

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	06	April	2023	To	05	April	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

DialogCentre UK

Other names charity is known by

n/a

Registered charity number (if any)

1080175

Charity's principal address

BM DialogCentre

London

Postcode

WC1N 3XX

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	CHRIS JONES	SECRETARY		BOARD OF TRUSTEES
2	COLIN WOOD	TREASURER		
3	RICHARD HOWARD	CHAIRMAN	Resignation minuted 11/July /2023.	
4	JOHN HARDAKER	CHAIRMAN	Deed of appointment as Trustee 27 April 2023	
5	MARJORY SZURKO	TRUSTEE		
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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

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

The trustees shall hold the trust fund and its income upon trust to apply them for the following objects ("the objects")

A) The education of the general public and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing,

i) The promotion of the study of and research into the beliefs and practices of religions, religious systems of belief and systems of belief which appear initially to be non-religious or which are non-religious in their purposes, principles, structures, behaviours, vocabulary or other characteristics but which can have the same practical effects on their practitioners and those around them as religions and religious systems of belief

ii) The making available to the general public the results of the said study and research.

B) The relief of physical, emotional and psychological suffering by any member of the general public incurred as a result of his or her participation in religions or those systems of belief as are referred to in (A) above by any method which shall be recognised as charitable and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, by

i) counselling

ii) referral to medical or psychological professional advice

iii) other practical advice and help

Checked. True copy of Section B of Trust Deed dated 07/02/2000 (CW)

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)

The main activities of the DialogCentre UK to accomplish our objects are:

We encourage research and greater understanding of various belief systems, whether oriented around religious, political, philosophical, scientific, artistic, therapeutic, or other principles. We co-operate and collaborate with others where appropriate.

We offer introductory public talks, in-depth lectures, and advanced seminars on the nature of various religious and non-religious belief systems and their practical implications for personal relationships and for the wider society.

Where systems of belief become especially intense and extreme they can produce authoritarian structures of exploitative control, allowing leaders to abuse followers by enforcing destructive attitudes and behaviour. This in turn has serious consequences for the rest of society.

The various kinds of harm may be psychological, emotional, physical, financial, relational, or occupational, and often are a combination of some or all of these. The umbrella term for this is "spiritual abuse". The DialogCentre offers relief and help to those who have been affected negatively.

We work with those who have been harmed in order to facilitate their recovery. Our first goal in these situations is to relieve the immediate distress experienced by those who come to us. Afterwards if they wish to continue, we work with them in a process of counseling and psychoeducation designed to help them rebuild their lives.

Where appropriate we make referrals to other specialized sources of help.

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

CHRISTIAN SZURKO

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

TRUST DEED 07 February 2000

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

CHARITABLE TRUST

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

APPOINTED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

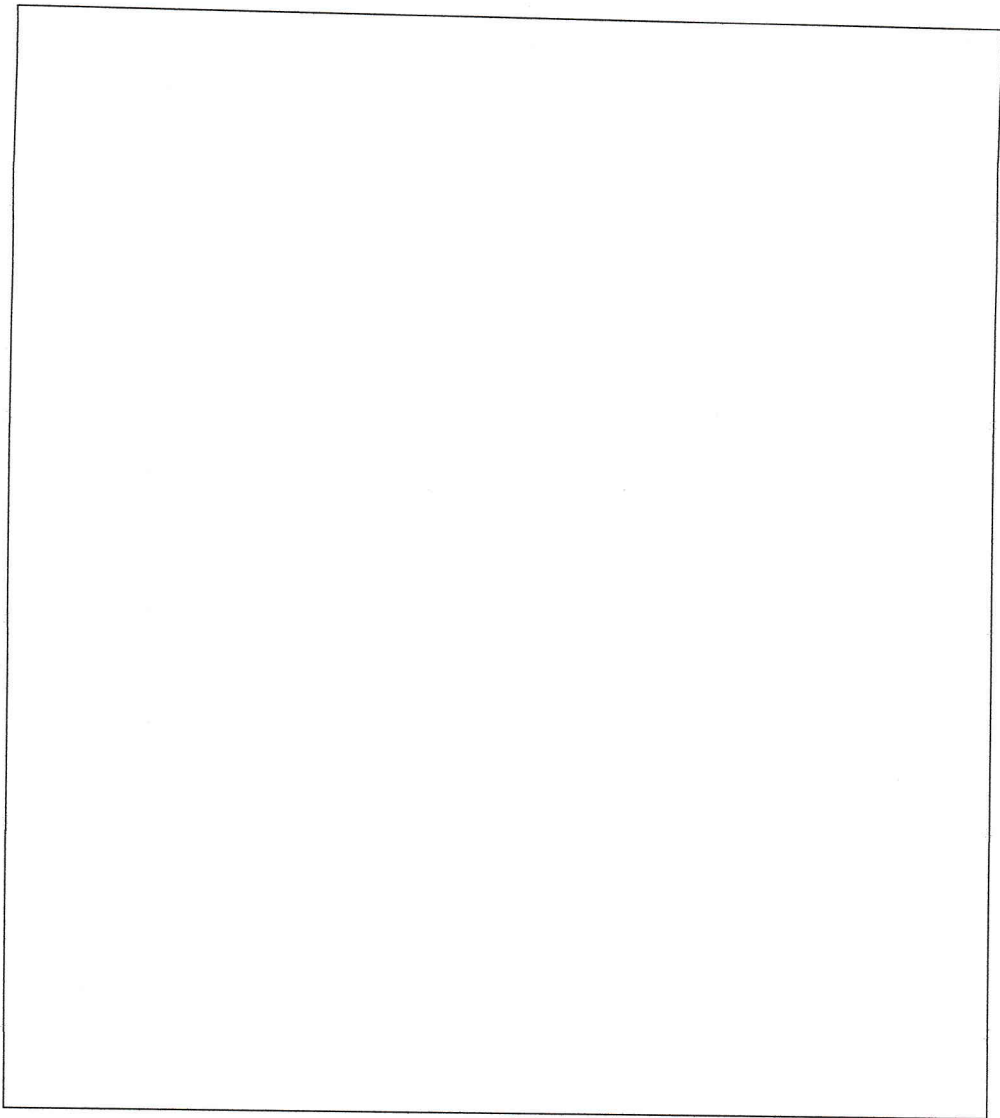
Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

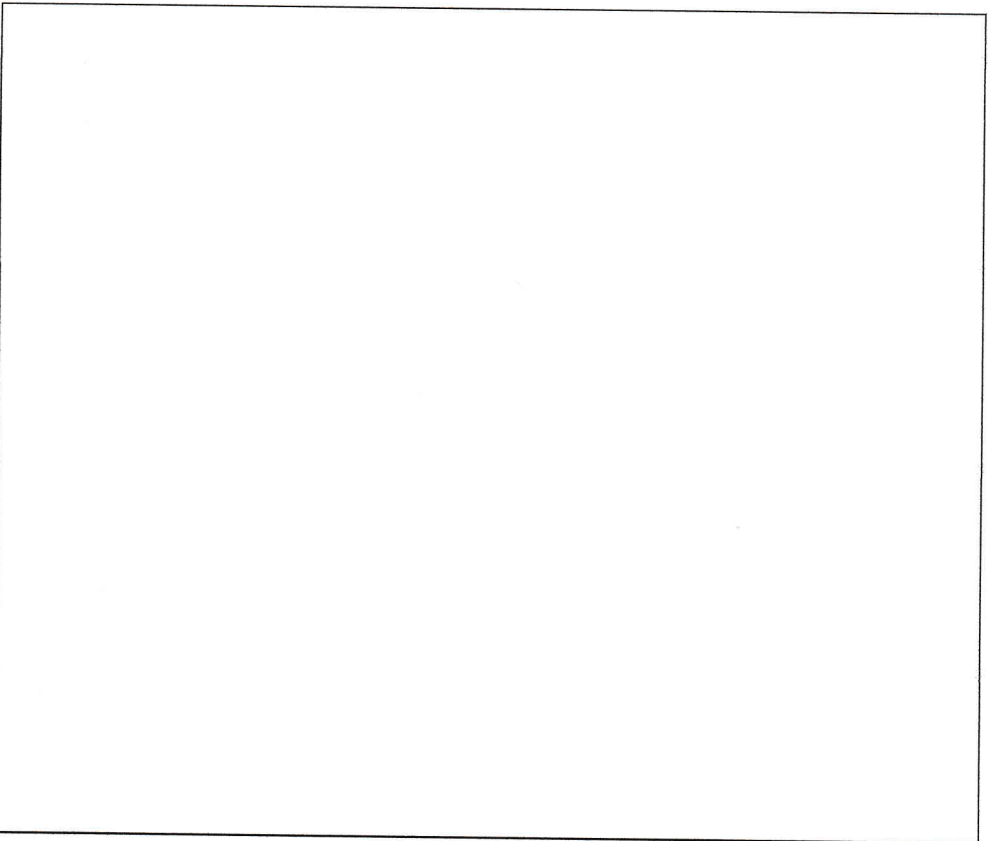
- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Privacy Policy created and formally agreed by Trustees this year and is operational, but the document has yet to be added to the website. Initial discussions in this year by the Board regarding the need for a safeguarding policy and an assessment of risks. It was agreed that all DCUK personnel will first need training and expert advice on how to tailor such formal policies to the specific needs of DCUK. Meanwhile the Board has reviewed, discussed, and agreed some practical safeguarding principles and practices which have proved robust over the many years of DCUK's existence and which continue to be applied. The Board has also had informal discussions about risk management within DCUK.

Section C Objectives and activities



Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)



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

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

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

Throughout the year we have provided both short-term and long-term counseling and care for individuals and families who have left controlling and abusive groups of the kind described in Section C. This was our primary activity and accounted for approximately 2,000 hours over the course of the year.

We also contributed to a public discussion hosted by the BGIPU and CPA UK regarding abuse and torture in the context of authoritarian groups.

We meet regularly with colleagues and researchers to exchange specialist knowledge.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have no reserves. Our highest 2023-24 bank balance was sufficient to cover expenditure in that year, for only 15 months

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A Accounting is cash only. No designated funds.

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.

Section F

Other optional information

This report has been approved by all Trustees of DCUK.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

John Hardaker

Full name(s)

JOHN HARDAKER

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIRMAN DCUK

Date

14/05/2025

DCUK FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2023-24

ANNUAL REPORT 06/04/2023 to 05/04/2024		ANNUAL REPORT 06/04/2022 to 05/04/2023		COMMENTS
DCUK Receipts and Payments		DCUK Receipts and Payments		
Income		Income		
Trust Grants	18401.22	Trust Grants	0.00	Proof Trust £12,000 + £6401.22 Final close down (see below)
Private donations under Gift Aid	5035.00	Private donations under Gift Aid	5250.00	
Non GA donations	9252.21	Non GA donations	5253.02	Brooks £5000, Kwok £3000, Lee 1,500*, Cordes-Peters 252.21
GA Tax reclaimed (Previous 2 years)	2510.41	GA Tax reclaimed (Previous year)	0.00	(* Gift Aid tax subsequently reclaimed for Lee in 2024-5, when he confirmed that his UK tax status made him eligible)
Sub-Let rental	3408.02	Sub-Let rental	3600.00	
Interest received	0.00	Interest received	0.00	
Fees received	0.00	Fees received	0.00	
Total receipts	38606.86	Total receipts	14103.02	
Payments		Payments		
Szurko Salary	8400.00	Szurko Salary	8100.00	
Office rent	5850.00	Office rent	5850.00	
Office Council tax	1055.11	Office Council tax	573.82	Proof Trust Closure
Office Insurance	733.15	Office Insurance	667.51	In the desperate days since 2015, as support from Deo Gorla was reduced, and then terminated, the Trustees of the Proof Trust have
Office Utilities (Elec & Water)	3868.51	Office Utilities (Elec & Water)	4369.40	made funds available for bail-out grants, on request, to keep DCUK
Office telephone& Internet.	574.62	Office telephone& Internet.	448.73	afloat, giving a total of £17,500 in the four years 2015-2019.
Photocopying, Printing, Stationery	0.00	Photocopying, Printing, Stationery	0.00	From 2019, Stephen Brooks joined in to share the load, and has
Office Equipment purchase & repair	90.00	Office Equipment purchase & repair	265.00	given a wonderfully generous total of £28,546 from 2019 to 2024.
Mail forwarding service	124.99	Mail forwarding service	246.82	The Proof Trust joined in again earlier this year with £12,000, but
Bank charges & fees	0.00	Bank charges & fees	0.00	now has no further income. The Trustees have therefore closed
Research: Conferences & publication	0.00	Research: Conferences & publication	0.00	the Trust down, giving to DCUK their final balance of £6,401.22.
Travel & Fxpenses.	0.00	Travel & Fxpenses.	162.40	<i>We can expect no further emergency help from this source</i>
Total payments	20696.38	Total payments	20683.68	
Cash flow summary		Cash flow summary		
Bank balance 06/04/23	7875.83	Bank balance 06/04/22	14456.49	This has been an amazing year! I will, circulate shortly, a future
Total income	38606.86	Total income	14103.02	projection showing what this means for the year or so to come.
Less total payments	-20696.38	Less total payments	-20683.68	
Bank balance at Date	25786.31	Bank balancesat Date	7875.83	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the DialogCentre UK

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the DialogCentre UK ('the Charity') for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Bingham', followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line extending to the right.

Name: Philip Bingham

Address: 6 Rivy Close, Abingdon, OX14 3XT

Date: 28/05/2025