



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	14 11 2021	To	13 11 2022

Section A Reference and administration details

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	Steve Hance	Transport		
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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

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

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.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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
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)	Provision of material aid and practical support to Eastern Europe; primarily 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.

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

COTIUJENII MICI AND MARINESTI - BATHROOM CREATIONS - AUGUST 2022

On Thursday 11th August a team of 7 set off across Europe to Moldova, closely followed on the 13th by a team of 5. The lorries and van arrived into Moldova on Sunday 14th, and had been joined along the route by two lorries from the charity Hope & Aid Direct. TEECH were to support Hope & Aid to enter Moldova so they could deliver aid to support the Ukrainians currently residing in the country.

The first village for TEECH to visit was Cotiujenii Mici, Singerei District, to divide a classroom into two, creating bathrooms for the boys and girls of the school, along with installing the sanitary ware, hand driers, toilet cubicles and a hot water boiler. As most village schools in Moldova only have outside, long drop style toilets, TEECH and supporters continue to work hard to provide indoor toilets for children, bringing them hygienic conditions and privacy.

The team completed the bathrooms in 4 days, as all volunteers were very focused on the tasks at hand. One of the Hope and Aid lorries kindly picked up the two septic tanks purchased by TEECH from the capital Chisinau and visited the team at the school. The community hall was used to distribute clothing to the locals, opening for 2 days. Volunteers also took the time to deliver food parcels to the homes of the elderly and/or disabled, across three villages supported by Elena the social worker, who accompanied the volunteers to each home. The three villages were Cotiujenii Mici, Alexeuca and Gura-Oituz. In the village of Alexeuca the gentleman in the picture above was in need of a wheelchair. TEECH's aim was to source one before a team travel back to Moldova at Christmas 2022.

Children's bikes were taken to Moldova and the Director at the school in Cotiujenii Mici, Rodica, decided which children were to receive the bikes, those from less well-off families. Two trampolines and a bouncy castle were also donated to the school.

Sergiu, a young Moldovan lad, joined TEECH on the Friday in the village and would go on to paint a mural onto the wall just outside the bathrooms to mark TEECH's work and year. Sergiu has been supporting TEECH since the charity completed a bathroom project in his village of Bolduresti in 2015.

On the Saturday the team travelled approx. 10 miles (over a very bumpy, stony, dusty road) to the village of Marinesti for the next bathroom project. Sergiu would travel with the team and complete a mural in Marinesti also.

The director, Raisa, in Marinesti was surprised to see the team, as we arrived a day earlier than planned. Work started the same day, to unload the lorry of supplies, get the kitchen set up and get to work. The school had allocated two separate rooms for the bathrooms, and Romeo's team had already been on site to plaster walls, create a new ceiling and tile the floor, so TEECH volunteers would install sanitary ware, cubicles, lighting, hand driers and the septic tank. Again, everyone worked really hard and the project was finished on the Tuesday.

The team then had time on the Wednesday to travel into Balti to deliver food to the reception centre for Ukrainians, plus visit the summer camp where some are also staying. We were also lucky enough to have an evening of local food, kindly made by the teachers at each school during our visit.

All [pictures](#) from the trip can be seen by [clicking here](#) to take you to another page of the website. Huge thanks go to those who continue to support TEECH, especially in the current climate, with costs rising, making it all the more of a challenge to achieve. Please see the photo page for specific thanks.

The project would not have been possible without donations from suppliers, who are shown here:

[Sponsors 2022 - TEECH.ORG \(weebly.com\).](#)

And all those who generously donated to the project to help fund not only supplies but the fuel, ferry and road toll costs which come with transporting aid and supplies across Europe.

2021/2022 CHRISTMAS TRIP REPORT

A team of 10 volunteers travelled over to Moldova, just after Christmas 2021 to deliver over 1,400 shoebox gifts and food parcels, plus medical items and aids.

TEECH were lucky enough to hire an 18 tonne lorry from Trott Rentals in Norwich, to add to the convoy, also made up of the TEECH lorry and TEECH van. 7 of the volunteers drove out to Moldova, leaving from Harwich on the 26th December and arriving in Moldova on the 30th (about 2am). The journey plans altered on route due to COVID-19 rules in Romania, which had changed just a few days before and the team needing to be through the country within 24 hours. It turned out to be about 29 hours, without question at the border, so all was well.

3 volunteers then flew over to Moldova and we all joined up in Balti ready to start deliveries from the 31st. We were lucky enough to be joined by Dorina for most of the trip, joining us for the 6th year, after meeting TEECH back in 2015 when the school bathroom project was completed in her home village of Bolduresti. Iulia, also from Bolduresti, was able to join us for the last day after she had travelled back from college in Romania. Throughout the trip the charity was also supported by Romeo, with paperwork, transport and translation.

The team spent the week visiting the villages of Rispeni, Bocsa, Slobozia-Sirauti (2021 project), Hasnasenii Noi (2018 project), Marinesti, Cotiujeni Mici, Anenii Noi (children's centre), Gradinita (2021 project), Copanca, Nisporeni and Bolduresti (2015 project).

Santa visited each location and many of the **photos can be viewed in the gallery by [clicking here](#)**. We hope you get a good feel of the trip from the photos which are in two sections, showing house deliveries and then shoebox gifts.

Many of the medical items were delivered to a few hospitals, with walking aids etc given to villages. The team took hundreds of photos but we have tried to choose just a selection for the website.

We would like to thank all those who took the time to make up shoeboxes for the children and the team who came along to hand them out. Some of the distribution was completed outside but luckily the weather was mild (for Moldovan standards), with only snow on our first few days, soon melting and becoming muddy for walking around the villages to deliver

food to the elderly.

The journey home started on Thursday 7th January, all going to plan until the last day when many a roadwork in Germany caused hours of delay, plus limited ferry crossings from Calais back to Dover, resulted in the lorry drivers running out of driving hours on arrival in England on Sunday morning. Once again tweaks to the plans were made and everyone made it home on the Sunday afternoon.

Once again we would like to thank the following for their support, monetary donations and shoeboxes:

- Felstead Aid for face masks, shields and much more
- UCH Logistics for face masks, hoodies, blankets and other new clothing
- Old Buckenham Hall School, Suffolk
- Sathya Sai Organisation - Region 2 UK for food parcels
- Rotary Club of Ipswich
- Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower
- Christchurch, Clacton
- All Angels Federation, Norfolk Schools, for chairs and shoeboxes
- Roddy Philip
- Alan & Gel Bilby
- Stuart Road Primary Academy, Plymouth
- Land Registry, Plymouth
- The Griggs Family for ongoing support
- Cylch Hwyl a Gwaith (Fun & Work Circle), Wales
- And the **many individuals** who have donated shoeboxes

Further thanks to companies continuing to support TEECH with the charity's vehicles:

- Signs Made Easy, Clacton for completing free signage on the TEECH trailer
- SLP Autos for the free MOT and Servicing of the Van
- Trott Rentals for the hire of the 18T lorry for the trip
- Elite Truck & Trailer Repairs Ltd for repairs to the TEECH lorry

Section E Financial review

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 to be 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 **The Daniel Foundation** and **ORA International**, our partner organisations that work in Moldova all year round.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

R Standley

Full name(s)

ROBERT Standley

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair,
etc.)

TREASURER

Date

27-07-2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Telecommunications Eastern European Challenge

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

14-Nov-21

To

13-Nov-22

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	103,202	-	-	103,202	£ 33,451
VAT Refund	6,849	-	-	6,849	£ 2,436
Gift Aid	6,615	-	-	6,615	£ 2,477
Bank interest	10	-	-	10	£ 3
	-	-	-	-	£ -
	-	-	-	-	£ -
	-	-	-	-	£ -
	-	-	-	-	£ -
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	116,676	-	-	116,676	£ 38,367
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	£ -
	-	-	-	-	£ -
Sub total	-	-	-	-	£ -
Total receipts	116,676	-	-	116,676	£ 38,367
A3 Payments					
Project and Aid Trips	82,592	-	-	82,592	£ 28,929
Administration	41	-	-	41	£ 40
Insurance	1,261	-	-	1,261	£ 1,226
Van Running Expenses	1,814	-	-	1,814	£ 1,352
Lorries: Running Expenses	14,423	-	-	14,423	£ 7,321
Purchase of Trailer	-	-	-	-	£ 1,523
Purchase of Vehicle	18,000	-	-	18,000	£ 3,715
Charity Shop	1,500	-	-	1,500	£ -
Donation to Purchase Vehicle	7,024	-	-	7,024	£ -
Sub total	126,653	-	-	126,653	£ 44,107
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	£ -
	-	-	-	-	£ -
Sub total	-	-	-	-	£ -
Total payments	126,653	-	-	126,653	£ 44,107
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,977	-	-	- 9,977	-£ 5,739
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	£ -
A6 Cash funds last year end	64,697	-	-	64,697	£ 70,436
Cash funds this year end	54,720	-	-	54,720	£ 64,697

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	Barclay Bank	28,576.34	-	£ -
	Co-op Bank	24,184.33	-	£ -
	Currency held by trustees (approx*)	1,959	-	£ -
	Total cash funds	54,719.63	-	£ -

(agree balances with receipts and payments
account(s))

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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	£ -
			-	£ -
			-	£ -
			-	£ -
			-	£ -

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Van for collection & delivery of aid		16,200	£ 10,000
	Lorry for collection and delivery of aid.		7,560	£ 7,560
	Lorry for collection and delivery of aid.		18,000	£ 18,000
	Trailer		1,500	£ -
			-	£ -
			-	£ -
			-	£ -
			-	£ -

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

R. S. Bradley

R STANLEY

approval
13/7/23