



**BOSNIA &
HERZEGOVINA
UK NETWORK**

Bosnia and Herzegovina UK Network

Annual report

2021-2022



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MISSION STATEMENT

“The Bosnia & Herzegovina UK Network exists both to provide practical, social and psychological support to all former residents of Bosnia and Herzegovina now living as refugees in the UK and also to share our experiences with, and provide support to other ethnic minority organisations in the voluntary sector.”



MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

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The BH UK Network is a community based organisation that acts as a role model to other communities, leading the way on self-organising and empowering your own community.

Birmingham City Council is proud to be working with BH UK Network and looks forward to continuing to work in partnership to support newly arrived communities.

Natasha Bhandal

**Senior Commissioning Officer
Resettlement and Move On
Prevention, Communities & Migration
Birmingham City Council**





TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of Bosnian and other refugees.

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN RELATION TO THESE OBJECTS

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustees meetings.

Our activities which demonstrate our public benefit are:

1. Interpreting and translating
2. Voluntary work placement
3. Supplementary schools
4. Capacity building
5. Advice on employment and training opportunities
6. Help with CVs and job application
7. Mental health
8. Providing information and guidance & newspaper and website

“We were delighted for Anes to join our England Leadership Team day to tell us about the work of Bosnia and Herzegovina UK Network.

We believe when people are in the lead, communities thrive, so to see an organisation supporting people using a strong base of volunteers from the community is testament to that. We are impressed by Bosnia and Herzegovina UK Network's approach of involving people with lived experience in the development of activities and decision making, empowering the community to create change. It was also great to hear about the other organisations across the UK in the network, and how they share knowledge and learning with one another to improve their services.

Thank you for sharing your insights Anes. We really valued hearing first-hand about the amazing work you're doing.”

**Meriel Leary
Local Funding Officer
The National Lottery Community Fund**



Community Fund-we grateful to have opportunity to share our achievements with England Leadership team.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE



Participants of the programme celebrating Statehood Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The BH UK Network celebrated **twenty five years** of operation during this last financial period. The issues for Bosnian Refugees have obviously changed immensely during this time.

We are a community which has integrated well in the UK, and our children are high achievers in education. We are still however **delivering front-line services at the cutting edge of social need**. Refugees from Bosnia in 1995 had suffered unspeakable horrors during the conflict.

Many of our elderly are deteriorating rapidly as a result of long term stress and old war injuries. Many of our young people are now cast into the role of being interpreters and carers and increasingly understand the full horrific detail of what happened to their older relatives. The family activities and outreach support we now offer are essential in maintaining the ability of our elders to live independently and

avoiding hospitalisation, and also in supporting the issues of young people many of whom are at risk of secondary trauma.

As a community, we are deeply committed to helping other refugees that come from similar circumstances. We are now in the second year of Birmingham City Council funding started in the 2021/ 22 period which has enabled us to employ both a male and female support worker from Birmingham's **Syrian refugee community**. This project has already created a supplementary school with six Syrian volunteer teachers helping up to 150 children in activities which support their UK education, keep them in touch with their own culture and the Arabic language and gives them peer group support.

It is only recently that the BH UK Network has seen a reduction in the support we have needed to give to Bosnian refugees when the bodies of their dead relatives are discovered in mass graves. We still pro-



H.E. Vanja Filipovic, Alicia Kearns MP, Representatives of the various organisations and Bosnian Community



Sports gathering in Coventry

vide a telephone support line which is provides both first stage immigration and benefits information but also a 'listening ear' for community members. We anticipate the Syrian Community will need to set up similar support and our **Syrian development workers are now taking a strong lead on empowering their community.**

In addition to local activities we continue to have a strong national presence. At the same time that Ukraine was invaded, Russia was supporting right-wing Serbians in an escalation of hostile activity in the Balkans which clearly the broke the Dayton agreement and which threatened a new outbreak of

hostilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The BH UK Network has been strongly supported by our patron, Alicia Kearns MP, in raising the issues in Parliament and subsequent action which prevented raising of funding for arms.

On a more positive note we have also been raising the aspirations of young second generation Bosnians by taking them to Parliament for activities such as Bosnian Independence Day at the beginning of March. During the period, in collaboration with Remember Srebrenica, we organised many events in schools across the Midlands to raise understanding about the Srebrenica and to get people to commit to challenging genocide wherever it happens.



Independence day of Bosnia and Herzegovina celebrated in the British Parliament



Remembering Srebrenica Awards dinner organised in the Bosnia House

We also ran many highly attended sports and cultural events aimed at maintaining engagement in our community. Our work gets strong recognition.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the BH UK Network is a well-known event amongst Bosnians. It was held in January 2022, in Bosnia House and joined by representatives of Bosnian associations from Derby, Birmingham, Coventry, Hertfordshire, BH Advisory Centre London, Victoria London and the Women's Association and members of the Bosnian Centre for Advice from London. Our Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina, His Ex-

cellency Vanja Filipovic joined Statehood day and Independence Day celebrations in November 2021 and March 2022 with members of the Bosnian Embassy and other distinguished participants and the Deputy Lieutenant in the West Midlands,

Mr. Simon Topman MBE DL joined our Ambassador at our Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

Our West Midlands project funded by the Big Lottery Community Fund is working beyond expectations to bring positive change in the lives of Bosnians and Herzegovinians in the UK. There are 2 staff members who are available 24/7 and offer free, independent services. We started organising



Holocaust Remembrance Day in Derby



Syrian Supplementary school in Bosnia House

activities as soon as lockdown restrictions stopped. All activities were set up and delivered with strong contributions from our volunteers that were recruited from our community, the majority of them being users of our service users.

We set up regular weekly activities including 35 hours/week of professional support to address our beneficiaries' needs. These activities encourage more isolated people to come along to our events. We serve those most in need, those without family, friends or funds, those who cannot care for themselves especially with their lack of English language.

We set up outreach service for elderly and/or disabled members of our community that are housebound in Birmingham, Walsall, Sandwell, Wolverhampton and Coventry. We have an out of hours telephone that our outreach worker holds, so that our clients can access it 24 hours for any support. In the last year 44 elderly and disabled clients accessed the service ringing in regards to hospital appointments, medication, transport, welfare benefits, rent and health issues. Our outreach worker coordinated 19 volunteers to provide support to housebound older members of our community. We have also continued to reach the Roma community in Birmingham and Coventry helping them with educational, social and immigration issues.

Weekend activities for young people have given them the opportunity share experiences, socialise and speak their mother tongue. We provided counselling to 40 carers. These are carers within families who help disabled and in poor health members of the family who do not speak English. In addition to these, 125 Bosnian young people benefited from our activities including social activities, peer group support, trips, indoor sports...

Prior to the Covid 19 pandemic we were already starting to think that we needed direct access to green space for our users. We do not have any outdoor space for activities for young people. Our elderly have nowhere outside to sit and chat during the summer. Families have nowhere for BBQs. The pandemic forced temporary closure of Bosnia House and highlighted these issues. By the end of the reporting period activities had increased to a level where we are also struggling for space, particularly at weekends. We therefore started to talk with our users, including local groups, about our need for increased space. A priority for the new financial year is to try and find new premises either to augment what we already have or to replace the existing centre.

During the reporting period, we kept our members informed by updating our Facebook and web sites as well as regular telephone contact. In addition to our own community, we share our experiences with local regional and national organisations that help us to deliver planned activities, such as community organisations in the region, voluntary councils, NHS, Victim support.

We are proud that we managed to organise so many activities including social gatherings, networking, and peer group activities with gratecommitment from our staff and volunteers.

Zaim Pasic Chairman



PATRONS OF BH UK NETWORK



Jennifer Stone-Wigg, MBE

Jennifer Stone-Wigg, 71, was born and educated in England. She then moved to Switzerland, where her career in banking started. After retiring from the banking world, she started working at an art gallery, where she had the chance to meet Bosnian actors from Ratni Teatar (War Theater). This led to the beginning of her charitable work in B&H in 1995. In 2001, she founded her own organization.

Jennifer Stone-Wigg received M.B.E. (Member of British Empire) award in 2008 for her help with the underprivileged in Bosnia and humanitarian work.

Jenny has been patron of BH UK Network since 2007.



Dr Waqar Azmi, OBE

Dr Waqar Azmi OBE is the Chairman of Remembering Srebrenica. He is also the Chairman of Waterhouse Consulting Group, and a Governor of Birmingham City University. He has also been the UK Government's Chief Diversity Adviser at the Cabinet Office and the EU Ambassador for Intercultural Dialogue.

He founded the British Federation of Racial Equality Councils, Herefordshire Race Equality Partnership and, Race Equality West Midlands.

Dr Waqar has been patron of BH UK Network since 2014.



Alicia Kearns MP

Mrs. Alicia Kearns is a member of the Conservative Party of Great Britain and the president of the all-party parliamentary group for Bosnia and Herzegovina in the British Parliament.

Mrs Kearns is working with the UK Government, other MPs, the British Embassy in Bosnia and the Bosnian Embassy in the UK to find a way to prevent genocide happening.

In October 2022 MPs have chosen Conservative Alicia Kearns as the new chair of the influential Foreign Affairs Committee - the first woman to hold the post.

Alicia has been patron of the BH UK Network since 2022.



Robert McNeil, FAAPT(Hon). MBE.

Robert McNeil MBE, FAAPT is a Glasgow based painter who, following his retiring from a long career as an Anatomical Pathology Technologist (APT), now focuses on his roles as an ambassador for Remembering Srebrenica UK and an Affiliate Artist for UNESCO's Refugees Integration through Language and the Arts.

When he retired in 2009, Robert realised his lifelong dream of becoming a painter. It started as a hobby, but he felt compelled to depict images from his former career to help him deal with a mild form of PTSD after working with victims of torture, who were then executed and thrown into mass graves during conflicts in Europe and Africa.

Robert has been patron of BH UK Network since 2022.

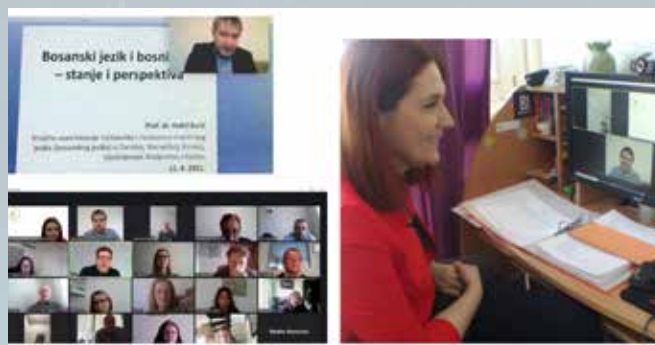


Chronological list of our activities 1st April 2021 - 31th March 2022

In addition to the activities listed below, also our regular weekly activities include: Drop in service in Birmingham and Coventry ;Outreach support to housebound members of the community in West Midlands; Mental Health support; Interpreting and translating; social gatherings and sport activities; Support to Roma community;Activities for young people, and providing volunteering opportunities.

12/04/2021 - BH UK Network (community of BiH associations in Great Britain) in cooperation with the associations "Otkrij bosanski" from Vienna and "OBHU", the Board of BiH teachers in Denmark held an online seminar for teachers of Bosnian supplementary schools from Great Britain, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Katra.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/online-seminar-strucno-usavršavanje-nastavnika-maternjeg-jezika-bosanskog-jezika-u-dijaspori/>



27/04/2021 - BH UK Network informing Bosnian pensioners in the UK about the extended deadline for pickup of cheks at banks

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/mio-pio-produzen-rok-podizanja-cekova-na-bankama-2/>



29/04/2021 - Sad Anniversary: Graham Bamford burnt himself alive because of the Killing in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Activists and members of the BH UK Network do not forget his name and often lay flowers in his honor in memory of the hero of Bosnia and Herzegovina not to be forgotten.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/ne-zaboravimo-grahama-bamforda-porucuju-delegati-bh-uk-networka-u-velikoj-britaniji/>



08/06/2021 - Sixteen year old Elma Jakupovic in London raises awareness about the war in Bosnia by dancing. We had the opportunity to see part of her choreography when she performed at the central event marking the Independence Day of BiH in Great Britain, organized by the BH UK Network.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/sesnaestogodisnja-elma-jakupovic-u-londonu-plesom-podize-svijest-rat-u-bosni-i-hercegovini/>



17/06/2021 - BH UK Network informing Bosnians about the relaxed measures in the UK regarding Covid 19 especially vulnerable ones by post and online.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/covid-19-od-danas-ublazene-mjere-u-velikoj-britaniji/>





07/06/2021 - BH UK Network informing BH COMMUNITY IN GREAT BRITAIN - Conditions of Entry to Bosnia and Herzegovina for holders of British travel documents-

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/obavjestenje-ula-zak-u-bih-za-nosioce-britanskih-putnih-isprava-paso-sa-putovnice/>



09/06/2021 - THE REACTION OF THE BIH COMMUNITY TO THE VERDICT AGAINST RATKO MLADIĆ- The Mechanism for International Criminal Courts sentenced the war criminal, Ratko Mladić, and the mothers of Srebrenica followed the sentencing of the Srebrenica executioner.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/velika-britanija-reakcija-bh-za-jednice-na-presudu-ratku-mladicu/>



11/06/2021 - The successful end of the school year of Bosnian supplementary school from Birmingham was celebrated by teachers, students of the BiH secondary school and their parents by going to the Dudley Zoo. Bosnian Association Birmingham has decided to treat teachers, students and their parents with tickets to the zoo.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/lokalni-izbori-u-bosni-i-hercegovini-4-oktobar-2020/>



15/06/2021 - World Refugee Day 2021 was marked in the premises of Bosnia house. BH UK Network decided in cooperation with the Celebrating Sanctuary and Near Neighbors organizations from Birmingham to host a workshop in Bosnia house. We are proud of the fact that the first event "Talk with a walk" was held in our premises as the beginning of the Refugee Week tour.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/lokalni-izbori-u-bosni-i-hercegovini-4-oktobar-2020/>



23/06/2021- Marking the 22nd Gathering of Bosnian supplementary schools in Great Britain. Due to epidemiological conditions, this year the school meeting took place online. Students of BiH supplementary schools in Great Britain have made an effort to present their knowledge and experience in BiH supplementary schools. (Victoria-London, Coventry, Birmingham, Manchester, Hertfordshire and Derby.)



06/07/2021 - BH UK Network, in cooperation with the West Midlands committee of the Remembering Srebrenica organization, organized an appropriate program in Bosnia House to honor the 8,372 brutally murdered men and boys in the genocide committed in Srebrenica in July 1995. The commemoration was held in Bosanska Kuca, in Birmingham.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/velika-britanija-komemoracijom-u-bosanskoj-kuci-pocela-sedmica-obiljezavanja-genocida-u-srebrenici//>





10/07/2021. - A Peace March was organized in London , dedicated to all victims of the genocide in Srebrenica and all of our Bosnia and Herzegovina. All three generations of Bosnians and Herzegovinans, as well as people from many other countries of the world, were present at the Peace March

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/london-tri-generacije-na-mar-su-mira/>



27/07/2021- BH UK Network welcomes the decision of High Representative Valentin Inzko to impose a law that prohibits and punishes the denial of genocide and the glorification of war criminals.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/bh-uk-network-nadamo-se-da-ce-donosnjem-zakona-o-negiranju-genocida-prestati-ponizavanje-zrtava-i-njihovih-najmilijih/>



23/09/2021 - BH UK Network published the first edition of the Syrian newsletter for the Syrian community in West Midlands - SAWT SURIAH

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/syrian-newsletter-sawt-suriah/>



19/10/2021 - BH UK Network presented a certificate of thanks to Emir Bolić for his many years of contribution in organizing the commemoration of the genocide in Srebrenica.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/emir-bolic-uzor-koji-sluzi-svojoj-bh-zajednici-u-velikoj-britaniji/>



01/12/2021 - BH UK Network , celebrated its SILVER JUBILEE. It should be noted that among the distinguished guests of the ceremony was the representative of the Monarchy, Queen Elizabeth II, Deputy Lieutenant in the West Midlands, Mr. Simon Topman MBE DL It was a special day for all Bosnians and Herzegovinans who have been trying for years to contribute to the preservation of the Bosnian identity in Great Britain and our traditions with their work and effort.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/izaslanik-kraljice-elizabete-ii-prisustvovao-svecanosti-srebrnog-jubileja-bh-uk-networka/>



03/12/2021 - BIH CITIZENS IN GREAT BRITAIN DO NOT FORGET THE BIRTHDAY OF THEIR ONLY BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA - Bosnians and Herzegovinans from Derby, Nottingham, Coventry, London, Hertford, Guildford, Wolverhampton and other cities around Great Britain gathered in Birmingham to celebrate with dignity the Statehood Day of our one and only homeland Bosnia and Herzegovina. e multi-ethnic character and equality of all our citizens.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/bh-gradani-u-velikoj-britaniji-ne-zaboravljaju-rodendan-svoje-jedine-bosne-i-hercegovine/>





12/12/2021 - BH UK Network awarded Milenko “Mišo” and Marić at the event on the occasion of Bosnia and Herzegovina Statehood Day in Birmingham. Mišo Marić is a Bosnian poet, journalist, cultural worker and longtime associate, activist and friend of BH UK NETWORK. Thank you Miso for your selfless friendship!

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/miso-maric-prijatelj-bh-uk-networka/>



18/12/2021 - The Bosnian School and Association Manchester organised a graduation ceremony for the school's students, and hosted H.E Filipovic.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/bh-gradani-u-mancesteru-ugostili-nj-e-filipovica/r/>



20/12/2021 - And this year, according to tradition, the Bosnian Association in Birmingham, in cooperation with BH UK Network, organized the traditional distribution of New Year's packets to children from Birmingham and Wolverhampton. New Year's packages for children were provided by the BiH association Birmingham. In a festive mood with a specially decorated Bosnia house and with Santa Claus, 50 New Year's packages were distributed.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/bosanska-kucapodjela-novogodisnjih-paketica-za-nase-malisane/>



20/12/2021 - the Derby Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina held its regular Annual Assembly, where the Association's work over the past 12 months was presented. BH UK Network, awarded Association with a silver jubilee award on the occasion of 25 years of existence and work.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/bh-udruzenje-derby-priznanje-za-25-godina-uspjesnog-rada/>



20/12/2021 - A NICE GESTURE FROM BH SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL COVENTRY: NEW YEAR'S GIFTS FOR PEERS IN THE HOMETOWN

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/lijep-gest-bh-dopunske-skole-coventry-nase-je-samo-ono-sto-drugima-damo/>



21/12/2021 - UNFORGETTABLE SPORTS GATHERING ON THE OCCASION OF 25 YEARS OF BH UK NETWORK was organised by the BiH association Coventry and the BH UK Network. BiH citizens from London, Birmingham, Coventry, Hertfordshire, Manchester and Nottingham gathered together to celebrate 25 years of the umbrella organization of the BiH association in Great Britain.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/nezaboravno-sportsko-druzenje-povodom-25-godina-bh-uk-networka/>





13/01/2022 - BiH support rallies were held in the Bosnia House in Birmingham (organized by the BH UK Network), in London in front of the Parliament #LondonForBH2022), in Manchester (organized by the Bosnian School and Society in Manchester) and Coventry (organized by the Bosnia and Herzegovina Community Association Coventry), and support was not lacking from other BiH associations and Bosnian supplementary schools in Great Britain.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/velika-britanija-ustani-nes-to-se-desava-i-tvoja-sudbina-se-rjesava/>

27/01/2022 - BOSNIA HOUSE BIRMINGHAM – HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY. During supplementary classes in the Bosnian language, teacher Emir Bolić tried to explain the importance of Holocaust Remembrance Day to his students through a creative workshop and the screening of a short documentary.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/bosanska-kuca-birmingham-dan-sjecanja-na-holokaust/>

29/01/2022 - HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY ALSO MARKED IN BIRMINGHAM at the Millennium Point Center in Birmingham . The commemoration was attended by BH UK Network delegates.”

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/dan-sjecanja-na-holokaust-obiljezen-i-u-birmingamu/>

30/01/2022 - Holocaust Remembrance Day in Derby - The Bosnian folklore group “Mladost Bosne” under the watchful eye of their instructor Fahira Hasedžić had the honor of representing Bosnia and Herzegovina community from Birmingham with his folklore performance in front of the audience at the QUAD center as part of Holocaust Remembrance Day.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/velika-britanija-dan-sjecanja-na-holokaust-jednog-dana/>

08/02/2022 - The theme for this year’s commemoration of the Srebrenica Genocide Remembrance Week. “Combating Denial: Challenging Hatred”, was announced in the British House of Lords. The second generation of survivors in Great Britain took part in the program: Nejra Gazibegović, Amina Mekić, Emina Bolić, Hana Cerić and Selma Bektić . The event was also attended by Mujo Delić , who survived the genocide in Srebrenica.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/velika-britanija-u-domu-lordova-predstavljena-tema-obiljezavanja-genocida-u-srebrenici//>

18/02/2022 - Alicia Kearns MP has accepted our offer to be the patron of BH UK Network. Alicia fully supported the activities of BH UK Network and gladly accepted the offer to be our patron. She did not hide her emotions and gratitude during her stay in the Bosanska house, and accepted the recognition with the comment:

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/alicia-kearns-mp-novi-patron->





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03/03/2022 - Independence Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina celebrated in the British Parliament.

BH UK Network in collaboration with its patron, Alicia Kearns MP and NJ. E. Vanjom Filipovic, organized a festive reception. The event was attended by members of the British Parliament, H.E. Vanja Filipović, Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth, delegates of the BH UK Network and other distinguished guests.“

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/dan-nezavisnosti-bosne-i-hercegovine-obiljezen-u-parlamentu-velike-britanije/>



04/03/2022 - Ceremonial reception at the Bosnian Embassy in London to celebrate the Independence day of our homeland was organised in the cooperation with the BH UK Network. The reception was attended by representatives of numerous embassies in Great Britain, members of the British Parliament, representatives of the BiH community in the UK and many other distinguished guests.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/velika-britanija-svecani-prijem-u-ambasadi-bih-povodom-dana-nezavisnosti-nase-domovine/>



08/03/2022 - Bosnia and Herzegovina citizens from the Bosnia and Herzegovina community in Hertfordshire/London gathered to celebrate the Independence Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Activists of all generations united to welcome their guests and officially celebrate the birthday of their homeland, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/proslava-30-godina-nezavisnosti-bosne-i-hercegovine-u-bh-asocijaciji-hertfordshire/>



08/03/2022 - The premises of the Bosnian House in Birmingham were full of BiH citizens and representatives of British organizations who came to see what the students of the BiH supplementary school Birmingham had prepared on the occasion of the Independence Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/bosanska-kuca-u-birmingamu-cestitke-domovini-sa-ljubavlju/>



29/03/2022 - Envoy of Queen Elizabeth II, Dr.Nasir Awan MBE DL, attended the event in Bosnia House stating that he admires the Bosnian community in the UK.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/izaslanik-kraljice-elizabete-ii-u-bosanskoj-kuci-divim-se-bosanskohercegovackoj-zajednici-u-uk/>



30/03/2022 - Eight regional English boards and three national boards in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland were honored, as well as champions of Remembering Srebrenica UK, by survivors of genocide and crimes against humanity in Bosnia and Herzegovina who now live in UK. An awards dinner was held at Bosnia House in Birmingham.

<http://bosniauknetwork.org/zahvala-i-priznanje-za-remembering-srebrenica-uk-od-prezivjelih-najstrasnijeg-zloci>



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA UK NETWORK

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Bosnia and Herzegovina UK Network is based at Bosnia House, 36 Medley Road, Birmingham, B11 2NE, which is the principal address of the charity, whose Registered Charity Number is. 1067411. This is in accordance with the charity's governing document, adopted on 18th May 1996 as amended on 8th December 1997, 11th October 2003 and 23rd December 2005.

Trustee selection methods

A skills audit has been undertaken to discover those skills which are required by the trustee body. Efforts are made to recruit trustees who meet the skill requirement.

Risk management policy

The trustees examine the major risks that the charity faces each financial year when preparing and updating the strategic plan. The charity has developed systems to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact that they may have on the charity in the future.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

RESERVES

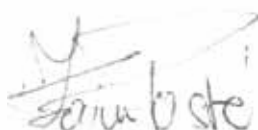
The Association aims to build up reserves to cover 6 months operating costs in the event of a drop in income. Unrestricted Reserves held as at March 31st 2022 were £34,826.

Independent Examiner

Mark Newey of Derby Community Accountancy Service and will be in office as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

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Signed on behalf of the trustees



Mr Zaim Pasic
Chairman

21st January 2023



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA UK NETWORK

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Bosnia and Herzegovina UK Network

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 12 to 21.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

M. Newey

Mark Newey ACMA
Derby Community Accountancy Service
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Date 21st January 2023



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA UK NETWORK

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2022 £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2021 £
Income from:					
Generated funds					
Donations	3	-	-	-	-
Grants	4	240	133,580	133,820	168,061
Other income	6	9,756	-	9,756	5,295
Investment income	5	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		<u>9,996</u>	<u>133,580</u>	<u>143,576</u>	<u>173,556</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		4,233	132,115	136,348	90,766
Total resources expended	7	<u>4,233</u>	<u>132,115</u>	<u>136,348</u>	<u>90,766</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		5,763	1,465	7,228	82,590
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		5,763	1,465	7,228	82,590
Balances brought forward		160,643	91,344	251,987	169,397
Balances carried forward		<u>166,406</u>	<u>92,809</u>	<u>259,215</u>	<u>251,987</u>

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.



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BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11	144,420		148,204	
Current assets					
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>151,275</u>		<u>139,936</u>	
		151,275		139,936	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(23,640)</u>		<u>(20,844)</u>	
Net current assets			127,635		119,092
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	13		(12,840)		(15,309)
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>259,215</u>		<u>251,987</u>
Net assets			<u>259,215</u>		<u>251,987</u>
Funds					
Restricted	14		92,809		91,344
Unrestricted	14		<u>166,406</u>		<u>160,643</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>259,215</u>		<u>251,987</u>

The financial statements were approved by the members of the committee on the and signed on their behalf by:

Muhamed Siranovoc
Trustee

Date: 21st January 2023



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Charity information

Bosnia and Herzegovina UK Network is a registered charity. The charity's registered office is Bosnia House, 36 Medley Road, Birmingham, B11 2NE. At the end of the year there were 7 Trustees.

1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared on historical cost convention apart from freehold property that is carried at market value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

These are accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 are the first accounts of Bosnia and Herzegovina UK Network prepared in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a 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.

1.3 Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Gifts in kind have been included at market value of gifts received and in assets acquired. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.



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1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in the support of the charitable activities.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discounts offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 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. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity 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.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling with section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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1.12 Depreciation

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:-

Asset category	Annual rate
Equipment	20%
Buildings	2%

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 estimated and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

3. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2022 £	Year to 31 Mar 2021 £
Donations from individuals	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

4. Grants receivable

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year to 31 March 2022 £	Year to 31 March 2021 £
National Lottery Community Fund	-	79,077	79,077	102,305
Birmingham City Council	-	44,553	44,553	24,766
Clothworkers Foundation	-	-	-	4,700
Birmingham Neighbourhood Network Scheme	-	9,950	9,950	9,950
Independent Age	-	-	-	12,190
Post Code Neighbourhood Trust	-	-	-	14,150
CAF	240	-	240	-
	<u>240</u>	<u>133,580</u>	<u>133,820</u>	<u>168,061</u>



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5. Interest receivable

	Year to 31 March 2022 £	Year to 31 March 2021 £
Bank interest receivable	-	-

6. Sundry Income

	Year to 31 March 2022 £	Year to 31 March 2021 £
Room hire	3,646	1,200
Sundry	6,110	4,095
	<u>9,756</u>	<u>5,295</u>

7. Total resources expended

	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2022 £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2021 £
Staff costs	88,877	67,515
Consultancy & other fees	6,711	4,446
Rent & Room Hire	2,241	-
Utilities	4,548	2,277
Stationery, postage & information	3,542	3,025
Telephone & internet	1,769	1,194
Office Equipment & Renovation	15,607	5,695
Travel costs	4,028	338
Interest	449	516
Sundry	4,792	1,976
Depreciation	3,784	3,784
	<u>136,348</u>	<u>90,766</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £136,348 (2021: £90,766) of which £132,115 was restricted (2021: £86,466)



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8. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fees	600	580
Depreciation	3,784	3,784

9. Trustees and key management personnel

During the year trustees did not receive remuneration

The key management personnel of the charity consist of the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and other members of the senior management team.

10. Employees

The average monthly number of persons employed during the year was

	Year to 31 March 2022	Year to 31 March 2021
	No	No
Direct Charitable Staff	5	3
Administration	-	-
	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>

Employment costs

	Year to 31 Mar 2022	Year to 31 Mar 2021
	£	£
Net Wages and salaries	70,627	52,369
Employers National Insurance	1,593	848
Employees National Insurance and Tax	11,187	9,114
Pension costs	5,470	5,184
	<u>88,877</u>	<u>67,515</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum.



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11. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Building £	Total £
Cost			
At 31 March 2021	9,529	189,177	198,706
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	<u>9,529</u>	<u>189,177</u>	<u>198,706</u>
Depreciation			
At 31 March 2021	9,529	40,973	50,502
Depreciation on Disposal	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	3,784	3,784
At 31 March 2022	<u>9,529</u>	<u>44,757</u>	<u>54,286</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>144,420</u>	<u>144,420</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>148,204</u>	<u>148,204</u>

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
HM Revenue and Customs	-	-
Salaries	1,774	1,774
Deferred income		
The National Lottery Community Fund	21,866	19,070
	<u>23,640</u>	<u>20,844</u>

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Long term loan	12,840	15,309
	<u>12,840</u>	<u>15,309</u>



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14. Statement of funds

	At 1 April 2021 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
General reserve	160,643	9,996	(4,233)	-	166,406
Total unrestricted funds	160,643	9,996	(4,233)	-	166,406
National Lottery Community Fund	33,661	79,077	(66,447)	-	46,291
Norton Foundation	5,891	-	(5,891)	-	-
Birmingham city Council	24,766	44,553	(38,160)	-	31,159
Birmingham Neighbourhood Scheme	9,425	9,950	(8,446)	-	10,929
Independent Age	6,001	-	(6,001)	-	-
Post Code Neighbourhood trust	11,600	-	(7,170)	-	4,430
Total restricted funds	91,344	133,580	(132,115)	-	92,809
Total funds	251,987	143,576	(136,348)	-	259,215

The National Lottery Community Fund money was spent on supporting the West Midlands Bosnia community, outreach and mental health support.

The Norton Foundation money was to buy equipment and furniture that will be used for activities in our community centre.

Birmingham city Council (Government small business grant) was to be spent on responding to COVID

Birmingham Neighbourhood Scheme was spent providing regular weekly activities in Bosnia House for local residents.

Independent Age fund was to support older members of our community during the pandemic.

Post Code Neighbourhood trust funding was to support development work to identify and improve space where we can offer Covid-19 safe activities and rewriting the current business plan in light of covid-19



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15. Analysis of net assets

	Tangible fixed assets less associated loan	Other net assets	Total
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	131,580	34,826	166,406
Restricted Funds			
National Lottery Community Fund	-	46,291	46,291
Birmingham City Council	-	31,159	31,159
Birmingham Neighbourhood Scheme	-	10,929	10,929
Post Code Neighbourhood Trust	-	4,430	4,430
	<u>131,580</u>	<u>127,635</u>	<u>259,215</u>

16. Related party transactions

The charity had no related party transactions that required disclosure.

PLEASE NOTE:

The accounting convention is that our charity assets are written down at 2% p.a. for fifty years. In note is the “tangible fixed assets” are the historical value less depreciation of Bosnia House.

“Other net assets” effectively represent our unrestricted reserve.

