FRIENDS OF THE DROP-IN FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES

Treasurer’s Report 1st April 2022 to 17th October 2023

The Financial Statement covers receipts and payments for the financial year ending 31st March 2023.

We moved between financial years with a healthy balance. This does not mean that we underspent on our projections for 22-23. Grants come in at different times of year and some are given to cover more than one year.

As you know, most grants are awarded to us for a very specific purpose, which we outlined in our bid. This means that we cannot spend that money on anything else.

In the financial year 2022/23, on which we are reporting, we received grants from:

Tudor Trust

Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland Funded by The Temple, Daphne & Martin Cookson, Sara Alexandra Bernstone

Empower Sunderland Community Fund

North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

The National Lottery Community Fund

North East Migrations Partnership - New Arrivals Project

Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales

North East Law Centre - Justice Together Initiative

Sunderland BME Network (Household Support Fund)

Sunderland BME Network (Grassroots Development Fund)

Sunderland BME Network (Health Inequalities Fund)

Sunderland City Council (Household Support Fund)

CCG/ICB (Activities Fund)

ICB Development and Response Fund

We were also very grateful to receive donations from many individuals, who prefer not to be named. Many of these donations are unrestricted which means that we can spend them on emergencies and to cover funding gaps in projects.

In the current financial year (from April 2023 onwards) we have secured a grant of £45,000 from the National Lottery’s Know Your Neighbourhood fund project for a two year project. We have also received funds from Seaburn Rotary club and the committed group of individuals who make regular donations. We are very grateful to all of our donors, FODI would not exist without them.

Thanks to the multiyear core funding secured from Tudor Trust and the National Lottery Fund and the other grants and donations we continue to receive, FODI is in a healthy financial position, albeit we have a shortfall of approximately £13k against budgeted costs for 2023-4 that we are actively fundraising to cover. We are immensely grateful to Lloyds Bank Foundation for giving flexibility and additional capacity building support which means we are maximising our final year of partnership with them. We are also extremely grateful to Sandra who has worked hard to maintain our funder relationships and continues to apply for all possible grants with an impressive success rate.

Sally Vivyan

Treasurer