

**Meninadança**  
(Registered charity, number 1095638)  
**Financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2021**

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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**

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)

**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 Paraíso 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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;
- 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 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
	<b>Receipts</b>	
£ 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	<b>Total Receipts</b>	£124,992.44
	<b>Payments</b>	
£ 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	<b>Total Payments</b>	£129,203.30
£ 12,156.99	<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	-£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	<b>Total funds at start of period</b>	£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	<b>Total funds at end of period</b>	£32,474.58

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**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**at 31 March 2021**

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

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

Signed  Dated 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

David Roper, Chair of Trustees

Signed  Dated 1<sup>st</sup> 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.