

MENINADANCA

England & Wales · Charity number 1095638

Details

Other names CRIANCAS - CHRISTIAN ANSWERS, PEDRAVIVA

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2003-01-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (I) TO ASSIST AND MAINTAIN REGISTERED CHRISTIAN CHARITIES THAT PROVIDE EDUCATION AND/OR SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING ON THE STREETS, DRUG USERS, AND/OR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AND/OR COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION, AND THAT PROVIDE NECESSARY HELP FOR THE FAMILIES OF SUCH YOUNG PEOPLE IN ANY WAY DEEMED CHARITABLE IN LAW.(II) TO ASSIST AND MAINTAIN REGISTERED CHRISTIAN CHARITIES THAT RUN PREVENTATIVE PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING IN CONDITIONS OF DEPRIVATION OR WHO ARE EXPOSED TO THE DANGERS OF ABUSE EXPLOITATION OR ADDICTION, AND THAT PROVIDE NECESSARY HELP FOR THE FAMILIES OF SUCH YOUNG PEOPLE IN ANY WAY DEEMED CHARITABLE IN LAW.(3) TO COLLATE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION THROUGH ALL FORMS OF MEDIA THAT WILL HELP DRAW ATTENTION TO THE PLIGHT OF YOUNG PEOPLE DESCRIBED IN (I) AND (II) WHILST RESPECTING THEIR RIGHT TO PRIVACY, AND TO ENCOURAGE CHARITABLE ACTION ON THEIR BEHALF.

Activities: To help in the rescue and prevention of young girls exploited in child prostitution and human trafficking in Brazil. To provide places of safety and refuge where girls can receive counselling, rehabilitation, hope, healing and - where possible - justice.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Brazil

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£242,650	£208,549	-	-
2024-03-31	£237,419	£186,171	-	-
2023-03-31	£220,100	£169,612	-	-
2022-03-31	£127,832	£120,879	-	-
2021-03-31	£124,992	£129,203	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID HENRY ROPER	Chair	
Anna Wilkinson		2025-09-06
Charlotte Piek		2019-10-12
Katherine Wilkinson		2024-09-13
Lara Elize Nascimento-Brooks		2025-09-06
Simon Robert Cole		2019-10-12
Yaa Owusua		2013-01-21

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Meninadança

Trustees' Annual Report

for the year ended 31 March 2025

Full name Meninadança

Other names by which the charity has been known

Crianças (Old name)

Pedraviva (Old name)

Registered charity number 1095638

Principal address 8 Old Terrace, Pleasley, Notts, NG19 7QR

UK Office address Bishop's Stortford Baptist Centre,
Twyford Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 3LJ

Trustees

David Roper (chair)

Yaa Owusua

Matthew Roper

Charlotte Piek

Simon Cole (treasurer)

Georgina Butten (to 16th November 2024)

Katherine Wilkinson (from 13th September 2024)

Independent examiner

Peter Wright, St John's Centre, St John Street, Mansfield NG18 1QH

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its Declaration of Trust adopted 07/05/2002 and most recently amended 05/07/2011. New trustees are asked for a written recommendation from a trustworthy person and voted on by current trustees.

Aims and objectives

1. To assist and maintain registered charities that provide education and/or support for young people who are living on the streets, drug users and/or victims of domestic abuse and/or commercial exploitation, and that provide necessary help for the families of such people in any way deemed charitable in law;
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3. To collate and disseminate information through all forms of media that will help draw attention to the plight of young people described in 1) and 2) whilst respecting their right to privacy and to encourage charitable action on their behalf.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Meninadança works with survivors of child sexual exploitation, abuse and human trafficking in communities along the BR-116 in Brazil, offering them a safe house and rehabilitation and by teaching protective behaviours. We use dance and other therapeutic activities, alongside the support of a team of professionals, to help them take back control of their lives. We work with the girls' families, offering support and aiding reconciliation. Initiatives in local communities where sexual exploitation occurs help to challenge local entrenched attitudes which normalise and accept abuse and exploitation of girls. We also seek to prevent young girls from becoming victims of abuse, child sexual exploitation or trafficking by raising awareness with Brazilian authorities.

Since opening the first Pink House in Medina in 2013, Meninadança has grown to operate five Pink Houses across a 250km stretch of the BR-116 motorway - Brazil's worst road for child trafficking and sexual exploitation. The additional centres are in Cândido Sales (2016), Padre Paraíso (2019), Catuji (2020), and Ponto dos Volantes (2023).

Summary of the main achievements and decisions during the period

Brazil

In the 2024–2025 period, the Pink Houses supported approximately 350 girls each week, continuing to provide them with a safe, creative, and healing environment,

Each Pink House typically welcomes between 60 and 80 girls per day, across morning and afternoon sessions. Staffed entirely by local women, our team members act not only as educators and facilitators, but as trusted mentors, advocates, and lifelines for vulnerable girls affected by or at risk of sexual abuse, trafficking and exploitation.

During the year, we delivered:

- 1,093 dance lessons
- 1,050 arts workshops
- 932 theatre sessions
- 1,154 conversation circles

We also worked closely with girls' families and caregivers, particularly their mothers, whose participation is often instrumental in enabling long-term personal and community transformation. During 2024 our teams conducted 539 home visits.

In addition to core programming, we expanded several targeted initiatives within the Pink Houses to broaden our reach and deepen our impact. These included:

- Blossom Meetings – evening gatherings featuring food and interactive activities to engage girls who are harder to reach.
- Step Into the Future Days – tailored sessions that equip older girls with professional and entrepreneurial skills to support their independence and economic empowerment.
- Time for Girls Meetings - special meetings providing a similar experience as Blossom Meetings for girls who are more regular participants of the Pink Houses.

Our commitment to influencing broader social attitudes continued through our community-facing work. In 2024–2025, our Pink House teams organised 202 public events and performances, engaging an estimated 29,200 people with messages of empowerment, awareness, and cultural change.

Among these events was the Transforma Exhibition, now a key annual fixture. Each Pink House becomes an interactive space where art, performance, and storytelling challenge

harmful gender norms and promote girls' rights. In July 2024, five Transforma Exhibitions were held, attracting 2,500 visitors across our project sites.

All the Pink Houses put on their end of year performance, an artistic showcase that brings together the work developed in the year's workshops. The event is a one-night presentation held in a public space, free of charge and open to the community. These performances took place simultaneously in all five towns and were watched by around 1,000 people.

The girls also actively participated in 72 public demonstrations and advocacy events, using their voices to call for justice, equality, and protection for girls in their communities, impacting around 19,000 people.

Our Justice Team, comprised of two lawyers, worked on:

- 37 case meetings
- 21 written reports and petitions submitted to authorities
- 20 ongoing legal cases involving sexual abuse or exploitation

Central coordination and operational support were provided by our team in Belo Horizonte, led by Brazilian Director Warlei Torezani. This six-person team provides training, oversight, and strategic planning for all Pink House projects.

The Meninadança Brazil office, based in Belo Horizonte, is not only responsible for the coordination, training, and strategic support of the Pink House teams - it also plays an active role in developing local partnerships and securing national funding.

One of our key partners in 2024–2025 has been SADA, one of Brazil's largest logistics and haulage companies. Through tax rebate incentives, SADA is providing vital funding to support the cultural programmes at two of our Pink Houses, enabling us to expand our reach and deepen community engagement through dance, theatre, and the arts.

In addition, SADA has collaborated with Meninadança on awareness campaigns along the BR-116, particularly at gas stations and truck parks — known hotspots for child sexual exploitation. These campaigns have helped raise public awareness and promote protective behaviours among truck drivers and local workers, reinforcing our mission to create a safer environment for girls along this high-risk corridor.

With Meninadança's growing national profile, the Belo Horizonte office is also playing an increasingly active role in representing the charity at conferences, seminars, and public events across Brazil. In 2024–2025, this included delivering a series of educational talks to employees at SADA's headquarters in Betim, where team members raised awareness about child sexual exploitation and encouraged staff to recognise signs of abuse and take action to report it. This kind of corporate sensitisation has become a valuable tool in extending our preventative work beyond the Pink Houses and into wider society.

The girls themselves have played a vital role in Meninadança's awareness-raising efforts beyond the immediate regions where we operate. In October 2024, a dance group from our Medina Pink House travelled to Belo Horizonte to perform at a creative arts event, sharing their message through movement and storytelling with a broader audience. Meanwhile, three girls from the Cândido Sales Pink House represented Meninadança at a national conference in São Paulo, organised by Childhood Brasil, focused on the issue of child sexual exploitation along Brazil's highways. There, the girls not only performed but also spoke publicly about their experiences and perspectives, helping to centre survivor voices in a national conversation about prevention, protection, and policy change. Their participation is a powerful reminder that the girls we support are also leaders, advocates, and agents of change.

In parallel, advocacy and lobbying have become a key area of growth for our Brazilian operations. Over the past year, the Belo Horizonte team participated in several high-level meetings with policymakers, local government officials, and judicial representatives, drawing

attention to the systemic failures in protecting girl victims of sexual violence. The team actively advocated for the proper enforcement of existing laws and proposed the development of new legislation better suited to the specific vulnerabilities of girls in high-risk areas such as those along the BR-116. This work is critical in driving the structural change needed to complement our direct support for girls and their communities.

UK

The Meninadaça UK office, based at the Bishop's Stortford Baptist Centre, remained the hub for our fundraising, awareness-raising, and advocacy work in the UK. We are continuing to grow our supporter base as more people hear about the cause of child trafficking on the BR-116 and our work on the frontline.

Our yearly magazine was published in September 2024 and mailed to all our supporters.

2024 also saw the launch of Matt Roper's book, *Before the Night Comes*, which tells the whole story of Meninadaça and was published by Mirror Books.

To accompany the launch of the book we brought a group of girls over from Brazil, alongside Pink House Cândido Sales coordinator Keyla Dutra and Brazil director Warlei Torezani to perform over a two-week period in venues around the UK.

The book also led to media coverage with articles in the Daily Mirror and MailOnline, and in Premier Christianity magazine.

The charity's' policy on reserves

Priority is given to funding support for the projects in Brazil, keeping the equivalent of three months of Brazil grants and UK operational costs in reserve. However, throughout this period, we have continued to accrue additional reserves in anticipation of the significantly increased funds needed to run the projects and justice team as the situation in Brazil changes and the work grows and develops.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Meninadaça for the year ended 31 March 2025

We report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

- have not been met; or

2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed _____

P Wright

Date _____

29 August 2025

Peter Wright, St John's Centre, St John Street, Mansfield NG18 1QH

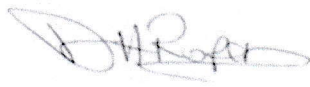
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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

2023/24		2024/25
	Receipts	
£ 132,748.02	Donations	£114,549.99
£ 32,016.50	Grants/subsidies	£33,429.00
£ 3,076.35	Fundraising	£7143.80
£ 51,593.33	Web Fundraising	£68,510.34
£ 15,781.49	Gift Aid Claim	£15,680.35
£ 1,937.50	Bank Interest	£3123.62
£ 265.69	Sundry	£213.01
£ 237,418.88	Total Receipts	£242,650.11
	Payments	
£ 43,440.22	Wages, Consultancy, Tax & NI	£39,789.12
£ 17,739.58	Travel and expenses	£16,533.27
£ 59,873.00	Brazil funding	£113,021.56
£ 31,269.00	Brazil Justice Funds	£0.00
£ 6,351.96	Office and admin costs	£10,056.38
£ 210.93	Trustee / meetings expenses / sundries	£143.75
£ 122.65	Bank Charges	£164.51
£ 26,858.95	Fundraising costs	£28,526.78
£ 305.07	Insurance	£313.60
0	Independent examination	£0.00
£ 186,171.36	Total Payments	£208,549.17
£ 51,247.52	Net receipts / (payments)	£34,100.94
£ 49.08	Cash funds at start of period	£29.08
£ 93,788.80	Bank funds at start of period	£145,056.32
£ 93,837.88	Total funds at start of period	£145,085.40
£ 145,045.32	Bank funds at end of period	£179,157.26
£ 29.08	Cash funds at end of period	£29.08
£ 145,085.40	Total funds at end of period	£179,186.34


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Statement of assets
on 31 March 2025

2023/24		2024/25
	Cash Assets	
£ 145,056	Bank accounts	£ 179,157
£ 29	Petty cash	£ 29
£ <u>145,085</u>	Total fund	£ <u>179,186</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  _____ Dated 28th August 2025

David Roper, Chair of Trustees

Signed  _____ Dated 28th August 2025

Simon Cole, Treasurer

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Receipts and payment accounts

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2. Grants and donations

The final instalment of a £105,000 grant over three years was made by Stewardship. With the kind permission of the donor this instalment of £30,000 went towards Pink House Operational costs as the Justice team were adequately funded at the time. A grant of £2829 was received from Brazouky Worldwide to sponsor a dance teacher for the Pink Houses in Brazil and a grant of £600 was received from Mission Assist. Gift Aid for 2021 was claimed and received (£15,680) in this period.

3. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no remuneration or benefits in this period.

4. Related party transactions

An international director, who is the son of the Chair of the UK charity Meninadança is paid directly by the charity.

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Georgina Butten

Independent examiner

Peter Wright, St John's Centre, St John Street, Mansfield NG18 1QH

Governance and management

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Aims and objectives

1. To assist and maintain registered charities that provide education and/or support for young people who are living on the streets, drug users and/or victims of domestic abuse and/or commercial exploitation, and that provide necessary help for the families of such people in any way deemed charitable in law;
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Meninadança works with survivors of child sexual exploitation, abuse and human trafficking in communities along the BR-116 in Brazil, offering them a safe house and rehabilitation and by teaching protective behaviours. We use dance and other therapeutic activities, alongside the support of a team of professionals, to help them take back control of their lives. We work with the girls' families, offering support and aiding reconciliation. Initiatives in local communities where sexual exploitation occurs help to challenge local entrenched attitudes which normalise and accept abuse and exploitation of girls. We also seek to prevent young girls from becoming victims of abuse, child sexual exploitation or trafficking by raising awareness with Brazilian authorities.

Summary of the main achievements and decisions during the period

The first Pink House opened in Medina in January 2013, subsequently houses have been opened in Candido Sales (2016), Padre Paraiso (2019), Catuji (2020) and the fifth in Ponto dos Volantes early in May 2023, extending the work to communities over a 250km stretch of the BR-116 motorway. Our Pink Houses worked with 507 girls every week in 2023.

The projects also engage with the girls' families, and the support and participation of their mothers in particular has helped bring sustained change. Each of the Pink Houses welcome between 60 and 80 girls per day, across morning and afternoon sessions. The staff at each of the Pink Houses are local women who every day put themselves on the line and go above and beyond their roles to come alongside girls who have been traumatised by sexual abuse, violence and families in crisis. In 2023 there were 1,099 dance lessons, 1,166 arts workshops, 989 theatre classes and 994 conversation circles across the Pink Houses.

An increasing number of separate projects within the Pink Houses have helped the teams successfully reach more girls as well as impacting their communities. They include Blossom Meetings, evening events with food and activities especially for hard-to-reach girls, and 'Step into The Future' days which offer professional skills to older girls which they can use to set up their own micro businesses.

As part of our aim to engage with the girls' communities, promoting change in mindsets and behaviours the Pink Houses are increasingly involved in outdoor performances and events. In 2023 there were 329 separate events and performances reaching around 26,000 people with a message of change. They included Transforma Exhibition, now an annual event, when all the Pink Houses are turned into exhibition spaces where art is used to challenge entrenched attitudes and behaviours. There were 9 Transforma Exhibitions in May 2023 in all our Pink Houses and Brumadinho projects, which were visited by 1,912 local people. The girls also took part in 107 demonstrations or protest events raising awareness of girls' rights and demanding change.

In addition, our team of psychologists held 235 individual sessions with girls and/or their families and held 305 group sessions in the Pink Houses. They also made 416 visits to the girls' homes. Our Justice Team, consisting of two lawyers, participated in 132 case meetings, submitted 66

written reports or petitions about a girl's case and were involved in 16 ongoing cases of abuse or exploitation which were going through the courts.

A team of six people in Meninadaça's Belo Horizonte office provide support, advice and training to the Pink House teams, headed by Brazilian director Warlei Torezani. Together they look after many aspects of the organisation and administration of the projects.

Alongside the work on the BR-116, we also run our 'Meninadaça Day' projects in three towns in the Brumadinho area, one in the city of Betim, close to Belo Horizonte. A team of creative professionals and educators provide typical Pink House activities in schools and community centres, reaching over 300 girls every week who are at risk of sexual abuse or exploitation.

The Meninadaça UK office is now firmly established in Bishop's Stortford Baptist Centre and provides a sound base for Meninadaça's fundraising activities in the UK.

The focus of our fundraising activities in 2023 was in October when we brought over three girls, Rany, Moany and Maluiza, from the Pink House in Cândido Sales, along with Pink House coordinator Kayla Dutra and Brazil director Warlei Torezani. The girls performed a 30-minute dance musical called 'Stones & Flowers', which moved audiences in 35 different venues around the country between September 29 and October 17. They also performed the dance at a special event inside the Houses of Parliament on October 16. The team were also here for our annual conference held at St Paul's, Covent Garden, on October 14.

The charity's policy on reserves

The trustee's policy is to prioritize funding to support the projects in Brazil, keeping the equivalent of three months' running costs in reserve. However, throughout this period, we have continued to accrue additional reserves in anticipation of the significantly increased funds needed to run the projects and justice team in Brazil when the state prosecutors' funding ceases in 2024/5.


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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

2022/23		2023/24
	Receipts	
£	£131,266.22 Donations	£132,748.02
£	£45,000.00 Grants/subsidies	£32,016.50
£	£2767.69 Fundraising	£3,076.35
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£	21,342.53 Brazil Justice Funds	£31,269.00
£	7,672.18 Office and admin costs	£6,351.96
£	24.94 Trustee / meetings expenses / sundries	£210.93
£	100.00 Bank Charges	£122.65
£	32,074.90 Fundraising costs	£26,858.95
£	183.21 Insurance	£305.07
	0 Independent examination	£0.00
£	169,612.17 Total Payments	£186,171.36
£	50,488.19 Net receipts / (payments)	£51,247.52
£	182.02 Cash funds at start of period	£49.08
£	43,167.67 Bank funds at start of period	£93,788.80
£	43,349.69 Total funds at start of period	£93,837.88
£	93,788.80 Bank funds at end of period	£145,056.32
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2. Grants and donations

A grant of £105,000 over three years was made by Stewardship. The first instalment of £45,000 was paid in 2022/3, the second split between funding the Justice Team in Brazil (£20,000) and Pink House Operational costs (£10,000) was received and paid out in this period. A subsidy of £2,016 was received from Exeter University to cover the cost of employing an intern working in the office in Bishop's Stortford over the summer of 2023. Gift Aid for 2020 was claimed and received (£15,780) in this period. Claims for 2021 and 2022 are expected to follow in the next financial year.

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An increasing number of separate projects have been created within the Pink Houses which have helped the teams successfully reach more girls as well as impact their communities. They include Blossom Meetings, evening events with food and activities especially for hard-to-reach girls who are more deeply involved in prostitution, and Step Into The Future days which offer professional skills to older girls, skills which they can use to set up their own micro business. In 2022 we also held the first Transforma exhibition in all our projects, when the Pink Houses were turned into exhibition spaces where music, dance, photography and art installations put across a message against child sexual abuse and exploitation and local people were invited to visit and take part.

A team of six people in Meninadança's Belo Horizonte office provide support, advice and training to the Pink House teams, headed by Brazilian director Warlei Torezani. Together they look after many aspects of the organisation and administration of the projects.

In May 2022 Meninadança opened its UK office having received an offer of a spacious room with daily access in the Bishop's Stortford Baptist Church Centre. From 6th to 23rd May 2022 we hosted a UK Tour with a team from Brazil including the Medina Pink House coordinator.

In June 2022 Meninadança Brazil opened a 'reference centre' in the town of Brumadinho, reaching out to girls who have been affected by the dam disaster there in 2019, which claimed 270 lives and is Brazil's worst environmental and industrial tragedy. This was part of an agreement with the Belo Horizonte prosecution service to run the project for an initial two-year period. Funding has also been released for additional staff in our five Pink Houses for the same period, allowing social workers and psychologists and additional workshop teachers to be taken on in each of the Pink Houses.

International director Matt Roper visited each of the Pink Houses in July-August 2022, fact finding, meeting staff and reviewing activities.

In September 2022 we took on a new member of staff to work in the UK office as the Supporter Care and Fundraising coordinator, working alongside our Event/Networking Coordinator.

A team including the Brazil director and the legal team leader visited in November 2022 speaking at several events to highlight the work of the Justice Project.


From January to December 2022 525 girls were directly assisted every week through the then four Pink Houses, as well as the new projects in the Brumadinho area. There was a total of 14,700 engagements with girls, that is, the number of times a girl took part in a group or individual session or activity in one of our projects. There were a total of 2,215 dance, drama, creative art and craft classes, beauty therapy sessions and conversation circles throughout our Pink Houses, and 46 outdoor events in which the girls performed or participated in the towns where we work. An estimated total of 5,122 local people attended a Meninadaça event in their town and heard through dance, drama or the spoken word a message of transformation.

In addition, our team of psychologists held 844 group or individual sessions with girls and/or their families in 2022 and made 230 visits to the girls' homes. Our Justice Team, consisting of two lawyers and a coordinator, participated in 95 meetings with a girl, Pink House staff member, or local protection network to discuss a case, either in person or virtually, and submitted 40 written reports giving direction or recommendations about a girl's case. They were involved in eight cases of abuse or exploitation which were going through the courts.

The charity's policy on reserves

The trustee's policy is to prioritise funding to support the projects in Brazil, keeping the equivalent of a three months' running costs in reserve. In addition, at the end of this period we held reserved funds (£16,000) for Justice and Operating costs awaiting transfer and were accruing additional reserves in anticipation of significant increased needs when the state prosecutor funds cease in 2024/5.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed  _____ Date Friday 1st September 2023
David H. Roper, Chair of Trustees


Meninadança
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2023

2021/22		2022/23
	Receipts	
£ 85,688.31	Donations	£131,266.22
£ 0	Grants	£45,000.00
£ 71.66	Fundraising	£2767.69
£ 32,641.84	Web Fundraising	£40,540.34
£ 9,426.20	Gift Aid Claim	£0.00
£ 4.52	Bank Interest	£526.11
£ 127,832.53	Total Receipts	£220,100.36
	Payments	
£ 26,181.44	Wages, Consultancy, Tax & NI	£33,970.18
£ 711.06	Travel and expenses	£15,894.23
£ 83,430.97	Brazil funds	£58,350.00
£ 0	Brazil Justice Funds	£21,342.53
£ 3,782.15	Office and admin costs	£7,672.18
£ 114.70	Trustee / meetings expenses / sundries	£24.94
£ 351.00	Bank Charges	£100.00
£ 5,968.21	Fundraising costs	£32,074.90
£ 340.12	Insurance	£183.21
£ 0	Independent examination	£0.00
£ 120,879.65	Total Payments	£169,612.17
£ 6952.88	Net receipts / (payments)	£50,488.19
£ 72.15	Cash funds at start of period	£182.02
£ 36,214.79	Bank funds at start of period	£43,167.67
£ 32,474.58	Total funds at start of period	£43,349.69
£ 43,167.67	Bank funds at end of period	£93,788.80
£ 182.02	Cash funds at end of period	£49.08
£ 43,349.69	Total funds at end of period	£93,837.88


Meninadança
Statement of assets
on 31 March 2023

2021/22			2022/23	
		Cash Assets		
£	43,168	Bank accounts	£	93,789
£	182	Petty cash	£	49
£	<u>43,350</u>	Total fund	£	<u>93,838</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  _____ Dated 9th August 2023

David Roper, Chair of Trustees

Signed  _____ Dated 9th August 2023

Simon Cole, Treasurer

Meninadança
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. Receipts and payment accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand. These accounts are prepared on a cash rather than accruals basis.

2. Grants and donations

A grant of £105,000 over three years was made by Stewardship. The first instalment of £45,000 to be split between funding the Justice Team in Brazil (£20,000) and Operational costs for a new Pink House (£25,000) was received. No Gift Aid was claimed in this period. Submissions for 2020 and 2021, expected to have been made in this period, will now be made in the next financial year.

3. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no remuneration or benefits in this period.

4. Related party transactions

An international director, who is the son of the Chair of the UK charity Meninadança is paid directly by the charity.

MENINADANCA

England & Wales - Charity number 1095638

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Meninadança

Trustees' Annual Report

for the year ended 31 March 2022

Full name Meninadança

Other names by which the charity is known

Crianças – Christian Answers (Old name)

Pedraviva – Living Stones (Old name)

Registered charity number 1095638

Principal address 8 Old Terrace, Pleasley, Notts, NG19 7QR

Trustees

David Roper (chair)

Yaa Owusua

Matthew Roper

Charlotte Piek

Simon Cole (treasurer)

Georgina Butten (from 22nd January 2022)

Independent examiner

Peter Wright, St John's Centre, St John Street, Mansfield NG18 1QH

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its Declaration of Trust adopted 07/05/2002 and most recently amended 05/07/2011. New trustees are asked for a written recommendation from the minister of their church (or some other trustworthy person if they don't attend a church) and voted on by current trustees.

Aims and objectives

1. To assist and maintain registered Christian charities that provide education and/or support for young people who are living on the streets, drug users and/or victims of domestic abuse and/or commercial exploitation, and that provide necessary help for the families of such people in any way deemed charitable in law.
2. To assist and maintain registered Christian charities that run preventative programmes for young people who are living in conditions of deprivation or who are exposed to the dangers of abuse, exploitation or addiction and that provide necessary help for the families of such young people in any way deemed charitable in law;
3. To collate and disseminate information through all forms of media that will help draw attention to the plight of young people described in 1) and 2) whilst respecting their right to privacy and to encourage charitable action on their behalf.

Meninadança

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Meninadança helps young girls at risk of sexual exploitation or human trafficking in Brazil, by offering them a safe house and rehabilitation and by teaching protective behaviours. We use dance and other therapeutic activities. We work with the girls' families, offering support and aiding reconciliation. Initiatives in local communities where sexual exploitation occurs help to challenge local entrenched attitudes which normalise and accept abuse and exploitation of girls. We also seek to prevent young girls from becoming victims of child sexual exploitation or trafficking by raising awareness with Brazilian authorities.

Summary of the main achievements and decisions during the period

The first Pink House opened in Medina in January 2013, subsequently houses have been opened in Candido Sales (2016), Padre Paraiso (2019) and Catuji (2020) extending the work to communities over a 250km stretch of the BR-116 motorway. The projects also engage with the girls' families, and the support and participation of their mothers in particular has helped bring sustained change. Each of the Pink Houses welcome between 60 and 80 girls per day, across morning and afternoon sessions. The staff at each of the Pink Houses are local women who every day put themselves on the line and go above and beyond their roles to come alongside girls who have been traumatised by sexual abuse, violence, and families in crisis.

Our team of six people in Meninadança's Belo Horizonte office provide support, advice and training to the Pink House teams, and look after many aspects of the organisation and administration of the projects. They also run our Spring School training programme throughout the year, when all our staff come together either physically or online for seminars and training sessions.

Our Justice Team, originally planned to start in 2020, began its work in 2021 after Covid restrictions in Brazil were lifted. A team coordinator and two lawyers make regular visits to the Pink Houses, identifying cases where girls' rights have been denied or haven't received the full protection of the state. The main actions of the team are to pressure the relevant authorities to fulfil their duties towards those girls, and to act as 'prosecutor's assistant' in cases that are brought before the court. In 2021 the articulation of the Justice Team was instrumental in forcing an electricity company in Catuji, who had brought migrant male workers to the town who were found to be abusing girls, to issue warnings and change practises. More recently, in May 2022, because of the work of the Justice Team, three men accused of abusing and pimping a girl in Medina have been put on trial; we are now awaiting the judge's decision.

Further ahead in June 2022 we are opening a new Meninadança 'reference centre' in the town Brumadinho, reaching out to girls who have been affected by the dam disaster there in 2019, which claimed 270 lives and is Brazil's worst environmental and industrial tragedy. A separate project, Meninadança Day, consisting of an itinerant group of performers and educators, will visit two nearby towns twice a month, engaging girls in activities and conversation circles. As part of an agreement with the Belo Horizonte prosecution service to run the project for an initial two-year period, funding has also been released to enable us to increase our capacity and staff in our four Pink Houses for the same period, allowing social workers and psychologists to be taken on, as well as additional workshop teachers, in each of the Pink Houses.

Two new Pink Houses, in the towns of Ponto dos Volantes and Divisa Alegre, both in Minas Gerais state on the BR-116, are planned for 2022.

The trustees believe it is the right time to establish an office base for the UK in the Bishop's Stortford area having received an offer of a spacious room in the Bishop's Stortford Baptist Church Centre to begin our operations.

The trustees decided at the November meeting to show love and support to our Brazilian director Warlei, and his wife Nahilla with a monthly gift of £200 to help in the care of their severely disabled daughter Vitoria.

Throughout this period, whilst Covid restrictions applied, we sought to maintain contact with our supporters through Newsletters and a virtual Conference. 'Highway to Hell' books have been sold at a promotional price and as a two for one offer for supporters to give to friends. From January 2022 supporters have been encouraged to take a '116 Challenge' to raise funds in support of the legal team in Brazil pursuing justice for the girls.

To refresh and extend awareness post Covid we held a two-week programme of events with a team from Brazil - Brazilian director Warlei, Medina Pink House coordinator Cristiane, and two girls who have benefited from the project, Kelly, aged 19 and Bia, 23. The tour began with a conference at St Paul's, Covent Garden, and included Brazil-themed events around the country.

Georgina Butten joined the trustees from January 2022 and is a welcome addition to the team having firsthand experience of working with the Pink Houses in Brazil.

The charity's policy on reserves

The trustee's policy is to prioritise funding to support the projects in Brazil by keeping the equivalent of a three months' payments and running costs in reserve. This will be under review in 2022 with changes to funding in Brazil and establishing a UK office.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Signed _____ Date 1st July 2022
David Roper, Chair of Trustees

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Meninadança for the year ended 31 March 2022

We report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met; or

2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed *P. Wright* Date 24 - 7 - 22

Peter Wright, St John's Centre, St John Street, Mansfield NG18 1QH


Meninadança
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2022

2020/21		2021/22
	Receipts	
£ 93,307.34	Donations	£85,688.31
£ 0	Grants	£0
	- Fundraising	£71.66
£ 31,654.50	Web Fundraising	£32,641.84
£ 0	Gift Aid Claim	£9,426.20
£ 11.32	Bank Interest	£4.52
19.28	Refund	£0
£ 124,992.44	Total Receipts	£127,832.53
	Payments	
£ 25,545.44	Wages, Consultancy, Tax & NI	£26,181.44
£ 0	Travel and expenses	£711.06
£ 93,404.00	Brazil funds	£83,430.97
£ 1656.82	Office and admin costs	£3,782.15
£ 0	Trustee / meetings expenses	£114.70
£ 69	Bank Charges and returned cheque	£351.00
£ 8139.24	Fundraising costs	£5,968.21
£ 288.80	Insurance	£340.12
100	Independent examination	£0
£ 129,203.30	Total Payments	£120,879.65
£ -4210.86	Net receipts / (payments)	£6,952.88
£ 37	Cash funds at start of period	£72.15
£ 40,425.65	Bank funds at start of period	£36,214.79
£ 41,592.05	Total funds at start of period	£32,474.58
£ 36,214.79	Bank funds at end of period	£43,167.67
£ 72.15	Cash funds at end of period	£182.02
£ -5466.16	Creditors	-£7,180.95
183.68	Debtor	£183.68
1470.12	Payments in advance	£1,970.12
£ 32,474.58	Total funds at end of period	£38,322.54


Meninadança
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2022

2020/21		Note	2021/22
	Cash Assets		
£36,287	Bank accounts		£43,350
<u>£36,287</u>			<u>£43,350</u>
	Liabilities		
£5466	Creditors	3	£7,181
£1654	Debtor	4	£2,154
<u>£32,475</u>	Total fund		<u>£38,323</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 1st July 2022

David Roper, Chair of Trustees

Signed  Dated 1st July 2022

Simon Cole, Treasurer

Meninadança
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2022

1. Receipts and payment accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period.

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2. Grants and donations

The Gift Aid submission to claim tax on donations for 2019 was made in this period. Further submissions are expected to be made in the next financial year.

3. Creditors

A fund of £6,000 is ring-fenced, comprising donations to enable recovery after a burglary at the Medina Pink House. HMRC (Tax & N.I.) (q/e March 2021) £360. Expenses of £753.05 were paid in April 2022 similarly, invoices relating to services received in March were paid in April (Entritz Ltd £28.76, Donorbox £38.64).

4. Debtors

Payment (£1470.12), made in April 2020 for air travel for two people to Brazil, was further deferred due to Coronavirus and is subject to a voucher or refund. Payment (£500) was made in February 2022 to secure the venue for the May conference. PayPal currently hold £183.68 of donated funds which we are acting to recover from them.

5. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no remuneration or benefits in this period.

6. Related party transactions

An international director, who is the son of the Chair of the UK charity Meninadança is paid directly by the charity.

7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtor: These are either amounts for goods not received by the charity, but which have been paid during the accounting period, or funds owing but held by a financial body.

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Meninadança

Trustees' Annual Report

for the year ended 31 March 2021

Full name Meninadança

Other names by which the charity is known

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Registered charity number 1095638

Principal address 8 Old Terrace, Pleasley, Notts, NG19 7QR

Trustees

David Roper (chair)

Yaa Owusua

Matthew Roper

Charlotte Piek

Simon Cole (treasurer)

Independent examiners

Peter Wright & Roy Shrive, St John's Centre, St John Street, Mansfield NG18 1QH

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its Declaration of Trust adopted 07/05/2002 and most recently amended 05/07/2011. New trustees are asked for a written recommendation from the minister of their church (or some other trustworthy person if they don't attend a church) and voted on by current trustees.

Aims and objectives

1. To assist and maintain registered Christian charities that provide education and/or support for young people who are living on the streets, drug users and/or victims of domestic abuse and/or commercial exploitation, and that provide necessary help for the families of such people in any way deemed charitable in law;
2. To assist and maintain registered Christian charities that run preventative programmes for young people who are living in conditions of deprivation or who are exposed to the dangers of abuse, exploitation or addiction and that provide necessary help for the families of such young people in any way deemed charitable in law;
3. To collate and disseminate information through all forms of media that will help draw attention to the plight of young people described in 1) and 2) whilst respecting their right to privacy and to encourage charitable action on their behalf.

Meninadança

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Meninadança helps young girls at risk of sexual exploitation or human trafficking in Brazil, by offering them a safe house and rehabilitation and by teaching protective behaviours. We use dance and other therapeutic activities. We work with the girls' families, offering support and aiding reconciliation. Initiatives in local communities where sexual exploitation occurs help to alleviate the risks to the young girls Meninadança works with. We also seek to prevent young girls from becoming involved in prostitution or from getting caught up in human trafficking by raising awareness with Brazilian authorities.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

The first Pink House opened in Medina in January 2013, and since then we are pleased to announce that three further Pink House projects have been opened, the second in Candido Sales in 2016, then Padre Paraiso in 2019 and Catuji in 2020 extending the work over a 300km stretch of the BR116 motorway. Through the work in all four projects many mothers of the girls continue to be engaged in conversation and are becoming more supportive of the work in their communities. Each of the Pink Houses welcomes between 60 and 80 girls per day, across morning and afternoon sessions. The staff at both projects are doing an amazing job in coming alongside girls who have suffered severe sexual abuse over many years.

From May 2020, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the UK trustees met seven times with meetings conducted via zoom. A trip to Brazil, planned for May 2020, by international director Matt Roper and UK coordinator Charlotte Piek was postponed until it is safe to travel again. As a result of the pandemic Pink Houses were temporarily closed in early 2020, but staff and volunteers have been able to keep in touch with the girls throughout this period using social media and by visits to their homes with food parcels and showing love, hope and encouragement to them and their families. In January 2021 the Pink Houses re-opened for limited numbers of girls in shorter sessions wearing masks and with appropriate social distancing.

In July 2020 a promotional video was produced by Joseph Campos, a film maker and volunteer for Meninadança. This was distributed in November with a newsletter expressing thanks to our supporters.

One thousand 'Highway to Hell' books were purchased and are being distributed at reduced price to supporters in the UK and overseas to underpin the ongoing need for our work. In Brazil, SADA, a haulage company, approached Meninadança to offer support and partnership in the work, which will raise the visibility of the charity's work along the BR116 motorway. The trustees have cautiously agreed to this partnership proposal with its potential to initiate a culture change among truck drivers. We have continued to forward grant money received in 2020 to develop legal support and advocacy aspects of our work in Brazil.

A dedicated Meninadança zoom prayer time was initiated in November and continues as a regular feature.

The charity's policy on reserves

The trustees policy is to prioritise a steady stream of funding to support the projects in Brazil by keeping the equivalent of a three months payments and running costs in reserve.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed  Date 1st July 2021
David Roper, Chair of Trustees

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Meninadança for the year ended 31 March 2021

We report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
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- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met; or

2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed R. M. Shrive Date 20.07.21

Signed Pwright Date 20.07.21

Peter Wright, St John's Centre, St John Street, Mansfield NG18 1QH
and

Roy Shrive, St John's Centre, St John Street, Mansfield NG18 1QH

Meninadança
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2021

2019/20		2020/21
	Receipts	
£ 84,646.49	Donations	£93,307.34
£ 22,250.00	Grants	£0
	- Fundraising	-
£ 35,077.18	Web Fundraising	£31,654.50
£ 0	Gift Aid Claim	£0
£ 28.74	Bank Interest	£11.32
	0 Refund	£19.28
£ 142,002.41	Total Receipts	£124,992.44
	Payments	
£ 27,226.96	Wages, Consultancy, Tax & NI	£25,545.44
£ 6274.84	Travel and expenses	£0
£ 81,300.00	Brazil funds	£93,404.00
£ 2391.85	Office and admin costs	£1656.82
£ 177.16	Trustee / meetings expenses	£0
£ 60	Bank Charges	£69.00
£ 12,125.81	Fundraising costs	£8139.24
£ 289	Insurance	£288.80
	0 Independent examination	£100.00
£ 129,845.42	Total Payments	£129,203.30
£ 12,156.99	Net receipts / (payments)	-£4210.86
£ 390	Cash funds at start of period	£37
£ 28,269.00	Bank funds at start of period	£40,425.65
£ 28,459.00	Total funds at start of period	£41,592.05
£ 40,425.65	Bank funds at end of period	£36,214.79
£ 37	Cash funds at end of period	£72.15
£ -360	Creditors	-£5466.16
19.28	Debtor	£183.68
1470.12	Travel paid in advance for 2020/21	£1470.12
£ 41,592.05	Total funds at end of period	£32,474.58

Meninadança
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2021

2019/20		Note	2020/21
	Cash Assets		
£40,463	Bank accounts		£36,287
<u>£40,463</u>			<u>£36,287</u>
	Liabilities		
£360	Creditors	3	£5466
£1489	Debtor	4	£1654
<u>£41,592</u>	Total fund		<u>£32,475</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 1st July 2021

David Roper, Chair of Trustees

Signed  Dated 1st July 2021

Simon Cole, Treasurer

Meninadança
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Receipts and payment accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand. These accounts are prepared on a cash rather than accruals basis.

2. Grants and donations

It has taken longer than expected to marshal the information required to make the Gift Aid submission, anticipated in last years' report, to claim tax on donations for 2019. This has now been achieved but no tax was recovered during this financial year. Two submissions are expected to be made in the next financial year.

3. Creditors

Progress with the justice project in Brazil has been delayed due to Covid 19. A fund of £5000 is ring-fenced, being the final instalment of the grant made by the Souter Trust for this project, awaiting transfer to Brazil.

HMRC (Tax & N.I.) (q/e March 2020) £360.

Payment of £106.16 expenses was made in April 2021.

4. Debtors

Payment made in the previous financial for air travel for two people to Brazil early in the financial year was paid last period but is now further deferred due to Coronavirus and subject to a voucher or refund.

PayPal currently hold £183.68 of donated funds which we are acting to recover from them.

5. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no remuneration or benefits in this period.

6. Related party transactions

An international director, who is the son of the Chair of the UK charity Meninadança is paid directly by the charity.

7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtor: These are either amounts for goods not received by the charity, but which have been paid during the accounting period, or funds owing but held by a financial body.