

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

England & Wales · Charity number 1026699

Details

Other names IARF

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

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Activities

Objects: 1.TO RELIEVE IN CASE OF NEED PEOPLE IN COUNTRIES WHERE FREEDOM OF RELIGION IS PROHIBITED OR SEVERELY CURTAILED.2.TO ADVANCE RELIGION.3.TO PROMOTE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT CONCERNING RELIGION.4.TO RELIEVE POVERTY.

Activities: Relieve people in need, in countries with prohibited/severely curtailed religious freedom.Advance religion. Promote education for public benefit about religion.Cooperate with other groups with similar purposes & exchange information/advice.Organise, produce, promote, &present conferences, public meetings, films, broadcasts, tutorials, seminars, courses & workshops on Religious Freedom.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bangladesh
- Canada
- Germany
- India
- Israel
- Japan
- Kenya
- Netherlands
- Northern Ireland
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Romania
- Sri Lanka
- Switzerland
- United States
- City Of Westminster

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£20,494	£17,964	-	-
2023-12-31	£19,752	£24,845	-	-
2022-12-31	£14,052	£15,786	-	-
2021-12-31	£20,412	£25,009	-	-
2020-12-31	£8,742	£17,028	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aayush Soni		2023-09-06
Peter le Poole		2023-09-06
Robert Ince		2014-08-26

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Report of the Trustees

The Trustees present their report for the year to 31 December 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Office:

Essex Hall, 1-6, Essex Street, London, WC2R 3HY

Contact details

The Charity can be contacted through its Executive Secretary, Luke Liniewicz, at hq@iarf.net or +31641744951.

Trustees

The following persons served as Trustees throughout the year to 31 December 2024:

- Prof. George Williams, a resident of the USA, who also served as the President,
- Mr. Peter le Poole, a resident of the Netherlands, who also served as the Treasurer,
- Mr. Aayush Soni, a resident of India, who also served as the Vice-President,
- Mr. Robert Ince, a resident of England.

The Trustees have no beneficial interests in the Charity.

Constitution

International Association for Religious Freedom is a Charity Incorporated Organisation in England & Wales. The Association was founded in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, 25 May 1900.

The Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is governed by its Constitution, where the Trustees play a pivotal role in its stewardship, bolstered by the guidance of the International Council. Within the Council, the President, Vice President, and Treasurer, who are also Trustees, collaborate with eight other dedicated members. These members bring a wealth of diverse representations from various pivotal regions and affiliations such as North America, Europe and the Middle East, South Asia, East Asia, the RFYN (IARF's youth network), and the IARLW (International Association of Liberal Religious Women, IARF's sister

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organisation). Additionally, a member elected by the General Meeting, representing any region, is also included in the Council.

Organisation

Following the establishment of new leadership after the 2023 World Congress, the focus in 2024 shifted to strengthening IARF's organisational framework to support its renewed strategy. A key priority was to move from informal customs to clear, documented procedures that ensure transparency and effective governance.

A significant achievement was the development of a comprehensive Governance Policy. This foundational document formally clarifies the distinct roles and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees and the International Council. It defines the Council's vital advisory function in representing the membership, while affirming the Trustees' ultimate legal and financial responsibility under UK charity law. This policy provides a stable and transparent framework for decision-making and collaboration between the IARF's core leadership bodies.

In line with our strategy to increase member participation, 2024 saw the active launch of several volunteer-led working groups. These groups are now the primary vehicles for implementing our mission. A notable example is the revitalised International Engagement Working Group, which, under new volunteer leadership, has successfully expanded our advocacy efforts mainly in Europe.

Achievements and Performance

In 2024, the International Association for Religious Freedom continued to build on its strategy to serve as the global home for liberal religion. Our work was guided by the ongoing collaborative refinement of our Vision and Identity statement, a foundational document that clarifies our mission across our core activities: education, advocacy, and community celebration.

Developing Our Educational Offering: The Free Religion Institute

The establishment of the Free Religion Institute, our online platform for learning and dialogue, was a central focus. The technical infrastructure was finalised with the implementation of a new e-learning system, and the first courses, focusing on Free Religion

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in the UK and Japan, were launched. Feedback from these initial sessions has provided valuable lessons for future course promotion and delivery.

To ensure the Institute's long-term growth, we have actively pursued new funding. Detailed grant applications were submitted to one member group and a foundation in order to fund the Institute's development over the next three years. This effort is designed to secure the resources needed to expand our curriculum and recruit distinguished academics and partners, ensuring a high standard of scholarship.

Expanding International Engagement and Advocacy

Our international advocacy efforts grew in scope and impact. The revitalised International Engagement Working Group has successfully expanded our presence in Europe by re-engaging with the Council of Europe's Committee for Interreligious & Interconvictional Dialogue (IRIC-D). A successful joint webinar in November strengthened this relationship, leading to the Board of Trustees approving funding for a trial membership with the committee. This complements our ongoing work with UN-affiliated platforms like the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CoNGO), the NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB), and the NGO Human Rights Committee in Geneva.

Our focus has also expanded to include supporting indigenous religions, with initial steps taken to explore engagement with communities in the Guianas.

Strengthening the IARF Community and Building a Sustainable Future

Fostering a connected and resilient global community remains a core priority. We have initiated a comprehensive review of our membership policies to better serve our groups and strengthen our network. We continue to process new applications, including from the North American Unitarian Association (NAUA), and explore collaborations on UN engagement and youth activities.

Our youth network, RFYN, has broadened its international connections, with its Indian leadership undertaking a successful visit to Europe to meet with partners. Grassroots activities remain vibrant, demonstrated by a youth meet in Courtalam, Tamil Nadu, organised by our India Chapter, which brought together over 60 young adults for interreligious dialogue. These activities are supported by our Community Platform on IARF.net, which serves as a vital tool for collaboration among our global membership.

Recognising our over-reliance on membership income, in late 2024 we began developing a comprehensive fundraising strategy to diversify our funding sources. This includes actively

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seeking support from foundations, corporations, and individuals through grants and donations. This strategic financial planning, alongside repeat corporate donations, aims to secure the resources necessary to support our staff, expand our programmes, and ensure a sustainable future for the organisation.

Financial Review

The financial performance of the International Association for Religious Freedom in 2024 reflects our continued commitment to fiscal responsibility and strategic growth.

Income and Expenditure

For 2024, IARF's total income amounted to £20,494, which is consistent with the £20,939 received in 2023. This stability was achieved through a significant increase in membership contributions, which rose to £13,026 from £10,387 in the previous year. We also saw continued good performance from our investments, which generated £6,061 in income. The absence of a World Congress in 2024, which had generated a positive balance in the prior year, explains the slight decrease in overall income.

Total expenditure for the year was £17,964, a significant decrease from £26,029 in 2023. This reduction is primarily due to the cyclical nature of our major expenses, such as the quadrennial Greeley Award and congress-related expenses, which were not incurred this year. Employment costs, at £17,307, remained our largest expense. This expenditure is crucial to the organisation's operations, enabling us to perform many tasks in-house, such as maintaining our website infrastructure, which enhances our ability to serve our members cost-effectively.

The year concluded with an operating surplus of £2,530, a notable improvement from the operating deficit of £5,090 in 2023. From this surplus an amount of £2,265 was set aside as a provision for the Greeley Award 2027.

Investments and Assets

Our strategic decision to hold our assets in an investment fund focusing on sustainability continues to align with our values and yield positive financial results. Our total investments at the end of 2024 stood at £288,740, an increase from £267,754 at the end of 2023. The organisation's total assets, including cash at bank and investments, amounted to £300,939 at the end of 2024, up from £277,423 in the previous year.

Governance and Future Planning

In our commitment to enhanced financial oversight, the audit committee established by the

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Trustees continues to review the organisation's finances, accounting, and reporting practices. This ensures greater transparency and efficiency in our financial operations. Looking ahead, we will continue our plans to increase fundraising efforts by boosting income from membership dues as well as private and corporate donations.

Reserves Policy

The current level of reserves remains sufficient for our present level of activities and provides a solid foundation for our planned initiatives. The reserves are primarily held in an investment fund, reflecting our global nature and providing a hedge against currency fluctuations.

In conclusion, our financial position strengthened in 2024. The achievement of an operating surplus, combined with strong investment performance and increased assets, positions us well for the future. As we move forward, we remain committed to prudent financial management while investing in initiatives that advance our mission of promoting free and liberal religion worldwide.

Assessment of Risks

The Trustees reviewed the risks affecting the organisation and have taken steps to address them, particularly in the areas of financial sustainability and inter-group conflicts. To enhance financial stability, efforts have focused on increasing revenue from membership dues and attracting more donations. Potential points of contention between member groups have been identified and are being monitored to mitigate conflicts.

Statement Of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law.

The trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
5. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue in operation.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with all regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Robert Ince

7 August 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership fees	13,026	-	-	13,026	10,387
Donations	1,583	-	-	1,583	1,523
Investment income (dividends)	6,061	-	-	6,061	5,892
Exchange Rate Gain/Loss	- 176	-	-	- 176	- 106
Positive Congress Balance	-	-	-	-	2,056
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,494	-	-	20,494	19,751
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of investment shares	-	-	-	-	-
Loans taken	-	-	-	-	1,188
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,188
Total receipts	20,494	-	-	20,494	20,939

A3 Payments

Salary and tax for one employee	17,307	-	-	17,307	15,641
Free Religion Institute	136	-	-	136	-
Bank charges	43	-	-	43	41
Tel/Computer	187	-	-	187	183

Print/post	-	-	-	-	-
Governance	291	-	-	291	532
Award	-	-	-	-	4,086
Currency Conversion	-	-	-	-	-
Congress Travel and Accommodation	-	-	-	-	4,362
Sub total	17,964	-	-	17,964	24,845
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Repayment of loans		-	-	-	1,184
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,184
Total payments	17,964	-	-	17,964	26,029
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,530	-	-	2,530	- 5,090
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,669	-	-	9,669	14,759
Cash funds this year end	12,199	-	-	12,199	9,669

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Held in GBP, EUR, USD and JPY accounts	12,199	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	12,199	-	-
		OK	OK	OK

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			
Details			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			
Details			
Newton Sustainable Growth and Income Fund for Charities (at BNY Mellon)	Unrestricted	-	236,247
Newton Sustainable Growth and Income Fund for Charities (at BNY Mellon)	Greeley Fund	-	52,493
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

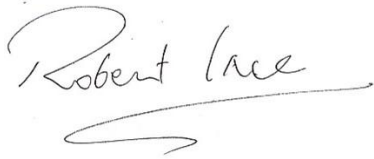
	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Details			
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Provision Greeley Award	Greeley Fund	2,265	2027
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Robert Ince, Trustee	

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Trustees

These persons served as Trustees between 1 January 2023 and 6 September 2023:

1. Rev. Yoshinobu Miyake, a resident of Japan, who also served as the Treasurer,
2. Ms. Janhvi Gupte, a resident of India, who also served as the Vice-President,
3. Mr. Robert Ince, a resident of England, who also served as the President.

On 6 September 2023 the Trustees appointed three new Trustees, and two Trustees resigned. From 6 September to the end of the year the Board of Trustees comprised:

1. Prof. George Williams, a resident of the USA, who also served as the President,
2. Mr. Peter le Poole, a resident of the Netherlands, who also served as the Treasurer,
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Organisation

At the 2023 World Congress in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, elections were held for the new Advisory Council (also called the International Council). The proposed slate of candidates was largely accepted, demonstrating the membership's confidence in the nominated individuals and their commitment to our core values of religious freedom and liberal thought. Due to procedural issues, the Trustees made the decision to hold a separate election for South Asian representatives later in the year, ensuring fair representation from all regions and upholding our principles of inclusivity.

Following the elections, the Trustees appointed the President, Vice-President and Treasurer from among the newly elected Council members, establishing a strong leadership team dedicated to advancing IARF's mission of promoting free and liberal religion worldwide. After the Congress, three Trustees resigned, reflecting a natural transition in our governance structure. Mr. Robert Ince remained as a Trustee due to his UK residency, in accordance with our constitutional requirements for British representation among the Trustees.

These changes represent a smooth transition of leadership and governance for the organisation. The process ensured continuity in our operations while bringing in fresh perspectives and ideas, positioning IARF to effectively address the challenges and opportunities ahead in promoting religious freedom, liberal religious thought, and interfaith dialogue on a global scale.

Achievements and Performance

The highlight of 2023 was undoubtedly our 66th World Congress held in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. This event was a resounding success, attracting over 200 participants from around the globe and marking a significant milestone as our first hybrid congress.

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Centred on the theme "Faith in Reconciliation," the Congress resulted in renewed enthusiasm and commitment among our membership. It provided a vibrant platform for interfaith dialogue, learning, and collaboration, reinforcing our unique position as the organisation that brings together diverse free and liberal religious voices from across the world.

The innovative hybrid format, accessible both online and in-venue, allowed for unprecedented participation and engagement, breaking down geographical barriers and setting a new standard for inclusivity in our events. This approach aligns perfectly with our commitment to fostering a global community of free and liberal religious thought.

We supported human rights education programmes in South Asia organised by our youth organisation, the RFYN, with an award of 5000 USD (our quadrennial Greeley Award).

Building on the success of the Congress, we plan to continue to engage our members through the IARF Dialogues, a series of online meetings featuring guest speakers and fostering meaningful conversations. These dialogues have proven to be an effective way to maintain engagement and promote ongoing learning and discussion among our members.

A significant technological advancement this year was the development of our community platform on IARF.net. This platform is designed to foster stronger connections, promote grassroots activities, and provide our volunteers with efficient teamwork tools. It allows members to connect with others worldwide, submit content for the website, join social and work groups, share thoughts and media, and announce and participate in events. This initiative represents a major step forward in our efforts to build a more connected and collaborative IARF community.

Our representatives to the United Nations in Geneva and New York monitored religious freedom concerns by following the work of the Special Rapporteur and other UN bodies and contributing to the work of the NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion and Belief. They have also represented liberal religious beliefs, for example by advocating for gender equality in religious contexts within the framework of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Looking to the future, we are exploring the creation of a podcast and a series of interviews to further expand our reach and engage with a wider audience on topics related to free and liberal religion.

The new Trustees and International Council are developing an ambitious strategy to further our mission as the global home for free and liberal religion. A key initiative is the creation of

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several working groups, designed to involve more volunteers from our member organisations. These groups will focus on critical areas such as refining our goals and mission, enhancing our internship program, improving our publications and communications, and strengthening our membership engagement.

Additionally, we are working on establishing an Institute for the Study of Free Religion, an innovative online platform aimed at offering courses on a wide range of topics relevant to diverse free and liberal religious traditions.

We are also enhancing our international advocacy efforts through our International Cooperation Working Group. This group is focused on coordinating our representation at major international bodies, including the United Nations, the Council of Europe, and the European Parliament, further amplifying the voice of free and liberal religion in global discussions on religious freedom and human rights.

The successful Congress, coupled with our new strategic initiatives and technological advancements, has injected fresh energy into our organisation and strengthened our resolve to be the unifying force for free and liberal religion worldwide. As we move forward, we are confident that these initiatives will not only strengthen our organisation but also significantly expand our impact. The enthusiasm and dedication shown by our members, combined with our innovative approaches to engagement and collaboration, position IARF strongly for a future of increased relevance and influence.

Financial Review

The financial performance of the International Association for Religious Freedom in 2023 reflects our continued commitment to fiscal responsibility and strategic growth, despite ongoing global economic challenges.

Income and Expenditure

For 2023, IARF's total income amounted to £20,939, a significant increase from £16,413 in 2022. This growth was primarily driven by increased membership contributions, which rose to £10,387 from £7,625 in the previous year. We also saw a modest increase in investment income to £5,892. Additionally, the successful World Congress in Cluj-Napoca generated a positive balance of £2,056.

Total expenditure for the year was £26,029, an increase from £20,389 in 2022. Employment costs remained our largest expense at £15,641. While this represents a significant portion of

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our budget, the Trustees believe this expenditure is justified and crucial to the organisation's operations. Employing an Executive Secretary enables the organisation to function much more efficiently, especially in fulfilling its mission as a network of liberal religious communities. This role allows us to perform many tasks in-house, such as maintaining and developing our website infrastructure, which ultimately enhances our ability to serve our members and advance our goals cost-effectively. Despite the increased overall expenditure, we maintained a focus on operational efficiency, significantly reducing bank charges and eliminating print/post costs.

The year concluded with an operating deficit of £5,090. There were substantial gains on investments of £14,498, resulting in a positive net movement in funds of £9,409.

Investments and Assets

In line with our commitment to ethical and sustainable practices, we made the strategic decision to move all our assets to a new investment fund focusing on sustainability. This move not only aligns with our values but has also yielded positive financial results. Our total investments at the end of 2023 stood at £267,754, an increase from £253,255 at the end of 2022. The organisation's total assets, including cash at bank and investments, amounted to £277,423 at the end of 2023, up from £268,014 in the previous year.

Governance and Future Planning

In our commitment to enhanced financial oversight, the Trustees established an audit committee to review the organisation's finances, accounting, and reporting practices. This initiative will ensure greater transparency and efficiency in our financial operations.

Looking ahead, we have developed plans to increase our fundraising efforts. We aim to boost income from membership dues as well as private and corporate donations. These efforts are crucial for supporting our expanded programs and initiatives, including the new working groups, the community platform, human rights education programmes and the proposed Institute for the Study of Free Religion.

Reserves Policy

The current level of reserves, totaling £226,987, remains sufficient for our present level of activities and provides a solid foundation for our planned initiatives. The reserves are primarily held in an investment fund as well as GBP, EUR, USD, and JPY accounts, reflecting our global nature and providing a hedge against currency fluctuations.

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In conclusion, while we face ongoing economic challenges, our financial position has strengthened in 2023. The positive net movement in funds, increased assets, and strategic investments position us well for the future. As we move forward, we remain committed to prudent financial management while investing in initiatives that advance our mission of promoting free and liberal religion worldwide.

Assessment of Risks

The Trustees reviewed the risks affecting the organisation and have taken steps to address them, particularly in the areas of financial sustainability, inter-group conflicts, and the organisation's responsibility for volunteer actions. To enhance financial stability, efforts have focused on increasing revenue from membership dues and attracting more donations. Potential points of contention between member groups have been identified and are being monitored to mitigate conflicts. Additionally, as the number of volunteers began to grow, the Trustees initiated the process of developing guidelines to manage the organisation's responsibility for volunteer activities.

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On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Robert Ince

15 July 2024



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership fees	10,387	-	-	10,387	7,625
Donations	1,523	-	-	1,523	-
Investment income (dividends)	5,892	-	-	5,892	5,685
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
Exchange Rate Gain/Loss	- 106	-	-	- 106	404
Currency conversion	-	-	-	-	338
Positive Congress Balance	2,056	-	-	2,056	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,752	-	-	19,752	14,052
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of investment shares	-	-	-	-	-
Loans taken	1,188	-	-	1,188	2,361
Sub total	1,188	-	-	1,188	2,361
Total receipts	20,939	-	-	20,939	16,413
A3 Payments					
Salary and tax for one employee	15,641	-	-	15,641	14,836
Bank charges	41	-	-	41	278

Tel/Computer	183	-	-	183	216
Print/post	-	-	-	-	-
Governance	532	-	-	532	120
Awards	4,086	-	-	4,086	-
Currency Conversion	-	-	-	-	336
Congress Travel and Accommodation	4,362	-	-	4,362	-
Sub total	24,845	-	-	24,845	15,786
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Repayment of loans	1,184	-	-	1,184	4,603
Sub total	1,184	-	-	1,184	4,603
Total payments	26,029	-	-	26,029	20,389
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,090	-	-	- 5,090	- 3,976
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,759	-	-	14,759	18,736
Cash funds this year end	9,669	-	-	9,669	14,760

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Held in GBP, EUR, USD and JPY accounts	9,669	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	9,669	-	-
		OK	OK	OK

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			
Details			
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	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			
Details			
Newton Sustainable Growth and Income Fund for Charities (at BNY Mellon)	Unrestricted	-	219,076
Newton Sustainable Growth and Income Fund for Charities (at BNY Mellon)	Greeley Fund	-	48,678
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		-	-

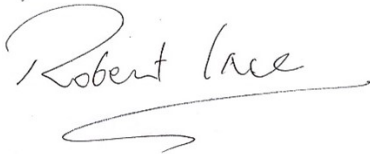
	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		
	Robert Ince, Trustee	15 July 2024

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Report of the Trustees

The Trustees present their report for the year to 31 December 2022.

Reference and administrative details

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The Trustees have no beneficial interests in the Charity.

Constitution

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The Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is meticulously governed by its Constitution, where the Trustees play a pivotal role in its stewardship, bolstered by the guidance of the International Council. Within the Council, the President, Vice President, and Treasurer, who are also Trustees, collaborate with eight other dedicated members. These members bring a wealth of diverse representations from various pivotal regions and affiliations such as North America, Europe and the Middle East, South Asia, East Asia, the RFYN (IARF's youth network), and the IARLW (International Association of Liberal Religious Women, IARF's sister organisation). Additionally, a member elected by the General Meeting, representing any region, is also included in the Council. With a clear directive from the General Meeting,

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the Trustees faithfully implement the recommendations of the Advisory Council, ensuring alignment with the UK law and the Constitution.

Organisation

Throughout the year, the Council, composed of the Trustees including the President, Vice President, and Treasurer, as well as eight other representative members, convenes to oversee the administration of the charity. These representatives emanate from diverse regions and affiliations such as North America, Europe and the Middle East, South Asia, East Asia, the RFYN (IARF's youth network), and the IARLW (International Association of Liberal Religious Women, IARF's sister organisation). The Council ensures to meet at least annually, incorporating the Annual General Meeting (AGM) into their schedule. This past year, the meeting was successfully conducted via video conference in September.

Additionally, the General Meeting is convened alongside the World Congress, held every 3 or 4 years. This vital gathering is instrumental in appointing a new Council and passing resolutions integral to the charity's direction and governance. The most recent World Congress took place in Washington DC in 2018. Looking forward, the subsequent Congress is scheduled to be held in Cluj Napoca, Romania, in September 2023.

Risk Management

The trustees confirm that the major risks faced by the charity have been reviewed and procedures have been established to manage those risks.

Objectives and Activities

The Association's activities are the promotion of the following for the benefit of the public:

1. Religious life in which freedom of conscience is essential
2. The heritage of liberal religion
3. Understanding among peoples and respect in all areas of culture and religion
4. Co-operation among groups and individuals seeking justice, peace and an ecological and faithful way of life
5. Aid for religious communities that are poor and oppressed

Each year, we meticulously evaluate our aims, objectives, and activities to assess our accomplishments and the impact of our work over the previous 12 months. This comprehensive review involves a strategic analysis of the success and effectiveness of each key activity, focusing particularly on the value and benefits delivered to the communities we

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are dedicated to supporting. Such a process is instrumental in ensuring that our objectives and endeavours steadfastly align with our foundational purposes, maintaining a concentrated focus on our core mission. In guiding this evaluative process and planning our prospective initiatives, we consistently refer to the authoritative guidance provided by the Charity Commission, ensuring our objectives and activities meaningfully contribute to the public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

The International Association for Religious Freedom together with its member organisations continues work in various places throughout the world in an effort to highlight places where religious freedom is threatened and to bring together those from various faith backgrounds in the cause of harmony and reconciliation, as well as to facilitate collaboration between its members in areas of interfaith exchange, human rights education, promotion of liberal religious values and humanitarian relief initiatives (such as in Kenya, Pakistan and India).

Our work is increasingly publicised and promoted through our website, the newsletters of our Chapters and Regions, and social media.

We have begun a process of evaluation and conversation that will help us inform our deliberations at the upcoming World Congress, so that the IARF may move forward with a new leadership and a clear vision of its identity and the goals for its future.

Our financial situation, at a global level remains challenging, but our members and regional organisations increasingly contribute to activities around the world.

Our activity at the United Nations, especially in Geneva, remains strong as our Main Representative, the Revd Dr Esther Suter, monitors events and developments related to our areas of interests and contributes to the deliberations and work of several committees. We have also applied to be represented at the Council of Europe and are awaiting the result of the procedure.

Financial Review

The financial summary for the International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF) in 2022 reflects our ongoing commitment to sustaining and improving our operations and initiatives, despite several challenges.

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Income and Expenditure

For 2022, the IARF's total incoming resources amounted to £16,413, with membership fees contributing £7,625 and investment income (dividends) amounting to £5,685. This marks a decrease compared to the total income of £20,412 in the previous year. Additional incomes included a currency exchange gain of £404 and currency conversion income of £338. The total receipts, including asset and investment sales and loans taken, amounted to £16,413.

The total expenditure for the year was £20,389, with the primary expenses being salary and tax for one employee at £14,836, bank charges of £278, and telecommunications/computer costs of £216. The organization also incurred costs in governance (£120) and currency conversion (£336). Additional expenditures included repayment of loans amounting to £4,603. The net of receipts and payments resulted in a deficit of £3,976, compared to a surplus of £16,680 in the previous year.

Investments

The IARF's investment assets include the Newton Growth and Income Fund for Charities (at BNY Mellon) valued at £226,826 and the Newton SRI Fund for Charities (at BNY Mellon), part of the Greeley Fund, valued at £26,429.

Cash Funds

The year-end cash funds stood at £14,759, a decrease from the previous year's end balance of £18,738.

Future Direction

The financial report for 2022 highlights a notable deficit and a reduction in overall funds. This underscores the need for strategic financial adjustments, emphasizing increasing income streams and managing expenditures more effectively. The IARF continues to focus on digital platform optimization for cost-effective project execution and is exploring innovative ways to navigate the economic challenges ahead.

Reserves Policy

The current level of reserves, as considered at the 2021 Council meeting, remains sufficient for the present level of activities. The reserves are primarily held in GBP, EUR, USD, and JPY accounts, totaling £14,759.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Robert Ince

30 October 2023



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2022	To	Period end date 31/12/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership fees	7,625	-	-	7,625	7,953
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income (dividends)	5,685	-	-	5,685	12,459
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
Exchange Rate Gain	404	-	-	404	-
Currency conversion	338	-	-	338	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,052	-	-	14,052	20,412
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of investment shares	-	-	-	-	20,000
Loans taken	2,361	-	-	2,361	3,300
Sub total	2,361	-	-	2,361	23,300
Total receipts	16,413	-	-	16,413	43,712
A3 Payments					
Salary and tax for one employee	14,836	-	-	14,836	15,486
Bank charges	278	-	-	278	101

Tel/Computer	216	-	-	216	14
Print/post	-	-	-	-	-
Governance	120	-	-	120	-
Programme	-	-	-	-	975
Currency Conversion	336	-	-	336	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,786	-	-	15,786	16,576
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Repayment of loans	4,603	-	-	4,603	10,456
Sub total	4,603	-	-	4,603	10,456
Total payments	20,389	-	-	20,389	27,032
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,976	-	-	- 3,976	16,680
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,736	-	-	18,736	2,058
Cash funds this year end	14,759	-	-	14,759	18,738

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Held in GBP, EUR, USD and JPY accounts	14,759	-	-
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		-	-	-
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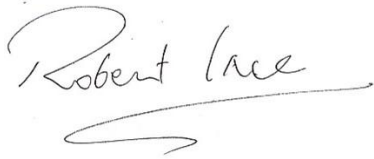
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
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Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		
	Robert Ince, Trustee	31 October 2023

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Organisation

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We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us to ensure our aims, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

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Achievements and Performance

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In May of 2021 the IARF held an online conference entitled “Does Religion Make You Free?” in collaboration with its members from Europe and the Middle East. There were Jews, Muslims, Pagans, Unitarians and Christians among the speakers, panellists, workshop and devotion leaders, and materials from the conference have been published as recordings, which, among other talks and events held by IARF, such as the Motivational Dialogues and events held by our regional Chapters, are available at <https://iarf.net/talks-and-conferences>. More information on the May conference is available at <https://iarf.net/eme2021>. The topics of other events included environmental concerns and religion, an overview of our collaboration with the Bektashi in their strife against human rights violations in Northern Macedonia, education on less known religious traditions (Zoroastrianism, paganism), the work of our members in creating interfaith encounter possibilities in Israel, successful interfaith initiatives such as multi-religious worship spaces, insights into human rights protection mechanisms and others.

Our work is increasingly publicised and promoted through newsletter and on-line videos and we expect this trend to continue and expand.

Our financial situation, at a global level remains challenging, but our members and regional organisations increasingly contribute to activities around the world.

We have increased our activity with the United Nations in Geneva. Since the Covid epidemic prevented face to face meetings, we have concentrated our efforts into online meetings attracting far more people than previously across the world. We look forward to our coming congress in Kolozsvar (Cluj-Napoca), a multi-ethnic and multi-religious city in Romania in September 2023, which will be a hybrid Congress (fully accessible and interactive for both participants in the venue and online) for the first time in IARF's history.

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Financial Review

Income and Expenditure

The total incoming resources were 20412 GBP. IARF's income has increased considerably compared to 2020, yet there was an overall deficit. The Trustees wish to ensure that our commitment to ongoing work continues whilst making more effort to secure additional income streams in future years. The organisation strives to limit all expenses which are not essential to carrying out its mission.

Financially, the situation remains challenging with many international interfaith groups struggling to find sponsors and to raise money to support new initiatives. The Trustees have decided to depart from the previous grant-making mode of operation and adopt an approach focused on advocacy, building relationships and cooperation within the organisation, new programmes utilising the quickly developing digital tools of communication, such as online conferences, meetings, exchanges,

Reserves Policy

The investment of reserves was considered at the 2021 meeting of Council. The present level of reserves has been deemed to be sufficient for the present level of activities.

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also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Robert Ince, President

30 October 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Charity Name International Association for Religious Freedom	No (if any) 1026699
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2021	To	Period end date 31/12/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership fees	7,953	-	-	7,953	7,720
Donations	-	-	-	-	1,000
Investment income (dividends)	12,459	-	-	12,459	-
Loans	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	1
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,412	-	-	20,412	8,721
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sell of shares in investment fund	20,000	-	-	20,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	20,000	-	-	20,000	-
Total receipts	40,412	-	-	40,412	8,721
A3 Payments					
Salary and tax for one employee	14,360	-	-	14,360	15,872

Bank charges	136	-	-	136	101
Tel/Computer	14	-	-	14	25
Repayment of debt	10,456	-	-	10,456	966
Print/post	-	-	-	-	15
Governance	-	-	-	-	1,000
Currency exchange	43	-	-	43	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	25,009	-	-	25,009	17,979

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	

25,009	-	-	25,009	17,979
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Net of receipts/(payments)	15,403	-	-	15,403	- 9,258
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,139	-	-	2,139	3,104
Cash funds this year end	17,542	-	-	17,542	- 6,154

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Held in GBP, EUR, USD and JPY accounts	17,542	-	-
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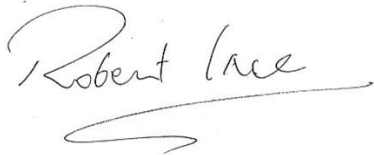
Total cash funds		17,542	-	-
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		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
Details		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Newton Growth and Income Fund for Charities (at BNY Mellon)	Unrestricted	-	244,594
	Newton SRI Fund for Charities (at BNY Mellon)	Greeley Fund	-	29,212
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Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Loans from Member Organisations	Unrestricted	1,199	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Robert Ince, President	20 October 2022

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Achievements and Performance

The transition to Incorporated Charity Organisation has made the operation of the organisation less cumbersome and more transparent, and enabled it to focus on growth-oriented goals such as adopting a new Membership Policy and developing new programmes fully espousing the advancements in digital communication, which is the primary goal set for the following year by the Trustees. The Trustees are enthusiastic about the progress that has been made so far, including in the areas of communication and information sharing, such as regular publication of quality newsletters by the Association and its branches in various regions; of IARF's UN work conducted by the Association's Main Representative, the Rev. Dr. Esther R. Suter, as well as other representatives, such as the Rev. Wytske Dijkstra, that led to increasing the Association's presence and influence on UN fora.

Financial Review

Income and Expenditure

The total incoming resources were 8742 GBP. There was an overall deficit, net of gains on currency and before unrealised investment losses. The Trustees wish to ensure that our commitment to ongoing work continues whilst making more effort to secure additional income streams in future years.

Financially, the situation remains challenging with many international interfaith groups struggling to find sponsors and to raise money to support new initiatives. The Trustees have decided to depart from the previous grant-making mode of operation and adopt an approach focused on advocacy, building relationships and cooperation within the organisation, new programmes utilizing the quickly developing digital tools of communication, such as online conferences, meetings, exchanges,

Reserves Policy

The investment of reserves was considered at the 2020 meeting of Council. The present level of reserves has been deemed to be sufficient for the present level of activities.

Statement Of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

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The trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
5. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Robert Ince, President

30 October 2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1/1/2020		31/12/2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership fees	7,742	-	-	7,742	-
Donation	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,742	-	-	8,742	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,742	-	-	8,742	-
A3 Payments					
Employment (incl. taxes)	15,887	-	-	15,887	-
Bank charges	101	-	-	101	-
Tel/fax/computer	25	-	-	25	-
Print/post	15	-	-	15	-
Governance	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,028	-	-	17,028	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	17,028	-	-	17,028	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,286	-	-	- 8,286	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,378	-	-	3,378	-
Cash funds this year end	4,908	-	-	4,908	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Deficit (covered by loan, see Liabilities)	- 4,908	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	- 4,908	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Newton Growth and Income Fund for Charities	Unrestricted	-	210,946
	Newton SRI Fund for Charities	Greeley Award	-	45,265
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Loans from Member Organisations	Unrestricted	10,494	31 December 2021
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

	Yoshinobu MIYAKE	2022/05/17