Leeds Asylum Seekers' Support Network LASS N

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & REVIEW OF THE YEAR Saturday 20th January 2024

All Hallow's Church, Burley, Leeds

11:15	Doors open
11:30	1. Welcome & apologies for absence
11:35	2. Minutes of AGM held 3 rd November 2022
11:40	3. Trustees Report and <u>Annual Review</u> – Nicolle Levine <i>Chair</i>
11:45	4. Treasurer's report and <u>Annual Accounts</u> – Sven Ekblom, <i>Treasurer</i>
11:50	5. Appointment of Independent Auditor
11:55	6a. Proposal to change LASSN from being a Charitable Company to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (and elect the proposed CIO Trustees)
12:00	6b. If LASSN remains a Charitable Company, Trustees Elections
12:05	7. AOB – Nicolle Levine, Vice Chair
12:10	AGM Ends/ Review of the year 2022 – 2023 begins
12:40	Food
13:35	Wan Abdullah presents Britain's Sanctuary Got Talents
14:30	Event ends



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Item 2 – Draft Minutes - LASSN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Monday 3rd November 2022

- 1. Welcome & Apologies for absence
- 2. Minutes of 2021 AGM Agreed, no matters arising.
- Presentation of Annual Review 2021-22 Nicolle Levine Chair
 There were no questions
- 4. <u>Presentation of Annual Accounts 2021-22</u> Sven Ekblom, *Treasurer* There were no questions
- Appointment of Independent Examiner
 It was agreed unanimously that West Yorkshire Accounting Service would continue in this role.
- 6. AGM ended at 20.00
- Item 3 Chair's Report & <u>Presentation of Annual Review 2022-23</u>

 Nicolle Levine Chair
- Item 4 Treasurer's Report & <u>Presentation of Annual Accounts 2022-23</u>
 Sven Ekblom, Treasurer
- Item 5 Proposal: Appoint <u>West Yorkshire Accounting Service</u> as Independent Auditor for the coming year

Vote YES to Appoint WYCAS, NO to oppose.

Item 6a - <u>Proposal to change LASSN from being a Charitable Company to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (and elect the proposed CIO Trustees)</u>

Vote YES for LASSN to become a CIO

Vote NO for LASSN to remain a Charitable company

(Item 6b Trustee Elections – if CIO not adopted)



Ceri Riddell

At eighteen, I moved to Leeds to study Sociology at University of Leeds. I had never stepped foot in Yorkshire before my first day at university, having lived in the Netherlands since I was 12 years old. But I loved Yorkshire so much that I have stayed here ever since!

During my time as a student, I volunteered as an English teacher with LASSN (from 2013 until 2017). I found the entire experience incredibly rewarding; being able to help the lady I was partnered with integrate and feel empowered was fantastic.

I am very excited to be a trustee for a charity I know does such fantastic work. I previously worked in Marketing roles for seven years. Recently, I pivoted into a role as a Business Intelligence Developer (a fancy title meaning someone who codes and looks at data) at Leeds Building Society. As a result, I feel I have Marketing, PR, IT skills and corporate ties that will benefit LASSN.

In my spare time, I love reading (I normally read about 52 books a year), going to the gym and hanging out with my miniature Jack Russell called Bernie.



Lisa Martin

I was elected as a City Councillor in Leeds in May 2021, and was appointed to be support executive member for employment and the economy in 2022. I am also a member of the Children's and Families Scrutiny Board, responsible for holding the Council to account for its services to children, including education and social work services. I have used this position to raise the issue of the impact of the changes brought in by latest Immigration Act on children in our city. I have also ensured that this issue is again on the Children and Families Scrutiny Board work programme for discussion 2024.

During my local government career as an officer I led a London Borough's welfare rights team, worked in Leeds' corporate policy team, led the team supporting the service improvement for our children's centres and then later led the data intelligence team that supported children's services to gain their "outstanding" Ofsted judgement.

I also worked as an advisor at Chapeltown Citizen's Advice and taught at the Swarthmore centre.

I believe that we should be supporting those who have suffered the traumas of being forced to leave their homes, families and cultures, with kindness as well as practical advice and help.

Item 7 – Any Other Business