

Maryam Empowering Futures (MEF)

Scottish Charity Number: SC052861

Annual Accounts and Trustees' Annual Report

Reporting Period: 28 September 2023 – 30 September 2024

Prepared in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (Receipts and Payments Accounts)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

1. Charity Name and Number

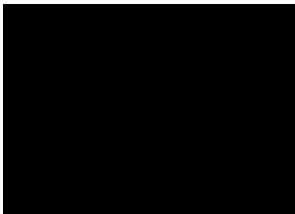
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Date of Registration: 28 September 2023

2. Trustees

The following individuals served as trustees during the reporting period:



3. Charitable Purpose

Maryam Empowering Futures (MEF) exists to empower, support, and uplift women, children, and young people, particularly from Afghan and refugee communities, through education, cultural engagement, mental health support, and community development.

We aim to reduce isolation, improve confidence, provide language support, and promote active citizenship, especially for those with lived experiences of trauma, displacement, or marginalisation.

4. Summary of Main Activities and Achievements

Despite limited resources in the early stages, MEF has grown significantly through the dedication of the CEO, staff, trustees, and volunteers. MEF is proud to be Scotland's first Afghan women-led community organisation, run by women, for women.

Pre-Funding Activities

Before receiving grant funding, MEF organised several cultural and wellbeing activities funded personally by the CEO to support Afghan women in Glasgow. After registration but before receiving funding, regular women's mental health and support sessions were delivered, including venue hire and refreshments funded by the CEO.

Funded Projects and Programmes

Language & Learning Support Project (Ongoing)

- Delivered online and in-person classes in English, Pashto, Dari, Maths, and basic Islamic education
- Reached over 160 women and children
- Built confidence and presentation skills using educational equipment
- Funded by Corra Foundation and The National Lottery Community Fund (EMDF)

Community Support and Cultural Events

MEF delivered several community events attended by hundreds of women and children, including:

- Welcome Ramadan Online Event (approx. 50 families)
- Talent Showcase at University of Glasgow (approx. 120 students)

- Eid-ul-Adha & Summer Fun Day at Victoria Park (170+ participants)
- Eid, Nawroz & International Women's Day Celebration (approx. 130 participants)
- Regular in-person educational sessions in community halls with volunteer support

Youth and Women's Development

- MEF Girls Youth Club provided peer tutoring, arts, and planning sessions
- Teachers provided Pashto and Dari literacy support
- Safeguarding training delivered regularly by Trustee [REDACTED]

Global and Local Engagement

The CEO participated in local and national learning visits and partnership development with universities and community organisations to strengthen MEF's future programmes

5. Fundraising and Overseas Donations

- Together Reaching Higher contribution received: £37.80 (for travel support)
 - Only £13.30 was used; £24.50 remained unused
 - Additional small donations were received through the charity bank account totalling £137.00
 - A total of £160 was transferred to support women in Afghanistan through Amina Exchange
 - Part of this amount was supplemented personally by the CEO, as international transfers could not be made directly from the charity bank account
 - All overseas support was approved by trustees
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6. Funding Summary (Income Received by Charity)

- National Lottery Community Fund (EMDF): £5,000.00
- Together Reaching Higher: £37.80
- Donations received into charity account: £137.00

Total Income: £5,174.80

7. Future Plans

- Scottish Parliament awareness event: Pathway of Hope (18 September 2025)
 - Expansion of the Language & Learning Project
 - Securing office and storage facilities in partnership with housing associations
 - Afghan-Scottish Cultural Celebration planned at Glasgow City Chambers
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8. Structure, Governance and Management

MEF is a Scottish registered charity.

During the reporting period MEF had:

- 3 Trustees
- 7 paid staff (including the CEO)
- Approximately 15 active volunteers

Trustees meet regularly and oversee financial management, safeguarding, and strategic planning

9. Safeguarding and Risk Management

MEF has safeguarding policies in place. Regular safeguarding training is delivered to staff and volunteers. Trustees review safeguarding procedures and operational risks to ensure safe delivery of services

10. Declaration

This report was approved by the trustees

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

[Redacted Signature]

Date: 15/02/2026

[Redacted Signature]

Date: 15/02/2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

Maryam Empowering Futures (SC052861)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period 28 September 2023 to 30 September 2024, which are set out in the accompanying statements

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations and included a review of accounting records and comparison with the accounts presented

In my opinion, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that:

1. Proper accounting records have not been kept, or
2. The accounts do not agree with those records

Name of Examiner:

[Redacted Name]

Address: Fl

[Redacted Address]

Sign 

Date: 15 February 2026

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Maryam Empowering Futures (MEF)

Statement of Receipts and Payments

Period: 28 September 2023 – 30 September 2024

Receipts

- National Lottery Community Fund (EMDF): £5,000.00
- Together Reaching Higher: £37.80
- Donations received into charity account: £137.00

Total Receipts: £5,174.80

Payments

Payments include:

- Staff wages and session payments
- Programme and event costs
- Food and catering
- Travel and transport
- Website and administration
- Equipment and materials

Total Payments: £212.17

Excess of Receipts over Payments

Excess: £4,962.63

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

Statement of Balances at 30 September 2024

Opening bank balance: £0.00

Total Receipts during period: £5,174.80

Total Payments during period: £212.17

Closing bank balance: £4,962.63

All funds held are unrestricted general funds

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of Accounts

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with OSCR guidance for small charities

2. Overseas Payments

A total of £160 was transferred to support women in Afghanistan through Amina Exchange. Transfers were approved by trustees and partially supplemented by the CEO due to banking restrictions

3. Related Party Transactions

The CEO personally funded early activities before grant income was received. No repayment has been claimed

4. Trustee Remuneration

No trustee received payment for trustee duties

Date	Description	Money In (£)	Money Out (£)	Category	Notes
17/01/2024	Contribution from Together Reaching Higher	37.80		Project Income	Reimbursement for Afghan women group travel costs (paid in advance by CEO)
19/02/2024	SumUp card payment		13.30	Programme Costs	Travel costs for women's group activity – reimbursed from TRH contribution
05.03.2024	Donation from [REDACTED]	65.00		Donations	Bank transfer donation to support Afghan women and charity work
12.03.2024	Donation from [REDACTED]	20.00		Donations	Marked as donation – received via bank transfer
03/04/2024	Donation from [REDACTED]	52.00		Donations	Donation via bank transfer to support Afghan women
03/04/2024	Transfer to [REDACTED] (Amina Exchange)		160.00	International Aid	Combined trustee-approved donations (incl. TRH balance) sent to support Afghan women via Amina Exchange
04/04/2024	Remaining account balance			Bank Balance	£1.50 remaining after Afghan women fund transfer
12/07/2024	EMDF Lottery Community Fund Grant	5,000.00		Grant Income	Main grant received for Women & Children Language and religious Classes Project
02/09/2024	Website Hosting – Bluehost		27.72	Admin/Operational	Payment to Bluehost for website hosting (includes £0.74 transaction fee)
23/09/2024	Website Renewal – Bluehost		11.15	Admin/Operational	Second Bluehost payment (includes £0.30 transaction fee)
01/10/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		90.00	Staff Wages	Sep 2024 wages for Women & Children Language Classes
01/10/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		90.00	Staff Wages	Sep 2024 wages for Women & Children Language Classes
01/10/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		90.00	Staff Wages	Sep 2024 wages for Women & Children Language Classes
01/10/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		63.00	Staff Wages	Sep 2024 wages for Women & Children Language Classes
01/10/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		90.00	Staff Wages	Sep 2024 wages for Women & Children Language Classes
02/10/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		50.00	Staff Wages	Sep 2024 wages for Women & Children Language Classes
01/11/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		80.00	Staff Wages	October wages – women/children classes
01/11/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		56.00	Staff Wages	October wages – women/children classes
01/11/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		80.00	Staff Wages	October wages – women/children classes
01/11/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		80.00	Staff Wages	October wages – women/children classes
01/11/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		80.00	Staff Wages	October wages – women/children classes
04/11/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		50.00	Staff Wages	October wages – women/children classes
01/11/2024	Google [REDACTED]		2.32	Admin/Operational	Monthly Google account payment for charity email/service
01/12/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		90.00	Staff Wages	November wages – women/children classes
01/12/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		90.00	Staff Wages	November wages – women/children classes
01/12/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		63.00	Staff Wages	November wages – women/children classes
01/12/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		90.00	Staff Wages	November wages – women/children classes
01/12/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		90.00	Staff Wages	November wages – women/children classes
02/12/2024	Wages – [REDACTED]		50.00	Staff Wages	November wages – women/children classes
01/12/2024	Google Workspace (Gsuite)		6.00	Admin/Operational	Monthly Gsuite payment for charity email
05/12/2024	Exakta Print Ltd.		21.78	Programme Costs	Certificates for Talent Showcase Event –
04/12/2024	Mr Trophy		150	Programme Costs	Trophies for Talent Showcase Event –
10/12/2024	Exakta Print Ltd.		33.73	Programme Costs	More certificates for Talent Showcase Event
08/12/2024	Trainline		37.13	Programme Costs	Train cost for staff travel from Dundee – Talent Showcase Event
13/12/2024	[REDACTED] Food Order		112	Programme Costs	Food for Talent Showcase Event –
13/12/2024	Domino's Pizza – Glasgow West		177.74	Programme Costs	Food for Talent Showcase Event –
01/01/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		50.00	Staff Wages	December wages – women/children classes
01/01/2025	wages – [REDACTED]		50.00	Staff Wages	December wages – women/children classes
01/01/2025	wages – [REDACTED]		50.00	Staff Wages	December wages – women/children classes
01/01/2025	wages – [REDACTED]		50.00	Staff Wages	December wages – women/children classes
01/01/2025	wages – [REDACTED]		50.00	Staff Wages	December wages – women/children classes
01/01/2025	Google GSuite Payment		6.00	Admin/Operational	Monthly Gsuite payment for charity email
03/01/2025	wages [REDACTED]		30.00	Staff Wages	December wages – women/children classes
25/01/2025	ALDI Stores – event supplies		15.86	Project Costs	Drinks for in-person session for participants
26/01/2025	Domino's Pizza		122.99	Project Costs	Food order for in-person session for participants and team
01/02/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		91.52	Staff Wages	January wages – women/children classes
01/02/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		91.52	Staff Wages	January wages – women/children classes
01/02/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		91.52	Staff Wages	January wages – women/children classes
01/02/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		91.52	Staff Wages	January wages – women/children classes
01/02/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		91.52	Staff Wages	January wages – women/children classes
02/02/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		45.76	Staff Wages	January wages – women/children classes
01/02/2025	Google GSuite Subscription		6.00	Admin/Operational	Monthly Gsuite payment for charity email
01/03/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		91.52	Staff Wages	February wages – women/children classes
01/03/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		91.52	Staff Wages	February wages – women/children classes
01/03/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		91.52	Staff Wages	February wages – women/children classes
01/03/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		91.52	Staff Wages	February wages – women/children classes
01/03/2025	wages – [REDACTED]		91.52	Staff Wages	February wages – women/children classes
01/03/2025	Google G [REDACTED]		6.00	Admin/Operational	Monthly Gsuite payment for charity email
17/03/2025	Beacon of Peace (BOP Scotland)	500.00		Project Income	Charity donation received from BOP Scotland
31/03/2025	Super Asia – groceries		61.92	Programme Costs	Groceries for Eid & Nawroz cultural event
01/04/2025	Super Asia – groceries		24.43	Programme Costs	Additional groceries for Eid & Nawroz event
02/04/2025	Google Workspace		6.00	Admin/Operational	GSuite subscription
03/04/2025	Crosshill Hardware – supplies		10.00	Programme Costs	Event materials for Eid & Nawroz celebration
04/04/2025	Rizvi Fabrics – cultural materials		50.00	Programme Costs	Fabrics for cultural display/decor – Eid & Nawroz event
04/04/2025	Miral Food Store – food supplies		30.24	Programme Costs	Food supplies for Eid & Nawroz event
02/04/2025	First Glasgow – transport		5.90	Programme Costs	
03/04/2025	Aldi – event supplies		19.14	Programme Costs	Groceries for Eid & Nawroz cultural event
07/04/2025	Super Asia – groceries		17.88	Programme Costs	Final groceries for Eid & Nawroz celebration
24/04/2025	Grant received from The Corra Foundation	7,500.00		Project Income	Grant received from The Corra Foundation – RJF-25/183
29/04/2025	Opening balance from previous month	£9,426.61		Brought Forward	Balance brought forward
01/05/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		97.68	Staff Wages	April wages – women/children classes
01/05/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		97.68	Staff Wages	April wages – women/children classes
01/05/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		97.68	Staff Wages	April wages – women/children classes
01/05/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		97.68	Staff Wages	April wages – women/children classes
01/05/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		97.68	Staff Wages	April wages – women/children classes
02/05/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		100.00	Staff Wages	April wages – women/children classes

01/05/2025	Google GSuite Subscription		6.00	Admin/Operations	Monthly Gsuite payment for charity email
15/05/2025	Shell – Petrol		50.00	Transport	Fuel for car – project support
20/05/2025	Bar One Ltd – Uniforms/Tote Bags		931.37	Event Supplies	MEF team uniforms and tote bags for students
27/05/2025	Wages – CEO ([REDACTED])		500.00	Staff Wages	End of project salary
25/05/2025	B&Q – Screen Protector		144.99	Equipment	Screen protector for event/project use
24/05/2025	Currys – Photography Equipment		1,196.36	Equipment	Camera, speakers and microphones for project/events
26/05/2025	Currys Online – Projector		949.00	Equipment	Projector purchase (returned – refund due in next statement)
24/05/2025	Poundland – Stationery		154.50	Project Materials	Stationery for students – project restart
02/06/2025	Google – GSuite Subscription		6.00	Admin/Operational	GSuite subscription
02/06/2025	Domino's Pizza – Event Catering		146.79	Event Supplies	Food order for in-person session for participants and team
02/06/2025	John Lewis – Projector		501.98	Project Equipment	Projector for project use
02/06/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		109.89	Staff Wages	May wages – women/children classes
02/06/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		109.89	Staff Wages	May wages – women/children classes
02/06/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		134.31	Staff Wages	May wages – women/children classes
02/06/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		109.89	Staff Wages	May wages – women/children classes
02/06/2025	Wages – [REDACTED]		109.89	Staff Wages	May wages – women/children classes
02/06/2025	[REDACTED] – Event Food		382.00	Event Catering	Samosas, pakoras, mini burgers for Eid & Summer Fun Day (Victoria Park)
10/06/2025	Currys – Refund Received	949.00		Equipment Return	Refund for faulty projector
10/06/2025	Poundland – Event Supplies		98.00	Event Materials	Toys and fun items for children and some other essential supplies (Eid/Summer event at Victoria Park)
23/06/2025	Asia Garden – Cultural Refreshments		253.10	Event Catering	Cultural items (drinks, traditional nuts, watermelons) for Eid/summer fun event
23/06/2025	GlasGo Cabs – Transport		4.80	Event Transport	Taxi for delivery run (event-related)
23/06/2025	[REDACTED] – Event Transport		18.50	Event Transport	Cab fare for transporting food (Eid/Summer event)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Maryam Empowering Futures (SC052861)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period 28 September 2023 to 23 June 2025, which are set out in the accompanying statements.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

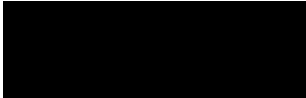
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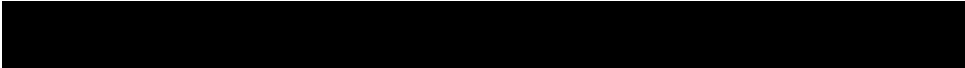
During my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or

2. The accounts do not comply with those records.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name of Examiner:  _____

Addre  _____

Qualification (if any): _____

Signed: 

Date: 27 June 2025