

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

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Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2020.

Reference and administrative details

The Charity transitioned from a Charitable Company (no 1026699) into a Charity Incorporated Organisation in October 2020.

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Trustees

The Charity had three Trustees between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020:

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.

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 company is governed under its Constitution. Under the Constitution, the Trustees are aided by an advisory council referred to as the International Council. The Council will consist of eleven members: the President, Vice President, Treasurer and eight ordinary members representing North America, Europe and Middle East, South Asia, East Asia, the RFYN (the IARF's youth network), the IARLW (the International Association of Liberal Religious Women, IARF's sister organisation) and one extra member from any region elected by the General Meeting. In accordance with the will of the General Meeting, the Trustees will follow

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the recommendations of the Advisory Council unreservedly, except in case of a clear conflict with UK law or the Constitution.

Organisation

The Council during the year included the Trustees named above including a President, Vice President and Treasurer, as well as 8 other members representing North America, Europe and the Middle East, South Asia and East Asia, as well as the RFYN (the IARF's youth network) and the IALRW (the IARF's sister organisation of liberal religious women) who meet at least once a year to administer the charity. This meeting incorporates the annual general meeting and was held via video conference in September.

The General Meeting meets at the time of the World Congress every 3 or 4 years, appoints a new Council and passes resolutions. The last World Congress prior to these accounts was held in Washington DC. The General Meeting resolved then for the organisation to transition into a Charity Incorporated Organisation. The process was finalised in October 2020 as 96% of the organisation's members approved the new Constitution.

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

1. The Association's activities are the promotion of the following for the benefit of the public:
2. Religious life in which freedom of conscience is essential
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
5. ecological and faithful way of life
6. Aid for religious communities that are poor and oppressed

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

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



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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