the elderly members of the Wirral Chinese Association, focusing on the topic of "Taking Positive Steps To Prevent Falls." The informative sessions saw 20+ individuals actively participating.







### HEALTH CHECKS

Prior to and following our weekly Zumba class, the NHS Cardiology Department conducted blood pressure health checks for both our staff and clients. On average, 25 individuals benefitted from this health initiative, contributing to the overall well-being of our community.

Thank you to the NHS workers for their help.

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS EVENT

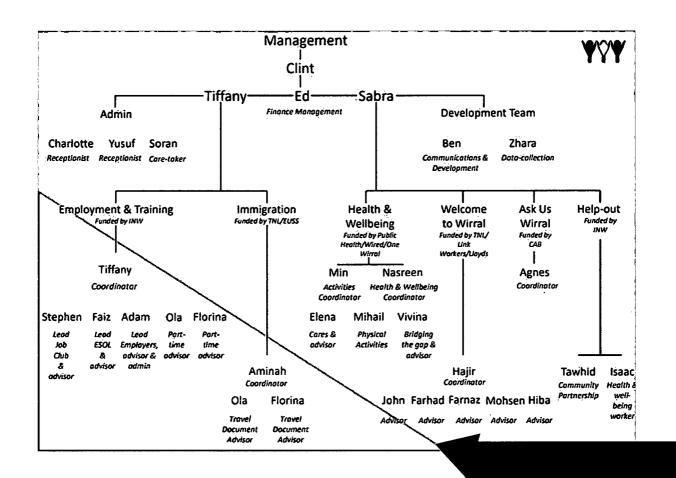
The Mental Health Awareness Week event, 'Understanding Loneliness', successfully fostered awareness and provided valuable insights into the complexities of mental health related to loneliness.







# THE WIRRAL CHANGE TEAM





At Wirral Change, it's not just work, it's a fantastic adventure. We're a group of people who genuinely care about our community. What makes it even better is the incredible mix of cultures within our team. Every day is a chance to learn something new and make a difference, all while embracing the richness of our diverse backgrounds.

Every day is different, and that's what makes Wirral Change special. I enjoy the challenges and the rewards that come with helping people.

I genuinely love the sense of purpose we all share. The teamwork and camaraderie here are fantastic.

# INSIGHTS ON HOW OUR STAFF VIEW WIRRAL CHANGE

Being on the Wirral Change team is like being part of a big, diverse family. We're all here because we believe in making a real difference in our local communities.

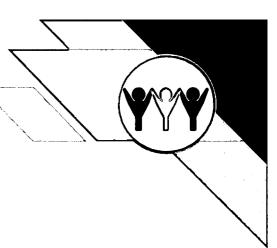
-The best part?

We get to experience so many cultures right here in our workplace. It's not just a job, it's a journey of learning and growth for all of us.

Wirral Change is a beacon of support. Bridging communities and our teams, I witness transformative change daily.

Joining this job means becoming part of a close-knit team that's passionate about helping others. We're not just coworkers; we're friends who share a common mission. The best thing is, we get to immerse ourselves in different cultures every day. It's like traveling the world without leaving the office!

It's a place where you're encouraged to grow, learn, and contribute meaningfully to the lives of others.



**NATALIA** 

**ZITO** 

**AGATA** 

PUI

**SOMJAY** 

**JENNY** 

**REHAB** 

ELENA

**LENITSA** 

BOW MARIANA

**DANIEL** 

**COURTNEY** 

SANNA

LAVINIA

**PREM** 

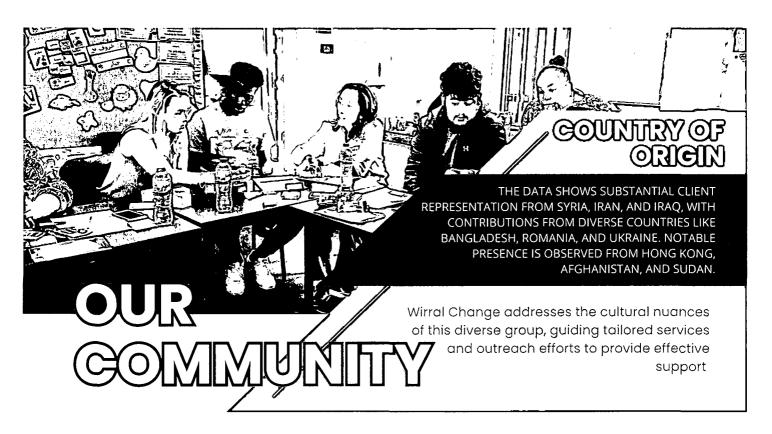
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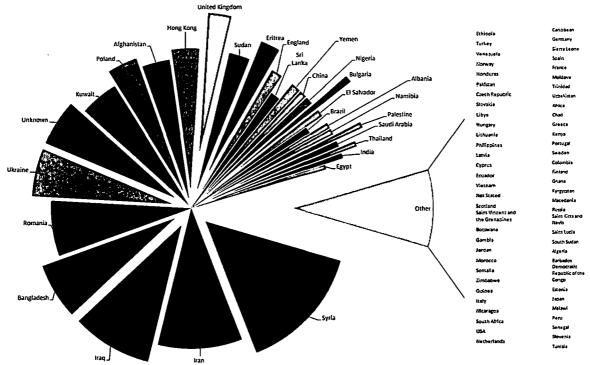
# THE WIRRAL CHANGE TEAM

Our foundations are built from the champions who help make things happen at Wirral Change.

We send our up-most gratitude towards all the volunteers that supported us this year...









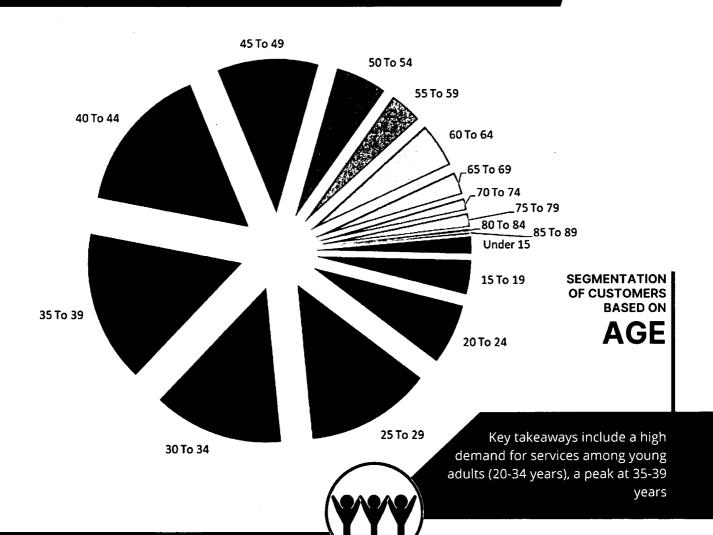
# OUR We are a part of the community in which we serve, and they are always our first priority. COMMUNITY

58% | 42%

Female

Male

SEGMENTATION OF CUSTOMERS BASED ON GENDER



# OUTCOMES, INSIGHT & FEEDBACK

We are so proud to present an insight into what we have managed to do for our communities; below represents outcomes collectively Wirral Change has produced from April 2022 to March 2023

#### **OUTCOMES**



#### **Engagemant**

engaged with 3166 Asylum Seekers and Refugee individuals & families



#### Ask us Wirral Project

engaged with 403 clients, supporting with benefit and financial crisis needs.



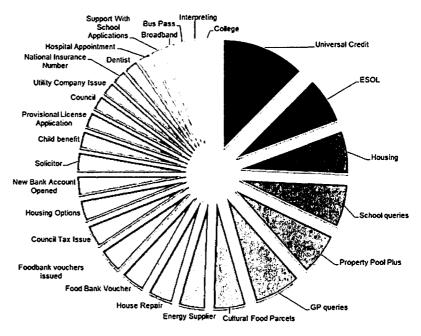
#### Feedback

**82%** of clients reported our advice, and guidance provision have helped improve their quality of life by accessing the necessary resources and services.

77% of clients reported expanded access to housing information and resources. Additionally, 69% of clients benefited from affordable access to essential financial services, leading to a more informed and sustainable lifestyle.



### **WELCOME TO WIRRAL TEAM**

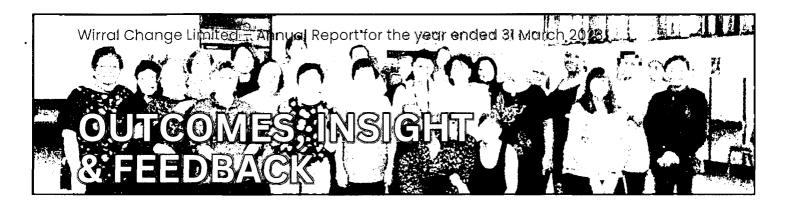


**TOP Services Offered** 

Benefits provided by WELCOME TO WIRRAL



The project aims to create a welcoming environment for new refugees and asylum seekers arrivals in Wirral and enable these arrivals to orientate themselves and integrate into their new neighbourhood; to assist in integration and general support in adjusting to living in the UK.



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#### Key metrics

Individuals experience dramatic improvements in their health and wellbeing, including better physical, mental and social health, increasing self-confidence and self-esteem.



1432

INDIVIDUALS engaged with



**93% OF THEM** 

them reported improved health and well-being

#### **HEALTH & WELLBEING TEAM**



The team is dedicated to transforming the lives of our clients by significantly improving their health and well-being; including better physical, mental, and social health. We strive to ensure that health services are accessible to everyone, regardless of their economic or social background. On a weekly basis, Wirral Change organises a series of inclusive events catering to various social groups. These events are designed to foster a sense of community and support, and they are open to carers, Polish, Ukrainian, Iranian, Latin-American, Arabic, women's, and men's groups, as well as Chinese school attendees.



#### **OUTCOMES**





#### **Coping with Everyday Challenges**

- unpaid carers and clients with long-term conditions attended 20+ activities to improve their quality of life
- 63% unique individuals reported an improvement in their confidence and self-esteem.

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#### **Social & Exercise Group Events**

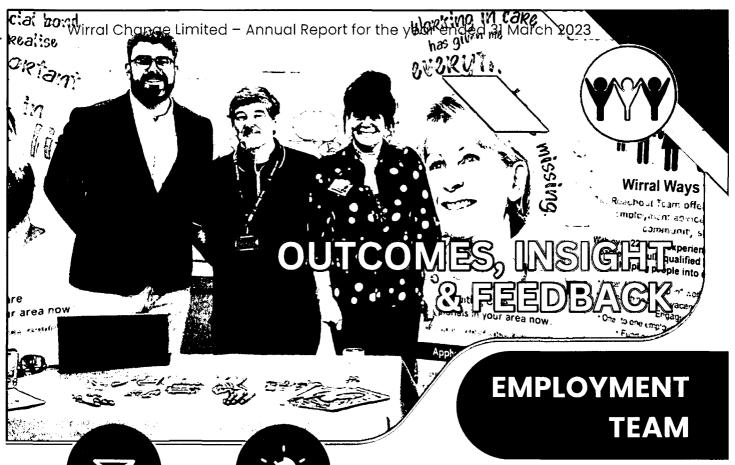
- 8125 caseloads registered for events for various social groups including carers, Polish, Ukrainian, Iranian, Latin-American, Arabic, Chinese, and men's groups as well as Chinese school, Zumba and Boxercise sessions, Football classes, Chair Yoga classes, Irish Dancing classes
- 87% unique individuals reported improvements in their lifestyle, and prospects.
- 92% people reported having a more active lifestyle



#### Mental health support service

- 608 individuals were reached during awareness sessions and outreaches of the advisor
- 66% people reported less isolation and loneliness





#### OUR SERVICES INCLUDES

Our employment programme focuses on empowering magnetises on enhance their file skills, end secure sustemable jobs outside the mainstream employment cours. We work diffigurity to break away individuals from sypical cycles of work, such as restaurants, factories, batter shops and talkeaways.



#### OUTCOMES:

24) people gamed (help towards employment)

733 dients disclosed then enhanced education opportunities and the ecquisition of new skills

43% people entered sustainable employment

24% occole remained in sustained work after 6 months

523 people that gained volunteering end/or work experience

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#### **ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR**

In the past year, various recruitment events were hosted, including sessions where employers like Cera Care interviewed potential candidates for care work.

The team also participated in job fairs alongside the Jobcentre Plus and employers at their locations, such as Exemplar Care in Wallasey. During these events, support was provided to staff, and engagement with candidates who required pre-employment support was a key focus.

Additionally, outreach activities at the Deen Centre were conducted to offer support to individuals seeking employment and recruit clients who needed assistance with finding suitable employment opportunities.

These initiatives aimed at connecting job seekers with prospective employers and providing them with the necessary support in their employment journey.



#### Feedback from Our Community

'Thank you for your time and consideration, and for the ongoing support you provide to the minor community in Wirral.'

'Thank you very much for your help to find our first job in the UK! Really appreciated!'



## Facebook Employment group details:

Wirral Change Work & Jobs Club 10,500 members 32,000 average monthly views

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# OUTCOMES, INSIGHT & FEEDBACK IMMIGRATION TEAM



1147

caseloads registered



37%

people the EU SS project has engaged with



18%

individuals supported in applying for pre-settled status, settled status, and for those reuniting with family members Wirral Change provides critical support to migrated individuals and families.

We provide guidance to help them understand their rights and navigate through complex immigration processes. Additionally, we offer a free service to enable their stay in the UK, assist with applying for the EU-SS, travel visas, and family reunions, and support government initiatives for non-English speakers.





## **SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS**

Unveiling the dynamics of online audience engagement, the following insights harvested from social media illuminate key trends. These findings not only provide valuable perspectives but also contribute to a comprehensive understanding of our social media activity.



92,081

Facebook reach

217.6%

Compare your reach from this period to the previous one.

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947

Instagram reach

77.3%

3,424

Facebook Page likes

213,6%

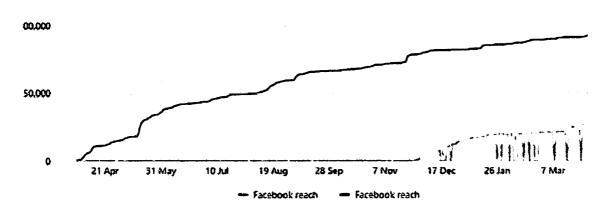


4,053

**Facebook followers** 

1,011

Instagram followers



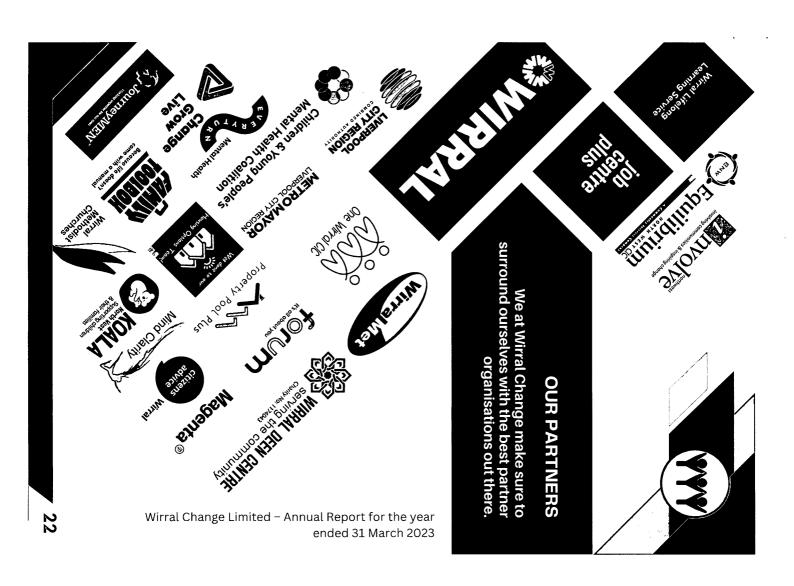
Facebook followers ()

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Instagram followers 🛈

1.011









## WIRRAL CHANGE LIMITED STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue as a going concern;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By Order of the Board

M J Gabriel, Chair

Date: 05.12.2023



#### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WIRRAL CHANGE LIMITED

#### Independent Examiner's report on the accounts of Wirral Change Limited.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages 26 to 36

#### 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 required. It is my responsibility to:

- · examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- $\cdot$  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 the 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:

- 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
- a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities  $\mathsf{Act}$

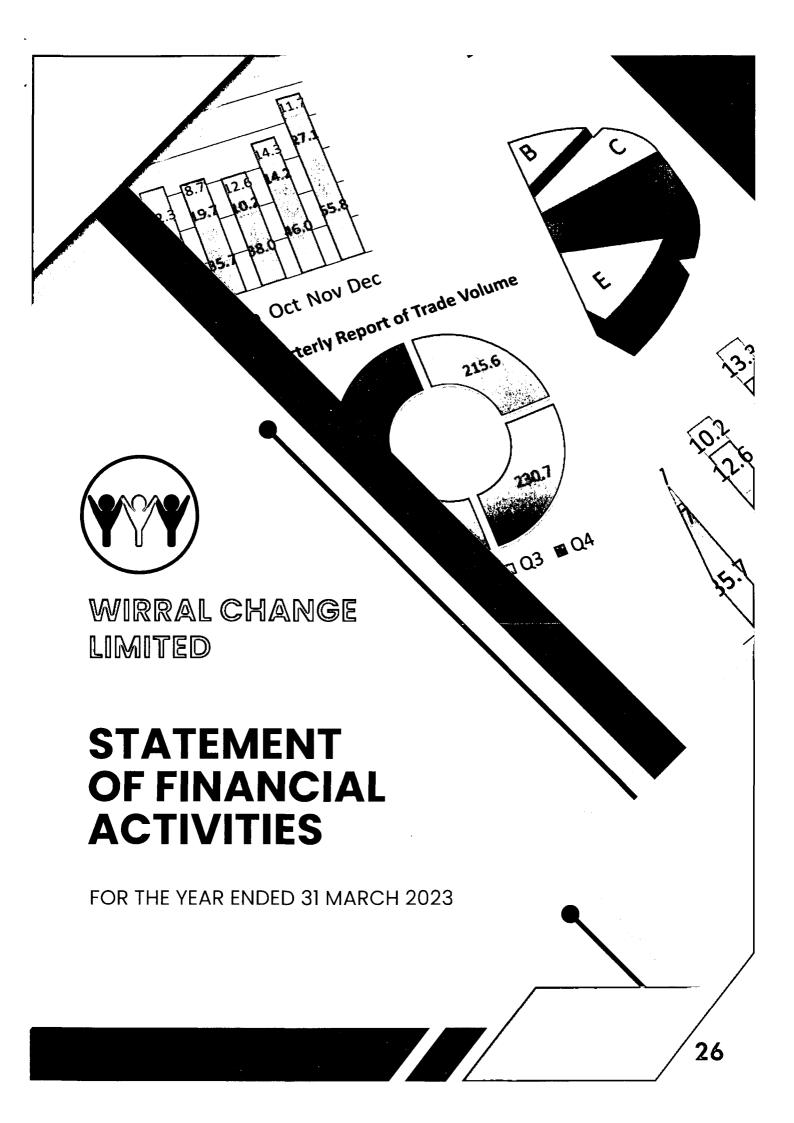
have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

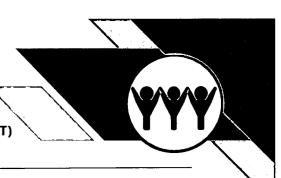
Signed Si

Date: 6-12-23

Name: Anne Leonard BA, FMAAT Counting For Communities Ltd, 16 Holmwood Drive, Liverpool, L37 1PQ







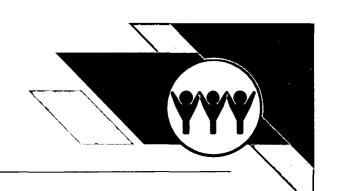
INCOMING RESOURCES	Note	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Incoming resources from	•				
Donations and legacies	2	4,501	-	4,501	3,049
Charitable activities	3	31,452	915,380	946,832	905,152
Other trading activities	4	35,246	240	35,486	28,223
Investments	5	1,941		1,941	113
Total income		73,140	915,620	988,760	936,537
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	6	3	928,372	928,375	724,658
Total expenditure	7	3	928,372	928,375	724,658
Net income/(expenditure) for the		72 427	(42.752)	en 205	244 070
year before transfers		73,137	(12,752)	60,385	211,879
Transfers between funds		151,343	(151,343)	•	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	r	224,480	(164,095)	60,385	211,879
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	13	439,818	281,156	720,974	509,095
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		664,298	117,061	781,359	720,974

There are no recognised gains or losses other than net movement in funds for the above two financial years. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

#### WIRRAL CHANGE LIMITED BALANCE SHEET At 31 March 2023

Registration Number: 05844145



	Note	2023 Unrestricted funds	2023 Restricted funds	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS	11016			_	<b>L</b>
Tangible assets	9	68,529	•	68,529	50,057
CURRENT ASSETS					·
Debtors & Prepayments	10	51,370	•	51,370	26,035
Cash at bank and in hand	11	546,199	131,980	678,179	664,276
		597,569	131,980	729,549	690,311
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,800)	(14,919)	(16,719)	(19,394)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		595,769	117,061	712,830	670,917
TOTAL ACCETC LEGG					
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		664,298	117,061	781,359	720,974
FUNDS	13				
Unrestricted funds		664,298		664,298	439,818
Restricted funds		· •	117,061	117,061	281,156
TOTAL FUNDS		664,298	117,061	781,359	720,974

For the year ending 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

#### Directors' responsibilities

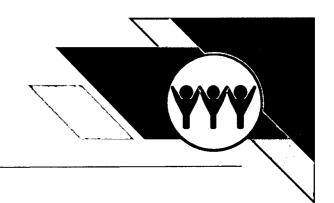
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

M J Gabriel, Chair

Date: 05.12.2023

The notes form part of these financial statements



#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019). The charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102, the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

#### **Going Concern**

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

#### **Income**

#### Incoming recognition

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

#### **Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure**

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

#### **Grants and Donations**

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the resource.

#### **Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants**

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

#### Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

#### Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

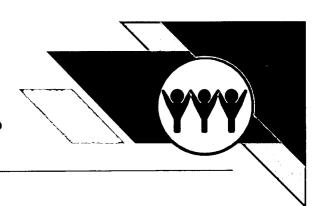
#### **Expenditure and Liabilities**

#### **Liability Recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure.

#### **Governance Costs**

These include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.



#### **Grants and Performance Conditions**

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specific service or output.

#### **Grants payable without Performance Conditions**

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity

#### Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life. The following rates and methods are used:

Fixture & fittings - 15% on cost IT equipment - 15% on cost

All equipment, fixtures and fittings with an original cost of less than £800, are written off in the year in which the expenditure was incurred on the basis that due to the nature of the company's activities, there is no expectation that the cost of the assets will be recovered in the way of future revenues.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

#### **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

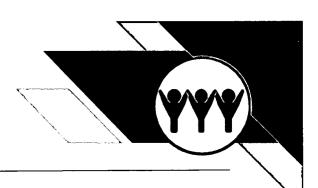
#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities and is not registered for VAT. As a registered charity the company benefits from rates relief.

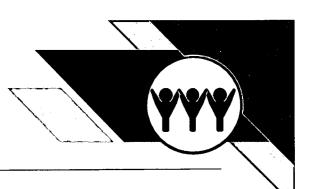
#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

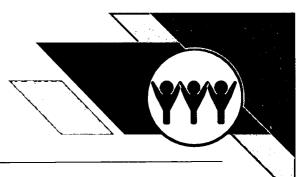
Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.



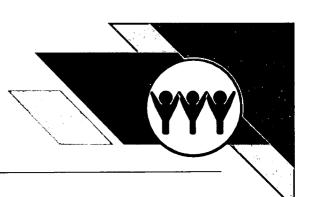
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Note	INCOMING DESCUIDCES	2023	2023	2023 Total	2022
2	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	£	Total £
2	Donations and legacies  Donations		£	4,501	3,049
	Donations	4,501 4,501		4,501	3,049
	•	4,301	<del></del>		3,043
		2023	2023	2023	2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
3	Charitable activities	£	£	£	£
	Ask Us Wirral	-	33,488	33,488	19,008
	Big Lottery Jubilee Event	-	9,980	9,980	-
	Big Lottery Community Hub	-	90,760	90,760	84,119
	BME Health Intervention WBC	-	26,125	26,125	26,125
	BME Health Improvements WBC	•	28,226	28,226	26,263
	BAME Community Support WBC	•	175,000	175,000	•
	Carers Wellbeing Wired	-	12,180	12,180	14,887
	CAF Charities Aid Resilience	-	26,087	26,087	71,471
	EU Settlement Scheme	-	43,616	43,616	48,674
	NHS Wirral	-	53,415	53,415	53,415
	Edsential HAF Holiday Activity	-	8,120	8,120	6,804
	Lloyds Bank Welcome to Wirral	-	24,995	24,995	24,995
	Involve North West Reachout	-	222,973	222,973	171,067
	Henry Smith Strengthening Communities	-	60,000	60,000	60,000
	WBC ILM Ways to Work	-	30,665	30,665	3,003
	Other	15,527	-	15,527	6,250
	Wirral Council	3,675	43,000	46,675	256,554
	Community Foundation Lancashire	10,000	-	10,000	-
	Lloyds Bank	2,250	•	2,250	•
	One Wirral CIC	-	26,750	26,750	
	WBC Refugee & Asylum Plan	-	-	•	24,607
	Merseyside Recycling	-		•	7,910
		31,452	915,380	946,832	905,152
			2222		
		2023	2023	2023	2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
4	Other trading activities	£	£	£	£
	Room Hire	29,528	- مده	29,528	25,495
	Courses & fundraising	3,213	240	3,453	2,645
	Translation Fee	2,505		2,505	83
		35,246	240	35,486	28,223



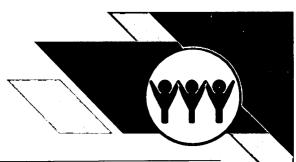
		2023	2023	2023	2022
Note	•	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
5	Investments	£	£	£	£
	Bank interest receivable	1,941		1,941	113
		1,941	-	1,941	113
		2023	2023	2023	2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	RESOURCES EXPENDED	£	£	£	£
6	Charitable activities				
	Advertising	-	405	405	705
	Bank charges	328	-	328	281
	Cleaning	-	17,500	17,500	1,973
	Depreciation	10,730	-	10,730	7,452
	Donations to Livingstone St	8,988	-	8,988	14,991
	Events & activities	3,085	27,971	31,056	14,560
	Food Parcels	-	27,599	27,599	34,189
	Governance costs (see below)	1,800	-	1,800	1,600
•	Insurance	-	5,142	5,142	4,004
	Management Charge	(37,230)	37,230	-	-
	Office Expense	2,530	17,075	19,605	13,744
	Personal Protective Equipment	-	-	-	919
	Professional Fees	-	10,470	10,470	13,628
	Refreshments	2,951	3,793	6,744	6,984
	Rent & Rates	-	44,550	44,550	35,800
	Repairs & Maintenance	2,028	6,451	8,479	6,516
	Salaries	-	665,996	665,996	529,231
	Stationery & Printing	-	5,416	5,416	5,743
	Telephones	-	14,247	14,247	14,476
	Training	101	6,685	6,786	1,323
	Travel	3,483	4,949	8,432	7,457
	Utilities	-	719	719	653
	Volunteer expenses	-	6,311	6,311	1,999
	Vouchers	26	18,134	18,160	-
	Waste Disposal	315	5,502	5,817	5,067
	Other Costs	868	2,227	3,095	1,363
		3	928,372	928,375	724,658



Note			2023	2022
8	Staff Costs and Employees		£	£
	Wages and salaries		607,657	487,037
	Pension		10,684	8,294
	Social security costs		47,655	33,900
			665,996	529,231
	No employee earned £60,000 or mor	re during the yea	ar	
	The average number of employees of	during the year:	2023	2022
	Clerical and management		3	3
	Caseworkers		27	22
			30	25
•				
9	Fixed Assets	Fixtures &	Π	
		<b>Fittings</b>	Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
	Cost			
	At 1 April 2022	31,461	27,969	59,430
	Disposals	-	-	-
	Additions	14,384	14,818	29,202
	At 31 March 2023	45,845	42,787	88,632
	Depreciation			
	At 1 April 2022	4,448	4,925	9,373
	On Disposals	-	-	-
	Charge for year	5,483	5,247	10,730
	At 31 March 2023	9,931	10,172	20,103
	Net Book Value			
	At 31 March 2023	35,914	32,615	68,529
	At 31 March 2022	27,013	23,044	50,057



Note 10	Debtors Debtors Accrued Income and other debtors	2023 £ 51,370  51,370	2022 £ 26,035 
11	Cash at bank and in hand Current Account Deposit Account Petty Cash	2023 £ 488,021 189,524 634 678,179	2022 £ 476,648 187,583 45 664,276
12	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year HMRC Accruals Other Creditors	2023 £ 11,844 2,200 2,675 16,719	2022 £ 9,781 2,370 7,243 19,394



Note	•	Balance at 31 March	Incoming	Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 March
13	Movement in Funds	2022	Resources	Expended	In / (Out)	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Funds					
	General Fund	439,818	73,140	(3)	151,343	664,298
	Restricted Funds					
	AskUs Wirral	_	33,488	(33,488)	_	-
	BAIVE Community Support	48,943	175,240	(178,552)	+	45,631
	BME Health Improvements	10,196	28,226	(30,543)	-	7,879
	BME Health Interventions	125,218	26,125	-	(151,343)	
	Bridging the Gap	-	14,400	(14,400)	-	-
	CAF Resilience	44,151	26,087	(70,238)	-	-
	Carers Wellbeing	9,748	12,180	(12,421)	-	9,507
	Community Hub Project	-	90,760	(90,760)	-	-
	NHS Wirral CCG-CDW Project	50,219	53,415	(53,230)	-	50,404
	Digital Inclusion	-	12,350	(12,350)	-	-
	HelpOut Wellbeing Support	-	38,864	(38,864)	-	-
	Holiday Activity Fund (HAF)	-	8,120	(4,038)	-	4,082
	EU Settlement Scheme	(11,690)	43,616	(41,339)	-	(9,413)
	ILM Ways to Work	(3,296)	30,665	(27,369)	-	-
	Involve North West Reachout	-	184,109	(184,109)	-	-
	Big Lottery Jubilee Event	-	9,980	(9,980)	-	-
	Strengthening Communities	5,624	60,000	(59,029)	-	6,595
	Lloyds BankWelcome to Wirral	2,043	24,995	(24,662)	-	2,376
	Wirral Household Support Fund		43,000	(43,000)		
		281,156	915,620	(928,372)	(151,343)	117,061
	Total Funds	720,974	988,760	(928,375)		781,359

#### Ask Us Wirra

An information, advice and guidance project in partnership with Age UK and CAB to ensure people from BAMER communities have support and help when they need it.

#### BAME Community Support

A project to promote the health inequalities faced by BAME communities in regards to COVID-19, offering outreach support as well as advisory health & wellbeing provision.

#### **BME Health Improvement**

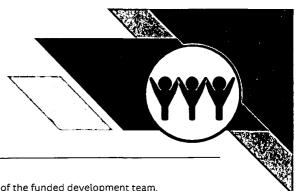
Raises awareness, removes barriers and supports Wirral BME communities to make positive lifestyle changes through events.

#### **BME Health Interventions**

Raises awareness, removes barriers and supports Wirral BME communities to make positive lifestyle changes through one to one intervention.

#### Bridging the Gap

In collaboration with One Wirral, this initiative delivers activities tailored for adults from ethnic minority backgrounds with long-term health conditions. The aim is to support their recovery and mental wellbeing stability, implementing action plans for tangible progress.



#### **CAF Resilience**

Bolstering the leadership and sustainability of the organisation with the support of the funded development team.

#### Carers Wellbeing

WIRED funds the carers project target BAME and disadvantaged carers and provides a weekly carers group to support carers with their mental and physical wellbeing.

#### Community Hub Project

A communal space for diverse cultural events to occur promoting social prescription and inclusion.

#### NHS Wirral CCG CDW Project

A health and emotional wellbeing project, funds running costs and staff.

#### **Digital Inclusion**

An extension of services targeting seldom-reached community members through improved access to digital mediums. This initiative encourages online opportunities and skill development.

#### Help Out Wellbeing Support

Utilising the Employability Support Fund to remove barriers to employment and support health and wellbeing issues faced by individuals seeking employment.

#### **HAF Holiday Activity**

To provide Half Term fun activities for children.

#### **EU Settlement Scheme**

A project supporting EEA & Swiss communities funded by Home Office via removing doubt from EU citizens resident in the UK through casework support with applications and surrounding issues.

#### ILM Ways to Work

The Intermediate Labour Market (ILM) scheme is for helping young people get back in to work from disadvantaged groups such as care leavers and those with disabilities.

#### Involve Northwest Reachout Partnership

An employment project to assist members of the local community gain employment.

#### Jubilee Event

A celebratory event in honor of the Jubilee, fostering community fellowship by collaborating with borough figures, local authorities, and businesses in Merseyside. This event includes a jubilee/diversity street party to unite the community.

#### **Strengthening Communities**

A project that supports disadvantaged and marginalised groups, particularly those from the BAMER community.

#### Welcome to Wirral

A project to support the health and wellbeing needs of refugees, asylum seekers and resettlement families new to Wirral.

#### Wirral Household Support

Providing support to alleviate financial struggles faced by ethnic minority communities, especially those affected by the increased cost of living and recent poverty concerns. This initiative targets individuals still grappling to recover and reintegrate into normalcy.

#### 14 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022

#### 15 Trustees' Expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022

#### 16 Capital commitments

The company had no capital commitments at 31 March 2023 (2022: none) either contracted for or authorised by the directors but not contracted for.