

PROJECTS AIDING GAMBIAN EDUCATION & NATURAL TALENT (PAGEANT)

England & Wales · Charity number 1093963

Details

Other names	PROJECTS AIDING GAMBIAN EDUCATION & NATIONAL TALENT (PAGEANT), PAGEANT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2002-09-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS") ARE THE PROMOTION AND FURTHERANCE OF EDUCATION IN THE GAMBIA OR SUCH OTHER COUNTRIES OR TERRITORIES, OTHER THAN THE UNITED KINGDOM, AS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

Activities: PAGEANT stands for Projects Aiding Gambian Education And Natural Talent. It was established as a UK Charity in 2002, specifically to support education and related projects in The Gambia.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** OVERSEAS
- The Gambia

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£14,071	£19,443	-	-
2023-12-31	£57,209	£42,283	-	-
2022-12-31	£7,808	£24,724	-	-
2021-12-31	£19,905	£33,522	-	-
2020-12-31	£12,108	£30,216	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Catriona Gay Boswell		
Philippa Joan Howard		2016-09-19

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2023		31	12	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Projects Aiding Gambian Education and Natural Talent (PAGEANT)		
Other names charity is known by	PAGEANT		
Registered charity number (if any)	1093963		
Charity's principal address	Old School		
	Worthing Road		
	Southwater, Horsham		
	Postcode	RH13 9DT	

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	Philippa Howard	Secretary		
2	Catriona Boswell			
3	Andrew Williams	Chair	1/1/23 – 5/9/23	
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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
Philippa Howard	
Catriona Boswell	
Andrew Williams	1/1/23 – 5/9/23

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 (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by other 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.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

The provision of education and fostering of natural talent, SPECIFICALLY TO SUPPORT EDUCATION AND RELATED PROJECTS IN THE GAMBIA.

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 provision and improvements of facilities at schools in The Gambia.

Acting as a conduit for UK residents to sponsor children's education in The Gambia.

Helping Gambian women attain a degree of self-sufficiency.

The trustees affirm that they 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 grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

All schools are in The Gambia

Dembadu LBS & Nursery in Salagi: rendering, painting and tiling all floors of new school

Yundum Barracks LBS library: provision of text books - LBS, UBS & SSS

Humanity: completion of new LBS building ground floor, toilets and borehole

Albreda LBS: repair of storm damage to roof of female staff quarters

Pakalinding UBS: repair of storm damage to roof plus new windows of library

Direct sponsorship of 7 medical students at university, in association with AFRICMED hospital

A total of 500 children have been supported for their education by sponsors through PAGEANT since the charity was started – during 2023 there were 150 students in full sponsorship

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has little or no need for reserves as it has very few ongoing commitments. School projects are only started if there is sufficient money to complete them. In practice a reserve of approximately £25,000 is kept, in order to ensure continuity of sponsorship for at least one year.

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.

During the year the charity received a significant legacy which will be used on school projects. This is unlikely to re-occur

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)		
Full name(s)	Philippa Joan Howard	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	14/9/2024	



Income

	2021
Membership	£1,327
Sponsorship	£28,836
Donation	£18,579
Gift Aid	£7,857
Total incomings	£56,598

Expenditure

Beneficiaries

UK Purchases	£23
UK Exam Fees	£0
Transfers to The Gambia	£52,447
Subtotal Beneficiaries	£52,470

Expenses

Costs (UK)	£7,241
Total Expenditure	£59,711

Transfer to Reserves

-£3,113

TOTAL RAISED SINCE PAGEANT WAS STARTED

Note 1: The charity acts as agents for UK spons
During the year the charity received £24,542 fro
Gift Aid includes recoveries from eligible donati



ACCOUNTS UP TO END 2023

2022	2023	
£1,095	£990	Balance Sh
£23,884	£24,542	UK Funds b
£7,003	£56,219	Transfer to
£6,829	£7,145	UK Funds c,
£38,811	£88,896	
	includes bequest of £48,331.26	

£0	£914
£0	£254
£53,027	£63,029
£53,027	£64,197

£606	£1,098
£53,633	£65,295

-£14,821	£23,601
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£1,277,382 excluding GET transfer

ors of Gambian children to transfer the money to the stu
 om sponsors for payment to students. These funds are n
 ons



	2021	2022	2023
Net			
/f	£70,226	£67,113	£52,292
Reserves	-£3,113	-£14,821	£23,601
/f	£67,113	£52,292	£75,893
of which			
UK Bank	£67,015	£52,175	£75,285
Cash	£99	£117	£609
		money in Banjul	£8,269
		total available	£84,162

Reserve funds already allocated £32,166

**idents in The Gambia
ot PAGEANT funds.**

Recipient	2023 Expenditure
Sponsorship	£20,407
	£1,539
	£3,520
	£1,580
	£1,066
School projects	
Dembadu LBS & Nursery in Salagi	£9,415
Yundum Bcks LBS library	£2,000
Humanity	£11,950
Albreda LBS	£1,345
Pakalinding UBS	£2,600
Community aid	
Gift Token items	£110
Gambian agents - i.e.	
Wandifa Saidykhan	£1,440
Yankuba Ceesay	£1,440
Abdoulie Gibba	£1,440
additional assistance	£443
telephone credit	£79
Small projects	
personal donations	£1,480
minibus for Pageant use only	£79
	£197
	£200
Costs (UK)	£658

	£58
	£186
	£85
	£110
UK purchases	£914
UK-paid exam fees	£254
Total expenditure	£64,596
Total UK expenditure	£65,295
Total incomings	£88,547
UK funds to reserves	£23,252
UK Funds in hand	£75,893
Gambian funds in hand	£6,585
(exch rate 78.7422)	£1,684
So, available funds	£84,162
Already allocated for 2024	£6,896
as & when appropriate	£788
(use in early 2024)	£137
(use in early 2024)	£1,875
(use in early 2024)	£2,370
(used Feb 2024)	£12,280
(use during 2024)	£3,500
(use during 2024)	£4,320
Total allocated	£32,166

BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE 2023

Money used for ...

500 students have been fully sponsored by the end of 2023 - an increase of 2 students this

students sponsored by **Linda**

7 additional medical students now sponsored in association with Africmed

students assisted from emergency fund

additional help for sponsored students

rendering, painting and tiling all floors of new school

books - LBS, UBS & SSS

completion of new LBS building ground floor, toilets, borehole

repair of storm damage to roof of female staff quarters

repair of storm damage to roof plus new windows of library

gift token items distributed by agents in 2023

paid a monthly wage of D8,600 + extra on trips

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incl. medication, hospital tests, festival gifts

for contacting students

Linda Murgatroyd's donations to Gambian families

tax and insurance plus new driving licence

maintenance and parts

Fuel

flight & malarone for PJH audit trip in November - paid by **Pippa Howard**

postage

bank charges for transfer of funds to Banjul bank

web hosting etc

summer party lunch expenses

phones for agents for new IT system, tablets as prizes for best SSS students

ACCA fees

£699 excess in Gambian TrustBank

in UK at 31 December 2023

518,543.05 GMD in Gambian TrustBank at 31 December 2023

132,565 GMD cash with Linda at 31 December 2023

Funds held for long term sponsorship, plus Sheila Hill & Ian Howard memorial scholarships

funds in hand for Pageant Loan scheme to be set up for more Women's groups

Gift Tokens

borehole for Yundum Barracks library

Dembadu LBS & Nursery extended perimeter wall

2nd payments and new children 2022-3 sponsorship

continuing sponsorship of UTG medical students in association with AfricMed

basic wages for agents in 2024

Further projects to be assessed during 2024...

FWK opinion re Pageant accounts 2023

I have reconciled the transaction records to the bank statements and validated the internal record keeping through the 'suspense account' of envelopes.

There is some money which does not pass through the bank account but the amounts involved are a small proportion of the total transactions and this situation would be normal in charitable work of this nature.

I have also validated a sample of larger transactions of different categories against the evidence provided and have found nothing to indicate that the transaction records are not an accurate reflection of the actual transactions.

The accounts presented at the 2024 AGM contained some small errors in relation to the income split between membership fees and sponsorship, a missing transaction, the bank and envelope balances and the value of Gambian assets. Updated accounts have therefore been prepared for 2023 to correct these errors. My opinion is based on these updated accounts but I have no hesitation in confirming my opinion that, from the information presented to me, the updated accounts represent a true and fair picture of the charity's activities during 2023.

Fred King

5/9/2024