

Meninadança
(Registered charity, number 1095638)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2022

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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.

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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 Paraíso (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 Batten 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

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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


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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

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Notes to the accounts
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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

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.