

ASSIST Sheffield

Annual General Meeting

5 - 8pm, 10th July 2025
Committee Room, Victoria Hall

Present: ~60 people, including;

Staff: Anna Rudd, Kyle France, Sarah Orola, Phil Moore (minutes), Jake Clarke, Leah Lapautre, Samya Angudi, Ben Manovitch, Gaby Kay, Daisy Pound.

Trustees: Paul Harvey, Pious Nyandoro, Wendy Yap, Boucka Koffi, Clive Last, Eve Thibault, Linda Grant, May Lubienski, Lucy Mayblin, Peter Nduva, Peter Wood, Rosh Lal, Scot Bower, Anokhee Parikh.

Apologies:

Staff: Victor Mujakachi.

Trustees: Godfrey Chikaviro, Patrick Duce, Vicky Hill.

Welcome

Attendees arrived while music was played on the Oud by Farhan. Peter Nudva (Trustee) welcomed people to the AGM. ASSIST's Annual Review of the 2024/25 year, and [Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Accounts for the 2024/25](#) year were distributed to those in attendance on the tables.

Opening remarks - Anna Rudd, Director

Anna introduced the theme of Community Power to those in attendance and spoke to the work that ASSIST has been doing in a difficult political context.

Community Power against the Hostile Environment - Lucy Mayblin, Trustee

Lucy outlined in more detail the recent changes in Home Office activities, Labour immigration policy and the increasingly hostile rhetoric in the media.

[Solidarity in motion: our year at ASSIST](#) - Anna Rudd

Anna presented on key data and developments from the year.

Kyle France and Oliver Chamberlain spoke briefly to accommodation developments this year.

Acknowledging our volunteer teams - Leah Lapautre, Volunteer and Community Outreach Coordinator

Leah spoke to the work of each of ASSIST's volunteer teams

Barbara Last (Help Desk volunteer) spoke about her experiences as a volunteer.

Resourcing our work - Phil Moore, Operations Manager

Phil presented the [annual report and accounts for the 2024/25 Finance Year](#).

All trustees in attendance voted unanimously to accept the trustees' annual report and accounts for 2024/25.

Shared Meal and conversation

There was a break in proceedings where food was served by Open Social Kitchen.

Community Power Recipe Poem - Sarah Orola, Client Support Manager

Sarah led those in attendance in an exercise of reflection on the ingredients and key elements of Community Power which generated the content for a poem.

Client Consultation Group

The members of the Client Consultation Group updated us on what they had been discussing this year, as well as fun facts about their likes and interests.

The year to come - Paul Harvey and Pious Nyandoro, Co-Chairs

Paul and Pious spoke about what lies ahead for ASSIST

Community Power in practice - Melinda Momartinez, City of Sanctuary Sheffield

Melinda spoke about recent campaigns, led by people with lived experience, that have been a demonstration of creative responses to real challenges faced by those seeking sanctuary, including Lift the Ban and the campaign for free bus passes.

Closing comments - Anna Rudd

Anna thanked everyone for attending.