



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

To

Period end date

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2019

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2020

Charity name

Telecommunications Eastern European Challenge

Other names charity is known by

TEECH

Registered charity number (if any)

1074765

Charity's principal address

Robin Brown

79, Madeira Road,  
Holland on Sea,  
Clacton on Sea,  
Essex.

Postcode

CO15 5NE

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| Trustee name      | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Robin Brown     | Chair           |                                   |                                                               |
| 2 Robert Standley | Treasurer       |                                   |                                                               |
| 3 Victor Tallowin |                 |                                   |                                                               |
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
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#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

#### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

**Trust deed**

How the charity is constituted  
(e.g. trust, association, company)

**Model Declaration Trust**

Trustee selection methods  
(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

**By majority vote of TEECH trustees.**

#### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The TEECH motto is 'to help those less fortunate create a better future for themselves' and we do this by providing aid and improving basic living conditions for the lives of the young and the elderly. Over the years we have worked with many schools, hospitals and homes for the aged. By sparking enthusiasm with the local people we hope to enable and encourage self-help and enterprise to continue after we have left.

Every year the TEECH trustees visit possible projects and decide which would best benefit from help and how they could be made self-sufficient. A team of approximately 20-40 volunteers armed with tools travel overland by coach to complete the project. We also deliver aid to various contacts in the local area (for example beds and medical supplies to hospitals, clothes and shoes for orphanages). TEECH trustees and volunteers are unpaid and all donations go towards our project

TEECH was established in 1998 when a group of people who worked together near to Ipswich took up the challenge from a colleague to help repair two hospitals in Bucharest. About fifty volunteers traveled to Bucharest under the banner of 'Aid to Romania' in August that year and set about painting, plastering, providing lighting and generally making the hospitals cleaner, safer and brighter places.

After the success of this trip, seeing the need to be more structured the volunteers organized into a Registered Charity and hence TEECH was born. TEECH is an independent organisation, which welcomes volunteers from all walks of life who are not afraid of hard work.



**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

For such charitable purposes in Eastern Europe as the Trustees shall from time to time decide

Provision of material aid and practical support to Eastern Europe. To date the countries visited are Romania and Moldova. This normally takes the form of one or two aid drops during the year as well as renovation/repair work to schools/orphanages/hospitals carried out by up to forty volunteers who travel by lorry, coach or air.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We would like to thank all who contributed to the work of TEECH in 2020; particular thanks to:

- Rotary Club of Ipswich
- Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower
- Mandy Bainbridge and friends in Ipswich
- Many, many individuals – you know who you are
- Nicholas Church, Beverley
- Old Bucklesham School, Suffolk
- The team from Hale Newsagents & Woodfalls Post Office
- Jay and Pratap and the Sathya Sai Organisation - Region 2 UK
- ChristChurch, Clacton

- Pauls Road Primary, Plymouth
- SLP Autos, Chelmsford for 'winter preping' the van for the trip

To view photos from the trip then please [click here](#) to take you to another page within the website.

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it was not possible for a team to visit Moldova in August 2020. However, volunteers provided financial support for the work to be carried out in Baccealia. Moldova by a local workforce organised by Romeo Cucireav, our long term contact in Moldova. This was a great success.

### BACCEALIA PROJECT

The bathroom creation at the school in Baccealia was carried out in July and August of 2020.

TEECH would like to thank Romeo, Elena the Director and the Mayor of Baccealia for working together as a strong team to make it all possible. TEECH would also like to say a huge thank you to all those who donated to the project, meaning it was fully funded.

Romeo's email on completion stated:

I officially inform you that today on Independence Day of Moldova, the TEECH bathroom project in the school of Baccealia has been successfully completed.

It was a great honour for me and my team to implement this essential and useful project on behalf of TEECH and cooperate with the local authorities. Mayor, school director and the entire community are thankful to TEECH and all sponsors who contributed to this wonderful project. Generations of pupils will use and benefit the new and modern bathrooms.

Enjoy the pictures!

Greetings and blessings from Moldova

Romeo

Sergiu, who past volunteers will have met on many summer projects, joined the team to add murals to the walls, adding in the flags of the

countries where volunteers would have come from if the team had ventured over to Moldova.

Please [click here](#) to see the photos of the bathrooms as they took shape.

## SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX TRIP 2019/2020

TEECH volunteers celebrated their second Christmas of 2019 in Moldova, having celebrated in the UK before heading off on the two week trip to Romania and Moldova, and again on the 7th January when the Moldovans celebrate. The team of 9 from England and Scotland, took over 2,200 shoebox gifts and 200 food parcels, all of which were hand delivered to families, schools and the elderly. The weather was kinder in 2019, with only small amounts of snow causing icy conditions.

Over 16 villages were visited, sometimes with the team splitting up to ensure everything could be delivered. Walking down tracks where vehicles could not go and getting pretty muddy! Volunteers therefore saw first-hand the conditions in which a lot of families live, with no running water or mains sewerage, making us realise how lucky we are and how just a small gift can lift their spirits for a short while. One older gentleman thanked the team for not forgetting the elderly whilst delivering food, and an older lady couldn't believe she was receiving free food and thought that she would have to pay or there was a catch.

[Jan and Barry Howe who joined TEECH for the first time reflected on their experience:](#)

'Abject poverty and misery for so very many, which rendered us speechless in so many houses. Unbelievable conditions in the 21st century. The much happier side was seeing the, so very well behaved, excited school children, wearing their Sunday best, who thought Santa had forgotten them, receiving a Xmas gift from Santa and knowing that they too could be going home to a house with little or no comfort and sanitation.

The generosity out of poverty was amazing. We felt very humbled by



the giving of home made gifts to thank us for what TEECH were doing for their community. We're now left with the overriding feeling of "Could we have done more? And What more can we do"

The team were supported, once again, by the amazing Iulia (pictured above in snowman onesie), providing superb translation and organisational skills at each village visited. Whilst in Bolduresti volunteers were also joined and ably supported by Vlad, Sergiu and Dorina, who many of you will know from prior projects and their support over the last few years.

Thank you to all those involved. A selection of pictures from the trip can be viewed [here](#). Hopefully the photos will provide a feel for the conditions in which people live and the joy the children felt on receiving their presents. We hope you spot your box!

#### **Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Funds remaining after a major aid trip to Eastern Europe in the summer are held in Co-op and Barclays bank accounts. Funds are needed on an on-going basis for the next year's aid trips.

Funds beyond our day to day working needs are transferred to an interest bearing Barclays Bank deposit account.

Co-op Bank debit cards are used to provide day to day provisions whilst abroad on aid trips. During this period the Co-op funds beyond immediate requirements are transferred to a separate Barclays Bank current account to avoid possible loss of funds through misuse of a Co-op debit card outside the UK.

#### **Details of any funds materially in deficit**

## Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Funds are raised by volunteers contributing from their own resources and from sponsored events which they organise themselves.

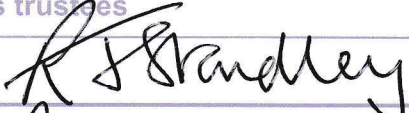
We are also grateful for the support of **ORA International**, our partner charity that works in Moldova all year round.

## Section F

## Other optional information

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

|                                        |                                                                                     |  |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Signature(s)                           |  |  |
| Full name(s)                           | ROBERT STANDLEY                                                                     |  |
| Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc.) | Trustee & Treasurer                                                                 |  |
| Date                                   | 01/05/2021                                                                          |  |





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

|                                               |                                |    |                                |       |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|-------|
| Telecommunications Eastern European Challenge |                                |    | 1074765                        | CC16a |
| Receipts and payments accounts                |                                |    |                                |       |
| For the period from                           | 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 | To | 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 |       |

## Section A Receipts and payments

|                                                        | Unrestrict<br>ed funds<br><br>to the<br>nearest<br>£ | Restricted funds<br><br>to the nearest £ | Endowme<br>nt funds<br><br>to the<br>nearest £ | Total<br>funds<br><br>to the<br>nearest £ | Last year<br><br>to the nearest £ |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                     |                                                      |                                          |                                                |                                           |                                   |
| Donations                                              | 28809                                                | -                                        | 0.00                                           | 28,809                                    | 32,694                            |
| VAT Refund                                             | 999                                                  | -                                        | 0.00                                           | 999                                       | 3,144                             |
| Gift Aid                                               | 4383                                                 | -                                        | 0.00                                           | 4,383                                     | 3,084                             |
| Bank Interest/Other Income                             | 42                                                   | -                                        | 0.00                                           | 42                                        | 112                               |
|                                                        | 0                                                    | -                                        | 0.00                                           | -                                         | -                                 |
|                                                        | 0                                                    | -                                        | 0.00                                           | -                                         | -                                 |
|                                                        | 0                                                    | -                                        | 0.00                                           | -                                         | -                                 |
|                                                        | 0                                                    | -                                        | 0.00                                           | -                                         | -                                 |
| <b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)                 | <b>34233</b>                                         | <b>-</b>                                 | <b>0.00</b>                                    | <b>34,233</b>                             | <b>39,034</b>                     |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales,<br/>(see table).</b> |                                                      |                                          |                                                |                                           |                                   |
|                                                        | 0                                                    | -                                        | 0.00                                           | -                                         | -                                 |
|                                                        | 0                                                    | -                                        | 0.00                                           | -                                         | -                                 |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                       | <b>0</b>                                             | <b>-</b>                                 | <b>0.00</b>                                    | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>13/04/2021 -</b>               |



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| <b>Total receipts</b> | <b>34233</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>0.00</b> | <b>34,233</b> | <b>39,034</b> |
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### A3 Payments

|                                  |              |          |             |               |               |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Project materials & Travel costs | 14149        | -        | 0.00        | 14,149        | 15,123        |
| Administration                   | 537          | -        | 0.00        | 537           | 638           |
| Insurance                        | 798          | -        | 0.00        | 798           | 1,697         |
| Van running expenses             | 1086         | -        | 0.00        | 1,086         | 1,958         |
| Coach Hire/Mini Bus Hire         | 0            | -        | 0.00        | -             | 5,270         |
| Purchase of lorry                | 7560         | -        | 0.00        | 7,560         | -             |
|                                  | 0            | -        | 0.00        | -             | -             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                 | <b>24129</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>0.00</b> | <b>24,129</b> | <b>24,687</b> |

### A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

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|                  | 0        | -        | 0.00        | -        |          |
|                  | 0        | -        | 0.00        | -        |          |
| <b>Sub total</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>0.00</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> |

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| <b>Total payments</b> | <b>24129</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>0.00</b> | <b>24,129</b> | <b>24,687</b> |
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| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>  | <b>10104</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>0.00</b> | <b>10,104</b> | <b>14,347</b> |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>  | <b>0</b>     | <b>-</b> | <b>0.00</b> | <b>-</b>      | <b>-</b>      |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b> | <b>60332</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>0.00</b> | <b>60,332</b> | <b>45,985</b> |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>    | <b>70436</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>0.00</b> | <b>70,436</b> | <b>60,332</b> |

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

| Categories                      | Details                                                   | Unrestrict<br>ed funds            | Restricted<br>funds | Endowment<br>funds          |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                 |                                                           | to nearest<br>£                   | to nearest<br>£     | to nearest £                |
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>            | Barclays Bank 30427381 (Current)                          | 2147.96                           | -                   | -                           |
|                                 | Barclays Bank 00934747 (Deposit)                          | 34864.01                          |                     |                             |
|                                 | Co-op Bank                                                | 28971.24                          | -                   | -                           |
|                                 | Cash held by trustees                                     | 4451.75                           | -                   | -                           |
|                                 | <i>Total cash funds</i>                                   | 70434.96                          | -                   | -                           |
|                                 | (agree balances with receipts and payments<br>account(s)) | Agreement<br>Error                | OK                  | OK                          |
|                                 |                                                           | Unrestrict<br>ed funds            | Restricted<br>funds | Endowment<br>funds          |
|                                 |                                                           | to nearest<br>£                   | to nearest<br>£     | to nearest £                |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b> |                                                           | 0.00                              | -                   | -                           |
|                                 |                                                           | 0.00                              | -                   | -                           |
|                                 |                                                           | 0.00                              | -                   | -                           |
|                                 |                                                           | 0.00                              | -                   | -                           |
|                                 |                                                           | 0.00                              | -                   | -                           |
|                                 |                                                           | 0.00                              | -                   | -                           |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>     |                                                           | Fund to<br>which asset<br>belongs | Cost<br>(optional)  | Current value<br>(optional) |
|                                 |                                                           |                                   | -                   | -                           |
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# **B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

## Details

|                                                                                  |  | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Van for collection and delivery of aid (value approximate)                       |  |                             | 16,200          | 10,000                   |
| Lorry for collection and delivery of aid (value approximate) - purchased in year |  |                             | 7,560           | 7,560                    |
|                                                                                  |  |                             | -               | -                        |
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## Details

# **B5 Liabilities**

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

Signature

*R. Stanley*

Print Name

R. STANLEY

Date of approval

13/4/21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS EASTERN EUROPEAN  
CHALLENGE

On accounts for the year  
ended

13th NOVEMBER 2020

Charity no  
(if any)

1074765

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below\*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

16th MAY 2021

Name:

R M GIRLING

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (ICAEW)



|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| Address: | 686 OLD NORWICH ROAD |
|          | IPSWICH IP1 6LB      |
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**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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