



UK Lesbian & Gay

Immigration Group

**ANNUAL REPORT
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CHAIR'S REPORT

It is an exciting time to be reporting in my second year as the Chair of UKLGIG. We have faced a challenging twelve months and we find ourselves now able to move forward with a full team. I would like to spend a little time in my report reflecting on our team and its strengths.

Members will be aware that in 2013 our former Executive Director, Erin Power, sadly left us to return to New Zealand. Erin's work over the last decade has been nothing less than extraordinary. She worked with UKLGIG in a number of different capacities and was with us throughout the inception of UKLGIG's asylum work. She occupied the position of Executive Director for two years prior to leaving us in the Autumn of 2013.

During that time she did an extraordinary job in maintaining UKLGIG's finances and developing sources of funding. She represented UKLGIG both within the LGBTI communities and with stake-holders in the asylum system, most particularly the Home Office. She balanced a fearsome principled defence of the asylum seekers with whom we work with a pragmatic and practical approach as to how to secure their interests and this was reflected in the publication in 2013 of UKLGIG's landmark publication, *'Missing the Mark'*.

Erin's boots proved at first difficult to fill but I am delighted that we now have a new Executive Director attending his first UKLGIG AGM in that capacity, namely, Paul Dillane. Paul joins us from Amnesty International UK, where he worked for six years as a highly regarded Refugee Researcher. He brings a wealth of experience to UKLGIG at a time when we face new challenges and when we also need to build on our successes so that we can forge better futures for LGBTI refugees here in the UK.

Paul has now been in the post since July and has already brought fresh energy to his role. I am confident that he is going to prove a most effective Executive Director indeed and that



UKLGIG will continue to prosper with Paul at the helm.

There was however a long period when we were without an Executive Director and I would like to pay tribute in my report to UKLGIG's team who not only kept us going through those months, and provided invaluable support to myself and the rest of the trustees but indeed, continued to develop UKLGIG's work in providing support to asylum seekers and refugees. I am referring of course to Jill Power, Asylum Seekers Support Coordinator, to Moud Goba, Asylum Seeker Support Worker and also to our Volunteer Administrator Joe Swift.

Jill and Moud have forged ahead with our work on the ground supporting asylum seekers, ensuring their needs are met, assisting them in moving forward with their asylum claim and seeking and obtaining protection here in the UK. Furthermore, both Jill and Moud undertook a range of activities, including policy work as well as representing UKLGIG at external events, for which we are extremely grateful.

Joe has undertaken the extraordinarily challenging job of, on a volunteer basis, keeping UKLGIG's books in order, dealing with day to day accounting issues, supporting the process of the writing of reports to our various funders and generally keeping the Trustees on their toes. Joe has been a long-term volunteer

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supporting UKLGIG's work and we owe him an enormous vote of thanks.

I would also like to pay tribute to UKLGIG's Trustees who have had to undertake a hands-on role in the last year most particularly our stellar Secretary, Jackie Peirce and our stalwart Treasurer, Bojana Asanovic.

Jackie has steered UKLGIG through the process of incorporation as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Commission. UKLGIG is now fully registered as a charity operating for public benefit. The process of guiding UKLGIG through the registration process required the skills and patience that Jackie brings to UKLGIG's Trustees as Secretary. Put simply we couldn't have achieved it without her.

Bojana's role as Treasurer has seen her also having to assume extra responsibilities for the process of reporting to our funders. Bojana has been working closely with Paul in the transition to him assuming his role as our new Executive Director and I am confident that UKLGIG will now be well positioned to secure new and expanded funding enabling us to continue to deliver support to the asylum seekers and refugees with whom we work as well as building on our profile with the Home Office and other agencies and colleague organisations both nationally and internationally. We hope to be welcoming new Trustees to UKLGIG at the forthcoming AGM and I am looking forward to our next year of activity with our strengthened team in place.

Finally, earlier this year UKLGIG quietly revamped its website under our long term volunteer and supporter, Ian Morton's tutelage. Big thanks are due to Ian for the work on this.

So what are the challenges that that team and the UKLGIG Trustees face in the coming months?

There have been huge achievements in the last few years in the area of the representation of LGBTI asylum seekers and securing refugee protection for them. Landmark case law has shifted the emphasis such that those who seek protection can no longer be asked to return home and behave "discreetly".

Now however the focus falls upon the genuineness of claims which are raised and this sees asylum seekers and refugees themselves

facing additional and sometimes intrusive and inappropriate scrutiny as regards their identity. This in turn requires organisations such as UKLGIG to look closely at the process whereby asylum claims are examined so as to ensure that refugees are treated fairly. '*Missing the Mark*', our publication of 2013 was itself a landmark in raising concerns as to the asylum examination process and the way in which both interviews and the examination of evidence provided was being conducted by the Home Office.

The year 2014 saw a rapidly increasing interest in the UK's examination of asylum claims made by LGBTI individuals with in-depth reporting in for example the Observer and on radio. UKLGIG's job is to ensure that a safe, thorough, fair and just examination process is delivered; one which does not judge asylum claims on the basis of prejudice and ignorance, but rather one that can deliver safety and protection to each and every genuine asylum seeker and refugee.

That of course involves continuing to provide and innovate in our support for asylum seekers and refugees themselves as well as operating on the national and international stage to hold decision makers to account. With the fantastic team that we have in place I am confident that UKLGIG will continue to be able to step up to that task.

In my report last year I looked in depth at the crisis in legal aid and UKLGIG has indeed witnessed the shrinking of the pool of law firms who are able to support the asylum seekers and refugees with whom we work. The firms who continue to provide that support are vital partners in this work. Many of their staff members help us with the monthly meetings that we run for asylum seekers, they take cases whenever they can and frequently deliver fantastic results for the LGBTI individuals who are referred to them. Other law firms from time to time are able to step in and take on cases free of charge. Speaking as a lawyer, I am proud that the legal community, despite the extraordinary pressures upon it does not show any sign of packing up and walking away from delivering assistance and protection to LGBTI refugees.

I would like to conclude by paying further tribute to the pioneering work which UKLGIG is undertaking in enabling LGBTI refugees and asylum seekers to access support and protection. Jill and Moud's work directly with asylum seekers

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pays off not just in the numbers who then go on to secure refugee status but also in the day to day building of applicants' confidence, mental well-being and control over the very challenging process of seeking asylum. UKLGIG can truly be

seen as an innovator in this regard and I am proud to be able to report to the AGM as its chair.

Tim Barnden
Chair
September 2014

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This is my first report as Executive Director of the UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group (UKLGIG) following my appointment in July 2014. I have long admired the unique work of UKLGIG, during my career in law and whilst working as a refugee specialist at Amnesty International UK. It is a real privilege to join such a talented and committed team who have been at the forefront of efforts to support and protect lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) people seeking asylum for many years.

During the course of the report I will reflect on the work of the team over the past twelve months, including our successes, and describe some of the challenges and opportunities that appear on the horizon.

During 2014, we have continued to see important progress for equality and for the rights of LGBTI people in the UK. Following the passage of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act, the first same-sex marriages in England and Wales took place in March 2014. Despite such developments at home, people in many countries around the world continue to experience discrimination and violence on a daily basis as a result of their sexual orientation and gender identity. In recent months, legislation criminalising homosexuality and same-sex acts have been passed in Nigeria, Uganda and Gambia. Instances of human rights abuses including arrests, prosecutions, imprisonment, and killings, have been documented in a wide range of other countries.

As a result of this homophobia and transphobia, LGBTI people continue to seek international protection in the United Kingdom and demand for UKLGIG's services grows. UKLGIG has continued to provide support to frequently isolated LGBTI asylum seekers across the country, many of whom have been persecuted in atrocious ways simply because of who they are.



Our Asylum Seeker Support Worker, Moud Goba, and Asylum Seeker Support Coordinator, Jill Power, have provided a range of specialist services to our clients over the past twelve months including by facilitating access to quality legal advice and information, referral to specialist legal representatives, by providing mental and emotional support via our one-to-one and group sessions and by organising vital opportunities for social interaction.

Our monthly asylum legal meetings provide an opportunity for between 80-100 people to access free legal advice from volunteer solicitors and barristers. Moud and Jill have continued to support people one-to-one and via our male and female group meetings. Our Theatre Group goes from strength to strength and in July 2014 featured in 'The World Is Flooding' performance at the Tate Modern in London. The Theatre Group and the other social opportunities we offer represent much valued safe spaces in which our clients can escape the isolation they so frequently experience, interact with other LGBTI people from a range of countries and build and sustain individual support networks.

Since our last annual report, 80 UKLGIG clients have been granted refugee status in the UK; men and women from countries including

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Cameroon, Uganda, Pakistan and Nigeria. Many of these successes are a result of the valuable work that Moud and Jill have undertaken.

In the absence of an Executive Director for a portion of the year, both Jill and Moud admirably undertook additional responsibilities. Moud ably represented UKLGIG in a range of external meetings and events, including with the Home Office and at the National Asylum Stakeholder Forum.

Jill, in conjunction with UK Black Pride, organised a well-attended screening of the Unreported World documentary, '*Jamaica's Underground Gays*'. A range of speakers spoke about the human rights situation in the country and a lively debate ensued, with UKLGIG clients participating, as to how activists can engage on this important issue.

Working with Birmingham LGBT Centre, Jill also established a monthly asylum support meeting allowing UKLGIG to provide practical support to greater numbers of LGBTI people outside London.

In the time that has elapsed since the Supreme Court's landmark judgment in *HJ (Iran) and HT (Cameroon) v. Secretary of State for the Home Department*, [2010] UKSC 31, and largely as a result of UKLGIG's advocacy efforts, the Home Office has made substantial efforts to improve the decision making process for LGBTI asylum applicants. UKLGIG's '*Missing the Mark*' report, published in September 2013, found that such claims are no longer routinely refused as in 2010, when 98% of claims were rejected.

However, despite important legal, policy and practical successes of recent years, LGBTI people seeking asylum continue to face a range of challenges in navigating the complex, and frequently unsympathetic, asylum system. Particular issues of concern include decreasing access to good quality legal advice and representation, instances of inappropriate and humiliating questions, the reliance on unhelpful stereotypes and barriers in 'proving' sexual orientation due to an artificially high standard of proof.

In October 2013, following an inquiry during which UKLGIG provided written evidence, the Home Affairs Select Committee expressed particular concerns as to the difficulties experienced by LGBTI applicants in the asylum process. In May 2014, following an expose in the Observer newspaper concerning an applicant subjected to a particularly shocking series of humiliating questions, the Home Secretary, Theresa May, ordered an investigation into the treatment of lesbian, gay and bisexual asylum applicants; a decision welcomed by UKLGIG.

The Independent Chief Inspector for Borders and Immigration, John Vine CBE, conducted this investigation and engaged UKLGIG as a valued stakeholder. We provided both written and oral evidence as well as facilitating meetings between his staff and our clients, so they could hear their views and experiences directly. We look forward to the Chief Inspector's report being published and hope this will act as a further catalyst for much needed reform.

Over the past year, we have increased our focus on the issue of detention. Increasing numbers of our clients are immediately detained by the Home Office upon claiming asylum and selected for processing via the Detained Fast Track (DFT) asylum process. UKLGIG has expressed serious concerns about the appropriateness of 'fast tracking' LGBTI applicants due to the inherently complex nature of these claims, the difficulties in providing acceptable evidence as well as the conditions in the immigration detention centres.

Many of our clients report homophobic bullying, verbal abuse and threats of physical violence from other detainees. Many are fearful to be open about their orientation and identity. Moud has continued to visit Yarl's Wood, Harmondsworth and Colnbrook detention centres to provide direct support to our clients. In the next twelve months, we will need to increase our detention visiting capacity to meet growing demand.

In September 2014, I met the Immigration Minister, James Brokenshire MP, who praised the work of UKLGIG and our constructive engagement with the Home Office on their policy and training initiatives. We liaise with the

Home Office on a regular basis and are regarded as a valued and expert stakeholder. We continue to be members of the National Asylum Stakeholder Forum, along with partners in the refugee community, which provides us with a valuable platform upon which to advance our calls for reform of the asylum system. During recent times, I have raised serious concerns about the experiences of our clients in detention; both with the Immigration Minister and senior civil servants. During the next twelve months, as well as continuing to provide support to those in detention, we will continue to advocate for conditions to be improved and, ultimately, for LGBTI claims to be removed from Fast Track.

We will continue to engage with partners and organisations across the country – particularly in the refugee and LGBTI communities – to increase awareness and understanding of the needs of our clients and other applicants. The demand for UKLGIG's expertise and insight continues to grow. Jill and Moud recently advised playwright Chris MacDonald during the development of his debut play about LGBTI asylum seekers, *'Eye of a Needle'*, which ran at the Southwark Playhouse between August and September 2014. Time Out described it as *'... a coruscating broadside aimed at the cruel absurdity of Britain's Kafkaesque asylum process and its demands for proof of sexual orientation'*. Following one performance, I participated in a panel event with the Justice Minister, Simon Hughes MP, who echoed my calls for further reform in the asylum system to promote respect for LGBTI applicants.

Shortly afterwards, I was invited by Diane Abbott MP to participate in an event held in Parliament concerning the situation for LGBTI people in Jamaica. I spoke about the experiences of LGBTI asylum applicants in the UK, specifically past and present Jamaican clients. I was grateful that our friend and former client, PJ Samuels, was able to accompany me where she spoke powerfully about her experiences in the asylum process.

2015 will be an important year in which we will consolidate our work as an organisation and the progress that has been made to date. The publication of the Chief Inspector's investigation into the Home Office's treatment of LGBTI asylum claims, and the Parliamentary

inquiry into the use of immigration detention in the UK, hosted by the APPG on Refugees and the APPG on Migration, represent important opportunities to advocate for further reform for the benefit of LGBTI applicants

2015 will be the fifth anniversary of the Supreme Court's judgment in *HJ (Iran) & HT (Cameroon)* and an opportunity to reflect on the progress that has been made domestically and elsewhere. Whilst there is growing awareness of the specific needs and experiences of LGBTI applicants at home and abroad, there is still much work to do to ensure they are treated with respect and dignity. This is particularly the case as the 2015 General Election approaches, where immigration and human rights are likely to feature as contentious issues.

Furthermore, we will need to continue to act to ensure that UKLGIG is able to sustain its work and grow as a strong and resilient organisation. In the weeks to come we will begin a strategic and business planning process, aided by the assistance of the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, where we will formulate our ambitious plans and activities for the next three years.

After twenty years, UKLGIG will end its current form as a charity and re-emerge following our AGM as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Obtaining funding to work with LGBTI asylum seekers and refugees is a challenge but we have enjoyed the support of major trusts and individual members for many years and we are confident we have the ability to secure the funding we require.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire team – staff, volunteers and trustees – for the warm welcome they have extended to me since I joined UKLGIG in July. I know first-hand that the work that Moud and Jill do is widely respected by lawyers and refugee sector colleagues across the country. They deserve great praise for their efforts in unfailingly supporting some of the most disadvantaged and excluded people in society whilst also undertaking additional responsibilities and work during the absence of an Executive Director. Moud has been a member of the team for over a year and her experience as a refugee and activist is

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invaluable. Furthermore, we are grateful to Jill for the time and expertise she continues to provide voluntarily.

Demand on our trustees increased in the past year, as a result of the absence of an Executive Director. Tim Barnden, Jackie Peirce and Bojana Asanovic – respectively UKLGIG's Chair, Secretary and Treasurer – have made extraordinary efforts to ensure the organisation functioned effectively whilst the search for Erin's replacement was underway. I wish to thank them each personally for the time and advice they have given me in recent times.

I give special thanks to Joe Swift, who voluntarily attends to UKLGIG's administrative and financial needs. In the short time I have known him, I have developed great respect for his expertise and his unwavering commitment to the work of the organisation. We are much stronger as a team with his presence.

During the course of the last twelve months, many people including our members, volunteer lawyers and the network of professionals with whom we work, have provided us with an array of help and support. I am most grateful to them all for their contribution to the work that we do. Thanks to Ian Morton for the time he devotes to our website, which was revamped earlier this year, and thanks to both Ian and Brian Brooks for the time they voluntarily devote to our monthly partnership meetings. More than twenty years after our original inception, scores of same-sex couples continue to access advice and information from volunteer lawyers at these sessions. Long may it continue!

It is important to acknowledge the support we receive from our network of lawyers across the country including those who voluntarily give their time and expertise at our monthly asylum and partnership meetings. Furthermore, we are grateful to those lawyers who so readily accept our referrals and provide such excellent representation to our clients. Legal aid lawyers are increasingly under pressure following extensive cuts to legal aid over the past year. As a former legal aid practitioner, I have nothing but the greatest respect for those who strive to provide the highest levels of representation to those most in need.

Finally, I wish to pay tribute to my predecessor, Erin Power, who left UKLGIG in November 2013. Erin was well-respected in the refugee community for her steadfast commitment to the rights of LGBTI asylum seekers and refugees and the legacy she leaves behind is substantial. As a friend and colleague, she is missed.

It has been a challenging twelve months for the team, which has responded to demands and challenges with great dedication. UKLGIG is once again operating at full capacity and we look forward to the next year with verve and energy.

Paul Dillane
Executive Director
September 2014

TREASURER'S REPORT

In 2013 the group had an income of just over £99,984 which represents an increase of some 26% if compared with the income of the previous year, and is an increase by comparison to the income from the year before.

This is mainly due to additional funding secured from Trust for London for the Asylum Seeker Support Worker post the previous year. Funding from Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, Barrow Cadbury Trust and Sigrid Rausing Trust secured previously was maintained.

The support of UKLGIG members continues to be a significant element of our income and represents 7% of our incoming resources. Solicitor affiliations income, while modest, has been maintained as a result of continued actions to collect. Donations in 2013 increased by almost 70% as a result of mainly generous donations for our 20th Anniversary party.

Expenditure in 2013 was £86,211, which is a minor reduction of some 6% by comparison to the previous year as a result of lesser outgoings on salaries because of the absence of an Executive Director in post for the entire year as well as less expenditure on some standard outgoings and conference fees.

The largest proportion of expenditure remained salaries (67%) and rent amounted to 21% of expenses.

Cash reserves for the year were just over £20,000, all of which are restricted funds while prepayments (rent) are at £8,818. This amount should be seen in the context of the underspend on the grant from Esmee Fairbairn which is being utilised in 2014 and 2015. In 2014 a review of reserves policy has taken place and in the context where our biggest risk is exposure to sick pay and redundancy pay for members of staff who are in employment for less than 2 years and where the largest proportion of our income comes from a small number of dependable grant funding organisations there is no risk of our current funders being unable to fund our activities, the prudent amount is set at £8,500 against the potential liabilities of £5,500. The comparatively low planned reserves should also be seen against the background of all charities suffering from the financial constraints of reduced funding availability.

The trustees, staff, volunteers and the asylum seekers would like to express their gratitude to The Sigrid Rausing Trust, Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, Barrow Cadbury Trust and Trust for London for their continued support for our core work, enabling us to practically support LGBTI asylum seekers and work on the policy level to promote their fair treatment.

We must also thank our members who continue to reflect the best about any grassroots organisation - loyalty and support; to all volunteers - for their exceptional generosity without which many activities of the organisation would simply be impossible. Our gratitude is extended also to all our individual donors.

Following the resignation of Erin Power as the Executive Director and her effective absence from the post since the end of October 2013, capacity for substantial fundraising for the coming years (2015 and 2016) has been extremely limited. Nevertheless we have been invited to apply for further substantial funding from Sigrid Rausing and Barrow Cadbury Trust, the latter of which was initiated by our Chair, Tim Barnden and is now under consideration. We are extremely lucky to have Paul Dillane in post since 28 July 2014 who is taking a proactive role in this area and secured additional funding from Oak Foundation. The greatest challenge from the Treasurer's perspective, in the coming months will be to effect applications for funding having identified new funders and follow up on the current applications. I have every confidence that this challenge will be met given the indications we have in relation to funding.

We have been extremely fortunate to have had the support of Joe Swift who has been our volunteer administrator since Erin's departure, maintained our accounts and bookkeeping and generously gave his time and meticulous expertise in running our day to day activities and collecting membership and donations. He continues in this role and we are extremely grateful to him.

The period since the end of 2013 has been a challenging period for the organisation because of the absence of an Executive Director and thanks must be given not only to Joe, but also to Jill Power, our longstanding volunteer Asylum Seeker Support

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Coordinator and Moud Goba our Asylum Seeker Support worker who filled many aspects of the Executive Director and enabled us to continue our work.

As a treasurer, I am extremely fortunate to be able to say that we continue our work is support of one of the most marginalised groups in the society and that work has not suffered as a result of generosity of our staff and volunteers.

Bojana Asanovic
Treasurer
September 2014

UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group
Registered Charity Number: 1101400

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for the year ended 31st December 2013

UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group Legal and Administrative Structure

Executive Committee

Tim Barnden, Chair
Bojana Asanovic, Treasurer
Jackie Peirce, Secretary
David Chirico (resigned 18th April 2014)
Ros Goldfarb
Sami (Abderrahmane) Belaid
Shirleyann Coppin-Wade
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Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2013**

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group for the Year Ended 31st December 2013

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2013 which are set out on pages 2 - 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year - under section 144(2) of the Charities Act - and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of Charities Act 2011);
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission - under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 any 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011); and
 - Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Rick Cole
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19 July 2014

**UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group
Receipts and Payments Account
for the Year Ended 31st December 2013**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2013	2012
	Funds	Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
OPENING BALANCES	78	6,842	6,920	14,526
Add: Receipts				
Membership	7,665	-	7,665	7,989
Donations	6,215	-	6,215	2,181
Solicitors' Affiliation	2,550	-	2,550	2,870
Meeting collections	375	-	375	380
Training	74	-	74	-
Fundraising	1,854	-	1,854	493
Gift Aid	1,729	-	1,729	-
Interest	6	-	6	28
The Sigrid Rausing Trust	-	35,000	35,000	35,000
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
Barrow Cadbury Trust	-	9,500	9,500	9,500
Oak Philanthropy UK Ltd	-	-	-	5,000
Trust for London	-	15,000	15,000	-
Other	16	-	16	5
Total Receipts	20,484	79,500	99,984	83,446
Less: Payments				
Salaries and ENIC	12,633	45,896	58,029	60,764
Rent	966	18,468	18,934	18,737
Internet Service Provider	-	194	194	89
Telephone	-	1,452	1,452	1,689
Meetings	-	372	372	445
Affiliations	-	315	315	636
Postage	187	26	213	88
Stationery	-	625	625	574
Insurance	-	354	354	339
Volunteers	966	504	1,390	1,710
Publicity	1,259	198	1,457	-
Audit fees	-	680	680	650
Fundraising expenses	166	-	166	155
Equipment	-	-	-	169
Training expenses	-	-	-	449
Travel to detention	-	200	200	170
Conference fees	597	-	597	1,950
Asylum seeker travel	-	1,113	1,113	1,823
Other	120	-	120	615
Total Payments:	16,814	69,397	86,211	91,052
CLOSING BALANCES	3,748	16,945	20,693	6,920

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31st December 2013

	Notes	2013 £	2012 £
<u>Monetary Assets</u>			
Cash at bank		20,332	6,342
Cash in hand		361	578
Prepayments	1	8,818	8,783
		<u>29,511</u>	<u>15,703</u>
<u>Other Assets</u>			
Tangible fixed assets		-	-
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>29,511</u>	<u>15,703</u>
<u>Less: Current liabilities</u>			
Creditors	2	500	680
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>500</u>	<u>680</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>29,011</u>	<u>15,023</u>
<u>Represented by Funds</u>			
Restricted funds	3	16,945	6,842
Unrestricted funds		12,066	8,181
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>29,011</u>	<u>15,023</u>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

_____ Trustee
 _____ Trustee
 _____ Date

**UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group
Notes to the Accounts
for the Year Ended 31st December 2013**

Accounting Policies

1. A. Basis of Preparation

- I. The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis as cash is received or paid.
- II. The recommendations of the statement of recommended practice (Accounting by Charities) have been followed in the preparation of these accounts.

B. Fund Accounting

- I. The charity's unrestricted fund consists of funds which the charity may use for its purposes at its discretion.
- II. The charity's restricted funds are those where the donor has imposed restrictions on the use of the funds which are legally binding.

C. Voluntary Income

- I. All voluntary income is included upon receipt.
- II. Grants receivable is credited to income immediately upon receipt.

D. Investment Income

- I. Credit is taken for interest when the interest is received.

E. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

- I. Capital items have been charged to the Receipts and Payments Account rather than to the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

F. Taxation

- I. No provision has been made for taxation on the charity's income as it is assumed that it qualifies for the taxation exemptions available to charities.

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for the Year Ended 31st December 2013

1. Prepayments

	2013	2012
	£	£
Security deposit (rent)	3,995	3,995
Rent prepaid	4,115	4,115
Other prepayments	708	673
	<u>8,818</u>	<u>8,783</u>

2. Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

	2013	2012
	£	£
Independent examination	500	680

3. Restricted Funds

Source	Balance 1st Jan 2013 £	Received £	Spent £	Balance 31st Dec 2013 £
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation	711	20,000	4,045	16,666
Oak Philanthropy (UK Ltd)	5,000	-	5,000	-
Sigrid Rausing Trust	1,131	35,000	36,131	-
Barrow Cadbury Trust	-	9,500	9,500	-
Trust for London	-	15,000	14,721	279
	<u>6,842</u>	<u>79,500</u>	<u>69,397</u>	<u>16,945</u>

5. Remuneration of Trustees

The trustees received no remuneration in the year.

6. Reserves Policy

The trustees regularly review the charity's reserves. A detailed commentary is included in the Annual Report.