

**Meninadança**  
(Registered charity, number 1095638)  
**Financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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# **Meninadança Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**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 Batten

**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;
2. To assist and maintain registered 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 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 Paraíso (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 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.

Alongside the work on the BR-116, we also run our 'Meninadança 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 Meninadanca UK office is now firmly established in Bishop's Stortford Baptist Centre and provides a sound base for Meninadança'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.

# **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Meninadança for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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



Date

22-June-2024

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


**Meninadança**  
**Receipts & payments account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	2022/23		2023/24
		<b>Receipts</b>	
£	£131,266.22	Donations	£132,748.02
£	£45,000.00	Grants/subsidies	£32,016.50
£	£2767.69	Fundraising	£3,076.35
£	40,540.34	Web Fundraising	£51,593.33
£	0	Gift Aid Claim	£15,781.49
£	526.11	Bank Interest	£1,937.50
£	0	Sundry	£265.69
£	220,100.36	<b>Total Receipts</b>	£237,418.88
		<b>Payments</b>	
£	33,970.18	Wages, Consultancy, Tax & NI	£43,440.22
£	15,894.23	Travel and expenses	£17,739.58
£	58,350.00	Brazil funds	£59,873.00
£	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	<b>Total Payments</b>	£186,171.36
£	50,488.19	<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	£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	<b>Total funds at start of period</b>	£93,837.88
£	93,788.80	Bank funds at end of period	£145,056.32
£	49.08	Cash funds at end of period	£29.08
£	93,837.88	<b>Total funds at end of period</b>	£145,085.40


**Meninadança**  
**Statement of assets**  
**on 31 March 2024**

2022/23			2023/24	
		<b>Cash Assets</b>		
£	93,789	Bank accounts	£	145,056
£	49	Petty cash	£	29
£	<b><u>93,838</u></b>	<b>Total fund</b>	£	<b><u>145,085</u></b>

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

Signed  \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 15th July 2024

David Roper, Chair of Trustees

Signed  \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 15th July 2024

Simon Cole, Treasurer



**Meninadança**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**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 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.

**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.