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REFUGEE ADVICE CENTRE Report and Accounts 31 March 2009

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REFUGEE ADVICE CENTRE Company Information

Trustees of the company

Dr. Qadir Bakhsh (Chair)

Mr.Robert Frimpong Manso(Vice Chair)

Mr. Alex Davies (Treasurer)

Mr. S.R.Pasupathy

Mr Scott Jones

Dr. Mohamed Abukar Shekhey

M U Ahmed

Sharif Sufi Sharif Ali

Mr. Aadem Haxhia

Ms. Indira Kartallozi

Mr. Abdi Hassan

Mr. Prince John Anyanwu

Resigned 24 March 2009

Resigned 24 March 2009

Resigned 24 March 2009

Resigned 24 March 2009

Appointed 24 March 2009

Appointed 24 March 2009

Co-opted 18 May 2009

Secretary and Chief Executive

A Mirza

Auditors

S Asghar & Co Chartered Accountant & Registered Auditors 69 Headstone Road Harrow

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Bankers

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Registered office

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Registered Charity number

1064266

Company number

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REFUGEE ADVICE CENTRE
The report of the trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2009

Introduction

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009. The board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the position at 31 March 2009 and consider that the charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Name, registered office and constitution of the charity

The Registered Office is Dahir Community House 702 High Road, Leyton, London E10 6JP Charity Registration Number 1064266

Constitution, Objects and Policies

The charitable Trust is constituted by the Memorandum and Articles and its objects are to provide or assist in the provision of special legal services for vulnerable members of the I community in the Greater London area. This year Refugee Advice Centre was successful is getting a contract from the London Borough of Waltham Forest for providing specialist legal help for victims of hate crime and domestic violence

By the third quarter of the year Refugee Advice Centre have made a four year agreement with the London council for administrating an advice service for members of black and ethnic Minority and Refugee communities in 7 North East London Boroughs.

In This respect, Refugee Advice Services will be leading a group of 9-12 other community groups. This is currently a local group of organisations called Waltham Forest Multilingual Advice Services Consortium. Other similar organisations in adjacent Boroughs have seen the advantages of working in strategic partnership for providing quality and integrated services to their clients. The partnership is likely to grow in the coming year.

The administration of the charitable activities and the majority of activities themselves have been provided on the charity's premises.

The Charity's volunteers including the management committee have invested a total of 1,610 hours of their own time without receiving any pay for their efforts. All funds raised have been spent on charitable purposes.

Transactions and Financial position

The financial statements are set out. The financial statements have been prepared implementing the 2005 Revision of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales (revised in June 2008) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). As stated in the introduction to this report, the trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory.

Auditors
S Asghar& Co
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
69 Headstone Road HA 1 1 PQ
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Statement of Directors' and Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity Law and the Companies Acts require the Board to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, Subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The trustees are also responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the responsibility of the auditors in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 14 December 2009.

Director and Trustee

Rad Board

Dr Qadir Bakhsh Chairman

Refugee Advice Centre Independent Auditors' Report

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Refugee Advice Centre

We have audited the financial statements of Refugee Advice Centre for the year ended 31 March 2009 which comprise pages 6 to 14. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entitles, effective June 2002, and in accordance the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales, effective October 2000, under the historical cost convention and In accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume liability to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements In accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards In order to form an Independent opinion based on our audit, on those financial statements and to report our opinion to you.

In making our report, we must state our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and all applicable UK Accounting Standards. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Report of the Trustees is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Report of the Trustees and consider the implications for our report If we become aware of any apparent misstatements within It.

Basis of Audit Opinion

We conducted our audit In accordance With UK Auditing Standards Issued by the Auditing Practices Board and in accordance with the Practice Note ' The Audit of Charities In the United Kingdom' • revised In April 2002. An audit Includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and Judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary In order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other Irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of Information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2009 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, Including Its income and expenditure, for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared In accordance with the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies and all applicable UK Accounting Standards and In accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charily Commissioners for England & Wales.

S Asghar & Co.

Chartered Accounts and Registered Auditors

69, Headstone Road,

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REFUGEE ADVICE CENTRE Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2009		
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2009	2009 £	2008 £
Turnover	278,499	202,413
Direct costs of turnover		14,940
Gross surplus	278,499	187,473
Governance costs	248,634	184,622
Operating surplus	29,865	2,851
Interest receivable	182	323
Surplus on ordinary activities before tax	30,047	3,174
Surplus for the financial year	30,047	3,174
Retained surplus for the financial year	30,047	3,174

REFUGEE ADVICE CENTRE Income and Expenditure Account The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2009

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Last Year
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total Funds
Notes	2009	2009	2009	2008
Incoming resources	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Income resources Grant Receivable	50.437	186.218	236.655	144.677
Activities for generating funds	780		780	2,856
Investment Income	182		182	323
Income generated from activities	41,064		41,064	54,880
Total income resources	92,463	186,218	278,681	202,736
Charitable Activities Expenditure				
Grants payable furtherance of the charity's objects				14,940
Management & Administration of the Charity	89,023	159,611	248,634	184,622
Total resources expended	89,023	159,611	248,634	199,562
Net Incoming Resources	3,440	26,607	30,047	3,174
Total funds brought forward	2,856	118,308	121,164	117,990
Total Funds carried forward	6,296	144,915	151,211	121,164

The net movement in funds referred to above is the net incoming resources as defined in the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commission for England & Wales reconciled to the total funds as shown in the Balance Sheet on page 9 as required by the said statement.

All activities derive from continuing operations

REFUGEE ADVICE CENTRE Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2009

2009	2008
30,047 30,047	<u>3,174</u> 3,174
30,047	3,174
	30,047

Movements in revenue and capital funds for the year ended 31 March 2009 Revenue accumulated funds

Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Last year	
Funds	Funds	Funds	Total Funds	
2009	2009	2009	2008	_
£	£	£	-	£
2,856	118,308	121,164	117,990	_
3,440	26,607	30,047	3,174	
6,296	144,915	151,211	121,164	_
6 296	144 915	151.211	121,164	_

Accumulated funds brought forward Recognised gains and losses before transfers

Closing revenue accumulated funds

Summary of funds	Designated Funds	Unrestricted Restricted Funds		Total Funds	Last Year Total Funds
		2009	2009	2009	2008
Revenue accumulated funds		6,296	144,915	151,211	121,164

REFUGEE ADVICE CENTRE Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2009

The appete and liabilities of the	
The assets and liabilities of the charity:	
•	108,536
Current assets	
Cash at bank and in hand 53,049 16,770	
amounts due within one year 6 (16,786) (4,142)	
Net current assets 36,263 1	2,628
Total assets less current liabilities 36,263 1	2,628
Creditors:-	
amounts due after more than one year	
Net assets including pension asset / liability 151,211 12	1,164
The funds of the charity:	
Unrestricted income funds	
Unrestricted revenue accumulated 6,296 2,856 Designated revenue funds	
Unrestricted capital funds	
Total unrestricted funds 6,296	2,856
Restricted income funds	
Restricted revenue accumulated funds 118,308	
Total restricted funds 144,915 18	8,308
Total charity funds 151,211 12	1,164

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

Trustee

Trustee

Alex G Davies
Approved by the trustees on 14 December 2009

Dr. Qadir Bakhsh

REFUGEE ADVICE CENTRE Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

1 Accounting policies Basis of preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), effective April 2008, and all other applicable accounting standards, as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales, (revised June 2008), adapted to meet the needs of unincorporated organisations. The accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Acts, and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Trustees' Report, all of which are continuing.

Insofar as the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales, (revised in June 2008) requires compliance with specific Financial Reporting Standards other than the FRSSE then the specific Financial Reporting Standards have been followed where their requirements differ from those of the FRSSE.

The particular accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of freehold land and buildings and fixed asset investments

The charity is entirely dependent on continuing grant aid and as a consequence the going concern basis is also dependent on the continuing grant aid.

Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are accounted for on a receivable basis deferred as described below where appropriate.

Taxation

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As a registered charity, the company is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only

Surplus for the financial year	2009 £	2008 £
This is stated after crediting :-		
Revenue Turnover from ordinary activities Include: Income generated from activities	278,499 41,064	202,736 0
and after charging:-		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	9,462	4,144
Rentals under operating leases Independent Examiner's Fees	20,750	32,450
Auditors' Remuneration	560	400

REFUGEE ADVICE CENTRE
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2009

At 31 March 2009

3 Statement that no expenses were paid to trustees or connected persons

4 Ir	nvestment Incomes		2009 £	2008 £
Ot	her bank deposit interest received		182	
Se	ee the exemptions available to small charities not	subject to audit		
Re	ent Receivable			
5	Tangible functional fixed assets			
•	Tallgible fallotivital fixed accord	Free hold	Leasehold land	
		Land and	and building	
		buildings	Equipments	Total
		£	£	£
	Asset cost, valuation or revalue amount			
	At 1 April 2008	110,000	44,568	154,568
	Additions		18,045	18,045
	Disposals	-	(2,171)	(2,17 <u>1)</u>
	At 31 March 2009	110,000	60,442	170,442
	Accumulated depreciation and impairment p	rovisions		
	At 1 April 2008	9,240	36,792	46,032
	Depreciation on revaluation			
	Charge for the year	2,200	7,262 -	9,462
	At 31 March 2009	11,440	44,054	55,494
	Net assets			
	At 1 April 2008	100,760	7,776	108,536

98,560

16,388

114,948

REFUGEE ADVICE CENTRE

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2009

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2009 £	2008 £
	9,911.12	450
Accrued expenses VAT	6,874.8	3,692
	16,786	4,142
7 Analysis of the Net Movement in Funds	2009	2008
Alialysis of the Net movement in tunus	£	£
A second of Figure 1 A second	30,047	3,174
Net movement in funds from Statement of Financial Activities	(20,216)	
Net resources applied on functional fixed assets Net movement in funds available for future activities	9,831	3,174

8	Particulars of Individual Fund	is and analysis of a	ssets and liabil		
	At 31 March 2009	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
	Heritage Assets				
	Tangible Fixed Assets			114.948	114,948
	Investments at valuation Fixed asset investments				
	Current Assets			53,049	53,049
	Current Liabilities			(16,786)	(16,786)
		6,296		144,915	151,211
		£	£	£	£
	At 1 April 2008	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
		funds	funds	funds	Funds
	Heritage Assets				
	Tangible Fixed Assets Investments at valuation Fixed asset investments			108,536	108,536
	Current Assets			16,770	16,770
	Current Liabilities			(4,142)	(4,142)
		3.174	11	117.990	121,164

The individual funds included above are :-

Funds at	Movements	Transfers	Funds at
2008	in Funds	Between funds	2009
£	£	£	£
121,164	30,047		151,211

REFUGEE ADVICE CENTRE Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

Analysis of movements in	funds	as shown	in the	table

above	, 45 0			
ubovo	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Gains & Losses £	Movement in funds £
	<u>278,681</u>	<u>248,634</u>		30,047
9 Status of this schedule to the Stater	nent of Financ			
		2009	2009	2008
Grant, Legacies and Donations		<u>236,65</u> 5_	236,655	144,677
		236,655	_236,655	144,677
Voluntary Income				
Activities for generating funds				
Other incoming resources		780	780	<u>2,856</u>
Total of activities for generating fur	nds	780	780	
Investment Income				
Bank deposit interest received		182	182	323
·		41,064	41,064	<u>54,880</u>
Total Investment Income		41,246	41,246	<u>55,203</u>
Total Incoming Resources Costs of generating funds Fundraising Trading		278,681	<u>278,681</u>	<u>202,736</u>
Charitable expenditure				

The London Council and the London Borough of Waltham Forest funding were spent in accordance with the approved purposes.

REFUGEE ADVICE CENTRE
Schedule to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2009

Governance costs that are not direct management functions inherent in generating funds, service delivery and programme or project work

(including management and administration costs)

Specific governance costs	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2008
Salaries - Administrative staff Auditors' remuneration	37,133	71,995 560	109,128 560	58,371 400 1,047
Other accountancy fees Legal and professional spare (1)		5,028	5,028	
Depreciation of fixed assets used for governance	7,262	2,200	9,462	4,144
Management and administration costs				
Employee costs:				
Training and welfare		2,443	2,443 371	615 38
Travel and subsistence		371		4,956
Recruitment expenses		2,100	2,100	4,900
Premises Costs				00.000
Rent payable	20,750	0.000	20,750	30,682 2,679
Rates, water and service charges		2,203 55,200	2,203 55,200	61,651
Distribution to MASC Partners	9,308	55,200	9,308	4,422
Light and heat	1.623		1,623	•, •==
Cleaning Premises repairs and renewals	7,194	7,706	14,900	4,606
Alarm maintenance	·	372	372	1,227
General administrative expenses:				
Telephone and fax	3,698		3,698	1,503
Stationery and printing	-,.	3,465	3,465	1,992
Subscriptions	2,055	697	2,752	1,636
Prisoners of Conscience Payments				1,768
Running Expenses		5.074	E 074	2,191 662
Admin costs spare (2)		5,271	5,271	
Bank charges				32
Less Governance costs reallocated to specific activities				
Total governance costs after reallocation	89,023	159,611	248,634	184,622

Refugee Advice Centre

Appendix 1

Analysis of Total Incoming & Outing Resources by Activity For The Year Ended 31 March 2009

	Fundraising	Activity2	Activity3	Activity4	Activity5	Total	Total
Incoming Resources from generated fur	Other Activities nds	£	£	£	£	2009 £	2008 £
Grants, Lagecies & Donations	-	236,655	-	-	-	236,655	144,677
Activities for generating funds	780	-	-	-	-	780	2,856
Rental Income	-	-	41,064		-	41,064	54,880
Interest Received	-	-		182	-	182	323
Total Incoming Resources	780	236,655	41,064	182		278,681	202,736
Costs of generating funds							
Grants payable to furtherance of the charity's objects	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,940
Cost of charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	248,074	184,222
Goverance Costs	-	-	-	-	-	560	400
Total Resources expended	<u> </u>	-			-	248,634	199,562
Net Incoming Resources by activity		<u>-</u>	<u>.</u> <u>.</u>			30,047	3,174
The above amounts are shown in the a	2009 £		2008 £				
Support costs for charitable activities	7,262		4,144				