WAGING PEACE
Registered Charity no. 1124746

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

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WAGING PEACE
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Mission
To support Sudanese asylum-seekers and refugees to build meaningful lives in the UK.

Vision
A Sudanese-British community leading fulfilling lives, and contributing to local and national life in UK, while working for an inclusive, diverse, and peaceful Sudan.

Strategic aims
- To provide a range of responsive, quality services to support Sudanese refugees to build meaningful lives in UK.
- To increase awareness of the needs of Sudanese refugees and to influence local, national, and international policy and service development in relation to Sudan.
- To develop a strong and sustainable organisation so that it may achieve its strategic aims.

Our USP
We occupy a unique position as a service provider for the Sudanese diaspora and a trusted 'critical friend' to a wide range of individuals and organisations operating in the Sudan policy and practice landscape. We act as a 'hub' for: advice and information, provision of support to Sudanese diaspora; in-depth, non-partisan cultural and political insight and understanding; expert opinion; developing links and facilitating dialogue.

Values
Trust - We've built trust by standing and working with, not abandoning, Sudan and its people.
Empowerment - Power with. We support and encourage each individual to fulfil their potential.
Neutrality - While we are committed to fighting for universal human rights, we believe there are Sudanese solutions to Sudanese challenges.
Transparency - We are deeply committed to working collaboratively with individuals and organisations, seeking feedback and consultation wherever possible.
Compassion - We are guided by love and held by boundaries. We seek to do all that is possible, and sometimes more, whilst knowing our limits.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Wider context
Sudan's war continues to rage. In fact, this reporting period began with the sad news of a widely predicted massacre in El Fasher, Darfur, in which at least 60,000 individuals were killed. To put this in context, this figure is six times that of the 1994 Srebrenica Genocide in Bosnia, twenty times 9/11, and higher than the initial death toll after the 1945 atomic detonation in Nagasaki. It is a common fact of our work that we will be sitting with someone as they receive the news that an aunt, sibling, cousin, or wider family member has been killed in Sudan.

This complex, multi-layered grief is compounded by low levels of understanding among the British public of Sudan's war. Other global crises take precedence in the public's understanding, and there are attacks on the wider human rights and migration sectors which rightly deserve focus too.

Although Sudan is the world's worst displacement crisis, only relatively small numbers reach the UK. Despite this, and according to the Home Office quarterly statistics covering the year ending June 2026, Sudanese nationals formed the 6th largest nationality receiving asylum decisions, with applications steadily rising since the outbreak of the war; the most common nationality among 'unaccompanied asylum-seeking children'; and the 2nd most common to arrive via so-called 'small boat'.

Once here, they find their rights curtailed at every step, from the continued use of grants of 'humanitarian protection' as opposed to leave to remain granted to refugees; the suspension of family reunion; the 'emergency brake' on Sudan study visas; the suggestion that settlement and citizenship needs to be 'earned'; the impact of determinations of inadmissibility and detention and removal under the France 'one in, one out' scheme (subsequently halted in October 2026); criminalisation of those who steer boats often under duress as having endangered lives; to policies in the Immigration and Asylum Bill which introduce a 'refugee tax'. This is on top of existing punitive policy and practice leading to homelessness, and difficult economic headwinds, meaning many individuals are struggling to make ends meet.

Moreover, as a group Sudanese people often find themselves the topic of rising far-right discussion and hate crimes as a predominantly Muslim, black or Arab, and identifiably migrant community. War-time polarisation also continues to threaten community cohesion here in the UK, especially as individuals are targeted using 'transnational repression' tactics wherein those perceived to be 'activists' are threatened or suffer direct violence.

AIM 1: **TO PROVIDE A RANGE OF RESPONSIVE, QUALITY SERVICES TO SUPPORT SUDANESE REFUGEES TO BUILD MEANINGFUL LIVES IN THE UK**

- We perform complex investigative and holistic one-on-one casework to a wide range of beneficiaries facing the issues outlined above. Notable recent successes include: signposting a new mother to services to support her psychologically in Uganda while she was waiting for reunion with her husband in the UK, and supporting the reunited couple following the birth once in the UK; supporting a women facing housing instability to receiving news she would be assessed appropriately for housing need; supporting and celebrating individuals who had obtained British citizenship; helping individuals secure grants through services like the Human Rights Protection Fund allowing them to pay for passports, other needed goods and items, and for travel to see their family for the first time since the outbreak of the war; providing advice to people wanting to tell their stories for the very first time, including via film or writing; and providing reference letters to those seeking to improve their employability. We have supported individuals to travel to UK cities to take part in community events opening doors to help combat isolation; we've introduced cultural and wellbeing activities to community groups offering much needed social experiences in new environments while learning about places of interest in the UK; we've understood the healing power and tremendous mental and emotional support of applying creative solutions to combat isolation and limited financial resources through stress relief from the dehumanising effects of Sudan's war including largely being 'out of sight' and 'out of mind' from public view and political will. At times this involves the distribution of hardship grants towards beneficiaries' core needs, as well as for items that they identified as helping them live their version of a meaningful life, for instance travel to attend important courses or to book IELTS qualifications, or funds to support those who would otherwise be destitute and street homeless. We also continued to distribute free 6-month data SIMs received by applying to Vodafone's charities.connected scheme, aiding digital inclusion. We support as many as 150 individuals directly in this way at any one time, and a great many more indirectly through the below activities. In all cases we maintain careful notes on beneficiary contact using our customer relationship management software, CharityLog.

- We supported individuals and legal practitioners to challenge the imposition of a study visa ban for Sudanese nationals, among other nationalities. Although the High Court rejected this challenge, this was an important step to challenge the Home Office's rationale and punitive approach.

- Our report 'The situation in Sudan – September 2025',[1] although published in our past financial year, was used throughout this reporting period to provide high-quality information to a range of

[1] See https://wagingpeace.info/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/The-Situation-In-Sudan-September-2025-FINAL-v.12.pdf (Also navigable to on our website at https://wagingpeace.info/our-work/research-reports/

legal and policy professionals, as well as distributed widely to Sudanese people themselves for use when representing their country situation in various contexts. We are regularly approached by those in the wider migration policy and practice sector to provide detail on Sudan-specific beneficiary considerations.

- We continue to provide information, jobs advice, and training opportunities to our Sudan new arrivals volunteer WhatsApp group, which connects dozens of individuals supporting Sudanese nationals in the UK, drawn from the Sudanese, British, and wider communities. Many of them are themselves former or current beneficiaries who want to give back in some way. We also maintained WhatsApp communities focused on peace and peacebuilding, and for Sudanese women – these remain valuable spaces for collective care and empowerment.

- Over the course of the year, we distributed a grant of £20,000 from the Cyril Taylor Charitable Foundation to provide higher education grants to individuals who had had their university studies interrupted by Sudan's war. In addition to distributing these monies, we also checked in with beneficiaries regularly to help them settle into university life. Many we helped in this way would have otherwise been unable to pay for the university experience, but with our help they have progressed to graduation or further years of study.

- We continue to pay the monthly venue costs for the London women's group. This group is routinely attended by 15-25 women plus their children. We also enable the group to undertake cultural, integrative and wellbeing trips, as they did summer 2026 to Hyde Park, the Southbank, and to Butlin's following a micro-grant from us. We have additionally been able to source low-cost theatre tickets to West End shows such as Hercules in May 2026 and Lion King upcoming in November 2026 via the Disney 'Our First Show' scheme, enabling children to attend the theatre who would otherwise not have this possibility. The leader of this women's group has maintained fortnightly work experience with us in finance and book-keeping during which time we also provide her with group governance support.

- We ended the year planning for a series of workshops on voice and spoken word poetry alongside a Sudanese young person studying at Goldsmiths University who is on work placement with us. These sessions will be delivered in October and November 2026 in London and Manchester respectively, and what is shared during them may result in the production of a 'zine' of attendees' experiences.

- Moving quotes from clients include:
    - "I could not have come this far without your support. You are one of the people who have had a truly meaningful impact on my life and on the future of my children. Your guidance, encouragement, and kindness have helped me through many challenges, and I will always be grateful for that. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you have done for me."
    - "This message shows that you know me better than I know myself and that you have treated me more fairly than I deserve. I am truly grateful and thankful to you."
    - "i just needed to say this properly because i feel like i have not said it enough but thank you so so much for everything you do for me. the way you always make sure i am involved and included honestly means a lot more than you probably realise and i am genuinely so grateful for you. you have played such a big part in helping me move towards everything i have been trying to build and that does not go unnoticed at all!!!"
    - "You are always holding my hand to stand straight and tall."

AIM 2: **TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE NEEDS OF SUDANESE REFUGEES AND TO INFLUENCE LOCAL AND NATIONAL POLICY AND SERVICE DEVELOPMENT IN RELATION TO SUDAN**

- The revised second edition of our book *The Children's Drawings* was widely circulated throughout the reporting period, and we maintain a careful process to log our book inventory, as well as a process for the distribution of our books. Most recently copies were provided to the Bodleian Library Oxford University & the Cambridge University Library, and a great deal were shared with Sudanese community members themselves to prompt conversations about loss and belonging. A sample of the drawings were displayed during a moving event at Lauderdale House in London in February 2026 in which they were juxtaposed with images from the Holocaust and at which we helped a Sudanese artist to speak. They are currently on display at the Imperial War Museum for their exhibition 'Childhood in War'

(ending 28 February 2027),[2] and future exhibitions are being planned, for which we routinely liaise with the Wiener Holocaust Library who warehouses and archives the drawings and a related petition from Darfur, as well as working on educational and public awareness activities together.

- On 1 November 2025, we hosted an event focused on youth perspectives on Sudan titled 'Drawing Us Together – Sudan's Youth, In Conversation' at King's College London. Part of the purpose was to launch the revised second edition of *The Children's Drawings* book. The day featured an original theatre production by Waleed Elgadi titled 'Suddenly It Happened' which interspersed the children's drawings with testimony used in the atrocity crimes trial against Ali Kushayb; original poetry by a young artist; and a sensitive conversation between a selected group of young people drawn from different backgrounds in Sudan and migration journeys to the UK, whom we supported over a period of months to build confidence and trust in one another. The event was very meaningful, happening at a time of deep pain in the community given events in El Fasher. Attendees wept, listened, spoke, sang, danced, and broke bread together. We remained engaged with the young panellists over the course of this reporting period, attending Sudanese art exhibitions together, hosting an *iftar*, and engaging them to step into their own leadership potential through speaking opportunities, including to HRH Duchess of Edinburgh in events marking the anniversary of the outbreak of war in Sudan in April. One of the young people now joins us in a work placement tied to her studies at Goldsmiths University, discussed further above.

- At the end of its residency at the Imperial War Museum from May through November 2025, we were told that our 'Peace by Piece' giant *toub*[3] was seen by almost 85,000 people during the exhibition Unsilenced: Sexual Violence in Conflict', alongside other materials on our work, including a sample of children's drawings. The *toub* continues to be displayed at cultural and wider events - from those hosted by community groups, to those arranged by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office - to bring a spirit of peace, freedom and justice to proceedings and a visual proclamation of the strength and fortitude of Sudanese women.

- Our short documentary film 'Liela's Journey', which was formally launched in September 2025, went from success to success. The film won 'best short documentary' at the Luleå International Film Festival in Sweden at the very end of September 2025, as well as an award for efforts in social filmmaking at the Activists Without Borders festival in November 2025. Its depiction of Liela's escape from Sudan to her London home in 2023 inspires compassion for those fleeing violence. A portrait of Liela taken during filming won the prestigious Portrait of Britain photography prize in early 2026 and was shown on advertising screens nationwide to promote a more diverse image of Britain. Liela continues to speak truth to power, for instance engaging the then-Foreign Secretary for events marking the anniversary of Sudan's war in April 2026. Future screenings are being planned, and we work closely with volunteer filmmaker Tom Newman on other ideas and projects.

- Additionally, we contributed to a recent documentary about extremism named 'Cages in Search of Birds' which in part discusses the role of extremism in the Sudanese context.[4] We continue to find ways to show the internationally recognised film 'Khartoum' (which was released to UK audiences in October 2025) to wider audiences, which has been aided by it now being available on iPlayer.[5]

- We offered capacity and leadership support to various organisations, especially as so many Sudanese-led groups are newly being formed. Support ranged from regular peer mentoring conversations; provision of donated digital devices for their use; granting of small funds to allow groups to purchase software like Zoom videoconferencing technology or arrange suitable activities; sharing their events and activities with a wide audience; connecting with volunteer offers; and supporting in crisis situations. Towards the end of this reporting period, this culminated in us preparing a series of bespoke multi-part training programmes on the topics most of interest to the groups we were supporting:

[2] https://www.iwm.org.uk/events/childhood-in-war
[3] https://wagingpeace.info/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Peace-by-Piece-FINAL.pdf
[4] This can be viewed at https://youtu.be/AQ91Bb9nZko
[5] See https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002t657

- ‘Community building through wellbeing and self-care' (alongside a trainer from the Association of Visitors to Immigration Detainees (AVID, of which we are a member organisation));
- ‘Hate crime awareness and prevention’ and ‘being an active bystander’ alongside Protection Approaches; and
- (forthcoming in next financial year) Fundraising (including discussion of decolonising funding and the emotional resonance of conversations about money and fundraising alongside Martha Awojobi from JMB Consulting).

Some of these were delivered within the reporting period, and well-attended, promoting the governance and sustainability of Sudanese-led groups in the UK.

- Throughout late 2025 and in the first half of 2026, we engaged a network of Sudanese partners towards a project named Design.Build.Act. run by the organisation Protection Approaches. We ensured training opportunities on hate crime awareness and reporting, holistic security, community building and beyond were widely shared among various community groups. Several in-person meetings with these groups, as well as engagements with bodies like the Metropolitan Police’s Counter-Terrorism Policing, and a ‘transnational repression’ working group, fed into our creation of a 27-page toolkit named Responding to Any Form of Hate which we launched in late July 2026, and which provides individuals and communities with the tools to respond to rising hate crime and incidents of ‘transnational repression’.[6] This additionally provides guidance to Sudanese-led organisations on the topic of ‘holistic security’, and on developing plans to keep everyone safe when arranging events and programmes. This is an area to which we too have turned, as outlined below. At times we also provided emergency support to individuals who had suffered incidents of ‘transnational repression’, or alerted police when we suspected events could turn violent or involve wider harassment.

- We arranged special visits to colonial archives of Sudan’s history, for instance to Durham University in March 2026, and also several trips to the British Museum, particularly tied to its launch of the display case ‘Sudan: conflict, community, and care’.[7] Bringing Sudanese themselves to see these collections helps to decolonise cultural artefacts, and we are now working to ensure continued Sudanese representation and engagement in these spaces.

- We furthermore ensure Sudanese voices were heard at the highest levels of decision-making. This includes through our convening of the UK-Sudan advocacy working group, an informal network of partners working on or in Sudan drawn from the human rights, humanitarian, policy, academic, or other relevant communities. We secured an advocacy success when the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) agreed to systematically engage Sudanese and wider civil society expertise via the establishment of mechanisms titled the Sudan External Contact Group, and also the Sudanese civil society engagement forum, being quarterly meetings at Ministerial level, and therefore involving substantial coordination time. We continue to push the FCDO to routinise such engagements under the new Burnham-appointed Cabinet and are committed to removing the barriers to participation experienced by Sudanese individuals, including days taken off work and prohibitive travel costs. We want to ensure the needs, wishes, and voices of Sudanese people in the UK are central to decisions made about their futures. We implemented smoother digitised working processes for the working group to improve its sustainability. The working group held four quarterly meetings and hosted other *ad hoc* engagement, including with important international bodies.

- The various trainings and resources we made available to Sudanese individuals and groups on democratic awareness and contacting their Members of Parliament over both this reporting period and last, involving several dedicated trips/mass lobbies in Parliament throughout 2025 (including on 15 October 2025), continue to pay dividends.[8] This is evidenced by the mention of UK-based Sudanese wishes in Parliamentary debates on Sudan, and continued engagement with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Sudan and South Sudan.

[6] The toolkit is available at https://wagingpeace.info/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/FINAL-Any-forms-of-hate-v.4-with-links.pdf
[7] https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/galleries/living-and-dying/sudan-conflict-community-care
[8] You can find our resources here: how to contact your MP in English, and Arabic, and arranging a constituency meeting/mass lobby

- We continue to be part of wider ecosystems including the refugee sector (for instance networks focused on lifting the ban on the right to work) and other related foreign-policy-focused groups, furthermore ensuring Sudanese voices have a seat at these tables. Particularly notable examples include:
    - We maintained and deepened our connection to the Association of Visitors to Immigration Detainees (AVID), including by delivery of bespoke training (as mentioned above), and our attendance at their multi-day annual conference in June 2026, which was held in the immediate aftermath of deplorable violence against racialised communities in Belfast following an attack perpetrated by a Sudanese man. In AVID, and in the campaigning group Detention Forum, we remained a voice calling into question the flawed logics of the France 'one in, one out' deal which saw so many Sudanese nationals detained and removed, as well as ensuring Sudanese leadership and engagement in these spaces.
    - We attended the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust's national ceremony in January 2026, and regularly attended HMDT's Partnership Group meetings, also speaking directly to the entire team to provide a country update on Sudan, and ensure the continued importance of marking the genocide in Darfur in their programming. We encouraged new survivor engagement with the ceremony and the Trust's activities.
    - We continued to feed into media on Sudan, and on the situation faced by Sudanese individuals in the UK.[9] We maintain strong external communications, whether through our website, social media pages, or regular newsletters.[10]

AIM 3: **TO DEVELOP A STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE ORGANISATION SO THAT IT MAY ACHIEVE ITS STRATEGIC AIMS**

- Our staffing capacity was lower this year, with the main staff being the Co-Executive Directors, though they were supported by many people in other capacities, from the support of someone with *ad hoc* translation and interpretation; a finance and bookkeeping work experience candidate (discussed above); a young work experience summer placement in July 2026; the concluding months of support provided by an Advocacy and Human Rights Intern; the Goldsmiths University work placement individual discussed above; and retention of the consultancy support of former staff persons. Co-Executive Directors prioritise management processes, closely developing, implementing, and reviewing policies and procedures. In addition, Co-Executive Directors benefit from other established consultancy relationships in the areas of business development, employment law, IT infrastructure support and web hosting, Arabic language learning, graphic design, and *ad hoc* professional trauma-informed mental health supervision, therapeutic practices, and even personal development retreats to enhance wellbeing. Particular thanks are due to Caspar Kennerdale as our IT support and network administrator; Robert Woodfield as our dedicated external accountant; and Carrie Braes as our excellent designer. Co-Executive Directors will keep staffing levels, aimed at improving organisational reach and capacity, under careful review in the coming financial year.

- We are alive to the risks of far-right targeting, as well as monitoring by Sudanese pro-war advocates. Our own ongoing and constantly reviewed 'holistic security' audit has led us to prioritise psychosocial safety, be conscious in our physical working practices and spaces, but also to improve digital processes and hardware.

- We continued to keep a tight control on our finances, with the continued support of our bookkeeping work experience placement, as mentioned above, and also Robert Woodfield. In preparation for Robert's retirement, we have taken many accountancy processes and checks in-house. We maintain bookkeeping through the Xero software, resolving income and expenditure, including as it relates to public donations received directly to our bank account or via donations platforms. We also made the decision to change accountants to firm Wenn Townsend, and engaging in induction processes with them, providing further financial oversight over this reporting period.

- We continued to have successes in our fundraising, and prioritised this even while delivering a high level of programmes and activities, as the above demonstrates. Our updated 18-month strategic plan reflects the volatile national and global context as well as our core strategic aims and values.

[9] See our latest media at https://wagingpeace.info/media/
[10] An archive of our newsletter publications is here: https://us8.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=ad2e55ee55f922c30fad1adb3&id=0afdef0fed

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the period can be seen on the Statement of Financial Activities on page 9, which shows a net surplus of £9,760 in the year (2025: £2,217). This includes a surplus of £4,500 on restricted funds, and thus a general fund surplus of £5,260 was achieved. The net assets of the charity at the year-end were £166,099, as reported on the balance sheet on page 10 (2025: £156,339).

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have previously set an aim of maintaining a minimum of 3-6 months expenditure as free reserves, which approximates to a target figure of between £45,000 and £90,000 as at 30 September 2026. They recently made the decision to increase the amount held in a 'no touch' winddown pot to £45,398 - commensurate with a rise in expected core costs, and difficult funding headwinds, and this reflects the minimum three-month target figure noted above.

There are two designated funds held at the 2026 year end. Firstly, the residual balance previously set aside for support of destitute asylum seekers, which was also supported by restricted fund donations in the current year. Secondly, an amount of £75,000 was transferred into a designated fund at the year end, to reflect the expected committed costs for 2026-27 that will need be supported by existing funds received late in 2025-26, and thus that are not freely available for other expenditure in 2026-27.

Therefore, when discounting for both restricted and designated funds as at 30 September 2026, free reserves totalled £79,587, was in line with the above target. The trustees are comfortable with this position, noting the expectation that further free reserves will likely need to be used in future periods to support the ongoing core aims and objectives of the charity in the difficult fundraising conditions expected.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

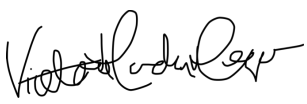
The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



V Harding-Mbogo
Trustee

Date: 4 November 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WAGING PEACE

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 September 2026 which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts as set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view', which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Benjamin Hayes

Benjamin Hayes FCA
Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants
Oxford

4 November 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITES
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £	Total funds 2025 £
Income from:					
Donations	**3**	91,135	76,750	167,885	204,419
Interest receivable		817	-	817	1,189
Total income		**91,952**	**76,750**	**168,702**	205,608
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	**4**	86,692	72,250	158,942	203,391
Total expenditure		**86,692**	**72,250**	**158,942**	203,391
Net income/(expenditure)		**5,260**	**4,500**	**9,760**	2,217
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		156,339	-	156,339	154,122
Net movement in funds		5,260	4,500	9,760	2,217
Total funds carried forward		**161,599**	**4,500**	**166,099**	156,339

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

	Note		2026		2025
		£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Debtors	**8**	3,120		1,513	
Cash at bank		170,637		160,534	
			173,757		162,047
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	**9**		(7,658)		(5,708)
Net current assets			**166,099**		156,339
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	**10,11**		4,500		-
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	**12,13**	82,012		7,494	
General funds	**12,13**	79,587		148,845	
			161,599		156,339
Total funds			**166,099**		156,339

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

V Harding-Mbogo
Trustee

Date: 4 November 2026

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Charity information
Waging Peace is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in England. The registered office is 30 St Giles, Oxford, OX1 3LE. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are detailed in the Trustees' Report.

(a) Accounting convention
The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and the Charity's governing document.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

(b) Going concern
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

(c) Charitable funds
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(d) Income
Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised once the claim has been made.

(e) Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held with banks.

(g) Financial Instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets are classified as receivable within one year and are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

(h) Leases

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

(i) Foreign currency

Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency at the balance sheet date are translated using the closing rate.

(j) Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2026 £	2026 £	2026 £	2025 £
Donations and gifts	91,135	76,750	167,885	204,419

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Staff costs	99,599	129,582
Project and community support costs	40,662	59,088
Rent and utilities	4,812	4,532
Office costs	7,591	3,503
Destitute asylum seekers	2,232	1,812
	154,496	198,517
Share of governance costs:		
Bank charges and interest	95	57
Independent examination and accountancy fees	3,951	4,817
	4,046	4,874
	158,942	203,391
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	86,692	50,985
Restricted funds	72,250	152,406
	158,942	203,391

5. TRUSTEES

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the current or prior year.

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the current or prior year.

6. EMPLOYEES

Number of employees
The average monthly number of employees during the year was 2 (2025: 3).

Employment costs

	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	91,826	121,023
Social security costs	3,068	6,259
Pension costs	4,705	2,300
	99,599	129,582

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

The key management personnel of the charity, which represents two members of staff whose employee benefits totalled £96,643 (2025: £94,821).

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7. TAXATION

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026 £	2025 £
Other debtors	3,120	1,513

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026 £	2025 £
Other taxation and social security	1,722	1,480
Other creditors	5,936	4,228
	7,658	5,708

10. RESTRICTED FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 October 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 30 September 2026 £
Cyril Taylor Charitable Foundation	-	75,000	(70,500)	4,500
London Churches Fund	-	1,750	(1,750)	-
	-	76,750	(72,250)	-

11. RESTRICTED FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 October 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 30 September 2026 £
Cyril Taylor Charitable Foundation	22,626	70,000	(92,626)	-
National Lottery Community Fund	20,553	39,227	(59,780)	-
	43,179	109,227	(152,406)	-

Cyril Taylor Charitable Foundation – this grant supports programmes and activities with an educational focus. The grant is also to be used to increase our reach and capacity as necessary to help with the ever-increasing caseloads the charitable company is facing.

London Churches Fund – this is a hardship grant used to support destitute refugees and asylum seekers in London.

National Lottery Community Fund - this was a grant aimed at helping us to recruit and onboard a new staff member to increase our reach and capacity, and ability to support all those who approach us, reducing waiting list times.

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12. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

The income funds of the charity include unrestricted funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for designated purposes:

	Balance at 1 October 2025 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 September 2026 £
Destitute asylum seekers	7,494	-	(482)	-	7,012
Budgeted core support	-	-	-	75,000	75,000
General funds	148,845	91,952	(86,210)	(75,000)	79,587
	156,339	91,52	(86,692)	-	161,599

The transfer of £75,000 in the period reflects the budgeted 2026-27 core costs that require to be supported from funds received late in 2025-26 and held as at the September 2026 year end.

13. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 October 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 September 2025 £
Destitute asylum seekers	3,405	1,900	(1,811)	4,000	7,494
General funds	107,538	94,481	(49,174)	(4,000)	148,845
	110,943	96,381	(50,985)	-	156,339

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Fund balances at 30 September are represented by:			
Net current assets/(liabilities)	161,599	4,500	166,099

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Fund balances at 30 September are represented by:			
Net current assets/(liabilities)	156,339	-	156,339

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the charity received donations of £50,000 (2025: £50,000) from The Tinsley Charitable Trust, a charity of which Mrs. RC Tinsley is a trustee.
There were no other related party transactions in the period.