

# UK Lesbian & Gay

Immigration Group

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

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## **CHAIR'S REPORT**



This my third report as Chair of Trustees at UKLGIG. My last report was given in September 2014. At that time we had just welcomed our newly appointed Executive Director, Paul Dillane. It has proved a very busy year since then and I am pleased to be able to report not only a consolidation of UKLGIG's position as the primary and leading advocate for LGBTI refugees but indeed significant progress in that work. Of course Paul will make his own report to the Annual General Meeting, as will Bojana Asanovic. our Treasurer and I will not seek to duplicate here the contents of their reports. Nonetheless it does need to be highlighted that Paul has achieved a huge amount in his first year and as Chair of Trustees I am confident in saying that under Paul's stewardship UKLGIG will continue to make significant progress in its work. Bojana will be able to highlight the significant funding successes which are helping not only to stabilise UKLGIG's position but open up possibilities for expanding our work in the coming years. The hiatus that we faced in 2013/14 following the departure of our former Executive Director, Erin Power, although not constituting a grave threat, did nonetheless did present a significant challenge. Paul has grasped that challenge

firmly and has delivered in securing a number of renewed or additional streams of funding.

At the same time, Paul and the Trustees, supported by the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, are in the process of updating UKLGIG's strategic plan for our work in the next three years. UKLGIG finds itself in the situation of having to rise to challenges which in are in no small part the consequences of our own success. The numbers of refugees and asylum seekers who are accessing UKLGIG's services have steeply increased over the last year. Our monthly asylum meetings now see regularly more than 100 people attending each month. Significant numbers of those attendees go on to claim asylum successfully with the help of both UKLGIG and lawyers who the refugees are able to access. As UKLGIG moves forward we need to ensure that our services are designed to cater to increased demand and will need to be adapted accordingly. It is of particular importance therefore that the capacity of the organisation is built and expanded upon. The stabilisation and growth of UKLGIG's funding streams are of course vital to that process of capacity building.

It is also of particular note that UKLGIG's network is stronger than ever. We work with a number of partners both here in the UK and internationally and it is fair to say that UKLGIG adopt a leadership role on the issue of asylum and refugee protection for LGBTI applicants. Paul has driven that work forward and it is reflected in a number of ways which his report will amplify.

2014/15 saw the publication of the report of the former Chief Inspector John Vine which looked at Home Office processes in the determination of LGBTI asylum claims. The report was met with unprecedented media attention and UKLGIG's rose to the challenge of engaging with that media interest. We also engaged positively and productively with the Home Office on necessary further reform and improvements of their casework on LGBTI claims.

Whilst we work with the Home Office to press for improvements, of course UKLGIG maintains a principal stance in defence of those refugees and asylum seekers who access our support. In particular, we have

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stood firm in pressing for the complete cessation of the use of detention, particularly under the detained fast track, of LGBTI asylum seekers. Most recently we have seen the extremely welcome suspension of the use of the detained fast track asylum appeals process following a successful challenge in the Courts by solicitors with whom we enjoy a close relationship.

We continue to face the challenges posed by the erosion in legal aid representation in the immigration and asylum sector and we witness continued contraction in the numbers of legal representatives who are able to take on this work. It is all the more important that UKLGIG builds its own capacity, not because we can step into the shoes of those representatives, but rather so that we can support asylum seekers and refugees themselves in ways that can enable them to protect and improve their position in the asylum determination system.

I would like to turn to others who work within UKLGIG both those who we have said farewell to in the last year and those that we have welcomed. First of all I wish to pay tribute to the work of Jill Power, our long term leading volunteer, who after many years of work with UKLGIG has decided to move on. Jill is continuing to devote her considerable energies to the work of promoting the interests of LGBTI refugees and migrants and I know that she will continue to be a strong ally for UKLGIG in its work. Her contribution to UKLGIG has been immense. She pioneered a number of different projects which have provided an enormous amount of support to LGBTI refugees and asylum seekers, for example, helping to establish both the women's and men's groups which provide holistic peer support. She established partnerships with creative and arts organisations; including the Young Vic, which led to the establishment of a UKLGIG theatre group, a choir and participation in a number of projects. Jill recognised that the work that we do is not simply about helping a person claim asylum. It is about empowering those whom we work with before they claim asylum, during that process and thereafter. She has proved able to work with some of the most vulnerable individuals and provide unflinching support throughout that process. She will be sorely missed although of course we know she will continue to be part of the UKLGIG family.

I would also like to pay tribute in particular to the work that our asylum support worker, Moud Goba has been undertaking. Since joining UKLGIG, Moud has thrived in her role and most recently was recognised when she was awarded an "Attitude Pride Award" from Attitude magazine for her work at UKLGIG supporting LGBTI asylum seekers and refugees. I am so delighted that Moud's contribution has been recognised in this way. Well done Moud!

The other invaluable member of our team is our part time administrator Joe Swift.
Following securing further funding we have been able to pay Joe for part time work as an administrator and we hope very much to be able to expand his role within the organisation. Joe was indispensable during the period when we were without an executive director and he has been able to provide vital support as Paul has settled into his job as executive director. Joe's support for UKLGIG is unstinting and he is an invaluable member of our team.

My thanks of course to all the Trustees and in particular Jackie Peirce, our stalwart Secretary. As Chair of Trustees I should welcome to the Board two new trustees and say farewell to two long serving trustees. In 2014 we said goodbye to Ros Goldfarb and Shirleyann Coppin. Ros was a trustee at UKLGIG for a number of years and brought to the Board not only considerable commitment but also years of legal expertise. She also gave additional time in volunteering in the office on a frequent basis. Shirleyann was herself previously supported by the organisation and she would not mind me highlighting how she took that experience and applied it to her time as a trustee. Shirlevann is much missed although as someone who works at Wesley Gryk LLP, is no stranger to the organisation.

We have been able to welcome two new trustees. Firstly: Alan Briddock, a barrister and who is himself now established in private practice working at a leading commercial law firm, Blake Morgan LLP. He brings significant expertise not only in the world of LGBTI immigration and asylum law but also as regards the different sectors of the law profession itself. He has also brought with him huge amounts of humour and energy which

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has stimulated us to be active as trustees not only in attending regular meetings but in getting out and participating in sponsored events and social fundraisers. In particular, he volunteered one of his team. Cathy Jaquiss. who more or less single handedly in conjunction with the wonderful Timberlina. recently organised a successful fundraiser at the Royal Vauxhall Tavern's Big Bingo night. We are also joined by Eddie Bruce-Jones, a qualified lawyer and lecturer in law at Birkbeck. Eddie specialises in migration law and has a long standing interest in LGBTI claims. He is on the Board of the Institute of Race Relations and Justice for Gay Africans and was until recently a member of ORAM's Board (ORAM being UKLGIG's USA sister organisation). As a leading academic and activist his insight and expertise is proving invaluable. Both Alan and Eddie were elected at the last AGM.

Finally I'd like to thank our other volunteers, particularly: Ian, Brian, Adam, Melanie, Rani, and of course all the organisations who are investing in our work via funding grants

including Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, Sigrid Rausing Trust, Barrow Cadbury Trust, Trust for London and Oak Foundation.

By way of conclusion, as significant as the progress is that we see in the world of LGBTI asylum, there is still considerable work to be done. The erosion of legal aid is ongoing and so the provision of legal services on a publicly funded basis is deteriorating not improving. This in itself will continue to present huge challenges for UKLGIG as increasing numbers of LGBTI asylum seekers approach us for support. I am confident that UKLGIG is taking the steps to ensure that we rise to that challenge both in terms of accessing and expanding streams of funding, building our capacity and innovating in the work that we do. Here is to another successful year.

Tim Barnden UKLGIG Chair July 2015

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**



In the months that have elapsed since our last AGM in September 2014, the treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex asylum seekers has attracted unprecedented attention. UKLGIG has been at the forefront of providing much-needed support to this marginalised group of people and advocating for their rights. During the course of the report I will reflect on the work of the team in recent months and describe some of our successes.

2015 provides an opportunity to reflect on progress and challenges in protecting LGBTI people fleeing persecution. In 2010, UKLGIG exposed that 98-99% of gay and lesbian asylum seekers had been refused asylum in the UK and told to go back, often to violently homophobic countries like Iran and Uganda, and be 'discreet'. Unknown numbers were forcibly removed from the UK and effectively consigned to a life 'in the closet'. Prior to the 2010 election, the Conservative Party rejected this approach and promised to 'change the rules so that gay people fleeing persecution are granted asylum.' On coming into office with the Liberal Democrats, the Coalition Agreement pledged:

"We will stop the deportation of asylum seekers who have had to leave particular countries because their sexual orientation or gender identification puts them at proven risk of imprisonment, torture or execution."

This was swiftly followed by the Supreme Court's landmark judgment in HJ (Iran) and HT (Cameroon) v. Secretary of State for the Home Department, [2010] UKSC 31, which found that compelling a person to suppress or deny their sexuality is a denial of their fundamental rights.

Despite important legal progress, the standard of asylum decision-making has been notoriously poor in recent years and LGBTI people continue to face significant obstacles in navigating the complex and frequently unsympathetic asylum system. Last year, the Home Secretary, Theresa May, ordered an investigation into the Home Office's handling of lesbian, gay and bisexual asylum applicants. The then Independent Chief Inspector for Borders and Immigration, John Vine CBE QPM, 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.

His subsequent report found a fifth of asylum interviews contained stereotyping and a tenth contained inappropriate questions likely to elicit a sexual response. UKLGIG has engaged with the Home Office on a regular basis since the publication of this report with a view to identifying solutions to improve the treatment of LGBTI asylum seekers and ensure the Home Office institutes genuine reform.

In February, the Home Office published a new Asylum Policy Instruction on sexuality claims. UKLGIG welcomes the same as a positive framework in which claims can be determined but it represents only the first step in tackling long-standing poor standards of decisionmaking. The Home Secretary accepts that the asylum system is broken and has repeatedly said that LGBT asylum seekers must be treated with "dignity and respect". The new Home Office guidance on sexuality claims is not a panacea: there is a pressing need to equip civil servants with the comprehensive skills they require to sensitively and appropriately determine these cases. The abusive practices identified have corrupted the asylum system for too long and need to stop, once and for all.

An area of particular concern is the standard of decision-making in the widely criticised and controversial Detained Fast Track asylum system. The Vine investigation identified a 28% appeal overturn rate in sexuality claims compared to a general appeal overturn rate of 11%. These statistics demonstrate civil servants frequently fail to reach the correct decision at first instance leading to increased costs to the taxpayer due to inefficient and ineffective decision-making, unnecessary appeals to the immigration courts and stress and anxiety of the part of applicants.

Furthermore, it is a grim irony of our detention system that LGBT people struggle to 'prove' their sexual or gender identity to the Home Office's satisfaction in a highly accelerated process whilst, as is frequently the case, simultaneously attempting to conceal the same from those with whom they are detained. Seeking asylum is not a crime, it is a right enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in domestic law, yet LGBT people fleeing persecution are increasingly incarcerated in brutal immigration detention centres where bullying, abuse, and harassment are rife.

UKLGIG visits immigration detention centres every week to provide vital support to LGBT asylum seekers detained solely for asking for refugee protection. Thanks to our campaigning and advocacy in recent months, and collaborative investigations with Channel 4 News, Vice News and Buzz Feed, this issue has attracted widespread public attention. We particularly commend the bravery of UKLGIG clients and others in speaking out about these unacceptable abuses.

Over the last 20 years the scale of immigration detention has expanded rapidly and now the UK detains more migrants than any country in Europe apart from Greece, which is in the process of releasing many of those it detains. The UK is alone in detaining migrants indefinitely. In France the maximum period is 45 days.

In March 2015, a cross-party group of MPs and Peers demanded a fundamental change in the way that immigration detention is used and called for a 28 day time limit. The Detention Inquiry's damning findings found immigration

detention is used 'disproportionately and inappropriately'. The Inquiry argued:

'The system is hugely costly to the tax-payer and seriously detrimental to the individuals we detain in terms of their mental and physical well-being.'

Relying on evidence from UKLGIG, the Detention Inquiry also criticised the conditions for LGBT people who experience bullying, harassment and abuse in immigration detention centres. As Johnson, a former client from Jamaica who now has refugee status, described:

"The whole place is vile, it is homophobic, one of the guards called me a poof and then there were the Jamaicans who kept hurling some abuse at some Iranian guys—calling them batty men. I was terrified thinking: "Oh my God, I hope they don't know I am one of them.""

The Home Secretary, Theresa May, invited the former Prisons and Probation Ombudsman, Stephen Shaw, to investigate whether 'improvements can be made to safeguard the health and wellbeing of detainees'. UKLGIG has submitted evidence to the Shaw Review and raised serious concerns about the experiences of LGBT people in immigration detention with the Immigration Minister, James Brokenshire MP, the Home Office Permanent Secretary, Mark Sedwill, the Director-General of UK Visas and Immigration, Sarah Rapson and other senior civil servants.

Though the treatment of LGBTI asylum seekers has attracted unprecedented attention in recent months, it is evident there is much work to do to ensure genuine reform is on the agenda. Given the persecution LGBTI people suffer around the world, these cases are frequently matters of life and death. Five years ago, the Conservative Party promised to protect LGBT asylum seekers fleeing persecution. Now it is time to deliver.

The profile of the organisation has increased rapidly in recent months and UKLGIG has attracted widespread media coverage at home and abroad. Furthermore, UKLGIG have been called upon to train refugee and LGBTI activists in Mexico, Latvia, Hungary and Germany in recent months. Furthermore, we

have developed partnerships with international human rights and LGBTI organisations, including Amnesty International and Human Dignity Trust, and look forward to working with these organisations to continue to advcocate for the needs of LGBTI asylum seekers and refugees as well as mobilising those in the diaspora so that their essential views and voices feature in these critical debates and activities.

Demand for UKLGIG's services continues to grow. Our Asylum Seeker Support Worker, Moud Goba, provides a range of specialist services to our clients 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, including in immigration detention, and by organising vital opportunities for social interaction.

In recognition for her contribution to supporting LGBT asylum seekers, Moud was recently awarded a prestigious Pride Award by Attitude Magazine. I am delighted that not only is Moud's vital work being recognised but that the wider LGBTI community is giving their support and solidarity to LGBTI asylum seekers who need our support.

Demand for our monthly asylum legal meetings is particularly noteworthy with between 100-120 people attending each session to access free legal advice from volunteer solicitors and barristers. I wish to pay particular thanks to the lawyers who volunteer their time and expertise so readily at these sessions.

In recent months, UKLGIG staff and trustees have undertaken a rigorous strategic review and business planning process to develop our direction, activities and priorities for the next three years. This process has been valuable, as we have sought to stabilise our financial position and secure the resources we require to sustain our work and grow.

I am pleased to report that existing funders such as the Sigrid Rausing Trust and Barrow Cadbury Trust have renewed their funding to UKLGIG, for three and two years respectively. Furthermore, we have received grants from Trust for London, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and Oak Foundation.

I am delighted that we have recently secured a three-year grant from the Tudor Trust which will permit us to appoint a second support worker. This is much needed and will allow UKLGIG to dramatically increase the support we provide to LGBTI asylum seekers including in immigration detention and in parts of the country where support services are currently not available.

The UKLGIG Team continues to thrive and I wish to pay tribute to Moud Goba, Asylum Seeker Support Worker, and Joe Swift, who we have appointed as a part time Administrator. Our many volunteers — Ian, Brian, Rani, Adam and Melanie — provide us with valuable support and I thank them for the contribution they make to the work of the work of the organisation.

Earlier this year, our long-serving volunteer Asylum Seeker Support Coordinator, Jill Power, left UKLGIG to pursue new challenges. We are grateful to the contribution Jill made to the organisation, and to supporting hundreds of asylum seekers over the years, and we wish her all the best for the future.

Finally, I wish to take the opportunity to thank our trustees – particularly Tim Barnden, Jackie Peirce and Bojana Asanovic, respectively UKLGIG's Chair, Secretary and Treasurer – who contribute so much to UKLGIG entirely voluntarily.

Since our last annual report, 57 UKLGIG clients have been granted refugee status in the UK; men and women from countries including Cameroon, Uganda, Pakistan and Nigeria. Each grant of refugee status is a chance for a client to live their lives freely, openly and, most importantly, safely.

It has been an extremely busy but rewarding and productive period for the team and I have no doubt UKLGIG will go from strength to strength in the months to come.

Paul Dillane Executive Director July 2015

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

In 2014 the group had an income of just over £78,667 which represents a decrease of some 22% if compared with the income of the previous year. The income is similar to that in 2012 but substantially higher than in 2011.

This is due to the fact that funding from Esmee Fairbairn Foundation had come to an end and that we had a hiatus in fundraising activity during the period without an Executive Director. The income from funders was largely maintained. Funding from Trust for London for the Asylum Seeker Support Worker post obtained in 2013 was maintained as well as funding from Sigrid Rausing and Barrow Cadbury. The Oak Foundation made a discretionary fund grant in 2014. The relationship with Esmee Fairbairn Foundation is being maintained and they funded a strategic review and business plan development. This process - a rigorous review of work, mechanisms and strategy - started after the last AGM and it was extremely valuable in that it fed into our fundraising activities and strategy in a major way.

The support of UKLGIG members is, as always, an important element of our income and in 2014 represents 9% of our incoming resources. Solicitor affiliations income was very modest and substantially lower than the previous year however in the course of the year new mechanisms were put into place to address collections which have already begun to pay dividends. Our own fundraising revenue increased by 55%.

Expenditure in 2013 was £72,831, which is a reduction of some 16% 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 seven months of the year as well as less expenditure on some standard outgoings. The largest proportion of expenditure remained salaries (58%) and rent amounted to 26% of expenses.

Cash reserves for the year were £26,386, all of which are restricted funds while prepayments (rent) are at £8,722. This amount should be seen in the context of the underspend on the

grant from Esmee Fairbairn Foundation which is being utilised also in 2015.

UKLGIG would like to express its gratitude to The Sigrid Rausing Trust, Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, Barrow Cadbury Trust, Trust for London and Oak Foundation for their continued support for our core work, enabling us to practically support LGBTI asylum seekers and promote their fair treatment.

We must also thank our members. UKLIGIG's membership has as always shown commitment and loyalty. We are very lucky to have volunteers who run the asylum and partnership meetings as well as step in when needed and make many aspects of our work possible. We are very grateful indeed also to all our individual donors.

With our new Executive Director, Paul Dillane, in post, major funding applications have being completed by him during the course of 2014 and further substantial funding was secured from Barrow Cadbury Trust (20,000 per year for 2 years) and Sigrid Rausing (35,000 per year over 3 years). In 2014 grants were approved by Law Society (£5,000) and Wakefield and Tetley (5,000). Most recently an application commenced in 2014 resulted in substantial funding - Tudor Trust granted £25,000 towards the salary of a second support worker and £10,000 core costs per year over 3 years. We are very grateful for the excellent work done by Paul.

We have been extremely fortunate to continue to have the support of Joe Swift, our volunteer Administrator who became a paid staff member in 2015. Accounts, bookkeeping and the smooth running of UKLGIG depend on him and we are very grateful.

The challenging period since the end of 2013 continued in 2014 because of the absence of an Executive Director. The brilliant and generous UKLGIG staff filled many aspects of this role and enabled us to continue our work. We are very grateful to Joe, Jill Power, our longstanding volunteer Asylum Support Coordinator, and Moud Goba, our Asylum Seeker Support Worker. Is with regret that we report that Jill had resigned in 2015 after many years of work for UKLGIG. She was a great asset to the organisation and is sorely missed.

As Treasurer, I am proud to be able to say that UKLGIG continues its work in 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 as well as trustees.

Bojana Asanovic UKLGIG Treasurer July 2015

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# **UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group Registered Charity Number: 1101400**

<u>Financial Statements</u> <u>for the year ended 31st December 2014</u>

# UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group Legal and Administrative Structure

## **Executive Committee**

Tim Barnden, Chair
Bojana Asanovic, Treasurer
Jackie Peirce, Secretary
Ros Goldfarb
Sami (Abderrahmane) Belaid
Shirleyann Coppin-Wade
Steven Onasanya
David Chirico (co-opted 11 November 2014)
Allan Briddock (elected 27 September 2014)
Eddie Bruce-Jones (elected 27 September 2014)

# **Registered Address**

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#### **Bankers**

National Westminster Bank Plc Victoria Branch PO Box 1357 169 Victoria Street London SW1E 5BT

# Independent Examiner

Rick Cole 63 Crystal Palace Road London SE22 9EX

# UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2014

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# Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group for the Year Ended 31st December 2014

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2014 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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# UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2014

|                            | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2014        | 2013        |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
|                            | Funds        | Funds      | Total Funds | Total Funds |
|                            | £            | £          | £           | 4           |
| OPENING BALANCES           | 3,748        | 16,945     | 20,693      | 6,920       |
| Add: Receipts              |              |            |             |             |
| Membership                 | 7,131        |            | 7,131       | 7.00        |
| Donations                  | 1,759        |            |             | 7,665       |
| Solicitors' Affiliation    | 710          | - 1        | 1,759       | 6,219       |
| Meeting collections        | 445          |            | 710         | 2,550       |
| Training                   | 658          |            | 445         | 375         |
| Fundraising                | 3,395        |            | 658         | 74          |
| Gift Aid                   | 1,819        |            | 3,395       | 1,854       |
| Interest                   | 1,019        | -          | 1,819       | 1,729       |
| The Sigrid Rausing Trust   |              | 35.000     | -           | 6           |
| Esmée Fairbairn Foundation |              | 35,000     | 35,000      | 35,000      |
| Barrow Cadbury Trust       |              | r 750      |             | 20,000      |
| Oak Philanthropy UK Ltd    |              | 5,750      | 5,750       | 9,500       |
| Trust for London           | -            | 6,875      | 6,875       |             |
| Other                      | 120          | 15,000     | 15,000      | 15,000      |
| Total Receipts             | 125          | •          | 125         | 16          |
| Total Neceipts             | 16,042       | 62,625     | 78,667      | 99,984      |
| Salaries and ENIC          |              | 42,686     | 42,686      | 58,029      |
| Internet Service Provider  | -            | 19,075     | 19,075      | 18,934      |
| Telephone                  | -            | 158        | 158         | 194         |
| Meetings                   | 520          | 1,641      | 1,641       | 1452        |
| Affiliations               | 639          | 6          | 645         | 372         |
| Postage                    | -            | 150        | 150         | 315         |
| Stationery                 | -            | 431        | 431         | 213         |
| Insurance                  | -            | 659        | 659         | 625         |
|                            | -            | 356        | 356         | 354         |
| Volunteers                 | -            | 1,149      | 1,149       | 1,390       |
| Publicity                  |              | 92         | 92          | 1,457       |
| Audit fees                 | -            | 517        | 517         | 680         |
| Payroll fees               | 222          | -          | 222         |             |
| Fundraising expenses       | 434          | -          | 434         | 166         |
| Equipment                  | •            | 204        | 204         |             |
| Training expenses          | 715          | -          | 715         |             |
| Travel to detention        | •            | 445        | 445         | 200         |
| Conference fees            | 2,212        | -          | 2,212       | 597         |
| Asylum seeker travel       | -            | 85         | 85          | 1,113       |
| Other                      | 955          | -          | 955         | 120         |
| Total Payments:            | 5,177        | 67,654     | 72,831      | 86,211      |
| CLOSING BALANCES           | 14 612       | 14.044     |             |             |
|                            | 14,613       | 11,916     | 26,529      | 20,693      |

# **UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group**

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2014

|                           |   | Notes | 2014          | 2013       |
|---------------------------|---|-------|---------------|------------|
| Monetary Assets           |   |       | £             | £          |
| Cash at bank              |   |       | 26,386        | 20,332     |
| Cash in hand              |   |       | 144           | 361        |
| Prepayments               |   | 1     | 8722          | 8,818      |
|                           |   |       | <u>35,252</u> | 29,511     |
| Other Assets              |   |       |               |            |
| Tangible fixed assets     |   |       | -             |            |
| TOTAL ASSETS              |   |       | 35,252        | 29,511     |
| Less: Current liabilities |   |       |               |            |
| Creditors                 | 1 | 2     | 500           | 500        |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES         |   |       | 500           | <u>500</u> |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS          |   |       | 34,752        | 29,011     |
| Represented by Funds      |   |       |               |            |
| Restricted funds          |   | 3     | 11,916        | 16,945     |
| Unrestricted funds        |   |       | 22,836        | 12,066     |
| TOTAL FUNDS               |   |       | <u>34,752</u> | 29,011     |

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

T.C. BALM) EN CHAIL/
Trustee

GJULY 2015 Date

# UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2014

#### **Accounting Policies**

#### 1. A. Basis of Preparation

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

#### **B. Fund Accounting**

- 1. 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 these where the donor has imposed restrictions on the use of the funds which are legally binding.

#### C. Voluntary Income

- 1. All voluntary income is included upon receipt.
- 11. Grants receivable is credited to income immediately upon receipt.

#### D. Investment Income

1. Credit is taken for interest when the interest is received.

#### E. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

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

#### F. Taxation

 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.

# UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2014

# 1. Prepayments

|                         | 2014  | 2013  |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|
|                         | £     | £     |
| Security deposit (rent) | 3,995 | 3,995 |
| Rent prepaid            | 4,155 | 4,115 |
| Other prepayments       | 572   | 708   |
|                         | 8,722 | 8,818 |

# 2. Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

|                         | 2014<br>£ | 2013<br>£ |  |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| Independent examination | 500       | 500       |  |

#### 3. Restricted Funds

| Source  | Balance<br>1st Jan 2014<br>£           | Received<br>£                                       | Spent £  | Balance<br>31st Dec 2014<br>£             |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| Esmée Fairbairn Foundation Oak Philanthropy (UK Ltd) Sigrid Rausing Trust Barrow Cadbury Trust Trust for London | 16,666<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>279<br>16,945 | 6,875<br>35,000<br>5,750<br>15,000<br><u>62,625</u> | 9,500<br>6,875<br>35,000<br>1,000<br>15,279<br><u>67,654</u> | 7,166<br>-<br>-<br>4,750<br><u>11,916</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.