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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ('THE OBJECTS') ARE TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY 1) SECURING THE ENFORCEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS LAW AND PROMOTING THE SOUND ADMINISTRATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS LAW THROUGH ACCOMPANYING AND OBSERVING PERSONS FROM ORGANISATIONS PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND PREVENTING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES ARE IN DANGER FROM THE WORK THEY DO PROVIDED THAT THIS WORK DOES NOT EXTEND TO PROMOTING A POLITICAL PURPOSE (INCLUDING A CHANGE IN THE LAW OR GOVERNMENT POLICY OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES; AND 2) RAISING AWARENESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES PROVIDED THAT THIS WORK DOES NOT EXTEND TO PROMOTING A POLITICAL PURPOSE (INCLUDING A CHANGE IN THE LAW OR GOVERNMENT POLICY OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS OF GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES). FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS OBJECT 'HUMAN RIGHTS' MEANS THE ABOLITION OF TORTURE, SLAVERY AND FORCED LABOUR AND EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLING (SUCH AS GENOCIDE) AND THOSE RIGHTS SECURED UNDER OR BY VIRTUE OF: A) LEGISLATION ADOPTED IN THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE RIGHTS ARE BEING PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY OR: B) INTERNATIONAL LAW (MORE PARTICULARLY THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT OF CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS) HAVING EFFECT IN THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE RIGHTS ARE BEING PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY'

Activities: PBIUK, one of many PBI country groups, provides crucial support to PBI field projects in Colombia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Mexico and Nepal through: 1. encouraging civil society to bear witness as human rights observers 2. training volunteers 3. raising funds 4. raising profile of PBI and the groups we accompany 5. building a support network

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Colombia
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Indonesia
- Kenya
- Mexico
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£348,016	£349,062	-	-
2023-12-31	£345,821	£288,433	-	-
2022-12-31	£373,208	£172,673	-	-
2021-12-31	£239,152	£217,613	-	-
2020-12-31	£182,327	£228,718	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW SCOTT ANDERSON	Chair	2024-06-19
Alexander Edmund Roche		2021-09-15
Claire Victoria DAVIS		2023-11-21
Dr Rowan Louise Flint POPPLEWELL		2025-06-12
Nanette Regina Josthy ONU		2025-06-12
Rachel Yasmin COX		2023-11-21
STEPHEN JOHN WEBSTER		2022-03-02
Sophia Olga Kerridge		2016-01-13

Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report for Peace Brigades International United Kingdom Section (PBI UK) for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024

Reference and administrative details

- Charity Commission registration number: 1101016
- Companies House registration number: 3912587
- Registered office and operational address: 45 Swinburne Road, Putney, SW15 5EQ.
- Auditors: Gravita Audit Oxford LLP, First Floor, Park Central, 40-41 Park End Street, Oxford OX1 1JD
- Bankers: Co-operative Bank, 1 Islington High Street, Islington, London, N1 9TR
- Trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of the Companies Acts) who served during the year, and up to the date of this report, are: Sophia Kerridge, Alex Roche, Shirin Marker (resigned March 2024), Steve Webster, Claire Davis, Rachel Cox, Andrew Anderson (appointed July 2024), Nanette Onu (appointed June 2025), Rowan Popplewell (appointed June 2025).
- The senior employee in charge of day to day matters is the Director, Ben Leather
- Patrons of the charity are: Sir Nicolas Bratza, Rt Hon Lord Carnwath CVO, Julie Christie, John Dew, Sir Jeffrey Jowell KCMG QC, Sir Peter Roth, Juliet Stevenson CBE, Lord Scott of Foscote PC QC, Baroness Helena Kennedy.

Structure, governance and management

PBI UK is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated under a Memorandum of Association on 19 January 2000 and is governed under its Articles of Association. It was registered with the Charity Commission on 3 December 2003.

Trustees are sought through adverts in journals, websites and newspapers, particularly those with a connection to the human rights and charity sectors. Potential trustees are invited to a formal interview by one or more existing trustees. If their application progresses, they are then invited to attend an initial trustee meeting as an observer to gain more knowledge and understanding of the organisation and if appointed they are invited to meet with staff and provided with an induction pack of key documents.

The Articles of Association require a minimum number of three trustees at any time, and that at least one third of trustees must retire each year even if they offer themselves for re-appointment.

All trustees are members of the Board of Trustees. They meet at least four times a year to administer the charity's activities and at other times to carry out strategic planning. A full-time paid Director is appointed by the Board of Trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the organisation, including the supervision of paid staff and office volunteers.

PBI UK also has an Advisory Board, through which individuals provide advice and inputs to the PBI UK Director, staff and Board of Trustees based upon their area of expertise.

PBI UK supports (both operationally and financially) the projects of Peace Brigades International ("PBI"), a non-profit organisation incorporated in the USA, also as an overseas non-profit organisation (registered number: 0884.150.149) in Belgium and as an overseas non-profit organisation (registered number: N4004351E) in Spain. It is through PBI the organisation's protective accompaniment programmes are carried out through PBI's "field projects".

PBI UK is one of 14 "country groups" around the world that support the field projects of PBI, through which teams of trained international volunteer observers are sent to areas of conflict and repression to provide non-violent protective accompaniment to local human rights defenders. In 2024 field programmes were operating in Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico and Nepal.

Although PBI UK is constituted as an independent body with separate legal responsibility, it adheres to the guiding principles of PBI laid down at an international level, and the continued use of the PBI name is dependent on this.

Overarching strategic goals

The objects of the charity are: "To promote human rights for the benefit of the public" by:

1. Securing the enforcement of human rights law and promoting the sound administration of human rights law through accompanying and observing persons from organisations promoting human rights and preventing human rights abuses, and people whose lives are in danger from the work they do, provided that this work does not extend to promoting a political purpose (including a change in the law or government policy or the administrative decisions of the government authorities); and

2. Raising awareness of human rights and human rights abuses provided that this work does not extend to promoting a political purpose (including a change in the law or government policy or the administrative decisions of government authorities).

For the purposes of this object ‘human rights’ means the abolition of torture, slavery, forced labour, extra-judicial killing (such as genocide) and those rights secured under or by virtue of:

- a) Legislation adopted in the country in which the rights are being promoted by the Charity or:
- b) International human rights and humanitarian law (particularly the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights and the Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights) having effect in the country in which the rights are being promoted by the Charity”

In accordance with the above objectives, and with due regard to the published Charity Commission guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirement of the Charities Act 2011, the trustees have undertaken appropriate activities in furtherance of those aims for the public benefit.

In the UK, our achievements contribute towards four **overarching strategic goals**, based on our strategic plan.

1. PBI’s field projects have the resources and capacity they need to provide holistic protective accompaniment to human rights defenders at risk.
2. UK civil society contributes to the impact of human rights defenders, by providing resources, boosting legitimacy, and collaborating in strategy and policy spaces.
3. UK Government policy and practice provides effective protection and support to human rights defenders, including through stronger regulation of business behaviour.
4. PBI UK has the resources, infrastructure and legitimacy to carry out our work sustainably and effectively.

With limited staff resources, the nature and ethos of PBI UK is such that many of its activities are carried out with the support of volunteers. A significant extra level of human resource is provided by its team of highly committed office volunteers and former field volunteers. The organisation benefited from over 100 days of unpaid volunteering during the year - a crucial contribution to the effectiveness of its work. PBI UK has an extensive network of returned field volunteers who contribute to advocacy, communication and fundraising activities.

We are also grateful for the continued support of our pro bono legal network, who provide invaluable expertise to help protect and build the resilience of human rights defenders. Valued partners including A4ID, the Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales, Clifford Chance, Doughty Street Chambers, and the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk make a vital contribution to our work, whether through advocacy, legal advice, pro bono activities, funding or capacity building.

Financial Review

PBI UK raised a total of £348,016 during 2024 thanks to the generosity and commitment of our valuable donors. The expenditure for the year was £349,062, meaning that reserves decreased during the year by a total of £1,045. This helps to maintain our financial stability and security for the future. Unrestricted reserves at the year-end were £285,556, representing 8 month’s future total budgeted expenditure, which after a generous legacy received in 2022, is still in excess of the Charity’s policy of holding a reserves ‘green zone’ of between three and six months of future expenditure. Year-end total reserves of £328,527 are split into £42,970 of restricted funds and £285,556 unrestricted.

Who we worked with

Peace Brigades International (PBI) protects human rights defenders as a strategy for enabling civil society to flourish and advance human rights worldwide. In 2024 PBI provided holistic protective accompaniment to 3,902 individuals, 83 organisations and 1,236 communities globally. Our activities included a mixture of physical protective presence, capacity building, advocacy, communications and narrative work, as well as psychosocial support. Over 878 people benefitted from PBI workshops to strengthen capacity in holistic security, peace-building, conflict resolution, psychosocial support, gender rights, solidarity-based action, and intersectionality. Our work enabled ‘land, environmental and Indigenous defenders’, ‘defenders of women’s rights and gender equality’ and ‘defenders working for peace, justice and the rule of law’ to continue and expand their work for human rights and social justice. These defenders in turn supported thousands of victims of human rights violations, defended countless migrants, refugees, and internally displaced people, and fought for the rights of Indigenous, peasant and slum communities. The human rights work of the defenders who PBI supported and protected in 2024 reached over 1,294,404 people across the world.

2024 saw another turbulent year for human rights around the world. Extreme weather events related to climate breakdown, crackdowns on civic space freedoms and rights, and the continued siege on Gaza, contributed to political instability, financial uncertainty and an increase in civil unrest. Amidst these global challenges, the role of human rights defenders is more important than ever. At a time when our rights and the environment are under renewed threat, frontline activists play a vital

role in combating the climate crisis, advocating for gender justice, and strengthening the rule of law. Many are threatened, criminalised, and attacked just for taking a stand.

PBI UK supports, protects and empowers human rights defenders around the world, contributing to their ability to safely and effectively promote rights and protect the environment. We do this by campaigning for policy changes to ensure that governments and businesses respect human rights and take proactive action to prevent and respond to threats against human rights defenders. We mobilise resources and action from UK civil society, Parliament and the Government to enhance defenders' impact and help keep them safe; and we resource and support the PBI field projects providing holistic protective accompaniment to defenders whose lives are at risk.

Our unique model has evolved since it was first pioneered in 1981, but what makes PBI unique remains the same. It's the diverse teams of international volunteers in conflict zones and complicated contexts around the world, wearing the distinctive PBI vest, who are trained to protect threatened human rights defenders. They back this presence with outreach and lobbying, with PBI being one of the only organisations to advocate at all levels - from the soldier at a local checkpoint, to UN leaders. These activities help create the security, policy and political environments in which human rights defenders can carry out their work. PBI UK supports our field projects by fundraising, by recruiting and training personnel, and by building support networks to respond in emergencies.

PBI UK catalyses resources, action and advocacy to support threatened human rights defenders and ensures governments and businesses respect rights and the environment. Through PBI's field projects, we provide holistic protective accompaniment to activists whose lives are in danger, with a focus on those facing specific and heightened risks.

In 2024, PBI UK directly supported defenders in Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Liberia, Mexico, Nepal, Nicaragua and Peru, and through our international advocacy work, we contributed to the protection of human rights activists in general, as well as the thousands of vulnerable people who form part of the communities they support. We also provided specific supportive interventions for defenders from other countries.

"Organisations like PBI have saved lives in our country. PBI has contributed to creating spaces in which people can construct proposals and work on the ongoing situation, which has helped us also to keep this hope going that we've spoken about. The protective accompaniment, the human connection that PBI gives us is fundamental to our work."

Mildrey Corrales Charry, woman human rights defender, CCEEU, Colombia

PBI works with defenders in some of the most high risk countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia, and advocates to ensure that all human rights defenders are protected and supported effectively. However, some of our programmes focus on groups whose activism contributes exponentially to global rights and justice, and who face specific and heightened risks:



Land, environmental and Indigenous defenders: Land, environmental and Indigenous defenders are on the front line of the fight for our planet's future. The IPCC recognises that the voices of Indigenous communities and environmentalists already suffering the consequences of climate change must be heard if we're to stem the crisis. Yet many live in fear of speaking out. More than four land and environmental defenders are murdered every week, with Indigenous defenders massively over-represented among those killed - in 2024 alone, 58 of documented killings of human rights defenders were Indigenous people's rights defenders, while 66 were land rights defenders. Colombia remains the most dangerous country for human rights defenders, accounting for almost half of the killings of human rights defenders documented in 2024, including community leaders. Rural communities often lack the information and resources to counter business interests affecting their rights.



Defenders of women's rights and gender equality: Defenders of women's rights and gender equality work to end discrimination underpinning problems which disproportionately affect women and the LGBTIQ+ community, such as sexual and gender-based violence and inadequate healthcare. This has become even riskier, with fundamentalist interest groups whipping up anger about supposed 'gender ideology'. In 2024, defending LGBTIQ+ rights and women's rights were among the most targeted areas of human rights defence - 14.5% of the global documented killings of human rights defenders identified as women, trans, or gender non-conforming. Furthermore, attacks against LGBTIQ+ defenders comprised almost one tenth of all attacks reported globally, and were the most targeted groups in Africa, Europe and Central Asia. Many working on these issues are women human rights defenders, who face distinct challenges, including threats from within their own communities, meaning they require specific and tailored support.



Defenders working for peace, justice and the rule of law: Defenders working for peace, justice and the rule of law help build, protect and strengthen the institutions that allow democracy to flourish and safeguard human rights. Whether working on emblematic cases of injustice or advocating for systemic change, these activists are on a collision course with vested interests benefiting from the status quo. Sophisticated protection strategies and specific tools can allow these defenders to catalyse effective transitions to peace and the development of laws and mechanisms that give effect to international human rights obligations.

“I believe that neither my daughter nor I would be alive if it wasn’t for the selfless, commendable work that PBI did for us. They gave me the opportunity to carry on the battle, to carry on the fight.” Ninth Montenegro, Guatemalan human rights defender

Key achievements in the reporting period

- In 2024, PBI UK welcomed a new Operations Officer, refreshed our operational plan, and redoubled our efforts to protect, support and empower human rights defenders. Whether organising training and legal support, facilitating access to decision-makers and support networks, or providing protection and solidarity, we worked with defenders in moments of increased risk so that they could mobilise safely and effectively.
- We welcomed human rights defenders from Mexico, Colombia, Kenya, Nepal, Indonesia and elsewhere to the UK on advocacy tours - working together to get their voices heard. In response to these visits, parliamentarians pushed the UK and other governments to take action in support of grassroots activism. The FCDO and its embassies engaged with at-risk defenders and their governments. Furthermore, lawyers, NGOs and ordinary British citizens took a range of steps to support those on the front lines and empower their work.
- We continued working with the Corporate Justice Coalition (CJC) and its other members on the campaign for a UK Business, Human Rights and Environment Act, encouraging politicians to properly regulate UK companies and reduce environmental and human rights abuses globally. We successfully encouraged several politicians to pledge their support for this campaign, take part in parliamentary debates on the topic, and ensured that the need to prevent threats against activists is part of discussions on the proposed law’s components.
- We facilitated an Independent Delegation of International Lawyers to Nepal, connecting them with human rights defenders, organisations and victims & survivors support groups supported by PBI who are campaigning for a victim-centred approach to the transitional justice process in Nepal.
- We acted as a bridge between the UK legal community and threatened defenders, so that international jurists provided support to threatened lawyers and defenders in Colombia, Nepal and Guatemala.
- We channelled resources to our Field Projects, where PBI volunteers provide protective accompaniment to some of the most at-risk human rights defenders - standing alongside them as they carry out their work, campaigning to reduce the threats they face, and training communities and organisations in security strategies to keep themselves safe.

Our work in 2024

Strategic Goal 1 - PBI’s field projects have the resources and capacity they need to provide holistic protective accompaniment to human rights defenders at risk.

Ensuring field projects have the field volunteers they need

- In February, PBI UK held a webinar and online film screening with PBI Canada aimed at prospective field volunteers with PBI. The webinar explored opportunities to support and protect human rights defenders with PBI and included presentations from a former volunteer with PBI in Colombia and a human rights defender from Colombia. Over 40 people participated in the webinar, several of whom have since applied to volunteer in PBI’s field projects and have signed up to PBI’s mailing lists to stay in the loop about future opportunities.
- PBI UK promoted calls for volunteers published by PBI field projects periodically throughout the year, as well as supporting UK-based candidates in their application process.

Increasing direct resources to the PBI field projects

- PBI UK's new strategy includes engaging with funders in the UK and around the world to scale up financial support for PBI field projects, allowing them to act with agility when defenders request support. PBI UK's donor engagement in 2024 has led to multi-year funding from a major Foundation for all of PBI's field projects, as well as smaller donations to specific teams and the direct financing of crucial legal support projects. PBI continues to try to engage with other potential major donors to continue to increase funding for the field projects.

"PBI's work is vital to grassroots activists on the front lines of the most important struggles of our times: protecting democracy, combating the climate crisis and fighting for gender justice" - Sierra Schraff-Thomas, PBI UK Advisory Board

Strategic Goal 2 - UK civil society contributes to the impact of human rights defenders, by providing resources, boosting legitimacy, and collaborating in strategy and policy spaces.

Engaging networks in the UK to prevent escalation of attacks on human rights lawyers in Colombia

- In December 2024, Colombian lawyer Sebastián Escobar Uribe from the Corporación Colectivo de Abogados José Alvear Restrepo (CCAJAR) came to the UK for an advocacy tour, where he met with civil society organisations, international lawyers, the FCDO and parliamentarians. He called on the UK government and the international community to express public support for lawyers at risk in Colombia, and to monitor the ongoing universal jurisdiction complaint against former President, Álvaro Uribe Vélez, before an Argentinian court.
- Sebastián has supported the documentation of crimes committed by members of police and armed forces, which involved arbitrary detention and extrajudicial execution of civilians who were reported as members of illicit groups killed as a result of armed confrontation. The so-called "false positives" have been qualified by judicial operators as crimes against humanity. In addition to submitting reports, Sebastián has also intervened in front of the International Criminal Court following the preliminary examination of the Colombian case by the Prosecutor whose assessment focuses, among others, on the above mentioned crimes.
- PBI has provided protective accompaniment to CCAJAR since 1995, accompanying members during the course of their day to day activities, observing court proceedings and meeting with authorities, visiting affected families, and responding to urgent security incidents. In the UK, PBI supported Sebastián and CCAJAR through awareness-raising, advocacy, and matching UK-based capacity and support with the needs of Sebastián and other members of CCAJAR. The UK Embassy in particular has committed to continuing to support CCAJAR in a variety of ways, and is liaising directly with CCAJAR, as well as PBI.

Legal Empowerment for human rights defenders and victims groups in Nepal

- Responding to requests from human rights defenders and victims groups concerned by threats to the rule of law and access to justice for victims and survivors of the People's War, PBI UK organised a high-level legal delegation to Nepal in March. An international delegation of human rights lawyers, including UK-based lawyers, met with tens of NGOs, human rights defenders and victims groups, and engaged with authorities and the diplomatic community in Nepal.
- In an initial press conference, the delegation called for urgent action to overcome rule of law issues in Nepal that have the potential to jeopardise the transitional justice process, in order to ensure its effectiveness. They subsequently successfully encouraged legislators to get a law on transitional justice over the line.
- In the UK, we helped the legal delegation to prepare a report launch and international advocacy plan together with women human rights defenders in October 2024. PBI UK was able to platform the collective fight to uphold the rule of law in Nepal, as well as the right to access to justice for victims and survivors of the People's War, via the support PBI UK gave to the Independent Delegation of International Lawyers to Nepal. The findings and recommendations in the report seeks to protect the rights of victims and survivors, and calls for justice for them through truth-seeking, accountability and reparations mechanisms. The UK Embassy in Nepal committed to further platforming the findings of the lawyers.
- With the criminalisation of human rights defenders accelerating globally, PBI UK is also preparing legal empowerment initiatives to support activists in Honduras, as well as continuing to connect high-level human rights lawyers with needs around the world.

Strategic communications for protection

- PBI's communications work aims to ensure that human rights defenders are seen as legitimate actors by key stakeholders, functioning to shift narratives and counter the stigmatisation and criminalization that they face and which leave them more vulnerable.
- Our communications work in 2024 used the celebration of key thematic international days to celebrate and raise awareness of the work of the human rights and environmental organisations supported by PBI. International Day of the Endangered Lawyer, International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, International Women's Day, World Environment Day, World Tourism Day, International Day of Rural Women, and Human Rights Day were all marked in this way.
- Through interviews with a range of defenders working on different issues in different countries, we were able to raise their voices and profiles. Our newsletters ensured that these articles reached a range of supporters and decision-makers.
- Film screenings have proven a powerful tool for raising awareness of the risks facing environmental defenders and getting the attention of a broad public to hear defenders' voices. In 2024, we hosted an online screening of "In the Company of Hope", a short film about volunteering on the ground with PBI, supporting human rights defenders through our unique protective accompaniment model. The film premiere was followed by interventions from and a Q&A with Colombian human rights defender Germán Romero Sánchez, as well as a former field volunteer with PBI in Colombia.

Ensuring human rights defenders have access to self protection and wellbeing mechanisms

- PBI UK sits on the steering committee of the Scottish Human Rights Defenders Fellowship, a 3 to 6-month temporary relocation programme at the University of Dundee. Relocation in Scotland has enabled defenders to continue and strengthen their activism and impact, engage in peer-to-peer learning, as well as mobilise critical public attention and awareness of their struggles. Through opportunities at the University, and networking with Scottish civil society and domestic defenders, Fellows have been able to gain vital sustainable support for their human rights work upon return to their home countries. In 2024, as well as our general support for the fellowship, PBI UK supported two participating defenders with additional support, including the nomination and risk assessment of one of the fellows to the programme.
- Becky, a non-binary, queer human rights defender from Kenya working on LGBTIQ+ people's rights and access to healthcare, was a Fellow on the programme in 2024 and carried out a range of advocacy activities with PBI in the UK. This included meeting with Parliamentarians in the House of Commons and House of Lords, and engaging with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) in regards to their work on lesbian, trans and bisexual women's rights in Kenya. Becky spoke on a panel at the FCDO's Human Rights Day event in December.
- PBI UK also provided strategic advocacy support to another Kenyan woman human rights defender on the Scottish Human Rights Defenders Fellowship programme in 2024. The Fellow works to protect access to sexual and reproductive healthcare and education for women, young people and the LGBTIQ+ community.

"Being in spaces like this has given queer women the platform to express and explain what we go through as human rights defenders, in terms of how the government is curtailing our rights." Becky Odhiambo, non-binary, queer human rights defender and 2024 Fellow.

Strategic Goal 3 - UK Government policy and practice provides effective protection and support to human rights defenders, including through stronger regulation of business behaviour.

Speaker tours, emergency response activations, and case advocacy

- PBI's network-building, outreach and advocacy led to Parliamentarians writing to the UK Government, foreign governments, UK and foreign Ambassadors in order to demand protection and support for human rights defenders at risk.

Ensuring support for environmental defenders in Honduras facing grave reprisals

- Violent reprisals in rural Honduras continue unabated. In 2024, environmental defender and leading member of the Municipal Committee for the Defence of Common and Public Goods of the community of Tocoa (CMDBCPT), Juan López, was murdered. Juan had previously faced criminalisation and threats due to his unwavering defence of the Carlos Escaleras National Park. Despite receiving protective measures from the Inter-American Commission on

Human Rights, he continued to face harassment, leading up to his death. He and other Guapinol water defenders have continuously demanded a permanent cancellation of the Los Pinares mine due to alleged violations of the community's rights and contamination of their water supply.

- The situation in Honduras is of extreme concern. PBI has bolstered numbers in our team there through emergency recruitment. Our global offices, including in the UK, are working constantly to get support to local communities and pressure on the country's authorities. We're also working to get human and financial resources to our team in Honduras.

Mobilising support for Mexican defenders defending their land

- In November, we invited human rights defender and representative of the Ejido el Bajío in Sonora, Jesús Javier Thomas González, to the UK for a series of consultations and meetings with policy-makers about the need for a new UK law to prevent business from causing human rights and environmental harms. Members of the Ejido el Bajío, including Jesús, have faced a series of reprisals due to their opposition of the Soledad-Dipolos open-pit gold mine including arbitrary detention and criminalisation, and some have even been killed. Minera Penmont operated the mine located in the territory of the El Bajío Ejido between 2010 and 2013. Minera Penmont is a subsidiary of Fresnillo PLC, a UK-incorporated company listed on the London Stock Exchange.
- With our Front Line Team working to provide a protective presence in areas of Mexico where rural defenders face grave threats, our offices globally continue to mobilise international support for defenders and their causes. In November.

Advocating for UK Policy to protect defenders

- During 2024, PBI UK continued to advocate for the UK government to provide greater support and protection for human rights defenders. PBI UK, together with Amnesty International UK, Bond, the Fund for Global Human Rights, ABColombia, and Human Rights Watch, continued to carry out advocacy meetings and submitted written and oral inputs to the Foreign Office as part of a push for the UK to develop a strategy to support HRDs which is adequately funded, cross-departmental and gender-responsive, as laid out in our report 'On the Human Rights Frontline' and our briefing paper 'On the Human Rights Frontline: How the UK government can defend the defenders'. In 2024, the Government committed to establishing a new stakeholder panel on human rights, as well as refreshing the guidance for diplomatic posts on supporting defenders at risk.
- In April, PBI UK submitted evidence to the International Development Committee concerning the FCDO's support to civil society. While this enquiry was dropped due to the change of government, we submitted a proposal to the International Development Committee in December alongside Amnesty International UK and the Scottish Human Rights Defenders Fellowship Programme concerning the FCDO's support to civil society, including how it supports human rights defenders. We also took part in a consultation with the FCDO about the revision of the guidance for diplomatic posts on supporting defenders at risk.

Pushing for a UK Business, Human Rights and Environment Act.

- As part of the Corporate Justice Coalition, PBI UK is calling for a Business, Human Rights and Environment Act to mandate all businesses to conduct human rights and environmental due diligence, preventing the kinds of destruction and abuses that human rights defenders end up having to denounce and protest. An effective law would avoid and avert many human rights abuses in the first instance, and also mean corporations could be held liable for backing ventures that lead to attacks on Indigenous leaders, activists and journalists. It would cover all negative human rights impacts across all sectors, and align the UK with steps being taken elsewhere.
- Brand name companies, investors worth trillions, and tens of NGOs are united in their support for mandatory due diligence legislation with liability provisions for failing to prevent harm. Consumers agree: a YouGov poll has shown that four in five Britons want a law to eradicate environmental damage and exploitative practices in supply chains, while over 128,000 people have signed a petition in favour of the law.
- PBI UK continued to be a leading member of the campaign in 2024, offering the unique perspective of human rights defenders in their defence of human rights and the environment in the face of corporate abuses. PBI UK also facilitated the speaker tours of land, environmental and Indigenous defenders, to further make the case for this law and push these policy asks with key decision makers in the UK parliament. As a result of our advocacy, several politicians have committed to back the proposed legislation.

“A mandatory due diligence law is needed to oblige UK businesses to identify, prevent and mitigate their impacts, and to ensure there are consequences if they don’t. This will mean that less communities need to take a stand, and lead to less risks for those who choose to.” Christina Challis, Advocacy Manager, PBI UK

Strategic Goal 4 - PBI UK has the resources, infrastructure and legitimacy to carry out our work sustainably and effectively.

Strengthening PBI UK’s Board and Governance

2024 was a year in which PBI UK’s governance structure strengthened and evolved. With new, highly engaged Trustees on the Board and an Advisory Board also formed, the organisation and its Director is now able to count on expert advice and support through a series of committees which are made up of Trustees, Advisory Board members and staff - namely, the Finance and Accounts Committee, the Board Development Committee and the Fundraising Committee. The Board Development Committee continued implementing the recommendations of a Board Audit and governance review conducted by an external expert, which focuses on strengthening the policies and processes of the Board so that it can be as effective as possible. PBI UK has continued to develop a number of internal policies relating to human resources in 2024, providing an even more solid structure to underpin the organisation’s staffing and work. The organisation’s Operational Plan was updated for 2024 to reflect changes to the global and UK context for human rights defence, as well as the strengthening of the organisation’s team, Board and capacity.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies’ regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees on 16 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



STEVE WEBSTER

Trustee



SOPHIA KERRIDGE

Trustee

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION
Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and

each Trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES
INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION (continued)**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Peace Brigades International United Kingdom Section (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES
INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION (continued)**

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement [set out on page ⁹~~10~~], the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES
INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION (continued)**

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with directors/trustees, and from our knowledge and experience.
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity,
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

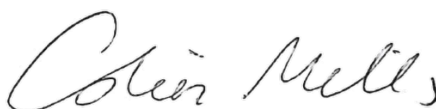
Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES
INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION (continued)**

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Colin Mills (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Gravita Audit Oxford LLP,
Statutory Auditor

23 July 2025

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION

Statement of Financial Activities including income and expenditure accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME							
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies							
Donations and grants from trusts and corporations	2	103,200	154,378	257,578	91,945	219,129	311,074
Individual donations and legacies	5	88,005	-	88,005	34,748	-	34,748
Investments							
Bank interest	7	2,433	-	2,433	-	-	-
Charitable activities							
Fees from training potential project volunteers		-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		193,638	154,378	348,016	126,693	219,129	345,821
EXPENDITURE							
Raising funds							
		54,198	2,426	56,624	38,921	3,596	42,517
Charitable activities							
		116,445	175,993	292,438	64,423	181,493	245,917
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	9	170,643	178,419	349,062	103,345	185,089	288,433
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		22,995	(24,041)	(1,045)	23,348	34,040	57,388
Balances brought forward		262,561	67,011	329,572	239,213	32,971	272,185
Balances carried forward		285,556	42,970	328,527	262,561	67,011	329,572

There were no recognised gains or losses during the year, other than those included in the above statement.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

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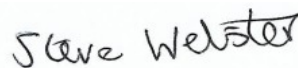
Balance sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	10	924	-	924	1,449	-	1,449
Current assets							
Debtors and prepayments	11	62,332	24,626	86,957	8,473	-	8,473
Cash at bank and in hand		246,609	21,349	267,958	279,281	71,511	350,792
		308,941	45,975	354,916	287,754	71,511	359,264
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(24,308)	(3,005)	(27,313)	(26,640)	(4,500)	(31,140)
Net current assets		284,632	42,970	327,602	261,114	67,011	328,124
Total assets less liabilities		285,557	42,970	328,527	262,562	67,011	329,573
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets		285,557	42,970	328,527	262,562	67,011	329,573
Represented by:							
Unrestricted funds - general	15	285,557	-	285,557	262,562	-	262,562
Restricted funds	15	-	42,971	42,971	-	67,011	67,011
		285,557	42,971	328,527	262,562	67,011	329,573

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 16 July 2025



SOPHIA KERRIDGE
Trustee



STEVE WEBSTER
Trustee

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024****1. Accounting Policies****Basis of accounting**

Peace Brigades International UK Section is a public benefit entity. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" FRS102, applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Income

Grants and donations are accounted for when their amount and receipt are probable. In the case of donations this is usually when received. All other income is accounted for on a receivable basis, including Gift Aid reclaims. Grants received prior to the year end, relating to funding applications for expenditure in future financial years, are deferred and included in creditors. Donations in kind are recognised when the value to the charity can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. Legacies are recognised according to the criteria in the Charities SORP.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

Allocation of costs

Costs are allocated to spending categories on a basis designed to represent the use of the resource.

Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly where possible, staff costs are allocated on the basis of actual or estimated time spent, and support costs (primarily spending on premises) are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor space.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised. Computer and office equipment is written off on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful life of 3 years.

Stock

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Intangible Income

Donations in kind are included, where practicable, at the financial cost to the provider of the service. Volunteer time is not included in the financial statements.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

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	2024	2023
	£	£
2. Donations and grants from trusts and corporations		
A4ID: Advocates for International Development	8,694	4,032
Big Give	10,000	13,500
Bertha Foundation	-	30,000
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP	1,500	1,500
CJM Charitable Trust	-	5,000
Doughty St Chambers	2,000	2,000
Ford Foundation	61,486	94,922
GreenPeace gift of office space (estimated value)	6,000	-
Guatemala Solidarity Network	-	5,000
Guatemalan Indian Centre	200	-
HT & LB Cadbury Charitable Trust	10,000	-
James Thornton DAF	60,000	60,000
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	50,000	20,834
Mirianog Trust	2,000	-
Network for Social Change	-	18,841
PBI Germany	9,765	-
PBI Nepal	1,433	-
Philamonic Trust	2,000	-
The Allan and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Settlement	-	20,000
The Evan Cornish Foundation	-	10,000
The Law Society	5,000	-
The Tinsley Charitable Trust	27,500	20,500
Trefonen Hill Walk	-	4,945
Total	257,578	311,074

3. Contributors to the Human Rights Defenders' (HRD) fund	2024	2023
	£	£
Individual donations	-	-
Total Income for fund	-	-

4. Contributors to the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk (ALR) fund	2024	2023
	£	£
Individual donations	-	-
Total Income for fund	-	-

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5. Individual Donations and Legacies	2024	2023		
Individual donations	30,505	34,748		
Legacies	57,500	-		
Total Individual Donations and Legacies	88,005	34,748		
6. Fundraising Activities	2024	2023		
Sponsorship	-	-		
Ticket sales	-	-		
Total Fundraising Activities	-	-		
7. Other Income	2024	2023		
Interest received	2,433	-		
Total Other Income	2,433	-		
8. Analysis of Grants Made	2024 Grants to institutions	2024 Grants to individuals	2023 Grants to institutions	2023 Grants to individuals
Supporting Advocacy work	22,500	-	13,500	-
Total	22,500	-	13,500	-
Recipients of institutional grants:				
Advocacy support: Forest Peoples Programme	18,000		9,000	
Advocacy support: Business & Human Rights Resource Centre	4,500		4,500	
Total	22,500	-	13,500	

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION
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**9. Total expenditure
in current period**

	Staff Costs	Support Costs	Other Direct Costs	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Funding to field projects and international activities	-	-	68,897	68,897	81,094
Advocacy and project support	92,078	9,873	25,446	127,397	94,355
Outreach, publicity, and communications	27,624	7,898	3,910	39,431	30,253
Field volunteer recruitment, training & support	9,208	7,898	-	17,106	13,358
Advocacy grant funding to institutions	-	-	22,500	22,500	13,500
Governance	9,208	7,898	-	17,106	13,358
Total charitable activities	138,118	33,568	120,752	292,438	245,917
Fundraising	46,039	5,924	4,661	56,624	42,517
	<u>184,157</u>	<u>39,492</u>	<u>125,413</u>	<u>349,062</u>	<u>288,433</u>

in preceding period

	Staff Costs	Support Costs	Other Direct Costs	Total 2023	
	£	£	£	£	
Funding to field projects and international activities	-	-	81,094	81,094	
Advocacy and project support	72,462	7,639	14,254	94,355	
Outreach, publicity, and communications	21,738	6,112	2,403	30,253	
Field volunteer recruitment, training & support	7,246	6,112	-	13,358	
Advocacy grant funding to institutions	-	-	13,500	13,500	
Governance	7,246	6,112	-	13,358	
Total charitable activities	108,692	25,974	111,250	245,917	
Fundraising	36,231	5,834	452	42,517	
	<u>144,923</u>	<u>31,808</u>	<u>111,703</u>	<u>288,433</u>	

In common with other PBI country groups, PBI UK contributes to global project support, monitoring and co-ordination that takes place at an international level within PBI. This contribution is included above in Funding to field projects and international activities.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff Costs comprise:		
Staff salaries	165,880	129,604
Redundancy payment	-	2,803
Returned volunteer salaries	-	-
Employer's pension contributions	6,344	4,693
Social security costs	11,933	7,823
	<u>184,157</u>	<u>144,923</u>

Salaries, and the associated social security costs, have covered seven individuals employed as staff during 2024.

The number of employees earning £60,000 or more was as follows:

(excluding employer's social security costs and pension contributions)

2024: £60,000 to £70,000: 1 employee ; **2023:** £60,000 to £70,000: 0 employees

	2024	2023
	£	£
Support Costs comprise:		
Storage, office rent, rates, insurance and service charges	11,999	3,967
Co-working fees	-	7,756
Away day costs	-	-
Computer and telephone costs	552	1,588
Printing, stationery, postage and office supplies	304	611
Staff and Volunteers' travel and subsistence expenses	4,296	5,392
Trustee travel and subsistence	375	536
Audit fees	4,908	4,840
Subscriptions and publications	882	192
Bank charges	222	185
Strategy, Planning & Board	109	-
Participation in international governance spaces	244	-
Recruitment	429	1,001
Returned volunteers	14,110	-
Fundraising support	-	1,250
Communications support	-	3,603
Compliance and legal fees	13	13
IT equipment depreciation	1,048	873
Training and Development	-	-
	<u>39,492</u>	<u>31,808</u>

Key management personnel total compensation: Director

69,268 65,211

Trustees received no remuneration in 2024 (2023 amount: nil).

Trustees received £375 in travel and subsistence costs in 2024 (2023 amount: £536)

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	2024	2023
	£	£
9. Total expenditure - continued		
Other Direct Costs comprise:		
Funding to PBI Colombia project	3,853	3,965
Funding to PBI Guatemala project	7,045	7,251
Funding to PBI Honduras Project	7,055	7,251
Funding to PBI Indonesia project	3,843	3,955
Funding to PBI Kenya project	3,843	3,955
Funding to PBI Mexico project	7,046	7,251
Funding to PBI Nepal project	3,843	3,955
Funding to PBI Nicaragua project	3,843	3,955
Funding to PBI ISEC	28,527	39,555
Total direct funding to PBI ISEC & field projects	68,897	81,094
Field volunteer recruitment, training and welfare	103	76
Publications	1,040	1,728
Multimedia outputs	-	54
Human Rights Defenders capacity building and support	-	345
Conferences / events	-	-
Translation	2,667	225
Profile-raising and relationship-building outreach	953	-
Direct fundraising costs	-	452
Advocacy meetings and related activities	176	2,949
Communications platforms and subscriptions	386	319
Legal Empowerment Projects	650	241
Human Rights Defenders networking events	94	-
Human Rights Defenders Speaker tours	2,227	2,298
Programme Consultants	13,780	-
Country & case events	1,499	-
Policy related events	1,135	-
Visits to PBI projects	240	-
Advocacy-related publications & comms	706	-
Advocacy-related outreach	25	-
Consulting (Advocacy & Strategy)	3,675	8,420
	<u>29,355</u>	<u>17,109</u>
Total Direct Costs	<u>98,252</u>	<u>98,203</u>

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	Computer Equipment £
10. Fixed assets	
Cost	
At 1 January 2024	6,131
Additions in year	<u>523</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>6,654</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2024	4,682
Charge for year	<u>1,048</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>5,729</u>
Net book value at 1 January 2024	<u>1,449</u>
Net book value at 31 December 2024	<u>924</u>

11. Debtors (due within one year)	2024	2023
	£	£
Accrued income – grants, legacies and donations	84,001	7,000
Accrued income - Gift Aid	2,175	956
Sundry debtors	273	-
Prepayments	509	517
	<u>86,957</u>	<u>8,473</u>

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
PBI ISec	22,763	21,640
Accruals	4,550	9,500
	<u>27,313</u>	<u>31,140</u>

13. Operating lease commitments

As at 31 December 2024, the company had commitments under a non-cancellable lease as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Expiring within one year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

14. Company status

The company is incorporated in England. Its registered address is 45 Swinburne Road, London SW15 5EQ. The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each member's liability under the guarantee is limited to £1.

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

15. Funds Analysis

	At 1 Jan 2024	Incoming Resources	Expenditure	At 31 Dec 2024	At 1 Jan 2023	2023 Comparatives Incoming Resources	Expenditure	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:								
General fund	262,562	90,438	(67,443)	285,557	238,713	34,748	(10,900)	262,562
Unrestricted grants receivable								
AW60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
CJM Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Guatemalan Indian Centre	-	200	(200)	-	-	-	-	-
HT & LB Cadbury Charitable Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-	-	-
James Thornton DAF	-	60,000	(60,000)	-	-	60,000	(60,000)	-
Philamonic Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	500	-	(500)	-
Mirianog Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-	-	-	-
The Tinsley Foundation	-	27,500	(27,500)	-	-	20,500	(20,500)	-
Trefonen Hill Walk	-	-	-	-	-	4,945	(4,945)	-
Total unrestricted funds	262,562	193,638	(170,643)	285,557	239,213	126,693	(103,345)	262,562
Restricted funds:								
Big Give Individual donations	-	-	-	-	8,376	-	(8,376)	-
A4ID: Advocates for International Development	-	8,694	(8,694)	-	-	4,032	(4,032)	-
AW 60	-	-	-	-	500	-	(500)	-
Bertha Foundation	5,932	-	(5,932)	-	-	30,000	(24,068)	5,932
Big Give Foundation	3,500	10,000	(8,500)	5,000	2,500	13,500	(12,500)	3,500
Doughty St Chambers	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Oakdale Trust	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	(2,000)	-
Ford Foundation	35,535	61,486	(68,560)	28,462	-	94,922	(59,387)	35,535
GreenPeace (Gift of Office Space)	-	6,000	(6,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala Solidarity Network	-	-	-	-	4,000	5,000	(9,000)	-
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	7,334	50,000	(50,325)	7,009	-	20,834	(13,500)	7,334
Network For Social Change	4,710	-	(4,710)	-	-	18,841	(14,131)	4,710
PBI Germany	-	9,765	(9,765)	-	-	-	-	-
PBI Nepal	-	1,433	(1,433)	-	-	-	-	-
Peace Brigades International Secretariat	-	-	-	-	3,596	-	(3,596)	-
Simmons & Simmons	-	-	-	-	7,000	-	(7,000)	-
The Allan and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Settlement	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	(20,000)	-
The Evan Cornish Foundation	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
The Law Society	-	5,000	(2,500)	2,500	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
Total restricted funds	67,011	154,378	(178,419)	42,971	32,971	219,129	(185,089)	67,011
Total funds	329,573	348,016	(349,062)	328,528	272,184	345,821	(288,433)	329,573

Restricted funds are funds which have been granted or donated for particular purposes or projects.

16. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the reporting period.

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Reference and administrative details

- Charity Commission registration number: 1101016
- Companies House registration number: 3912587
- Registered office and operational address: 45 Swinburne Road, Putney, SW15 5EQ.
- Auditors: Critchleys Audit LLP, Beaver House, 23-38 Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford, OX1 2EP
- Bankers: Co-operative Bank, 1 Islington High Street, Islington, London, N1 9TR
- Trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of the Companies Acts) who served during the year, and up to the date of this report, are: Sophia Kerridge, Emily Clarke (resigned March 2023), Amy Dwyer (resigned June 2023), Alex Roche, Shirin Marker (resigned March 2024), Steve Webster, Claire Davis (appointed Nov 2023), Rachel Cox (appointed Nov 2023), .
- The senior employee in charge of day to day matters is the Director, Ben Leather
- Patrons of the charity are: Sir Nicolas Bratza, Rt Hon Lord Carnwath CVO, Julie Christie, John Dew, Sir Jeffrey Jowell KCMG QC, Sir Peter Roth, Juliet Stevenson CBE, Lord Scott of Foscote PC QC, Baroness Helena Kennedy.

Structure, governance and management

PBI UK is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated under a Memorandum of Association on 19 January 2000 and is governed under its Articles of Association. It was registered with the Charity Commission on 3 December 2003.

Trustees are sought through adverts in journals, websites and newspapers, particularly those with a connection to the human rights and charity sectors. Potential trustees are invited to a formal interview by one or more existing trustees. If their application progresses, they are then invited to attend an initial trustee meeting as an observer to gain more knowledge and understanding of the organisation and if appointed they are invited to meet with staff and provided with an induction pack of key documents.

The Articles of Association require a minimum number of three trustees at any time, and that at least one third of trustees must retire each year even if they offer themselves for re-appointment.

All trustees are members of the Board of Trustees. They meet at least six times a year to administer the charity's activities and at other times to carry out strategic planning. A full-time paid Director is appointed by the Board of Trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the organisation, including the supervision of paid staff and office volunteers.

PBI UK also has an Advisory Board, through which individuals provide advice and inputs to the PBI UK Director, staff and Board of Trustees based upon their area of expertise.

PBI UK supports (both operationally and financially) the projects of Peace Brigades International ("PBI"), a non-profit organisation incorporated in the USA, also as an overseas non-profit organisation (registered number: 0884.150.149) in Belgium and as an overseas non-profit organisation (registered number: N4004351E) in Spain. It is through PBI the organisation's protective accompaniment programmes are carried out through PBI's "field projects".

PBI UK is one of 14 "country groups" around the world that support the field projects of PBI, through which teams of trained international volunteer observers are sent to areas of conflict and repression to provide non-violent protective accompaniment to local human rights defenders. In 2023 field programmes were operating in Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico and Nepal.

Although PBI UK is constituted as an independent body with separate legal responsibility, it adheres to the guiding principles of PBI laid down at an international level, and the continued use of the PBI name is dependent on this.

Overarching strategic goals

The objects of the charity are: "To promote human rights for the benefit of the public" by:

1. Securing the enforcement of human rights law and promoting the sound administration of human rights law through accompanying and observing persons from organisations promoting human rights and preventing human rights abuses, and people whose lives are in danger from the work they do, provided that this work does not extend to promoting a political purpose (including a change in the law or government policy or the administrative decisions of the government authorities); and

2. Raising awareness of human rights and human rights abuses provided that this work does not extend to promoting a political purpose (including a change in the law or government policy or the administrative decisions of government authorities).

For the purposes of this object 'human rights' means the abolition of torture, slavery, forced labour, extra-judicial killing (such as genocide) and those rights secured under or by virtue of:

- a) Legislation adopted in the country in which the rights are being promoted by the Charity or:
- b) International human rights and humanitarian law (particularly the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights and the Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights) having effect in the country in which the rights are being promoted by the Charity"

In accordance with the above objectives, and with due regard to the published Charity Commission guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirement of the Charities Act 2011, the trustees have undertaken appropriate activities in furtherance of those aims for the public benefit.

In the UK, our achievements contribute towards four **overarching strategic goals**, based on our strategic plan.

- 1. PBI's field projects have the resources and capacity they need to provide holistic protective accompaniment to human rights defenders at risk.
- 2. UK civil society contributes to the impact of human rights defenders, by providing resources, boosting legitimacy, and collaborating in strategy and policy spaces.
- 3. UK Government policy and practice provides effective protection and support to human rights defenders, including through stronger regulation of business behaviour.
- 4. PBI UK has the resources, infrastructure and legitimacy to carry out our work sustainably and effectively.

With limited staff resources, the nature and ethos of PBI UK is such that many of its activities are carried out with the support of volunteers. A significant extra level of human resource is provided by its team of highly committed office volunteers and former field volunteers. The organisation benefited from over 100 days of unpaid volunteering during the year - a crucial contribution to the effectiveness of its work. PBI UK has an extensive network of returned field volunteers who contribute to advocacy, communication and fundraising activities.

We are also grateful for the continued support of our pro bono legal network, who provide invaluable expertise to help protect and build the resilience of human rights defenders. Valued partners including A4ID, the Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales, Clifford Chance, Doughty Street Chambers, and the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk make a vital contribution to our work, whether through advocacy, legal advice, pro bono activities, funding or capacity building.

Financial Review

PBI UK raised a total of £345,821 during 2023 thanks to the generosity and commitment of our valuable donors. The expenditure for the year was £288,433, meaning that reserves were increased during the year by a total of £57,388. This contributes towards our financial stability and security for the future. Unrestricted reserves at the year-end were £262,561, representing 9 month's future total budgeted expenditure, which after a generous legacy received in 2022, is still in excess of the Charity's policy of holding a reserves 'green zone' of between three and six months of future expenditure. Year-end total reserves of £329,572 are split into £67,011 of restricted funds and £262,561 unrestricted.

Who we worked with

Peace Brigades International (PBI) protects human rights defenders as a strategy for enabling civil society to flourish and advance human rights worldwide. In 2023 PBI provided holistic protective accompaniment to 3,493 individuals, 68 organisations and 950 communities globally. Our activities included a mixture of physical protective presence, capacity building, advocacy, communications and narrative work, as well as psychosocial support. Over two thousand people benefitted from PBI workshops to strengthen capacity in holistic security, peace-building, conflict resolution, psychosocial support, gender rights, solidarity-based action, and intersectionality. Our work enabled 'land, environmental and Indigenous defenders', 'defenders of women's rights and gender equality' and 'defenders working for peace, justice and the rule of law' to continue and expand their work for human rights and social justice. These defenders in turn supported thousands of victims of human rights violations, defended countless migrants, refugees, and internally displaced people, and fought for the rights of Indigenous, peasant and slum communities. The human rights work of the defenders who PBI supported and protected in 2023 reached over 150,000 people across the world.

2023 was a turbulent year for human rights around the world. Extreme weather events related to climate breakdown, crackdowns on civic space freedoms and rights, and the outbreak of war in Palestine, contributed to political instability, financial uncertainty and an increase in civil unrest. The UK Government's actions continued to echo a worrying global trend with promises to roll back rights, including legislation to crack down on protests. This marks a disappointing departure from

previous commitments to champion democracy and protect civic space. Amidst these global challenges, the role of human rights defenders is more important than ever. At a time when our rights and the environment are under renewed threat, front-line activists play a vital role in combating the climate crisis, advocating for gender justice, and strengthening the rule of law. Many are threatened, criminalised, and attacked just for taking a stand.

PBI UK supports, protects and empowers human rights defenders around the world, contributing to their ability to safely and effectively promote rights and protect the environment. We do this by campaigning for policy changes to ensure that governments and businesses respect human rights and take proactive action to prevent and respond to threats against human rights defenders. We mobilise resources and action from UK civil society, Parliament and the Government to enhance defenders' impact and help keep them safe; and we resource and support the PBI field projects providing holistic protective accompaniment to defenders whose lives are at risk.

Our unique model has evolved since it was first pioneered in 1981, but what makes PBI unique remains the same. It's the diverse teams of international volunteers in conflict zones and complicated contexts around the world, wearing the distinctive PBI vest, who are trained to protect threatened human rights defenders. They back this presence with outreach and lobbying, with PBI being one of the only organisations to advocate at all levels - from the soldier at a local checkpoint, to UN leaders. These activities help create the security, policy and political environments in which human rights defenders can carry out their work. PBI UK supports our field projects by fundraising, by recruiting and training personnel, and by building support networks to respond in emergencies.

PBI UK catalyses resources, action and advocacy to support threatened human rights defenders and ensures governments and businesses respect rights and the environment. Through PBI's field projects, we provide holistic protective accompaniment to activists whose lives are in danger, with a focus on those facing specific and heightened risks.

In 2023, PBI UK directly supported defenders in Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal and Nicaragua, and through our international advocacy work, we contributed to the protection of human rights activists in general, as well as the thousands of vulnerable people who form part of the communities they support. We also provided specific supportive interventions for defenders from other countries.

"PBI's protective accompaniment provides the most effective protection. PBI are the ones who have prevented attacks on our lives." Reinaldo Villalba Vargas, human rights lawyer, CCAJAR, Colombia

PBI works with defenders in some of the most high risk countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia, and advocates to ensure that all human rights defenders are protected and supported effectively. However, some of our programmes focus on groups whose activism contributes exponentially to global rights and justice, and who face specific and heightened risks:



Land, environmental and Indigenous defenders: Land, environmental and Indigenous defenders are on the front line of the fight for our planet's future. The IPCC recognises that the voices of Indigenous communities and environmentalists already suffering the consequences of climate change must be heard if we're to stem the crisis. Yet many live in fear of speaking out. More than four land and environmental defenders are murdered every week, with Indigenous defenders massively over-represented among those killed - in 2023 alone, almost one third of documented killings of human rights defenders were Indigenous people's rights defenders. Rural communities often lack the information and resources to counter business interests affecting their rights.



Defenders of women's rights and gender equality: Defenders of women's rights and gender equality work to end discrimination underpinning problems which disproportionately affect women and the LGBTIQ+ community, such as sexual and gender-based violence and inadequate healthcare. This has become even riskier, with fundamentalist interest groups whipping up anger about supposed 'gender ideology'. In 2023, defending LGBTIQ+ rights and women's rights were among the most targeted areas of human rights defence - 16% of the global documented killings of human rights defenders identified as women, including trans women. Furthermore, attacks against LGBTIQ+ defenders comprised over one tenth of all attacks reported globally, and were the most targeted groups in Africa, Europe and Central Asia. Many working on these issues are women human rights defenders, who face distinct challenges, including threats from within their own communities, meaning they require specific and tailored support.



Defenders working for peace, justice and the rule of law: Defenders working for peace, justice and the rule of law help build, protect and strengthen the institutions that allow democracy to flourish and safeguard human rights. Whether working on emblematic cases of injustice or advocating for systemic change, these activists are on a collision

course with vested interests benefiting from the status quo. By the end of 2023, at least 80 defenders working to uphold the rule of law, promote accountability and expose human rights violations in Guatemala had been criminalised, imprisoned or forced to relocate for their safety. In Nicaragua, the Government's criminalisation and punishment of dissenting voices became increasingly erratic during 2023. Sophisticated protection strategies and specific tools can allow these defenders to catalyse effective transitions to peace and the development of laws and mechanisms that give effect to international human rights obligations.

"The presence of PBI has provided critical support to the Indigenous communities. They have enabled us to continue defending our territory and our lives." Sandra Cael Cahuac, Indigenous rights defender, UVOC, Guatemala

Key achievements in the reporting period

- In 2023, PBI UK welcomed a new Advocacy Officer, Head of Fundraising, and Operations Officer, refreshed our operational plan, and redoubled our efforts to protect, support and empower human rights defenders. Whether organising training and legal support, facilitating access to decision-makers and support networks, or providing protection and solidarity, we worked with defenders in moments of increased risk so that they could mobilise safely and effectively.
- We welcomed human rights defenders from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Kenya, Nepal, Indonesia and elsewhere to the UK on advocacy tours - working together to get their voices heard. In response to these visits, parliamentarians pushed the UK and other governments to take action in support of grassroots activism. The FCDO and its embassies engaged with at-risk defenders and their governments. Furthermore, lawyers, NGOs and ordinary British citizens took a range of steps to support those on the front lines and empower their work.
- We continued working with the Corporate Justice Campaign and its other members on the campaign for a UK Business, Human Rights and Environment Act, encouraging politicians to properly regulate UK companies and reduce environmental and human rights abuses globally. We successfully encouraged several politicians to pledge their support for this campaign, take part in parliamentary debates on the topic, and ensured that the need to prevent threats against activists is part of discussions on the proposed law's components.
- We facilitated an Independent Delegation of International Lawyers to Guatemala, connecting them with human rights defenders and Indigenous communities supported by PBI who are impacted by land acquisition, forced displacement and criminalisation in connection with their defence of the land.
- We acted as a bridge between the UK legal community and threatened defenders, so that international jurists provided support to threatened lawyers and defenders in Colombia, Nepal, Honduras and Guatemala.
- We channelled resources to our Field Projects, where PBI volunteers provide protective accompaniment to some of the most at-risk human rights defenders - standing alongside them as they carry out their work, campaigning to reduce the threats they face, and training communities and organisations in security strategies to keep themselves safe.

Our work in 2023

Strategic Goal 1 - PBI's field projects have the resources and capacity they need to provide holistic protective accompaniment to human rights defenders at risk.

Ensuring field projects have the field volunteers they need

- In November, PBI UK held a webinar and online film premiere aimed at prospective field volunteers with PBI. The webinar explored opportunities to support and protect human rights defenders with PBI and included presentations from a former volunteer with PBI in Mexico and a woman human rights defender from Guatemala. Over 30 people participated in the webinar, several of whom have since applied to volunteer in PBI's field projects and have signed up to PBI's mailing lists to stay in the loop about future opportunities.
- PBI UK promoted calls for volunteers published by PBI field projects periodically throughout the year, as well as supporting UK-based candidates in their application process.

Increasing direct resources to the PBI field projects

- PBI UK's new strategy includes engaging with funders in the UK and around the world to scale up financial support for PBI field projects, allowing them to act with agility when defenders request support. PBI UK's donor engagement in 2023 has led to multi-year funding from a major Foundation for all of PBI's field projects, as well as smaller donations to specific teams and the direct financing of crucial legal support projects. PBI continues to try to engage with other potential major donors to continue to increase funding for the field projects.

"PBI's work is vital to grassroots activists on the front lines of the most important struggles of our times: protecting democracy, combating the climate crisis and fighting for gender justice" - Sierra Schraff-Thomas, PBI UK Advisory Board

Strategic Goal 2 - UK civil society contributes to the impact of human rights defenders, by providing resources, boosting legitimacy, and collaborating in strategy and policy spaces.

Engaging networks in the UK to prevent escalation of attacks on human rights lawyers in Colombia

- In November 2023, Colombian lawyer Reinaldo Villalba Vargas from the Corporación Colectivo de Abogados José Alvear Restrepo (CCAJAR) came to the UK for an advocacy tour, where he met with civil society organisations, international lawyers and parliamentarians. He called on the UK government and the international community to express public support for lawyers at risk in Colombia, and urge the Colombian Government to investigate, and bring to justice, all the cases of harassment, surveillance and attacks against members of CCAJAR due to their vital work in securing landmark decisions that enhance access to justice for victims of the enduring Colombian conflict.
- Reinaldo manages national litigation for CCAJAR, primarily criminal defence and the representation of victims of serious human rights violations. He has been vilified by the authorities and characterised as a defender of terrorism and an auxiliary of guerrilla forces, particularly since his work on a case implicating the former Colombian president Alvaro Uribe. The case is based on allegations of witness tampering and fraud relating to crimes committed during the country's five decade civil war.
- PBI has provided protective accompaniment to CCAJAR since 1995, accompanying members during the course of their day to day activities, observing court proceedings and meeting with authorities, visiting affected families, and responding to urgent security incidents. In the UK, PBI supported Reinaldo and CCAJAR through awareness-raising, advocacy, and matching UK-based capacity and support with the needs of Reinaldo and other members of CCAJAR. Following the advocacy tour, in January 2024 the President of CCAJAR, Yessika Hoyos, received death threats and PBI UK mobilised international support for Yessika and CCAJAR through the UK Embassy, parliamentarians and the international community. The UK Embassy in particular has committed to continuing to support CCAJAR in a variety of ways, and is liaising directly with CCAJAR, as well as PBI.

Legal Empowerment for Grassroots Guatemalan Defenders

- Responding to requests from Indigenous leaders concerned by threats to the rule of law and the rights of rural communities, PBI UK organised a high-level legal delegation to Guatemala in March. An international delegation of human rights lawyers, including UK-based lawyers, met with tens of NGOs, visited Indigenous communities and jailed human rights defenders, and engaged with Guatemalan authorities, the diplomatic community and the private sector.
- In an initial press conference, the delegation called for urgent action to protect Indigenous peoples and expressed grave concern at the impact of violent forced displacements. They subsequently successfully advocated for Guatemalan authorities to stall planned evictions of Indigenous communities.
- Following the unexpected election of progressive candidate Bernardo Arévalo as President in August 2023, Guatemala's democratic institutions are under increased pressure from vested interests opposing change. PBI's team there is on high alert, travelling the country to provide protection to the communities and NGOs denouncing threats to the rule of law. Guatemalan Indigenous communities and leaders, including organisations and individuals accompanied by PBI, were at the forefront of peaceful protests in the country, calling for democratic will of the people to be upheld in the context of the contested Presidential elections.
- In the UK, we helped the legal delegation to prepare a report launch and international advocacy plan together with Indigenous leaders in October 2023. PBI UK was able to platform the collective fight to protect democracy, as well as Indigenous peoples' collective rights, via the support PBI UK gave to the Independent Delegation of International Lawyers to Guatemala. The findings and recommendations in the report seeks to protect Indigenous peoples'

collective rights and calls for justice for Indigenous victims of corporate abuses. The UK Embassy in Guatemala committed to further platforming the findings of the lawyers, including by hosting a high-level diplomatic event at the Ambassador's residence in March 2024, inviting both the lawyers and Indigenous leaders.

- With the criminalisation of human rights defenders accelerating globally, PBI UK is also preparing legal empowerment initiatives to support activists in Honduras and Nepal, as well as continuing to connect high-level human rights lawyers with needs around the world.

Strategic communications for protection

- PBI's communications work aims to ensure that human rights defenders are seen as legitimate actors by key stakeholders, functioning to shift narratives and counter the stigmatisation and criminalization that they face and which leave them more vulnerable.
- Our communications work in 2023 used the celebration of key thematic international days to celebrate and raise awareness of the work of the human rights and environmental organisations supported by PBI. International Day of the Endangered Lawyer, International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, World Environment Day, World Tourism Day, International Day of Rural Women, and Human Rights Day were all marked in this way.
- Through interviews with a range of defenders working on different issues in different countries, we were able to raise their voices and profiles. Our newsletters ensured that these articles reached a range of supporters and decision-makers.
- Film screenings have proven a powerful tool for raising awareness of the risks facing environmental defenders and getting the attention of a broad public to hear defenders' voices. In 2023, we hosted an online premiere of "In the Company of Hope", a short film about volunteering on the ground with PBI, supporting human rights defenders through our unique protective accompaniment model. The film premiere was followed by interventions from and a Q&A with Guatemalan woman human rights defender Mirtala Hernández Agustín, as well as a former field volunteer with PBI in Mexico.

Ensuring human rights defenders have access to self protection and wellbeing mechanisms

- PBI UK sits on the steering committee of the Scottish Human Rights Defenders Fellowship, a 3 to 6-month temporary relocation programme at the University of Dundee. Relocation in Scotland has enabled defenders to continue and strengthen their activism and impact, engage in peer-to-peer learning, as well as mobilise critical public attention and awareness of their struggles. Through opportunities at the University, and networking with Scottish civil society and domestic defenders, Fellows have been able to gain vital sustainable support for their human rights work upon return to their home countries. In 2023, as well as our general support for the fellowship, PBI UK supported two participating defenders with additional support.
- Sarita, a Dalit woman human rights defender from Nepal working on women's rights and an end to caste-based discrimination, was a Fellow on the programme in 2023 and carried out a range of advocacy activities with PBI in the UK. This included meeting with Parliamentarians in the House of Commons and House of Lords, and engaging with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office in regards to their work on women's rights and caste-based discrimination in Nepal. PBI supported Junia in his nomination and risk assessment for the fellowship and in follow-up on his return to Kenya.
- PBI UK also provided strategic advocacy support to a Colombian Indigenous defender on the Scottish Human Rights Defenders Fellowship programme in 2023. The Fellow works to protect Indigenous peoples rights to their cultures and languages in Colombia. PBI supported the Fellow in their nomination and risk assessment for the fellowship, and in follow-up on their return to Colombia.

"Support for farmers, education and recognising the interconnectedness of identity, culture and sustainable living are vital. Policies should address the diverse needs of communities, going beyond traditional approaches." 2023 Fellow and Colombian Indigenous human rights defender

Strategic Goal 3 - UK Government policy and practice provides effective protection and support to human rights defenders, including through stronger regulation of business behaviour.

Speaker tours, emergency response activations, and case advocacy

- PBI's network-building, outreach and advocacy led to Parliamentarians writing to the UK Government, foreign governments, UK and foreign Ambassadors in order to demand protection and support for human rights defenders at risk.

Ensuring support for LGBTIQ+ and environmental defenders in Honduras facing grave reprisals

- Violent reprisals in rural Honduras continue unabated. In 2023, environmental defenders Jairo Bonilla and Aly Domínguez - plus Aly's brother Oqueli - were murdered, in the latest violence against opponents of the Los Pinares mine which has now been belatedly suspended by the Honduran government. The Guapinol water defenders demand a permanent cancellation due to alleged violations of the community's rights and contamination of their water supply.
- The situation in Honduras is of extreme concern. PBI has bolstered numbers in our team there through emergency recruitment. Our global offices, including in the UK, are working constantly to get support to local communities and pressure on the country's authorities. We're also working to get human and financial resources to our team in Honduras.
- It is not only rural environmentalists who face a backlash in Honduras. In July 2023, PBI joined Front Line Defenders to publicly express concern for the lack of protection for defenders of LGTBIQ+ rights. Local activists have become disillusioned with the lack of response from the country's government.

Mobilising support for Mexican defenders in the face of criminalisation

- In June, the criminalisation of Mexican environmental defender Alejandro Torres Xocolatl intensified when he was detained, presumably as a reprisal for his sustained campaigning for Indigenous rights in the face of large-scale business and infrastructure projects. PBI carried out a global activation of political and civil society contacts, whilst simultaneously providing on-the-ground international observation at his judicial hearings. At the end of July, Alejandro's arrest warrant was withdrawn.
- With our Front Line Team working to provide a protective presence in areas of Mexico where rural defenders face grave threats, our offices globally continue to mobilise international support for defenders and their causes. In April, we facilitated a meeting between former UK Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn and defenders from Chihuahua and Mexico City ahead of his meetings with Mexican legislators and the country's President.

Honduran human rights defender calls for better due diligence and an end to criminalisation during visit to the UK

- In September 2023, we welcomed Melissa Fabiola Martínez Reyes, a Honduran human rights defender and member of the Honduran Black Fraternal Organisation (OFRANEH). Melissa has faced threats, harassment and criminalisation for defending the culture, environment and territorial rights of the Garifuna people in Honduras.
- During her visit, Melissa spoke to MPs, the FCDO and civil society to call for the UK government to take action to support criminalised defenders, and to urge the Honduran Government to comply with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights' 2015 ruling, which held the state of Honduras responsible for violating the right to collective property of Garifuna communities.
- Garifuna communities have faced violence from the state and organised crime, which they link to an increase in business activities in the region such as logging, mining and tourism, which have led to deforestation and mass displacements of communities. During meetings with parliamentarians, the FCDO and civil society, Melissa also called on the UK to protect and support human rights defenders in Honduras and ensure companies that violate human and environmental rights are held to account. The UK Embassy has since taken a range of actions in support of Honduran human rights defenders, meeting with them and PBI regularly, and parliamentarians continue to follow up on their cases.

Advocating for UK Policy to protect defenders

- During 2023, PBI UK continued to advocate for the UK government to provide greater support and protection for human rights defenders. PBI UK, together with Amnesty International UK, Bond, the Fund for Global Human Rights, the Law Society of England and Wales, and Human Rights Watch, continued to carry out advocacy meetings and submitted written and oral inputs to the Foreign Office as part of a push for the UK to develop a strategy to support HRDs which is adequately funded, cross-departmental and gender-responsive, as laid out in our report 'On the Human Rights Frontline' and our briefing paper 'On the Human Rights Frontline: How the UK government can defend the defenders'. In 2023, the Government committed to develop a Human Rights and Civic Space Strategy.

- Ahead of Human Rights Day in 2023, PBI UK alongside the aforementioned organisations launched a new briefing paper titled ‘On the Human Rights Frontline: How the UK government can defend the defenders’, which has been supported by over forty civil society organisations, including grassroots organisations. The briefing paper calls for a UK government strategy to promote civic space and improve support and protection for HRDs, that includes: implementing effective diplomatic strategies to recognise and protect defenders; transforming the nature and scale of funding for civil society to be sustainable & flexible, and; developing protection mechanisms, respite schemes and rapid response support.
- In the 2019 policy document ‘UK Support for Human Rights Defenders’ (which PBI fed into), the UK acknowledges the fundamental role human rights defenders play in the realisation of human rights, gender equality, democratic spaces, and access to justice and peace, all key elements of the UK’s foreign policy objectives. This policy document identifies practical support measures, and provides guidance for UK embassies. However, the document doesn’t go far enough and implementation is sporadic and under-resourced. In 2023, PBI UK advocated in London and while PBI’s field teams advocated in embassies around the world for the policy to be implemented effectively locally. This led to diplomatic statements, meetings, visits to at-risk human rights defenders, and trial observation taking place in support of threatened activists.

Pushing for a UK Business, Human Rights and Environment Act.

- As part of the Corporate Justice Coalition, PBI UK is calling for a Business, Human Rights and Environment Act to mandate all businesses to conduct human rights and environmental due diligence, preventing the kinds of destruction and abuses that human rights defenders end up having to denounce and protest. An effective law would avoid and avert many human rights abuses in the first instance, and also mean corporations could be held liable for backing ventures that lead to attacks on Indigenous leaders, activists and journalists. It would cover all negative human rights impacts across all sectors, and align the UK with steps being taken elsewhere, including the now-approved EU Directive (as of May 2024).
- Brand name companies, investors worth trillions, and tens of NGOs are united in their support for mandatory due diligence legislation with liability provisions for failing to prevent harm. Consumers agree: a YouGov poll has shown that four in five Britons want a law to eradicate environmental damage and exploitative practices in supply chains, while almost 130,000 people have signed a petition in favour of the law.
- PBI UK was a leading member of the campaign in 2023, offering the unique perspective of human rights defenders in their defence of human rights and the environment in the face of corporate abuses. PBI UK also facilitated the speaker tours of land, environmental and Indigenous defenders, to further make the case for this law and push these policy asks with key decision makers in the UK parliament. As a result of our advocacy, several politicians have committed to back the proposed legislation.

“The UK Government needs to develop a robust strategy to counter closing civic space and support human rights defenders, whilst ensuring effective regulation of business behaviour which can have a huge impact on rights and the environment, both at home and abroad.” Christina Challis, Advocacy Manager, PBI UK

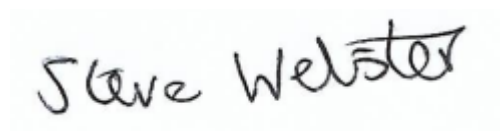
Strategic Goal 4 - PBI UK has the resources, infrastructure and legitimacy to carry out our work sustainably and effectively.

Strengthening PBI UK’s Board and Governance

2023 was a year in which PBI UK’s governance structure strengthened and evolved. With new, highly engaged Trustees on the Board and an Advisory Board also formed, the organisation and its Director is now able to count on expert advice and support through a series of committees which are made up of Trustees, Advisory Board members and staff - namely, the Finance and Accounts Committee, the Board Development Committee and the Fundraising Committee. The Board Development Committee is working on implementing the recommendations of a Board Audit and governance review conducted by an external expert, which focuses on strengthening the policies and processes of the Board so that it can be as effective as possible. PBI UK also developed a number of internal policies relating to human resources in 2023, providing an even more solid structure to underpin the organisation’s staffing and work. The organisation’s Operational Plan was updated for 2024 to reflect changes to the global and UK context for human rights defence, as well as the strengthening of the organisation’s team, Board and capacity.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies' regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees on 2 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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STEVE WEBSTER

Trustee

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SOPHIA KERRIDGE

Trustee

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION
Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and

each Trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION (continued)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Peace Brigades International United Kingdom Section (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION (continued)

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement [set out on page 10], the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

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- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with directors/trustees, and from our knowledge and experience.
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity,
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

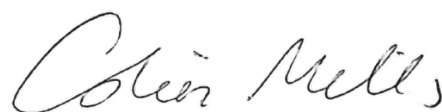
Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES
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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Beaver House, 23-38 Hythe Bridge Street
Oxford, OX1 1BE

Colin Mills (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Critchleys Audit LLP,
Statutory Auditor

4 September 2024

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION

Statement of Financial Activities including income and expenditure accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME							
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies							
Donations and grants from trusts and corporations	2	91,945	219,129	311,074	104,800	31,196	135,996
Donations to the Human Rights Defenders' Fund	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations to the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk Fund	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individual donations and legacies	5	34,748	-	34,748	228,837	8,376	237,212
Other trading activities							
Fund-raising activities	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments							
Bank interest	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities							
Fees from training potential project volunteers		-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		126,693	219,129	345,821	333,637	39,571	373,208
EXPENDITURE							
Raising funds		38,921	3,596	42,517	39,434	-	39,434
Charitable activities		64,423	181,493	245,917	102,590	30,649	133,239
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8	103,345	185,089	288,433	142,024	30,649	172,673
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		23,348	34,040	57,388	191,613	8,922	200,535
Balances brought forward		239,213	32,971	272,185	47,600	24,049	71,649
Balances carried forward		262,561	67,011	329,572	239,213	32,971	272,185

There were no recognised gains or losses during the year, other than those included in the above statement.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

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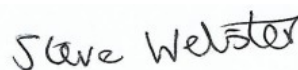
Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	9	1,449	-	1,449	595	-	595
Current assets							
Debtors and prepayments	10	8,473	-	8,473	129,971	6,460	136,431
Cash at bank and in hand		279,281	71,511	350,792	149,895	26,511	176,406
		287,754	71,511	359,264	279,866	32,971	312,837
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(26,640)	(4,500)	(31,140)	(41,247)	-	(41,247)
Net current assets		261,114	67,011	328,124	238,620	32,971	271,590
Total assets less liabilities		262,562	67,011	329,573	239,213	32,971	272,185
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets		262,562	67,011	329,573	239,213	32,971	272,185
Represented by:							
Unrestricted funds - general	14	262,562	-	262,562	239,213	-	239,213
Restricted funds	14	-	67,011	67,011	-	32,971	32,971
		262,562	67,011	329,573	239,213	32,971	272,185

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 2 September 2024



SOPHIA KERRIDGE
Trustee



STEVE WEBSTER
Trustee

The notes on pages 17 to 23 form part of these financial statements

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023****1. Accounting Policies****Basis of accounting**

Peace Brigades International UK Section is a public benefit entity. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" FRS102, applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Income

Grants and donations are accounted for when their amount and receipt are probable. In the case of donations this is usually when received. All other income is accounted for on a receivable basis, including Gift Aid reclaims. Grants received prior to the year end, relating to funding applications for expenditure in future financial years, are deferred and included in creditors. Donations in kind are recognised when the value to the charity can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. Legacies are recognised according to the criteria in the Charities SORP.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

Allocation of costs

Costs are allocated to spending categories on a basis designed to represent the use of the resource.

Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly where possible, staff costs are allocated on the basis of actual or estimated time spent, and support costs (primarily spending on premises) are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor space.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised. Computer and office equipment is written off on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful life of 3 years.

Stock

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Intangible Income

Donations in kind are included, where practicable, at the financial cost to the provider of the service. Volunteer time is not included in the financial statements.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
2. Donations and grants from trusts and corporations		
A4ID: Advocates for International Development	4,032	-
AW60	-	1,500
Big Give	13,500	2,500
Bertha Foundation	30,000	-
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP	1,500	1,500
CJM Charitable Trust	5,000	-
Doughty St Chambers	2,000	1,600
Ford Foundation	94,922	-
Frederick Mulder Foundation	-	10,000
Guatemala Solidarity Network	5,000	4,000
James Thornton DAF	60,000	53,750
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	20,834	-
Mirianog Trust	-	2,000
Network for Social Change	18,841	-
Oakdale Trust	-	2,000
Peace Brigades International Secretariat	-	3,596
Philamonic Trust	-	500
Simmons and Simmons	-	7,000
The Allan and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Settlement	20,000	-
The Eva Reckitt Trust Fund	-	1,000
The Evan Cornish Foundation	10,000	-
The Tinsley Charitable Trust	20,500	25,000
The Troy Trust	-	50
Treebeard Trust	-	20,000
Trefonen Hill Walk	4,945	-
Total	311,074	135,996

3. Contributors to the Human Rights Defenders' (HRD) fund	2023	2022
	£	£
Individual donations	-	-
Total Income for fund	-	-

4. Contributors to the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk (ALR) fund	2023	2022
	£	£
Individual donations	-	-
Total Income for fund	-	-

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5. Individual Donations and Legacies	2023	2022
Individual donations	34,748	29,219
Legacies	-	207,993
Total Individual Donations and Legacies	<u>34,748</u>	<u>237,212</u>
 6. Fundraising Activities	 2023	 2022
Sponsorship	-	-
Ticket sales	-	-
Total Fundraising Activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 7. Other Income	 2023	 2022
Reimbursements	-	-
Interest received	-	-
Total Other Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION
Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

**8. Total expenditure
in current period**

	Staff Costs	Support Costs	Other Direct Costs	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Funding to field projects and international activities	-	-	81,094	81,094	35,971
Advocacy and project support	72,462	7,639	14,254	94,355	59,788
Outreach, publicity, and communications	21,738	6,112	2,403	30,253	20,264
Field volunteer recruitment, training & support	7,246	6,112	-	13,358	8,748
Advocacy grant funding to institutions	-	-	13,500	13,500	-
Governance	7,246	6,112	-	13,358	8,468
Total charitable activities	108,692	25,974	111,250	245,917	133,239
Fundraising	36,231	5,834	452	42,517	39,434
	<u>144,923</u>	<u>31,808</u>	<u>111,703</u>	<u>288,433</u>	<u>172,673</u>

in preceding period

	Staff Costs	Support Costs	Other Direct Costs	Total 2022	
	£	£	£	£	
Funding to field projects and international activities	-	-	35,971	35,971	
Advocacy and project support	42,539	5,623	11,625	59,788	
Outreach, publicity, and communications	14,180	5,431	653	20,264	
Field volunteer recruitment, training & support	4,727	4,021	-	8,748	
Advocacy grant funding to institutions	-	-	-	-	
Governance	4,727	3,742	-	8,468	
Total charitable activities	66,172	18,817	48,250	133,239	
Fundraising	28,359	6,953	4,122	39,434	
	<u>94,531</u>	<u>25,770</u>	<u>52,371</u>	<u>172,673</u>	

In common with other PBI country groups, PBI UK contributes to global project support, monitoring and co-ordination that takes place at an international level within PBI. This contribution is included above in Funding to field projects and international activities.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff Costs comprise:		
Staff salaries	129,604	86,149
Redundancy payment	2,803	-
Returned volunteer salaries	-	-
Employer's pension contributions	4,693	3,804
Social security costs	7,823	4,578
	<u>144,923</u>	<u>94,531</u>

Salaries, and the associated social security costs, have covered seven individuals employed as staff during 2023.

The number of employees earning £60,000 or more was as follows:

(excluding employer's social security costs and pension contributions)

2023: £60,000 to £70,000: 0 employees ; 2022: £60,000 to £70,000: 0 employees

	2023	2022
	£	£
Support Costs comprise:		
Storage, office rent, rates, insurance and service charges	3,967	2,909
Co-working fees	7,756	5,047
Away day costs	-	181
Attendance Advocacy Working Group	-	251
Computer and telephone costs	1,588	4,785
Office move costs	-	754
Printing, stationery, postage and office supplies	611	123
Staff and Volunteers' travel and subsistence expenses	5,392	1,003
Trustee travel and subsistence	536	-
Audit fees	4,840	3,750
Subscriptions and publications	192	275
Bank charges	185	79
Recruitment	1,001	474
Returned volunteers	-	2,778
Fundraising support	1,250	2,970
Communications support	3,603	59
Compliance and legal fees	13	-
IT equipment depreciation	873	297
Training and Development	-	35
	<u>31,808</u>	<u>25,770</u>

Key management personnel total compensation: Director

65,211 48,489

Trustees received no remuneration in 2023 (2022 amount: nil).

4 Trustees received £536 in travel and subsistence costs in 2023 (2022 amount: nil)

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	2023	2022
	£	£
8. Total expenditure - continued		
Other Direct Costs comprise:		
Funding to PBI Colombia project	3,965	-
Funding to PBI Guatemala project	7,251	-
Funding to PBI Honduras Project	7,251	-
Funding to PBI Indonesia project	3,955	-
Funding to PBI Kenya project	3,955	-
Funding to PBI Mexico project	7,251	-
Funding to PBI Nepal project	3,955	-
Funding to PBI Nicaragua project	3,955	-
Funding to PBI ISEC	39,555	35,971
Total direct funding to PBI ISEC & field projects	81,094	35,971
Field volunteer recruitment, training and welfare	76	-
Publications	1,728	-
Multimedia outputs	54	-
Human Rights Defenders capacity building and support	345	-
Conferences / events	-	653
Translation	225	-
Direct fundraising costs	452	4,122
Advocacy expenses	2,949	-
Communications platforms and subscriptions	319	-
Legal Empowerment Projects	241	-
Human Rights Defenders Speaker tours	2,298	321
Mexico Project mission & advocacy	-	1,264
Consulting (Advocacy & Strategy)	8,420	10,041
	<u>17,109</u>	<u>16,400</u>
Total Direct Costs	<u>98,203</u>	<u>52,371</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Computer Equipment £
9. Fixed assets	
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	4,403
Additions in year	<u>1,728</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>6,131</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2023	3,808
Charge for year	<u>873</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>4,682</u>
Net book value at 1 January 2023	<u>595</u>
Net book value at 31 December 2023	<u>1,449</u>

10. Debtors (due within one year)	2023	2022
	£	£
Accrued income – grants, legacies and donations	7,000	133,493
Accrued income - Gift Aid	956	960
PBI Entities	-	1,498
Sundry debtors	-	-
Prepayments	<u>517</u>	<u>480</u>
	<u>8,473</u>	<u>136,431</u>

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
PBI ISec	21,640	36,446
Accruals	<u>9,500</u>	<u>4,800</u>
	<u>31,140</u>	<u>41,247</u>

12. Operating lease commitments

As at 31 December 2023, the company had commitments under a non-cancellable lease as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Expiring within one year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

13. Company status

The company is incorporated in England. Its registered address is 45 Swinburne Road, London SW15 5EQ. The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each member's liability under the guarantee is limited to £1.

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14. Funds Analysis

	At 1 Jan 2023	Incoming Resources	Expenditure	At 31 Dec 2023	At 1 Jan 2022	2022 Comparatives Incoming Resources	Expenditure	At 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:								
General fund	238,713	34,748	(10,900)	262,562	44,300	228,837	(34,424)	238,713
Unrestricted grants receivable								
AW60	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
CJM Charitable Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Eva Reckitt Trust Fund	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
James Thornton DAF	-	60,000	(60,000)	-	-	53,750	(53,750)	-
Philamonic Trust	500	-	(500)	-	-	500	-	500
The Big Give	-	-	-	-	3,300	-	(3,300)	-
Mirianog Trust	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
The Tinsley Foundation	-	20,500	(20,500)	-	-	25,000	(25,000)	-
The Troy Trust	-	-	-	-	-	50	(50)	-
Trefonen Hill Walk	-	4,945	(4,945)	-	-	-	-	-
Treebeard Trust	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	(20,000)	-
Total unrestricted funds	239,213	126,693	(103,345)	262,562	47,600	333,637	(142,024)	239,213
Restricted funds:								
Big Give Individual donations	8,376	-	(8,376)	-	-	8,376	-	8,376
A4ID: Advocates for International Development	-	4,032	(4,032)	-	-	-	-	-
AW 60	500	-	(500)	-	-	500	-	500
Bertha Foundation	-	30,000	(24,068)	5,932	-	-	-	-
Big Give Foundation	2,500	13,500	(12,500)	3,500	-	2,500	-	2,500
Doughty St Chambers	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-	1,600	(1,600)	-
Oakdale Trust	2,000	-	(2,000)	-	-	2,000	-	2,000
Matrix Causes Fund	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	(3,000)	-
The Frederick Mulder Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Ford Foundation	-	94,922	(59,387)	35,535	-	-	-	-
Guatemala Solidarity Network	4,000	5,000	(9,000)	-	-	4,000	-	4,000
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	-	20,834	(13,500)	7,334	-	-	-	-
Network For Social Change	-	18,841	(14,131)	4,710	-	-	-	-
Open Society Foundation	-	-	-	-	16,049	-	(16,049)	-
Peace Brigades International Secretariat	3,596	-	(3,596)	-	-	3,596	-	3,596
Simmons & Simmons	7,000	-	(7,000)	-	-	7,000	-	7,000
The Allan and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Settlement	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-	-	-	-
The Evan Cornish Foundation	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-
The Law Society	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Total restricted funds	32,971	219,129	(185,089)	67,011	24,049	39,571	(30,649)	32,971
Total funds	272,184	345,821	(288,433)	329,573	71,649	373,208	(172,673)	272,185

Restricted funds are funds which have been granted or donated for particular purposes or projects.

15. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the reporting period.

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Trustees' Annual Report for Peace Brigades International United Kingdom Section (PBI UK) for the period 1 January to 31 December 2022

Reference and administrative details

- Charity Commission registration number: 1101016
- Companies House registration number: 3912587
- Registered office and operational address: 45 Swinburne Road, Putney, SW15 5EQ.
- Auditors: Critchleys Audit LLP, Beaver House, 23-38 Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford, OX1 2EP
- Bankers: Co-operative Bank, 1 Islington High Street, Islington, London, N1 9TR
- Trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of the Companies Acts) who served during the year, and up to the date of this report, are: Sophia Kerridge, Emily Clarke (resigned March 2023), Amy Dwyer (resigned June 2023), Alex Roche, Shirin Marker, Steve Webster.
- The senior employee in charge of day to day matters is the Director, Ben Leather
- Patrons of the charity are: Sir Nicolas Bratza, Rt Hon Lord Carnwath CVO, Julie Christie, John Dew, Sir Jeffrey Jowell KCMG QC, Sir Peter Roth, Juliet Stevenson CBE, Lord Scott of Foscote PC QC, Baroness Helena Kennedy.

Structure, governance and management

PBI UK is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated under a Memorandum of Association on 19 January 2000 and is governed under its Articles of Association. It was registered with the Charity Commission on 3 December 2003.

Trustees are sought through adverts in journals, websites and newspapers, particularly those with a connection to the human rights and charity sectors. Potential trustees are invited to a formal interview by one or more existing trustees. If their application progresses, they are then invited to attend an initial trustee meeting as an observer to gain more knowledge and understanding of the organisation and if appointed they are invited to meet with staff and provided with an induction pack of key documents.

The Articles of Association require a minimum number of three trustees at any time, and that at least one third of trustees must retire each year even if they offer themselves for re-appointment.

All trustees are members of the Board of Trustees. They meet at least six times a year to administer the charity's activities and at other times to carry out strategic planning. A full-time paid Director is appointed by the Board of Trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the organisation, including the supervision of paid staff and office volunteers.

PBI UK also has an Advisory Board, through which individuals provide advice and inputs to the PBI UK Director, staff and Board of Trustees based upon their area of expertise.

PBI UK supports (both operationally and financially) the projects of Peace Brigades International ("PBI"), a non-profit organisation incorporated in the USA, also as an overseas non-profit organisation (registered number: 0884.150.149) in Belgium and as an overseas non-profit organisation (registered number: N4004351E) in Spain. It is through PBI the organisation's protective accompaniment programmes are carried out through PBI's "field projects".

PBI UK is one of 14 "country groups" around the world that support the field projects of PBI, through which teams of trained international volunteer observers are sent to areas of conflict and repression to provide non-violent protective accompaniment to local human rights defenders. In 2022 field programmes were operating in Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico and Nepal.

Although PBI UK is constituted as an independent body with separate legal responsibility, it adheres to the guiding principles of PBI laid down at an international level, and the continued use of the PBI name is dependent on this.

Overarching strategic goals

The objects of the charity are: "To promote human rights for the benefit of the public by:

1. Securing the enforcement of human rights law and promoting the sound administration of human rights law through accompanying and observing persons from organisations promoting human rights and preventing human rights abuses, and people whose lives are in danger from the work they do, provided that this work does not extend to promoting a political purpose (including a change in the law or government policy or the administrative decisions of the government authorities); and
2. Raising awareness of human rights and human rights abuses provided that this work does not extend to promoting a political purpose (including a change in the law or government policy or the administrative decisions of government authorities).

For the purposes of this object ‘human rights’ means the abolition of torture, slavery, forced labour, extra-judicial killing (such as genocide) and those rights secured under or by virtue of:

- a) Legislation adopted in the country in which the rights are being promoted by the Charity or:
- b) International human rights and humanitarian law (particularly the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights and the Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights) having effect in the country in which the rights are being promoted by the Charity”

In accordance with the above objectives, and with due regard to the published Charity Commission guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirement of the Charities Act 2011, the trustees have undertaken appropriate activities in furtherance of those aims for the public benefit.

In the UK, our achievements contribute towards four **overarching strategic goals**, based on our strategic plan.

1. PBI’s field projects have the resources and capacity they need to provide holistic protective accompaniment to human rights defenders at risk.
2. UK civil society contributes to the impact of human rights defenders, by providing resources, boosting legitimacy, and collaborating in strategy and policy spaces.
3. UK Government policy and practice provides effective protection and support to human rights defenders, including through stronger regulation of business behaviour.
4. PBI UK has the resources, infrastructure and legitimacy to carry out our work sustainably and effectively.

With limited staff resources, the nature and ethos of PBI UK is such that many of its activities are carried out with the support of volunteers. A significant extra level of human resource is provided by its team of highly committed office volunteers and former field volunteers. The organisation benefited from over 100 days of unpaid volunteering during the year - a crucial contribution to the effectiveness of its work. PBI UK has an extensive network of returned field volunteers who contribute to advocacy, communication and fundraising activities.

We are also grateful for the continued support of our pro bono legal network, who provide invaluable expertise to help protect and build the resilience of human rights defenders. Valued partners including A4ID, the Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales, Clifford Chance, Doughty Street Chambers, and the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk make a vital contribution to our work, whether through advocacy, legal advice, pro bono activities, funding or capacity building.

Financial Review

PBI UK raised a total of £373,208 during 2022 thanks to the generosity and commitment of our valuable donors. The expenditure for the year was £172,673, meaning that reserves were increased during the year by a total of £200,535. This contributes towards our financial stability and security for the future. Unrestricted reserves at the year-end were £239,213, representing 16 month’s future total budgeted expenditure, which after a generous legacy, is now in excess of the Charity’s policy of holding a reserves ‘green zone’ of between three and six months of future expenditure. Year-end total reserves of £272,185 are split into £32,971 of restricted funds and £239,213 unrestricted.

Who we worked with

Peace Brigades International (PBI) protects human rights defenders as a strategy for enabling civil society to flourish and advance human rights worldwide. In 2022 PBI provided holistic protective accompaniment to 1,874 individuals, 53 organisations and 822 communities globally. Our activities included a mixture of physical protective presence, capacity building, advocacy, communications and narrative work, as well as psychosocial support. Over two thousand people benefitted from PBI workshops to strengthen capacity in holistic security, peace-building, conflict resolution, psychosocial support, gender rights, solidarity-based action, and intersectionality. Our work enabled ‘land, environmental and Indigenous defenders’, ‘defenders of women’s rights and gender equality’ and ‘defenders working for peace, justice and the rule of law’ to continue and expand their work for human rights and social justice. These defenders in turn served thousands of victims of human rights violations, defended countless migrants, refugees, and internally displaced people, and fought for the rights of Indigenous, peasant and slum communities. The human rights work of the defenders who PBI supported and protected in 2022 reached over 200,000 people across the world.

2022 was a turbulent year for human rights around the world. Lingering restrictions to civic space related to the COVID-19 pandemic, extreme weather events related to climate breakdown, and the outbreak of war in Ukraine, contributed to political instability, financial uncertainty and an increase in civil unrest. The UK government’s actions have echoed a worrying global trend with promises to roll back rights, legislation to crack down on protest, and reduce investment in an international development agenda from which human rights are absent. This marks a disappointing departure from previous commitments to champion democracy and protect civic space. Amidst these global challenges, the role of human rights defenders is more

important than ever. At a time when our rights and the environment are under renewed threat, front-line activists play a vital role in combating the climate crisis, advocating for gender justice, and strengthening the rule of law. Many are threatened, criminalised, and attacked just for taking a stand.

PBI UK supports, protects and empowers human rights defenders around the world, contributing to their ability to safely and effectively promote rights and protect the environment. We do this by campaigning for policy changes to ensure that governments and businesses respect human rights and take proactive action to prevent and respond to threats against human rights defenders. We mobilise resources and action from UK civil society, Parliament and the Government to enhance defenders' impact and help keep them safe; and we resource and support the PBI field projects providing holistic protective accompaniment to defenders whose lives are at risk.

Our unique model has evolved since it was first pioneered in 1981, but what makes PBI unique remains the same. It's the diverse teams of international volunteers in conflict zones and complicated contexts around the world, wearing the distinctive PBI vest, who are trained to protect threatened HRDs. They back this presence with outreach and lobbying, with PBI one of the only organisations to advocate at all levels - from the soldier at a local checkpoint to UN leaders. These activities help create the security, policy and political environments in which HRDs can carry out their work. PBI UK supports our field projects by fundraising, by recruiting and training personnel, and by building support networks to respond in emergencies.

PBI UK catalyses resources, action and advocacy to support threatened human rights defenders and ensure governments and businesses respect rights and the environment. Through PBI's field projects, we provide holistic protective accompaniment to activists whose lives are in danger, with a focus on those facing specific and heightened risks.

In 2022 PBI UK directly supported defenders in Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal and Nicaragua, and through our international advocacy work, we contributed to the protection of human rights activists in general, as well as the thousands of vulnerable people who form part of the communities they support.

"I'm sure that I'm alive thanks to PBI's accompaniment" Berenice Celieta, human rights defender, NOMADESC, Colombia

PBI works with defenders in some of the most high risk countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia, and advocates to ensure that all human rights defenders are protected and supported effectively. However, some of our programmes focus on groups whose activism contributes exponentially to global rights and justice, and who face specific and heightened risks:



Land, environmental and Indigenous defenders: Land, environmental and Indigenous defenders are on the front line of the fight for our planet's future. The IPCC recognises that the voices of Indigenous communities and environmentalists already suffering the consequences of climate change must be heard if we're to stem the crisis. Yet many live in fear of speaking out. More than four land and environmental defenders are murdered every week, with Indigenous defenders massively over-represented among those killed. Rural communities often lack the information and resources to counter business interests affecting their rights.



Defenders of women's rights and gender equality: Defenders of women's rights and gender equality work to end the discriminations underpinning problems which disproportionately affect women and the LGBTIQ+ community, such as sexual and gender-based violence and inadequate healthcare. This has become even riskier, with fundamentalist interest groups whipping up anger about supposed 'gender ideology'. Many working on these issues are women human rights defenders, who face distinct challenges, including threats from within their own communities, meaning they require specific and tailored support.



Defenders working for peace, justice and the rule of law: Defenders working for peace, justice and the rule of law help build, protect and strengthen the institutions that allow democracy to flourish and safeguard human rights. Whether working on emblematic cases of injustice or advocating for systemic change, these activists are on a collision course with vested interests benefiting from the status quo. Sophisticated protection strategies and specific tools can allow these defenders to catalyse effective transitions to peace and the development of laws and mechanisms that give effect to international human rights obligations.

"With PBI by your side, one does not feel forgotten" - Bernardo Caal Xol, Indigenous rights defender, Guatemala

Key achievements in the reporting period

- In 2022 PBI UK welcomed a new Director, refreshed our strategy and redoubled our efforts to protect, support and empower human rights defenders. Whether organising training and legal support, facilitating access to decision-makers and support networks, or providing protection and solidarity, we worked with defenders in moments of increased risk so that they could mobilise safely and effectively.
- We welcomed human rights defenders from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Kenya, Nepal and Indonesia to the UK on advocacy tours - working together to get their voices heard. In response to these visits, parliamentarians pushed the UK and other governments to take action in support of grassroots activism. The FCDO and its embassies engaged with at-risk defenders and their governments. And lawyers, NGOs and ordinary British citizens took a range of steps to support those on the front lines and empower their work.
- We Joined the campaign for a Business, Human Rights and Environment Act, working with the Corporate Justice Campaign to encourage politicians to properly regulate UK companies and reduce environmental and human rights abuses globally. We successfully encouraged several politicians to pledge their support for this campaign, and ensured that the need to prevent threats against activists is part of discussions on the proposed law's components.
- We acted as a bridge between the UK legal community and threatened defenders globally, so that international jurists provided support to threatened lawyers in Colombia and Guatemala.
- We channelled resources to our Field Projects, where PBI volunteers provide protective accompaniment to some of the most at-risk human rights defenders - standing alongside them as they carry out their work, campaigning to reduce the threats they face, and training communities and organisations in security strategies to keep themselves safe.

Our work in 2022

Strategic Goal 1 - PBI's field projects have the resources and capacity they need to provide holistic protective accompaniment to human rights defenders at risk.

Ensuring field projects have the field volunteers they need

- In October PBI UK held a joint webinar on Volunteering for Human Rights. Aimed at potential field volunteers, the webinar explored opportunities to support and protect human rights defenders with PBI and included presentations from current and former volunteers who have provided support and protection to human rights defenders. Over 30 people participated in the webinar, several of whom have since applied to volunteer in PBI's field projects.
- PBI UK promoted calls for volunteers published by PBI field projects periodically throughout the year, as well as supporting UK-based candidates in their application process.

Increasing direct resources to the PBI field projects

- PBI UK's new strategy includes engaging with funders in the UK and around the world to scale up financial support for PBI field projects, allowing them to act with agility when defenders request support. PBI UK's donor engagement in 2022 has led to multi-year funding from a major Foundation for all of PBI's field projects, as well as smaller donations to specific teams and the direct financing of crucial legal support projects.

"PBI's work is vital to grassroots activists on the front lines of the most important struggles of our times: protecting democracy, combating the climate crisis and fighting for gender justice" - Sierra Schraff-Thomas, PBI UK Advisory Board

Strategic Goal 2 - UK civil society contributes to the impact of human rights defenders, by providing resources, boosting legitimacy, and collaborating in strategy and policy spaces.

Engaging networks in the UK to prevent escalation of attacks on human rights lawyers in Colombia

- In early 2022, Colombian human rights lawyer Yessika Hoyos Morales received death threats via text message, attempting to discourage her from representing victims of the Mondoñedo massacre committed by Colombian police in 1996. Her house was also broken into. PBI urged the Colombian government to protect defenders amidst an increase in pre-electoral violence against them. In a letter to the Colombian authorities, PBI UK joined the

Colombian Caravana, ABColombia and the International Office for Human Rights Action on Colombia (Oidhaco) in voicing concerns about threats against Ms Yessika Hoyos Morales, Mr Mora León, and Andrea Torres Bautista.

- In March 2022 PBI UK, together with ABColombia, Federation of European Bars, Colombian Caravana of UK Lawyers, CAFOD, CINEP, and CALDH hosted a virtual roundtable on judicial independence. The panel discussed key cases from Colombia and Guatemala, and highlighted what the international community can do to support defenders at risk.

Engaging with UK-based Lawyers to generate support actions for human rights defenders

- PBI connected UK-based lawyers to peers in Colombia who are engaged in initiatives around the implementation of the peace accords. These connections contributed to public statements of support, private advice, and a visit to the country by a UK legal expert.
- PBI diversified its legal network in order to connect groups of legal experts who are willing to implement legal support projects together with PBI when grassroots activists and lawyers request so. This has laid the foundations for exciting initiatives in 2023.
- The Legal Empowerment Project, co-founded by PBI, became an independent initiative which continues to provide legal support and advice to grassroots human rights defenders. PBI has referred defenders from Colombia, Indonesia, Kenya and Nepal to participate in its programmes.

Strategic communications for protection

- PBI's communications work aims to ensure that HRDs are seen as legitimate actors by key stakeholders, functioning to shift narratives and counter the stigmatisation and criminalization that they face and which leave them more vulnerable..
- Our communications work in 2022 used the celebration of key thematic international days to celebrate and raise awareness of the work of the human rights and environmental organisations supported by PBI. World Humanitarian Day, the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearance, International Day for People of African Descent, International Day of Peace, Earth Day, and International Women's day were all marked in this way.
- Through interviews with a range of defenders working on different issues in different countries, we were able to raise their voice and profile. Our newsletters ensured that these articles reached a range of supporters and decision-makers.
- Film screenings have proven a powerful tool for raising awareness of the risks facing environmental defenders and getting the attention of a broad public to hear defenders' voices. In 2022, we hosted the screening of Cruz together with Amnesty International, which was followed by a panel discussion led by grassroots defender Diana Villalobos. PBI UK also participated in Q&As around the film Delikado at Sheffield Docfest.

Ensuring human rights defenders have access to self protection and wellbeing mechanisms

- PBI UK sits on the steering committee of the Scottish Human Rights Defenders Fellowship, a 3 to 6-month temporary relocation programme at the University of Dundee. Relocation in Scotland has enabled defenders to continue and strengthen their activism and impact, engage in peer-to-peer learning, as well as mobilise critical public attention and awareness of their struggles. Through opportunities at the University, and networking with Scottish civil society and domestic defenders, Fellows have been able to gain vital sustainable support for their human rights work upon return to their home countries. In 2022, as well as our general support for the fellowship. PBI UK supported two participating defenders with additional support.
- Junia, a HRD from Kenya working on women's right and to combat police violence was a fellow on the programme in 2022 and carried out a range of advocacy activities with PBI in the UK, including meeting with Scottish First Minister, providing inputs to UN Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders Mary Lawlor, and engaging with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office in regards to their work on gender equality. PBI supported Junia in his nomination and risk assessment for the fellowship and in follow-up on his return to Kenya.
- PBI UK also provided strategic advocacy and communications support to an Indonesian defender on the Dundee Fellowship: Riska Carolina. Riska Carolina has suffered discrimination and persecution as a lawyer and human rights defender in Indonesia. She fights for the rights of LGBTQ+ communities and women, even as the Indonesian government cracks down on and criminalises basic human rights. Riska works at the Crisis Response Mechanism (CRM) Consortium, an organisation focusing on mobilising and coordinating resources for prevention and response to crises in the LGBTQ+ community.

“The fellowship provides respite for defenders who are working in harsh environments, and assists us human rights defenders in showcasing and improving our advocacy skills to further our activism” - Junia, human rights defender, Kenya

Strategic Goal 3 - UK Government policy and practice provides effective protection and support to human rights defenders, including through stronger regulation of business behaviour.

Speaker tours, emergency response activations, and case advocacy

- PBI’s network-building, outreach and advocacy led to Parliamentarians writing to the UK Government, foreign governments, UK and foreign Ambassadors in order to demand protection and support for human rights defenders at risk.

Environmental activists call for better due diligence and an end to criminalisation during visit to the UK

- November 2022 was busy for PBI UK, as we welcomed environmental defender Reynaldo Dominguez from Honduras and Indigenous journalist Carlos Choc from Guatemala. Both have faced threats, harassment and criminalisation for standing up to mining companies polluting vital water sources.
- Just days ahead of a hearing that could have sent Carlos to jail on trumped-up charges designed to silence him, the defenders used meetings with MPs, the FCDO and civil society, to call for the UK government to take action to support criminalised defenders. Days later, following a statement by the UK Embassy, Carlos’s trial was put on hold after lawyers for the company taking him to court, Compania Procesadora de Niquel (ProNiCo), failed to appear. Now Carlos is back out investigating and reporting on corruption and land grabs. The U.S. Treasury Department announced sanctions against Solway Investment Group and its subsidiaries, including ProNiCo.
- During meetings with parliamentarians, the FCDO and civil society, community journalist Carlos Choc and environmental rights defender Reynaldo Dominguez called on the UK to protect and support human rights defenders in Guatemala and Honduras and ensure companies that violate human and environmental rights are held to account. The UK Embassy has since taken a range of actions in support of environmental defenders, and parliamentarians continue to follow up on their cases.
- Reynaldo’s visit followed the liberation of eight of his colleagues who had spent nearly three years in prison on trumped-up charges following their opposition to an iron oxide mine which was polluting the Guapinol river in northern Honduras. PBI accompanied the defenders throughout the legal proceedings and helped build momentum and draw international support to the campaigns for their freedom and for the stalling of the mine.

Supporting Nepalese lawyers fighting for justice to access key policy spaces

- In November, we welcomed Mandira Sharma to London to attend the International Ministerial Conference on the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative, as well as galvanising diplomatic action on Nepal. Mandira is a lawyer, activist, and co-founder of Advocacy Forum - Nepal’s leading organisation of human rights lawyers. For over 20 years, she has represented victims of human rights violations in Nepal, and is a leading voice in the movement for transitional justice.
- Mandira’s visit came in the middle of a precarious election period for Nepal that once again stalled the passing of the long-awaited transitional justice bill, and ahead of a number of delegations by the UK government and parliamentary officials to Nepal in the new year. Whilst in London, Mandira met with these delegates to guide the format and focus of these delegations, to remove the shroud of secrecy from the injustices of the conflict.

Advocacy around COP27

- During COP27, PBI provided a platform for defenders to voice their demands and share their visions for a greener, more just future. On November 15th, Peace Brigades International brought together environmental human rights defenders from Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Kenya, along with United Nations Special Rapporteur Pedro Arrojo-Agudo, to share insights on frontline struggles and the COP27 summit.

“Those of us who are from territories defending the environment are not visible at COP27. Colombia is one of the countries where more environmentalists are killed. When we raise our voice, they kill us, threaten us or take us out of the territory.” - Yuli Velasquez, WHRD, Colombia

Holistic protection for HRDs in the Sierra Tarahumara, Mexico

- In autumn 2022, in light of a dramatic increase in attacks and smears against human rights defenders in Mexico, PBI implemented a multi-pronged strategy of international action to support activists there. With our field teams spreading their presence to new regions and hot-spots, PBI UK's Director also travelled to the country to carry out a week of activities, meeting with activists, communities and authorities to discuss what more can be done.
- Mexican defender Diana Villalobos visited London for a range of activities, including a film screening of the documentary *Cruz*, which highlights the enforced displacements in the Sierra Tarahumara. She briefed MPs who subsequently travelled to Mexico and raised human rights issues - and the need for better protection of defenders - with their Mexican counterparts.
- The UK Ambassador travelled to Diana's region, Chihuahua, to meet with local NGOs and government officials. Following the visit he published an op-ed in a national paper recognising the work of human rights defenders and expressing concern for their safety in light of an assassination attempt against environmental lawyer Juan Carlos Solis.
- With the protective accompaniment of PBI, Diana continues to support Indigenous communities in the defence of their land and climate-crucial forests, and Juan Carlos is successfully documenting corruption and representing several communities in their demands for justice following the imposition of destructive extractive industries.

"PBI's accompaniment has been important to connect us with international support networks that we wouldn't have access to or capacity to manage ourselves" - Diana Villalobos, human rights defender, CONTEC, Mexico

Developing UK Policy to protect defenders

- During 2022 PBI UK continued to advocate for the UK government to provide greater support and protection for Human Rights Defenders. PBI UK together with Amnesty International UK, Bond and the Fund for Global Human Rights have consistently carried out advocacy meetings and submitted written inputs as part of a push for the UK to develop a strategy to support HRDs which is adequately funded, cross-departmental and gender-responsive, as laid out in our report 'On the Human Rights Frontline'. In 2022, the Government to develop a Human Rights and Civic Space Strategy.
- In the 2019 policy document 'UK Support for Human Rights Defenders' (which PBI fed into) the UK acknowledges the fundamental role HRDs play in the realisation of human rights, gender equality, democratic spaces, and access to justice and peace, all key elements of the UK's foreign policy objectives. This policy document identifies practical support measures, and provides guidance for UK embassies. However, the document doesn't go far enough and implementation is sporadic and under-resourced. In 2022, PBI UK advocated in London and while PBI's field teams advocated in embassies around the world for the policy to be implemented effectively locally. This led to diplomatic statements, meetings, visits to at-risk human rights defenders, and trial observation taking place in support of threatened activists.

Pushing for a UK Business, Human Rights and Environment Act.

- As part of the Corporate Justice Coalition, PBI is calling for a Business, Human Rights and Environment Act to mandate all businesses to conduct human rights and environmental due diligence, preventing the kinds of destruction and abuses that human rights defenders end up having to denounce and protest. An effective law would avoid and avert many human rights abuses in the first instance, and also mean corporations could be held liable for backing ventures that lead to attacks on Indigenous leaders, activists and journalists. It would cover all negative human rights impacts across all sectors, and align the UK with steps being taken elsewhere, including the proposed EU Directive.
- Brand name companies, investors worth trillions, and tens of NGOs are united in their support for mandatory due diligence legislation with liability provisions for failing to prevent harm. Consumers agree: a YouGov poll has shown that four in five Britons want a law to eradicate environmental damage and exploitative practices in supply chains, while almost 130,000 people have signed a petition in favour of the law.
- PBI UK was a leading member of the campaign in 2022 and joined a group of civil society organisations in publishing a joint briefing paper for MPs making the case for a Business, Human Rights and Environment Act. The paper argues that the need for a new UK law is urgent, in order to hold companies to account when they fail to prevent human rights abuses and environmental harms in their national and global operations and supply chains. PBI UK also used the speaker tours of land, environmental and Indigenous defenders to make the case for this law and push these policy

asks with key decision makers in the UK parliament. As a result of our advocacy, several politicians have committed to back the proposed legislation.

Strategic Goal 4 - PBI UK has the resources, infrastructure and legitimacy to carry out our work sustainably and effectively.

New Director joins PBI UK

In April 2022 PBI UK welcomed a new Director, Ben Leather. Ben joined from Kamara, where he was Risk & Investigations Manager. Ben took over from Susi Bascon who was PBI UK Director for over 20 years. Ben's human rights career began in 2008 as a field volunteer with PBI Mexico, before leading the organisation's advocacy work in-country. At the International Service for Human Rights (ISHR), he lobbied alongside activists from around the world for human rights defender protection, corporate accountability, and a stronger UN. Ben then went on to work for Global Witness, where he investigated abuses linked to natural resource exploitation, and campaigned on human rights and environmental issues. Most recently, he worked at Kamara, training NGOs in risk management, and leading investigations into the perpetrators of attacks on social justice leaders. As a consultant, he has provided training on security, advocacy, and strategic engagement with international human rights mechanisms.

Strategy review

In 2022 following an external evaluation and strategic review, PBI UK launched a new summary paper outlining its strategic approach to protecting, supporting and empowering human rights defenders at risk. The strategy continues PBI UK's work to match legal and research capacity in the UK with the needs of human rights defenders globally, but has added an emphasis on facilitating peer-to-peer strategy and capacity exchanges for brave and innovative human rights leaders across the different regions where PBI works. The new strategy includes a scaling up of PBI UK's policy advocacy, bringing the voices from communities on the front line to policy spaces so that, together, we can advocate for lasting environmental and human rights change. Joint advocacy by PBI and human rights defenders from Latin America has already led to UK policymakers getting behind civil society's call for a Business, Human Rights and Environment Act.

Engaging supporters and developing individual donors

In 2022 PBI UK began implementing a plan to promote individual giving. 80 year old Bevis Gillett ran the London Marathon for PBI, raising just over £3,500 and finishing with a time of 4 hours and 39 minutes - the fastest in his age group. We were also able to increase donations through two online fundraisers, including through match funding via the Big Give.

"I've had an incredible experience interacting with PBI - it's an outstanding NGO." - Bevis Gillett

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies' regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees on 20 July 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Steve Webster



STEVE WEBSTER

SOPHIA KERRIDGE

Trustee

Trustee

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and

each Trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Peace Brigades International United Kingdom Section (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES
INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION (continued)**

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement [set out on page 9], the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with directors/trustees, and from our knowledge and experience.
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity,

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES
INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION (continued)**

- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

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- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

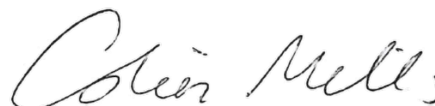
Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES
INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION (continued)**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Beaver House, 23-38 Hythe Bridge Street
Oxford, OX1 1BE
6 September 2023

Colin Mills (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Critchleys Audit LLP,
Statutory Auditor

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION

Statement of Financial Activities including income and expenditure accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME							
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies							
Donations and grants from trusts and corporations	2	104,800	31,196	135,996	56,664	87,122	143,786
Donations to the Human Rights Defenders' Fund	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations to the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk Fund	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individual donations and legacies	5	228,837	8,376	237,212	95,355	-	95,355
Other trading activities							
Fund-raising activities	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments							
Bank interest	7	-	-	-	11	-	11
Charitable activities							
Fees from training potential project volunteers		-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		333,637	39,571	373,208	152,030	87,122	239,152
EXPENDITURE							
Raising funds		39,434	-	39,434	52,297	-	52,297
Charitable activities		102,590	30,649	133,239	76,340	88,976	165,316
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8	142,024	30,649	172,673	128,637	88,976	217,613
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		191,613	8,922	200,535	23,393	(1,854)	21,538
Balances brought forward		47,600	24,049	71,649	24,207	25,903	50,110
Balances carried forward		239,213	32,971	272,185	47,600	24,049	71,649

There were no recognised gains or losses during the year, other than those included in the above statement.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

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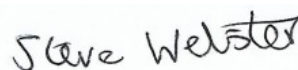
Balance sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	9	595	-	595	-	-	-
Current assets							
Debtors and prepayments	10	129,971	6,460	136,431	4,323	-	4,323
Cash at bank and in hand		149,895	26,511	176,406	95,074	27,349	122,423
		<u>279,866</u>	<u>32,971</u>	<u>312,837</u>	<u>99,396</u>	<u>27,349</u>	<u>126,745</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(41,247)	-	(41,247)	(51,796)	(3,300)	(55,096)
Net current assets		<u>238,620</u>	<u>32,971</u>	<u>271,590</u>	<u>47,600</u>	<u>24,049</u>	<u>71,649</u>
Total assets less liabilities		<u>239,213</u>	<u>32,971</u>	<u>272,185</u>	<u>47,600</u>	<u>24,049</u>	<u>71,649</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total net assets		<u>239,213</u>	<u>32,971</u>	<u>272,185</u>	<u>47,600</u>	<u>24,049</u>	<u>71,649</u>
Represented by:							
Unrestricted funds - general	14	239,213	-	239,213	47,600	-	47,600
Restricted funds	14	<u>-</u>	<u>32,971</u>	<u>32,971</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,049</u>	<u>24,049</u>
		<u>239,213</u>	<u>32,971</u>	<u>272,185</u>	<u>47,600</u>	<u>24,049</u>	<u>71,649</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 20 July 2023



SOPHIA KERRIDGE
Trustee



STEVE WEBSTER
Trustee

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022****1. Accounting Policies****Basis of accounting**

Peace Brigades International UK Section is a public benefit entity. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" FRS102, applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Income

Grants and donations are accounted for when their amount and receipt are probable. In the case of donations this is usually when received. All other income is accounted for on a receivable basis, including Gift Aid reclaims. Grants received prior to the year end, relating to funding applications for expenditure in future financial years, are deferred and included in creditors. Donations in kind are recognised when the value to the charity can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. Legacies are recognised according to the criteria in the Charities SORP.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

Allocation of costs

Costs are allocated to spending categories on a basis designed to represent the use of the resource.

Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly where possible, staff costs are allocated on the basis of actual or estimated time spent, and support costs (primarily spending on premises) are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor space.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised. Computer and office equipment is written off on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful life of 3 years.

Stock

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Intangible Income

Donations in kind are included, where practicable, at the financial cost to the provider of the service. Volunteer time is not included in the financial statements.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
2. Donations and grants from trusts and corporations		
AW60	1,500	-
Big Give	2,500	5,800
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP	1,500	1,500
Doughty St Chambers	1,600	-
Frederick Mulder Foundation	10,000	-
Guatemala Solidarity Network	4,000	-
Harbour Foundation	-	3,500
James Thornton DAF	53,750	9,614
Lush	-	10,000
Mirianog Trust	2,000	-
Network for Social Change	-	-
Oakdale Trust	2,000	-
Open Society Foundations (OSF)	-	52,145
Peace Brigades International Secretariat	3,596	-
Philamonic Trust	500	250
Simmons and Simmons	7,000	-
Southall Trust	-	3,000
The Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust Ltd	-	7,000
The Eva Reckitt Trust Fund	1,000	-
The Evan Cornish Foundation	-	9,977
The Law Society Charity	-	5,000
The Tinsley Charitable Trust	25,000	25,000
The Troy Trust	50	-
Taylor Foundation	-	1,000
Treebeard Trust	20,000	10,000
Total	135,996	143,786

3. Contributors to the Human Rights Defenders' (HRD) fund	2022	2021
	£	£
Individual donations	-	-
Total Income for fund	-	-

4. Contributors to the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk (ALR) fund	2022	2021
	£	£
Individual donations	-	-
Total Income for fund	-	-

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5. Individual Donations and Legacies	2022	2021
Individual donations	29,219	22,549
Legacies	207,993	72,806
Total Individual Donations and Legacies	<u>237,212</u>	<u>95,355</u>
 6. Fundraising Activities	 2022	 2021
Sponsorship	-	-
Ticket sales	-	-
Total Fundraising Activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 7. Other Income	 2022	 2021
Reimbursements	-	-
Interest received	-	11
Total Other Income	<u>-</u>	<u>11</u>

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION
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**8. Total expenditure
in current period**

	Staff Costs	Support Costs	Other Direct Costs	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Funding to field projects and international activities	-	-	35,971	35,971	22,066
Advocacy and project support	42,539	5,623	11,625	59,788	92,504
Outreach, publicity, and communications	14,180	5,431	653	20,264	27,507
Field volunteer recruitment, training & support	4,727	4,021	-	8,748	11,724
Governance	4,727	3,742	-	8,468	11,516
Total charitable activities	66,172	18,817	48,250	133,239	165,316
Fundraising	28,359	6,953	4,122	39,434	52,297
	<u>94,531</u>	<u>25,770</u>	<u>52,371</u>	<u>172,673</u>	<u>217,613</u>

in preceding period

	Staff Costs	Support Costs	Other Direct Costs	Total 2021	
	£	£	£	£	
Funding to field projects and international activities	-	-	22,066	22,066	
Advocacy and project support	71,022	3,832	17,649	92,504	
Outreach, publicity, and communications	23,674	3,832	-	27,507	
Field volunteer recruitment, training & support	7,891	3,832	-	11,724	
Governance	7,891	3,625	-	11,516	
Total charitable activities	110,479	15,122	39,715	165,316	
Fundraising	47,348	3,832	1,116	52,297	
	<u>157,827</u>	<u>18,955</u>	<u>40,831</u>	<u>217,613</u>	

In common with other PBI country groups, PBI UK contributes to global project support, monitoring and co-ordination that takes place at an international level within PBI. This contribution is included above in Funding to field projects and international activities.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff Costs comprise:		
Staff salaries	86,149	124,894
Termination payment	-	20,000
Returned volunteer salaries	-	-
Employer's pension contributions	3,804	5,989
Social security costs	4,578	6,945
	<u>94,531</u>	<u>157,827</u>

Salaries, and the associated social security costs, cover one full time director, one full-time campaigns officer, and one part-time finance officer.

The number of employees earning £60,000 or more was as follows:
(excluding employer's social security costs and pension contributions)

2022: £60,000 to £70,000: 0 employees ; **2021:** £60,000 to £70,000: 1 employee

	2022	2021
	£	£
Support Costs comprise:		
Storage, office rent, rates, insurance and service charges	2,909	1,391
Co-working fees	5,047	-
Away day costs	181	-
Attendance Advocacy Working Group	251	-
Computer and telephone costs	4,785	4,059
Office move costs	754	2,128
Printing, stationery, postage and office supplies	123	798
Staff and Volunteers' travel and subsistence expenses	1,003	830
Audit fees	3,750	4,031
Professional and accountancy	-	1,236
Subscriptions and publications	275	364
Bank charges	79	92
Recruitment	474	1,426
Returned volunteers	2,778	-
Fundraising support	2,970	-
Communications support	59	-
Compliance and legal fees	-	1,600
IT equipment depreciation	297	-
Training and Development	35	1,000
	<u>25,770</u>	<u>18,955</u>

Key management personnel total compensation: Director

48,489 73,257

The Trustees received no remuneration or travel expenses in 2022 (2021 amount: nil)

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
8. Total expenditure - continued		
Other Direct Costs comprise:		
Contribution to PBI ISEC	35,971	22,066
Total direct funding to field projects	35,971	22,066
Conferences / events	653	6,806
Short films for campaigning and advocacy	-	6,700
Direct fundraising costs	4,122	1,116
Advocacy expenses	-	641
Online platform and video and photo content	-	1,500
Events	-	-
Co-sponsored speaker tours	321	-
Mexico Project mission & advocacy	1,264	
Consultancy fees	10,041	2,002
	<u>16,400</u>	<u>18,765</u>
Total Direct Costs	<u>52,371</u>	<u>40,831</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Computer Equipment £
9. Fixed assets	
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	3,511
Additions in year	<u>892</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>4,403</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2022	3,511
Charge for year	<u>297</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>3,808</u>
Net book value at 1 January 2022	<u>-</u>
Net book value at 31 December 2022	<u>595</u>

10. Debtors (due within one year)	2022	2021
	£	£
Accrued income – grants, legacies and donations	133,493	3,300
Accrued income - Gift Aid	960	-
PBI Entities	1,498	-
Sundry debtors	-	-
Prepayments	<u>480</u>	<u>1,023</u>
	<u>136,431</u>	<u>4,323</u>

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Pensions	-	644
PBI ISec	36,446	22,066
Suppliers (incl. Visa Card)		3,762
Accruals	<u>4,800</u>	<u>28,624</u>
	<u>41,247</u>	<u>55,096</u>

12. Operating lease commitments

As at 31 December 2022, the company had commitments under a non-cancellable lease as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Expiring within one year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

13. Company status

The company is incorporated in England. Its registered address is 45 Swinburne Road, London SW15 5EQ. The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each member's liability under the guarantee is limited to £1.

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14. Funds Analysis

	At 1 Jan 2022	Incoming Resources	Expenditure	At 31 Dec 2022	At 1 Jan 2021	2021 Comparatives Incoming Resources	Expenditure	At 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:								
General fund	44,300	228,837	(34,424)	238,713	24,207	95,366	(75,273)	44,300
Unrestricted grants receivable								
AW60	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
Eva Reckitt Trust Fund	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Harbour Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	3,500	(3,500)	-
James Thornton DAF	-	53,750	(53,750)	-	-	9,614	(9,614)	-
Philamonic Trust	-	500	-	500	-	250	(250)	-
The Big Give	3,300	-	(3,300)	-	-	5,800	(2,500)	3,300
Mirianog Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-	-	-	-
The Taylour Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
The Tinsley Foundation	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	-	25,000	(25,000)	-
The Troy Trust	-	50	(50)	-	-	-	-	-
Treebeard Trust	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Total unrestricted funds	47,600	333,637	(142,024)	239,213	24,207	152,030	(128,637)	47,600
Restricted funds:								
Big Give 2022 Individual donations	-	8,376	-	8,376	-	-	-	-
AW 60	-	500	-	500	-	-	-	-
Big Give Foundation	-	2,500	-	2,500	-	-	-	-
Doughty St Chambers	-	1,600	(1,600)	-	-	-	-	-
Oakdale Trust	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-	-
Lush Ltd	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Matrix Causes Fund	3,000	-	(3,000)	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
The Frederick Mulder Foundation	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala Solidarity Network	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-	-
Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	-	7,000	(7,000)	-
Open Society Foundation	16,049	-	(16,049)	-	22,903	52,145	(58,999)	16,049
Southall Trust	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Peace Brigades International Secretariat	-	3,596	-	3,596	-	-	-	-
Simmons & Simmons	-	7,000	-	7,000	-	-	-	-
The Evan Cornish Foundation – LERDs work	-	-	-	-	-	9,977	(9,977)	-
The Law Society	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000
Total restricted funds	24,049	39,571	(30,649)	32,971	25,903	87,122	(88,976)	24,049
Total funds	71,649	373,208	(172,673)	272,185	50,110	239,152	(217,613)	71,649

Restricted funds are funds which have been granted or donated for particular purposes or projects.

15. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the reporting period.

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Trustees' Annual Report for Peace Brigades International United Kingdom Section (PBI UK) for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021

Reference and administrative details

- Charity Commission registration number: 1101016
- Companies House registration number: 3912587
- Registered office and operational address: 45 Swinburne Road, Putney, SW15 5EQ.
- Auditors: Critchleys Audit LLP, Beaver House, 23-38 Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford, OX1 2EP
- Bankers: Co-operative Bank, 1 Islington High Street, Islington, London, N1 9TR
- Trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of the Companies Acts) who served during the year, and up to the date of this report, are: Sophia Kerridge, Deborah Nathan (resigned July 2021), Tara O'Reilly (resigned April 2021), Yukie Yokoyama (resigned Feb 2021), Emily Clarke, Amy Dwyer, Alex Roche, Shirin Marker, Steve Webster.
- The senior employee in charge of day to day matters is the Director, Ben Leather
- Patrons of the charity are: Sir Nicolas Bratza, Rt Hon Lord Carnwath CVO, Julie Christie, John Dew, Sir Jeffrey Jowell KCMG QC, Sir Peter Roth, Juliet Stevenson CBE, Lord Scott of Foscote PC QC, Baroness Helena Kennedy.

Structure, governance and management

PBI UK is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated under a Memorandum of Association on 19 January 2000 and is governed under its Articles of Association. It was registered with the Charity Commission on 3 December 2003.

Trustees are sought through adverts in journals, websites and newspapers, particularly those with a connection to the human rights and charity sectors. Potential trustees are invited to a formal interview by one or more existing trustees. If their application progresses, they are then invited to attend an initial trustee meeting as an observer to gain more knowledge and understanding of the organisation and if appointed they are invited to meet with staff and provided with an induction pack of key documents.

The Articles of Association require a minimum number of three trustees at any time, and that at least one third of trustees must retire each year even if they offer themselves for re-appointment.

All trustees are members of the Board of Trustees. They meet at least six times a year to administer the charity's activities and at other times to carry out strategic planning. A full-time paid Director is appointed by the Board of Trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the organisation, including the supervision of paid staff and office volunteers.

PBI UK supports (both operationally and financially) the projects of Peace Brigades International ("PBI"), a non-profit organisation incorporated in the USA, also as an overseas non-profit organisation (registered number: 0884.150.149) in Belgium and as an overseas non-profit organisation (registered number: N4004351E) in Spain. It is through PBI the organisation's protective accompaniment programmes are carried out through PBI's "field projects".

PBI UK is one of 14 "country groups" around the world that support the field projects of PBI, through which teams of trained international volunteer observers are sent to areas of conflict and repression to provide non-violent protective accompaniment to local human rights defenders. In 2021 field programmes were operating in Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico and Nepal.

Although PBI UK is constituted as an independent body with separate legal responsibility, it adheres to the guiding principles of PBI laid down at an international level, and the continued use of the PBI name is dependent on this.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are: "To promote human rights for the benefit of the public by:

1. Securing the enforcement of human rights law and promoting the sound administration of human rights law through accompanying and observing persons from organisations promoting human rights and preventing human rights abuses, and people whose lives are in danger from the work they do, provided that this work does not extend to promoting a political purpose (including a change in the law or government policy or the administrative decisions of the government authorities); and
2. Raising awareness of human rights and human rights abuses provided that this work does not extend to promoting a political purpose (including a change in the law or government policy or the administrative decisions of government authorities).

For the purposes of this object 'human rights' means the abolition of torture, slavery, forced labour, extra-judicial killing (such as genocide) and those rights secured under or by virtue of:

- a) Legislation adopted in the country in which the rights are being promoted by the Charity or:
- b) International human rights and humanitarian law (particularly the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights and the Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights) having effect in the country in which the rights are being promoted by the Charity”

In accordance with the above objectives, and with due regard to the published Charity Commission guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirement of the Charities Act 2011, the trustees have undertaken appropriate activities in furtherance of those aims for the public benefit.

In the UK, our achievements contribute towards four overarching and **interlocking objectives**, based on our strategic plan.

- Ensure the safety of human rights defenders at risk and protect their workplace;
- Strengthen international and protection frameworks for human rights defenders;
- Build defenders’ resilience and capacity for self-protection;
- Become a strong organisation capable of responding consistently and effectively to the needs of human rights defenders.

With limited staff resources, the nature and ethos of PBI UK is such that many of its activities are carried out with the support of volunteers. A significant extra level of human resource is provided by its team of highly committed office volunteers and former field volunteers. The organisation benefited from over 100 days of unpaid volunteering during the year - a crucial contribution to the effectiveness of its work. PBI UK has an extensive network of returned field volunteers who contribute to advocacy, communication and fundraising activities.

We are also grateful for the continued support of our pro bono legal network, who provide invaluable expertise to help protect and build the resilience of human rights defenders. Valued partners Simmons & Simmons and the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk make a vital contribution to our work, whether through advocacy, legal advice, or capacity building.

Financial Review

PBI UK raised a total of £239,152 during 2021 thanks to the generosity and commitment of our valuable donors. The expenditure for the year was £217,613, meaning that reserves were increased during the year by a total of £21,538. This contributes towards our financial stability and security for the future. Unrestricted reserves at the year-end were £47,600, representing 2 month’s future total budgeted expenditure, although this does not meet the Charity’s policy of holding a reserves ‘green zone’ of between three and six months of future expenditure. Year-end total reserves of £71,649 are split into £24,049 of restricted funds and £47,600 unrestricted.

Who we worked with

Peace Brigades International (PBI) protects human rights defenders as a strategy for enabling civil society to flourish and advance human rights worldwide. In 2021, PBI provided direct support to over 50 organisations comprising over 1,800 human rights defenders. Our work enabled Land and Environmental Rights Defenders (LERDs), Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs), peacebuilders, and defenders working on the rule of law to continue and expand their work for human rights and social justice. These defenders in turn served thousands of victims of human rights violations, defended countless migrants, refugees, and internally displaced people, and fought for the rights of indigenous, peasant and slum communities.

It is estimated that approximately one million people benefit from PBI’s support across many different communities.

2021 marked PBI’s 40th year of working for peace, solidarity, and non-violent action. While our core mission remains the same, we have adapted our tactics to ensure human rights defenders are protected despite the rapidly changing global context and ever-evolving risks and threats they face. 40 years on, PBI remains convinced of the vital role human rights defenders play in strengthening democracy, upholding the rule of law, and protecting our shared environment. Together, through their protection, we can create a more peaceful and just world. 2021 was a year in which we looked back, acknowledged our roots and appreciated our role in the international peace movement.

In order to address the complex range of risks and constraints that human rights defenders and vulnerable communities face, PBI employs a strategy of “integrated protection”, which incorporates a physical presence on the ground and other types of accompaniment outside the field. This approach combines a protective accompaniment programme with capacity-building, transnational advocacy and solidarity, together with local visibility, influence, reporting and international awareness-raising. We galvanise support from specialised networks, serve as a bridge between those at risk and decision-makers, facilitating access to funders, key experts, as well as influential stakeholders. Together these activities generate a type of protective shield and offer a comprehensive package of support that enables activists to build their resilience and develop tailored strategies for

their protection. We also provide access to capacity-building and resources which, given the grassroots nature of many activists' work, are often otherwise scarce. PBI also acts as an objective and independent source of reliable information for diplomatic representatives and other stakeholders in the UK and internationally, playing a key role in advising the UK government, the EU and the UN on the protection of human rights defenders.

Our strategy of integrated protection helps absorb and dissuade attempts to obstruct valuable human rights work, to curtail and stifle civil society activism, and to attack human rights defenders.

In 2021 PBI UK directly supported defenders in Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal and Nicaragua, and through our international advocacy work, we contributed to the protection of human rights activists in general, and the thousands of vulnerable people who form part of the communities they support. In Kenya and Nepal, our work is focused on building the capacity of grassroots movements and activists, and helping them monitor human rights violations using digital platforms, such as <https://nepalmonitor.org/>. We were pleased that in 2021, our teams could return to the field and undertake our accompaniment activities in person once more.

"I know that PBI was always available by telephone, but I am grateful that they are now back in the communities because it is very important that those who attack us see that we have international accompaniment"

- Domingo Vásquez New Day Ch'orti' Indigenous Association, CCCND, Guatemala

While we support defenders working on a range of human rights, we prioritise working with the following groups:



Land and environmental rights defenders (LERDs): These defenders are often indigenous, ethnic minority, afro-descendant defenders, who face additional risks because their rights are marginalised, they are disproportionately affected by conflict and forced displacement, and they are more exposed to the impact of unregulated or abusive businesses. Because they work to defend human rights in the context of large-scale investment and development projects, these defenders are among those most threatened. Their right to free, prior and informed consent is consistently ignored or disproportionately under-implemented. While "development" models are pursued that ignore the will of local communities, alternative development models proposed by communities themselves receive little support and attention, despite often being more environmentally sustainable.



Women human rights defenders (WHRDs): Over half of the defenders we support are women. Women defenders face additional forms of gender-based violence, including sexual violence, threats, harassment and defamation related to their status as women. WHRDs are frequently targeted and denigrated not only because of their campaigning but also because they challenge gender stereotypes. In addition, the efforts of WHRDs are hampered by a lack of resources for women's organisations, a lack of recognition for their work, and entrenched resistance to women defenders' participation in political and public life. They are essential to the defence of a plurality of basic rights, including access to healthcare, education, and freedom from violence.



Defenders working on rule of law: These defenders represent victims of human rights violations, such as sexual violence, extra-judicial execution or enforced disappearance. They include human rights campaigners and lawyers involved in emblematic cases such as crimes against humanity, social justice groups, advocates for peace, leaders of displaced communities, journalists exposing corruption, and those protecting the rights of political prisoners.

Key achievements in the reporting period

- **Launching *The Legal Empowerment Project***, a collaborative programme to connect front line rights defenders with peers and experts around the world, providing communities and activists with the tools, knowledge and networks with which to strengthen their resilience, diversify their tactics, and enhance their legal strategies for fighting criminalisation and advancing rights.
- **Amplifying the voices of criminalised defenders** across our networks through the global #HRDAAtTheCentre campaign and a series of webinars.
- **Calling on the UK government to act decisively to protect human rights defenders** working with allies to press the UK to lead on recognising and protecting defenders in policy and practice, implementing its own policy commitments and foreign affairs priorities.
- **Remote facilitation of networks** for at-risk human rights defenders through, for example, connecting Guatemalan activists with parliamentarians who encouraged the UK government to speak out about restrictive local legislation, and an online speaking tour which connected two grassroots activists from Kenya with experts and decision-makers in the UK.

- **Remote and in-person advocacy activities.** These strategies helped secure the first ever human rights treaty that protects and prioritises people's rights to information, participation, justice and security in environmental matters - the Escazú Agreement.
- **The implementation of integrated protection strategies,** combining international advocacy with deterrent teams in conflict zones plus capacity-building initiatives, to keep defenders safe and advance their causes.

Our work in 2021

OBJECTIVE 1: Ensure the safety of defenders at risk and protect their workspace

In order for human rights defenders to be able to carry out and expand their legitimate work for human rights and social justice, they must be able to work in relative safety. This safety relies on international awareness of their vital work, and on public recognition of their important contributions to the advancement of human rights. In 2021, PBI worked to promote the crucial and legitimate role of land and environmental rights defenders, and counteract stigmatising narratives through activities including film screenings.

In 2019, PBI UK launched '*Portraits of Resilience, Hope and Solidarity*', a series of interviews, photos, and short films on the defenders in PBI's networks. Continuing this work in 2021, PBI launched two new films:

Long before climate rebellions became commonplace in Europe, land and environmental rights campaigners in Latin America were taking action, confronting the corporations that threatened their livelihoods and risking their lives to protect their communities. Rather than defending the communities whose rights are being abused, the state offers protection to the corporations that are the perpetrators of human rights abuses. The work of grassroots environmental activists is therefore essential.

In Defence of Our Lands highlights the work of Kevin Ramirez and his wife and Dirsá, two community leaders and activists from the community of El Listón, Santa Barbara, the area of Honduras with the most hydroelectric and mining concessions. This film exposes the human and environmental impacts of the hydroelectric projects in the area, which have permanently scarred the natural environment, privatised water supplies, and killed wildlife.

The film was selected by the COP26 Coalition for screening during the 'People's Summit for Climate Justice', with PBI UK's Director and the filmmaker travelling to Glasgow to speak to attendees about the grassroots climate justice campaigns PBI works to support. It was also shown at Linklaters, and at the Depot Cinema in Lewes during the Climate Hub. The film has won a number of awards, including Best documentary at Bitesize Film Festival.

Despite major changes in laws, norms, and attitudes towards LGBT+ communities in recent years, in many countries, LGBT+ people are denied their rights. Honduras is a particularly difficult country for LGBT+ rights activists like JLO Cordoba - who has dedicated her life to defend LGBT rights. She has suffered 3 murder attempts, and is harassed and threatened regularly.

At least 325 LGBT people, mainly trans women, have been killed in Honduras since 2009. Survivors of violence seldom report it because of fear of the consequences as many receive death threats and harassment.

SOMOS/We are not who they say we are tells the story of JLO's organisation Arcoiris, a group of LGBTQI+ human rights defenders in Honduras. In recent years the organisation has faced mounting attacks and threats following relentless public abuse and stigmatisation. Prejudice from the police and judiciary means that these attacks go largely unpunished, making it one of the most dangerous countries in the world to be an LGBT+ human rights defender. The film, composed of interviews with Arcoiris members, reveals both the severity of the risks they face and their determination to further their struggle. It was shown at 13 film festivals, including Leeds International Film Festival, PRIDE Queer Film Festival, Film for Peace, and Film Pride – Brighton and Hove. The film has generated positive visibility at the international level, and encouraged solidarity with LGBT+ defenders in Honduras.

These films helped to raise awareness of the specific challenges that defenders and their communities face, thereby improving protection by demonstrating to the perpetrators of rights violations that the international community is watching, and by engaging stakeholders in strategic life-saving actions.

OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthening national and international protection frameworks for human rights defenders

As trusted experts in the field, PBI UK is able to keep the UK Government and Parliament informed on the security situation of human rights defenders, and work with them on national protection mechanisms and guidance that will improve the UK's response and support for human rights defenders at risk. At the international level, PBI works to provide authoritative information to the UN and EU institutions. In 2021, we worked with the UK Government and our UK parliamentary networks to ensure defenders' protection needs are reflected in policy briefings and guidelines.

Working with Parliamentarians

PBI UK engaged strategically and effectively to secure emergency support from UK parliamentarians in response to calls from human rights defenders. In June 2021, the constitutional court in Guatemala opened the way for a controversial NGO law to enter into force. This law would place limitations and controls on the registration and operation of NGOs, violating the rights to freedom of expression and association, affecting both PBI Guatemala and the local accompanied organisations. PBI UK raised this issue with the parliamentary human rights group whose chair Diana Johnson MP tabled a parliamentary question. The response from the UK government was an important public statement on this worrying piece of legislation:

The UK Government is concerned by the adoption of legislation targeting Non-Governmental Organisations in Guatemala. The law threatens Guatemala's democratic space by targeting NGOs, foundations, and associations that work on human rights, the rule of law, anti-corruption and transparency efforts. The British Embassy in Guatemala City has met with civil society groups to listen to their concerns, and will continue to monitor the situation closely.

In May, we saw unprecedented violence from public forces during the social protests. Protesters and human rights defenders rejecting tax reforms were subject to brutal and disproportionate force. Over 80 people were killed, and hundreds injured. With our allies, we advocated for an Early Day Motion on the protests, which was signed by 101 MPs:

That this House expresses profound concern on reports of excessive use of force by the Colombian police, against overwhelmingly peaceful social protests as confirmed by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights across Colombia from 28 April 2021, as part of a national strike; believes the right to peaceful protest and freedom of assembly are essential tenets of democracy; condemns serious human rights violations... the deaths of over 30 protesters, numerous cases of sexual violence and serious injuries, over 100 people reported disappeared, over 800 arbitrary arrests, and targeted attacks on civil society organisations and human rights defenders...

Advocacy around COP26

Indigenous knowledge and experience have long been sidelined in climate and environmental talks, leading to decisions that, though designed to mitigate climate change, exacerbate marginalisation, and threaten the survival and livelihoods of communities at the sharp end of the environmental crisis. In the six years since the signing of the Paris Agreement, at least 1,005 land and environmental rights defenders have been murdered. One in three of those killed were Indigenous people.

In the lead up to the COP 26 climate summit in Glasgow, PBI UK worked together with peers to generate recognition of the critical role and knowledge of human rights defenders in mitigating, adapting to, and correcting global inequalities - in general and in the Conference itself. As part of this work, PBI UK and Amnesty International collaborated on an open letter, signed by 19 organisations, calling on the UK government to take the lead in partnering with human rights defenders on climate change policy. The letter was sent to Alok Sharma MP, the President of COP26 and said:

"The UK government has committed to 'joining forces with civil society, companies and people on the frontline of climate change to inspire action ahead of COP26.' We would appreciate greater clarity on what this means for human rights defenders on the ground... we are asking the UK government to take the lead in partnering with human rights defenders on climate change policy..."

We received a response in which Sharma confirmed that the UK had a dedicated team working with civil society actors in the run up to and during COP 26. He also made commitments to work closely with civil society, and language relating to Indigenous peoples was strengthened in the agreements emerging from COP 26.

Alongside this advocacy work, PBI made use of the myriad opportunities emerging from the COP256. We worked to ensure that defenders' voices were heard at COP26 even when they were not in the room, including the screening of PBI UK's film *In Defence of Our Lands* at a conference side event as mentioned above, and the facilitation of an online webinar in which UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment David R. Boyd participated alongside six frontline environmental defenders from Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Mexico and Nicaragua who are accompanied by PBI.

Developing UK Policy to protect defenders

PBI UK works to ensure that UK government officials possess updated and first-hand information and the capacity to assist and protect human rights defenders where necessary.

On 10 February 2021, jointly with Amnesty International and other peers, PBI UK launched a new report - *On the Human Rights Frontline* - regarding the situation of at-risk human rights defenders around the world, and how the UK government can help. *On the Human Rights Frontline* draws on the experience and views of 82 HRDs across seven countries, interviewed specifically about their engagement with the UK and what action from the UK would be most helpful to them to enable them to continue their work effectively. The report calls on the UK government to develop a

new cross-departmental, gender-responsive human rights defenders strategy that prioritises support and protection for defenders.

We launched the report in an event with members of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), UK Civil Society and human rights defenders. During the launch event, the FCDO commented that the report was welcome, timely and important. During the event, PBI UK spoke on the panel about the importance of collective protection measures. Then, as part of the campaign to persuade the UK to adopt a strategy on human rights defenders, PBI UK - jointly with Amnesty International, BOND, The Global Fund and the University of York - held regular meetings with the FCDO Open Societies and Democracy department.

We also held a joint event at the March Human Rights Council entitled *A Strategic Approach to Supporting Human Rights Defenders* with a specific focus on the *On the Human Rights Frontline* report. The panel included the UK Human Rights Ambassador Rita French, UN Special Rapporteur on Peaceful Assembly & Association Clément Voule, as well as human rights defenders. During the event, PBI UK spoke on the panel about the importance of the UK government speaking out more to support defenders at risk.

At the same Human Rights Council, PBI UK requested that the UK mission in Geneva make an intervention on the report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders. During the Council session, Rita French, the UK Human Rights Ambassador, welcomed the report and stated that the UK “will continue to support Human Rights Defenders through our bilateral engagement around the world, and through multilateral organisations. Our diplomatic network will continue monitoring cases, observing trials, and raising issues with other governments.”

Also in March 2021, the UK Government published the outcome of its year-long integrated review (IR) of foreign policy, defence, security and international development.. The IR set out a strategic framework for achieving the UK’s national security and international policy objectives between 2021-2025. The Integrated Review included welcome commitments to work with human rights defenders and civil society, including as a priority action of its ‘force for good agenda’. In the context of this commitment, and in recognition of the recently formed Open Societies and Human Rights Directorate, we continued to advocate for the need for the UK to develop and implement a strategic approach to working with and supporting HRDs, which recognises them both as equal and legitimate partners for achieving change (including across a range of UK priorities e.g. tackling climate change, supporting open societies, defending human rights, media freedom, gender equality etc.); and also in need of systematic support. This work is continuing into 2022.

OBJECTIVE 3: Build defenders’ resilience, networking and capacity for self-protection

PBI’s ultimate goal is always to contribute to conditions improving to the extent that we can withdraw from a context. In order for this to be possible, defenders must have the resilience and capacity to continue their work without fear of attacks and violence against them, and be able to have access to specialised and strategic support networks at all levels.

This includes at the legal/judicial level. Opportunities for collaboration, access to legal strategies and mechanisms, plus investigations and prosecutions are essential to pursuing justice. In particular, the defenders we work with have expressed a need for stronger, more diverse approaches to the prevention of business-led human rights abuses if we are to build a successful global movement on environmental protection and corporate justice. There is also an urgent need to equip defenders with the legal support they request, and find new ways to create and keep networks alive and globally connected. Lawyers working in different contexts have demonstrated what can be achieved if they are able to connect with their peers, strategise, and work together. In 2021, PBI worked to increase access to networks and specialised advice and knowledge-sharing for at-risk-defenders through the following partnerships:

Building the capacity of defenders through pro bono legal support

Over the last year, we continued to work to improve access to our most ambitious pro bono project, *The Human Rights Defenders Toolbox* - the first centralised online legal resource for rural communities and lawyers, developed together with the law firm Simmons & Simmons. The Toolbox consists of 16 legal fact sheets and video materials on the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, designed to inform and assist human rights defenders in their struggles to uphold the rule of law in the face of aggression by those corporations that fail to respect human rights. Since its launch, the factsheets and our training programme have been used by communities worldwide with varying levels of legal and digital literacy who wish to better their understanding of international law and how they can use it to defend their rights. Last year we expanded the resources, providing new materials on critical issues, including the specific challenges women face and how to advocate for an intersectional implementation of the Guiding Principles.

The Legal Empowerment Project

After years of planning and research, in October 2021 we formally launched the Legal Empowerment Project, a collaboration between PBI UK, Lawyers Against Poverty (LAP), Simmons & Simmons, The Alliance for Lawyers at Risk, and Action4Justice. Through this project, we aim to support a global community of defenders across four

continents, creating collaborative learning spaces so they can connect, share insights, test strategies, and increase their impact.

Through a global network of legal empowerment hubs, we will bridge the gap between regional defender networks and expertise within the international legal community. We will embed practical strategies in communities by harnessing the power of the law to existing grassroots movements. Crucially, defenders will also be able to locate peers who have experienced similar issues, draw on expertise from around the world, and cooperate on solutions to local issues. Through this networked approach, we aim to create a dialogue between the global North and South, connecting human, environmental, and climate justice movements, victims of abuses, and lawyers around the world, to provide critically needed peer-to-peer support.

The project launched with a screening of *In Defence of our Lands*, featuring the courageous fight of Latin American environmental defenders to protect their water supplies and natural resources followed by a Q&A discussion, chaired by Ali Crosthwaite from Simmons & Simmons, to learn more about how threats posed by climate change can be seen as a human rights issue, and how evolving environmental legal precedents globally are expanding the scope of environmental law to include our collective duty to protect planet earth and to hold governments and corporations to account.

In preparation for the launch of the *Legal Empowerment Best Practice Forum*, PBI UK worked with our project partners to identify new collaborative learning opportunities for defenders to connect, share insights, assess legal strategies, and increase their impact across jurisdictions. We also strategised around the collaborative peer-to-peer space, and identified opportunities for legal experts (whether by qualification or life experience) to come together to find innovative solutions, share expertise and best practice with others working on similar issues in other parts of the world, exchange effective legal strategies, and formulate new global approaches.

Virtual speaking tour for Kenyan defenders

In December 2021, PBI UK held our first virtual speaking tour for Kenyan defenders. We virtually welcomed Faith Kasina and Collince Maxx Odhiambo to discuss the 2022 election context and the need for police reform. Faith and Collince founded the Kayole and Ruaraka Social Justice Centres respectively, both working on the issue of police violence, among other human rights concerns.

10 years ago, Kenya passed the Independent Policing Oversight Authority Act. This act established IPOA and was the culmination of years of hard work to reform the police service and reduce impunity. IPOA has set up a framework for the reporting and investigation of serious incidents particularly death and serious injuries that are a result of police action. While there is a legal and institutional framework in place to guide investigations into potentially unlawful killings by the police in Kenya, there are a number of practical gaps that allow for the manipulation of the investigative process in such a way as to facilitate impunity. This means that implementation falls short of the principles of human rights law and the Kenyan Constitution. Additionally, provisions on the use of deadly force by law enforcement officials fall short of the international human rights law standards.

Additionally, In its most recent report on Kenya, the UN Human Rights Committee raised concerns about the upcoming election and the safety of defenders. Allegations of police officers using excessive use of force, killing civilians, and harassing journalists and HRDs were all documented in the run up to and aftermath of the 2017 election. Extrajudicial killings, especially by plainclothes officers, spiked. Attacks against HRDs looking to uphold the rule of law and protect democracy also increased within the electoral context, indicative of a wider pattern of violence that aims to silence dissenting voices and perpetuate impunity.

Faith and Collince met with legal, civil society, and parliamentary contacts to discuss these issues and find new opportunities to achieve change for human rights defenders in Kenya. The tour also helped find new networks for the Social Justice Centre Network in Kenya.

OBJECTIVE 4: Become a strong and sustainable organisation capable of responding consistently and effectively to the needs of defenders

For PBI UK to continue to work successfully, our organisation must continue to develop innovative structures and strategies that ensure long-term development. 2021 saw a restructure of our staffing, further integration between our communications and fundraising, and new approaches to fundraising.

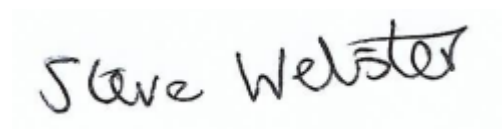
The launch of new online resources (including a new PBI UK website) resulted in increased engagement across all platforms as a result of sustained and streamlined output. Online testimonies, stories and webinars publicised across our multimedia platforms, increased the impact of our outreach and helped us show what PBI does - a key concern for audiences new to PBI.

In 2021, we took part in a PBI-wide campaign #HRDAAtTheCentre, which highlighted some of the key challenges and players in the human rights defenders world. We were pleased to see significant engagement on these outputs, including information on defenders such as Bernardo Caal Xol, a Maya Q'eqchi community leader, teacher and environmental and land rights activist, imprisoned for his activism and organising of collective resistance against the imposition of hydroelectric dams on the Cahabón River who was finally released after years of pressure in 2022.

In 2021, PBI UK continued to develop and implement a strategic plan to strengthen, grow and diversify our network of funders. The Fundraiser and Director worked to nurture current contacts and develop new relationships using a targeted, strategic approach centred around a return on Investment (ROI) approach to time investment, (as such, targeting trusts and foundations primarily). We are pleased to report that this strategy has engaged a number of new donors, both individual and grant-making. Alongside our usual fundraising activities, we took part in two match funding campaigns through the Big Give. During the two week-long appeals for Earth Day and Christmas, we raised over £21,000 from existing and new donors.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies' regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees on 27 July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

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STEVE WEBSTER

Trustee

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SOPHIA KERRIDGE

Trustee

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION
Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and

each Trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Peace Brigades International United Kingdom Section (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES
INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION (continued)**

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement [set out on page 9], the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with directors/trustees, and from our knowledge and experience.
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity,

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES
INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION (continued)**

- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

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- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

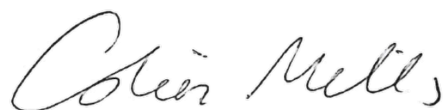
Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES
INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION (continued)**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Beaver House, 23-38 Hythe Bridget Street
Oxford, OX1 1BE

3 August 2022

Colin Mills (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Critchleys Audit LLP,
Statutory Auditor

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION

Statement of Financial Activities including income and expenditure accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME							
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies							
Donations and grants from trusts and corporations	2	56,664	87,122	143,786	59,267	92,808	152,075
Donations to the Human Rights Defenders' Fund	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations to the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk Fund	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individual donations and legacies	5	95,355	-	95,355	30,169	-	30,169
Other trading activities							
Fund-raising activities	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments							
Bank interest	7	11	-	11	82	-	82
Charitable activities							
Fees from training potential project volunteers		-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		152,030	87,122	239,152	89,519	92,808	182,327
EXPENDITURE							
Raising funds		52,297	-	52,297	50,397	-	50,397
Charitable activities		76,340	88,976	165,316	56,794	121,527	178,321
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8	128,637	88,976	217,613	107,191	121,527	228,718
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		23,393	(1,854)	21,538	(17,672)	(28,719)	(46,392)
Balances brought forward		24,207	25,903	50,110	41,879	54,622	96,501
Balances carried forward		47,600	24,049	71,649	24,207	25,903	50,110

There were no recognised gains or losses during the year, other than those included in the above statement.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

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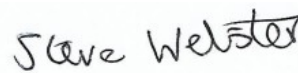
Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets							
Debtors and prepayments	10	4,323	-	4,323	2,806	-	2,806
Cash at bank and in hand		95,074	27,349	122,423	39,614	25,903	65,517
		99,396	27,349	126,745	42,419	25,903	68,322
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(51,796)	(3,300)	(55,096)	(18,212)	-	(18,212)
Net current assets		47,600	24,049	71,649	24,207	25,903	50,110
Total assets less liabilities		47,600	24,049	71,649	24,207	25,903	50,110
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets		47,600	24,049	71,649	24,207	25,903	50,110
Represented by:							
Unrestricted funds - general	14	47,600	-	47,600	24,207	-	24,207
Restricted funds	14	-	24,049	24,049	-	25,903	25,903
		47,600	24,049	71,649	24,207	25,903	50,110

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 27 July 2022



SOPHIA KERRIDGE
Trustee



STEVE WEBSTER
Trustee

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021****1. Accounting Policies****Basis of accounting**

Peace Brigades International UK Section is a public benefit entity. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" FRS102, applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Income

Grants and donations are accounted for when their amount and receipt are probable. In the case of donations this is usually when received. All other income is accounted for on a receivable basis, including Gift Aid reclaims. Grants received prior to the year end, relating to funding applications for expenditure in future financial years, are deferred and included in creditors. Donations in kind are recognised when the value to the charity can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

Allocation of costs

Costs are allocated to spending categories on a basis designed to represent the use of the resource.

Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly where possible, staff costs are allocated on the basis of actual or estimated time spent, and support costs (primarily spending on premises) are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor space.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised. Computer and office equipment is written off on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful life of 3 years.

Stock

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Intangible Income

Donations in kind are included, where practicable, at the financial cost to the provider of the service. Volunteer time is not included in the financial statements.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
2. Donations and grants from trusts and corporations		
Big Give	5,800	-
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP	1,500	1,500
Frederick Mulder Foundation	-	10,000
Harbour Foundation	3,500	-
James Thornton DAF	9,614	14,207
Lush	10,000	-
Network for Social Change	-	18,700
Open Society Foundations (OSF)	52,145	58,108
Philamonic Trust	250	-
Simmons and Simmons	-	10,000
Southall Trust	3,000	-
The Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust Ltd	7,000	5,000
The Clifford Chance Foundation	-	4,160
The Calpe Trust	-	400
The Eva Reckitt Trust Fund	-	1,000
The Evan Cornish Foundation	9,977	4,000
The Law Society Charity	5,000	-
The Tinsley Charitable Trust	25,000	25,000
Taylour Foundation	1,000	-
Treebeard Trust	10,000	-
Total	143,786	152,075

3. Contributors to the Human Rights Defenders' (HRD) fund	2021	2020
	£	£
Individual donations	-	-
Total Income for fund	-	-

4. Contributors to the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk (ALR) fund	2021	2020
	£	£
Individual donations	-	-
Total Income for fund	-	-

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

5. Individual Donations and Legacies	2021	2020
Individual donations	22,549	30,169
Legacies	72,806	-
Total Individual Donations and Legacies	95,355	30,169
6. Fundraising Activities	2021	2020
Sponsorship	-	-
Ticket sales	-	-
Total Fundraising Activities	-	-
7. Other Income	2021	2020
Reimbursements	-	-
Interest received	11	82
Total Other Income	11	82

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

**8. Total expenditure
in current period**

	Staff Costs	Support Costs	Other Direct Costs	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Funding to field projects and international activities	-	-	22,066	22,066	16,231
Advocacy and project support	71,022	3,832	17,649	92,504	102,164
Outreach, publicity, and communications	23,674	3,832	-	27,507	33,900
Field volunteer recruitment, training & support	7,891	3,832	-	11,724	13,487
Governance	7,891	3,625	-	11,516	12,539
Total charitable activities	110,479	15,122	39,715	165,316	178,321
Fundraising	47,348	3,832	1,116	52,297	50,397
	<u>157,827</u>	<u>18,955</u>	<u>40,831</u>	<u>217,613</u>	<u>228,718</u>

in preceding period

	Staff Costs	Support Costs	Other Direct Costs	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Funding to field projects and international activities	-	-	16,231	16,231
Advocacy and project support	65,356	6,225	30,583	102,164
Outreach, publicity, and communications	21,785	6,225	5,889	33,900
Field volunteer recruitment, training & support	7,262	6,225	-	13,487
Governance	7,262	5,277	-	12,539
Total charitable activities	101,665	23,953	52,703	178,321
Fundraising	43,571	6,225	601	50,397
	<u>145,235</u>	<u>30,178</u>	<u>53,304</u>	<u>228,718</u>

In common with other PBI country groups, PBI UK contributes to global project support, monitoring and co-ordination that takes place at an international level within PBI. This contribution is included above in Funding to field projects and international activities.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff Costs comprise:		
Staff salaries	124,894	130,698
Termination payment	20,000	
Employer's pension contributions	5,989	6,535
Social security costs	6,945	8,002
	<u>157,827</u>	<u>145,235</u>

Salaries, and the associated social security costs, cover one full time director, one part-time communications officer, one part-time fundraiser, one part-time advocacy worker and one part-time finance worker.

The number of employees earning £60,000 or more was as follows:

(excluding employer's social security costs and pension contributions)

2021: £60,000 to £70,000: 1 employee ; **2020:** £60,000 to £70,000: 0 employees

	£	£
Support Costs comprise:		
Office rent, rates, insurance and service charges	1,391	15,419
Computer and telephone costs	4,059	4,423
Office move costs	2,128	1,483
Printing, stationery, postage and office supplies	798	796
Staff and Volunteers' travel and subsistence expenses	830	3,791
Audit fees	4,031	3,200
Professional and accountancy	1,236	36
Subscriptions and publications	364	357
Bank charges	92	73
Recruitment	1,426	-
Compliance and legal fees	1,600	-
Training and Development	1,000	600
	<u>18,955</u>	<u>30,178</u>

Key management personnel total compensation: Director 73,257 52,997

The Trustees received no remuneration or travel expenses in 2021 (2020 amount: nil)

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
8. Total expenditure - continued		
Other Direct Costs comprise:		
Funding to PBI Kenya project		2,010
Contribution to PBI ISEC	22,066	14,221
Total direct funding to field projects	22,066	16,231
Conferences / events	6,806	11,435
Short films for campaigning and advocacy	6,700	-
Direct fundraising costs	1,116	601
Advocacy expenses	641	8,047
Online platform and video and photo content	1,500	11,000
Online Comms	-	530
Social Media Campaign	-	5,359
Consultancy fees	2,002	100
	<u>18,765</u>	<u>37,073</u>
Total Direct Costs	<u>40,831</u>	<u>53,304</u>

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	Computer Equipment £
9. Fixed assets	
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	3,511
Additions in year	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>3,511</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2021	3,511
Charge for year	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>3,511</u>
Net book value at 1 January 2021	<u><u>-</u></u>
Net book value at 31 December 2021	<u><u>-</u></u>

10. Debtors (due within one year)

	2021 £	2020 £
Accrued income - grants and donations	3,300	-
Accrued income - Gift Aid	-	-
PBI Isec	-	-
Deposit on PBI UK Office Space		2,318
Sundry debtors	-	-
Prepayments	1,023	488
	<u>4,323</u>	<u>2,806</u>

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Taxes and social security	-	-
Pensions	644	-
PBI Isec	22,066	14,221
Suppliers (incl. Visa Card)	3,762	320
Sundry creditors	-	-
Accruals	28,624	3,671
Deferred income	-	-
	<u>55,096</u>	<u>18,212</u>

12. Operating lease commitments

As at 31 December 2020, the company had commitments under a non-cancellable lease as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Expiring within one year	<u>-</u>	<u>1,433</u>

13. Company status

The company is incorporated in England. Its registered address is 45 Swinburne Road, London SW15 5EQ. The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each member's liability under the guarantee is limited to £1.

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

14. Funds Analysis

	At 1 Jan 2021	Incoming Resources	Expenditure	At 31 Dec 2021	At 1 Jan 2020	2020 Comparatives Incoming Resources	Expenditure	At 31 Dec 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:								
General fund	24,207	95,366	(75,273)	44,300	41,879	30,252	(47,924)	24,207
Unrestricted grants receivable								
AW60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust								
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
Calpe Trust	-			-	-	400	(400)	-
Clifford Chance Foundation	-			-	-	4,160	(4,160)	-
Eva Reckitt Trust Fund								
Evan Cornish Foundation	-			-	-	4,000	(4,000)	-
Harbour Foundation	-	3,500	(3,500)	-	-			-
James Thornton DAF	-	9,614	(9,614)	-	-	14,207	(14,207)	-
Joffe Charitable Trust	-			-	-			-
Philamonic Trust	-	250	(250)	-	-			-
Simmons & Simmons	-			-	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
The Big Give	-	5,800	(2,500)	3,300	-			-
The Frederick Mulder Foundation								
The Law Society	-			-	-			-
The Taylour Foundation	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-			-
The Tinsley Foundation	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	-	25,000	(25,000)	-
Treebeard Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-			-
Total unrestricted funds	24,207	152,030	(128,637)	47,600	41,879	89,519	(107,191)	24,207
Restricted funds:								
Lush Ltd	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-			-
Matrix Causes Fund	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	3,000
The Frederick Mulder Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Network for Social Change	-	-	-	-	-	18,700	(18,700)	-
Eva Reckitt Trust Fund	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust	-	7,000	(7,000)	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Open Society Foundation	22,903	52,145	(58,999)	16,049	35,622	58,108	(70,827)	22,903
Southall Trust	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-	-	-	-
The Allan and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Settlement	-	-	-	-	16,000	-	(16,000)	-
The Evan Cornish Foundation – LERDs work	-	9,977	(9,977)	-	-	-	-	-
The Law Society	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	25,903	87,122	(88,976)	24,049	54,622	92,808	(121,527)	25,903
Total funds	50,110	239,152	(217,613)	71,649	96,501	182,327	(228,718)	50,110

Restricted funds are funds which have been granted or donated for particular purposes or projects.

15. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the reporting period.

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Reference and administrative details

- Charity Commission registration number: 1101016
- Companies House registration number: 3912587
- Registered office and operational address: 29c Oakfield Road, London N4 4NP
- Auditors: Critchleys Audit LLP, Beaver House, 23-38 Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford, OX1 2EP
- Bankers: Co-operative Bank, 1 Islington High Street, Islington, London, N1 9TR
- Trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of the Companies Acts) who served during the year, and up to the date of this report, are: Sophia Kerridge, Deborah Nathan, Tara O'Reilly (resigned April 2021), Jacob Owen (resigned June 2020), Yukie Yokoyama (resigned Feb 2021), Emily Clarke and Amy Dwyer.
- The senior employee in charge of day to day matters is the Director, Susi Bascon
- Patrons of the charity are: Sir Nicolas Bratza, Sir Henry Brooke CMG (1936-2018), Rt Hon Lord Carnwath CVO, Julie Christie, John Dew, Lord Joffe CBE (1932-2017), Sir Jeffrey Jowell KCMG QC, Lord Lester of Herne Hill QC (1936-2020), Professor Jenny Pearce OBE, Sir Nigel Rodley KBE (1941-2017), Sir Peter Roth, Juliet Stevenson CBE, Samuel West, Lord Scott of Foscote PC QC, Baroness Helena Kennedy.

Structure, governance and management

PBI UK is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated under a Memorandum of Association on 19 January 2000 and is governed under its Articles of Association. It was registered with the Charity Commission on 3 December 2003.

Trustees are sought through adverts in journals, websites and newspapers, particularly those with a connection to the human rights and charity sectors. Potential trustees are invited to a formal interview by one or more existing trustees. If their applications progress, they are then invited to attend an initial trustee meeting as an observer to gain more knowledge and understanding of the organisation and if appointed they are invited to meet with staff and provided with an induction pack of key documents.

The Articles of Association require a minimum number of three trustees at any time, and that at least one third of trustees must retire each year even if they offer themselves for re-appointment.

All trustees are members of the Board of Trustees. They meet at least six times a year to administer the charity's activities and at other times to carry out strategic planning. A full-time paid director is appointed by the Board of Trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the organisation, including the supervision of paid staff and office volunteers.

PBI UK supports (both operationally and financially) the projects of Peace Brigades International ("PBI"), a non-profit organisation incorporated in the USA and registered as an overseas company (registered number FCO19368) in the UK under s1046 of the Companies Act 2006, and through which the protective accompaniment programmes are carried out.

PBI UK is one of 14 country groups around the world that support the field programmes of PBI, through which teams of trained international volunteer observers are sent to areas of conflict and repression to provide non-violent protective accompaniment to local human rights defenders. In 2020 field programmes were operating in Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Costa Rica and Nepal. As a result of the COVID 19 pandemic PBI UK has incorporated digital approaches to build the resilience and capacity of HRDs remotely and ensure they have the support they need from the international community during these challenging times.

Although PBI UK is constituted as an independent body with separate legal responsibility, it adheres to guiding principles of PBI laid down at an international level, and continued use of the PBI name is dependent on this.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are: “To promote human rights for the benefit of the public by:

1. Securing the enforcement of human rights law and promoting the sound administration of human rights law through accompanying and observing persons from organisations promoting human rights and preventing human rights abuses and people whose lives are in danger from the work they do provided that this work does not extend to promoting a political purpose (including a change in the law or government policy or the administrative decisions of the government authorities); and
2. Raising awareness of human rights and human rights abuses provided that this work does not extend to promoting a political purpose (including a change in the law or government policy or the administrative decisions of government authorities).

For the purposes of this object ‘human rights’ means the abolition of torture, slavery, forced labour, extra-judicial killing (such as genocide) and those rights secured under or by virtue of:

- a) Legislation adopted in the country in which the rights are being promoted by the Charity or:
- b) International human rights and humanitarian law (particularly the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights and the Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights) having effect in the country in which the rights are being promoted by the Charity”

In accordance with the above objectives, and with due regard to the published Charity Commission guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirement of the Charities Act 2011, the trustees have undertaken appropriate activities in furtherance of those aims for the public benefit.

In the UK, our achievements contribute towards four overarching and **interlocking objectives**, based on our strategic plan (2018-2020).

- Ensure the safety of human rights defenders at risk and protect their workplace;
- Strengthen international and protection frameworks for human rights defenders;
- Build defenders’ resilience and capacity for self-protection;
- Become a strong organisation capable of responding consistently and effectively to the needs of human rights defenders.

With limited staff resources, the nature and ethos of PBI UK is such that many of its activities are carried out with the support of volunteers. A significant extra level of human resource is provided by its team of highly committed office volunteers and former field volunteers. The organisation benefited from a minimum 50 days of unpaid volunteering during the year, and a crucial contribution to the effectiveness of its work. PBI UK has an extensive network of returned field volunteers who contribute to advocacy, communication and fundraising activities.

We are also grateful for the continued support of our pro bono legal network, who provide invaluable expertise to help protect and build the resilience of human rights defenders. Valued partners Simmons & Simmons and the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk make a vital contribution to our work, whether through advocacy, legal advice, or capacity building.

Financial Review

PBI UK raised a total of £182,327 during 2020 thanks to the generosity and commitment of our valuable donors. The expenditure for the year was £228,718, meaning that reserves were decreased during the year by a total of £46,392. PBI UK was able to manage this decrease due to relatively high reserve levels at the start of 2020. Unrestricted reserves at the year-end were £24,207, representing 1 month's future total expenditure, although this does not meet the Charity's policy of holding a reserves 'green zone' of between three and six months of future expenditure. Year-end total reserves of £50,110 are split into £25,903 of restricted funds and £24,207 unrestricted.

Who we worked with

Peace Brigades International (PBI) protects human rights defenders as a strategy for enabling civil society to flourish and advancing human rights worldwide. In 2020, PBI provided direct support to 51 organisations comprising more than 1,200 human rights defenders, enabling Land and Environmental Rights Defenders (LERDs), Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs) and defenders working on the rule of law to continue and expand their work for human rights and social justice. These defenders in turn served thousands of victims of human rights violations, defended countless migrants, refugees, and internally displaced people, and fought for the rights of indigenous, LGBT+, peasant and slum communities. Approximately one million people benefit from PBI's support across many different communities in seven countries.

In order to address the complex range of risks and constraints that human rights defenders and vulnerable communities face, PBI employs a strategy of "integrated protection", which incorporates a physical presence on the ground and international accompaniment outside the field. This approach combines a protective accompaniment programme with capacity-building, transnational advocacy and solidarity, together with local visibility, influence, risk monitoring, reporting and international awareness-raising, galvanizing political and technical support from specialised networks, bridging, facilitating access to funders, and key experts as well as influential stakeholders. Together these activities generate a type of diplomatic protective shield and offer a comprehensive package of support that enable HRDs to build their resilience and develop tailored strategies for their protection. Given the grassroots and humble nature of their work and life styles, access to these resources can be limited and for some HRDs completely unfeasible. PBI act as a neutral and independent source of reliable information for diplomatic representatives and other stakeholders in the field and internationally, playing a key role in advising the UK government, the legal community, the EU and the UN on HRD support and protection practices.

This strategy of integrated protection saves lives, prevents attacks against HRDs, actively engages influential stakeholders into protection actions, dissuades perpetrators from their attempts to obstruct valuable human rights work whilst building the resilience of activists and other members of civil society.

"International support from PBI has strengthened us a lot. The corporations don't like it. They have realised that ASODEBICOQ is not alone. We feel stronger and supported. We couldn't hold demonstrations and occupations before but since PBI has been supporting us we have been able to do it. PBI is also part of Quimistan. We are like sisters and brothers."

- Kevin Ramírez, Honduran land rights defender

In 2020 PBI UK directly protected rights defenders on the ground with the backing of our international advocacy work. In Colombia, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico and Nepal contributed to the protection of HRDs at large and the thousands of people who form part of the vulnerable communities they support. In 2020 we stepped up our efforts to provide psychosocial support and resilience building tools to exiled Nicaraguan human rights defenders in Costa Rica. In Kenya and Nepal we concentrated our efforts on building the capacity of grass roots movements and HRDs and helping them monitor Human Rights violations using digital platforms

(<https://nepalmonitor.org/>). While we support defenders working on a range of human rights, we prioritise working with the following groups.



Land and environmental rights defenders (LERDs): These HRDs are often indigenous, ethnic minority, afro-descendant defenders, who face additional insecurities because their rights are marginalised, they are disproportionately affected by conflict and forced displacement, and they are more exposed to corporate abuse. Increasingly HRDs and rural communities, who work to defend human rights and the environment in the context of large-scale investment and development projects, are among those most threatened. Their right to free, prior and informed consent is consistently ignored or disproportionately implemented. While development models are implemented that ignore the will of local communities, alternative development models imagined by communities themselves receive little support and attention.



Women human rights defenders (WHRDs): Over half of the HRDs we support are women or members of the LGBT + collective. Women HRDs face additional forms of gender-based violence, including sexual violence, threats, harassment and defamation related to their status as women. WHRDs are frequently targeted and denigrated not only because of their campaigning but also because they challenge gender stereotypes. In addition, the efforts of WHRDs are hampered by a lack of resources for women's organisations, lack of recognition for their work and entrenched resistance to women defenders' participation in political and public life. They are essential to the defence of a plurality of basic rights, including access to healthcare, education, sexual rights, equality and freedom from violence.



Defenders working to uphold the rule of law: These defenders expose human rights abuses, make government and business accountable and legally represent and provide access to justice to victims of human rights violations such as sexual violence, extra judicial execution, or enforced disappearance. They include lawyers involved in emblematic cases such as crimes against humanity, social justice groups, leaders of displaced communities, journalists exposing corruption, and paralegals documenting and gathering evidence in shanty town areas.

Key achievements in the reporting period

Headline figures

- 1200+ human rights defenders provided with tailored protection and technical support
- 8 field projects extended and supported through strategic advocacy, network and capacity building, volunteer recruitment and funding.
- 5000+ views of 10 webinars organised to bring our global network together, activate protection actions, share expertise, and show solidarity for those campaigning for justice and upholding universal rights.
- 130 testimonies of human rights defenders recorded across five countries through interviews, photography, and film.
- 10 film festivals amplifying the voices of Honduras LGBTQI+ defenders in Honduras in our latest short film.
- 2000+ indigenous Guatemalans read our popular bulletins on business and human rights
- over 1,000 pro bono hours spent by Simmons & Simmons on the Human Rights Defenders Toolbox, reflecting over £400,000 in commercially equivalent fees.

Our achievements in the reporting period include:

- Tackling extra-judicial killings and sexual violence in Kenya.

- In February 2020 we sent a delegation from the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk to Nairobi to put members of the UK legal community in touch with grassroots defenders from Social Justice Centres and women human rights defenders across the informal settlements. The Alliance and PBI UK have identified a series of priority capacity building areas where the legal community could make a difference.
- The delegation participated in a conference in Mathare marking the end of 'UMKU: Good Relationships for Safety', our two-year EU-funded project seeking to tackle impunity by bringing families of victims and activists within social justice centres into dialogue with magistrates, the Independent Police Oversight Authority (IPOA) and even members of the police.
- At the invitation of PBI, the conference was attended by Dr Agnes Callamard, former UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions, who stressed the need to raise international awareness of this problem and to ensure accountability at the highest levels in order to restore trust in the rule of law.
- At a time of international crisis, it was essential to remind our international network the importance of human rights issues in Kenya. We produced two films, on extra-judicial executions and gender based violence respectively. This, alongside the delegation, have increased the visibility of the Social Justice Centre movement.
- Building life-saving advocacy networks for defenders at risk.
 - In November 2019, PBI UK welcomed Donald Hernandez, a lawyer committed to defending the rights of rural and indigenous communities in Honduras through local organisation CEHPRODEC, to the UK to receive the Sir Henry Brooke Award in recognition of his commitment to defending the rights of indigenous communities impacted by corporate abuse. The other was awarded to Maricela Vazquez and Carla Palacios, women human rights lawyers working on femicide in Mexico.
 - As part of the awards, the defenders engaged in dialogue and developed support and protection mechanisms with UK legal professionals, members of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and other officials, regarding the situation of human rights in Honduras, Mexico, and Colombia.
 - The 2020 Sir Henry Brooke Awards were presented by high profile legal figures former Attorney General and MP Dominic Grieve and Simmons & Simmons senior partner. The awards were watched by 4,200 people, and were an opportunity for our winners to share their risk situation and life stories with members of the legal and political communities as well as members of the public. The awards were covered by the Times Blue Bag. The breadth of engagement has raised their visibility and level of protection as a result.
- Building the capacity of defenders through pro bono legal support.
 - With pro-bono support from our long term partner law firm Simmons & Simmons and following consultation with human rights defenders, PBI UK continued to roll out our centralised online resource for rural communities and lawyers dealing with corporate human rights violations: the 'Human Rights Defenders Toolbox', comprised of 16 factsheets, and video materials in English and Spanish.
 - The toolbox is currently being piloted in Colombia and Honduras and has been incorporated into the training programmes of defenders working on business and human rights within a range of local networks.
 - Meanwhile, Simmons & Simmons have been providing continued legal expertise, funding and support for our work in support of human rights defenders. The firm is currently in the process of updating the toolbox so that PBI accompanied defenders have access to the most up-to-date law.
 - To date, over 1,000 pro bono hours have been spent working on this project, reflecting over £400,000 in commercially equivalent fees.

- The project has been shortlisted for the Bristol Law Society Legal Awards (2018) and the Law Society Excellence Awards (2019).
- We have hosted three webinars with Simmons & Simmons as part of our toolbox distribution program. It has also been featured in two episodes of the celebrated podcast Human Rights in Context, and was nominated for the Law Society Excellence Award 2019. Its materials have been shared with the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights for worldwide dissemination.
- Developing the capacity of land rights defenders in Guatemala.
 - This has included the development and production of training materials and popular bulletins for defenders and communities affected by business and human rights abuses, based on the Simmons & Simmons Toolbox.
 - The popular bulletins were made possible by the financial support of the Matrix Fund and have reached more than 2,000 indigenous people from communities with low literacy levels who are impacted by negative human rights practices by corporates. These vital tools are helping communities to understand their rights and how to claim them.
- Developing our ground-breaking multimedia campaign.
 - At the second annual Sir Henry Brooke Awards, we launched the first phase of our multimedia project: The Right to Defend: Portraits of Resilience, Hope and Solidarity. This new project comprises film and interview materials from the field, alongside inspiring photography of human rights defenders taking a stand against injustice.
 - The project represents a shift in our communication and marketing strategy, and is the most extensive multi-media, multi-platform awareness raising and advocacy project in support of human rights defenders PBI UK has undertaken. We have produced nine short documentary films, a comprehensive online platform and a series of six webinars. Altogether we have told the stories of more than 130 defenders, often for the first time.

OBJECTIVE 1: Ensure the safety of defenders at risk and protect their workspace

In order for human rights defenders to be able to carry out and expand their legitimate work for human rights and social justice, they must be able to work in relative safety. This safety relies on international advocacy work and awareness of their vital work, and on public recognition of their important contributions to the advancement of human rights. In 2020, PBI UK also worked to promote the crucial and legitimate role of land and environmental rights defenders. We counteracted stigmatising narratives and engaged stakeholders in protection actions through advocacy and awareness raising activities including speaking tours.

Over the past year we have brought defenders to the UK to take part in digital speaking and advocacy tours in order to build alliances and raise awareness of the specific challenges they and their communities face. This comes as our organisation has adapted to the changing demands brought by the pandemic, and the heightened needs of defenders. We do this through the facilitation of dialogue and diplomatic exchanges with influential stakeholders, and securing media engagement in the UK and Europe, thereby improving protection by demonstrating to the perpetrators of rights violations that the international community is watching and engaging stakeholders in strategic lifesaving actions.

PBI UK amplified the voices of five human rights defenders in 2020 through advocacy tours. They provided opportunities for defenders to raise concerns directly with policy-makers in the UK, expand their protection and technical support networks and identify funding possibilities. The tours also provided an incredibly valuable opportunity for respite, time to build resilience and develop new and tailored bottom-up protection strategies. One such tour is outlined below.

Seeking advocacy support and redress for Land Rights and Environmental defenders in Colombia

- Speaking tours are a major component of PBI UK's advocacy, protection and awareness-raising strategy. By bringing defenders to the UK to speak and advocate at high-level events, we secure public and political recognition of their work, draw attention to specific human rights concerns and protection needs, and provide opportunities for defenders to speak directly to decision- and policy-makers. The tours also demonstrate to the perpetrators of rights violations that the international community is watching them and remind them that their actions will have consequences, **ensuring the physical and political safety of defenders and their communities.**
- With in-person speaking tours on hold, PBI UK have been holding virtual speaking tours, scheduling high impact meetings with MPs, ministers, and other NGOs. These have proved strategically important, as they can be organised at relatively short notice and for a small expense, and are very well attended. In July 2020 we virtually welcomed Danilo Rueda – Colombian human rights defender and Executive Secretary of the Inter-Church Commission for Justice and Peace (CIJP) – to speak about transitional justice in Colombia, the current situation under COVID-19 restrictions, and the threats Rueda and his colleagues face daily.
- Danilo Rueda has received several death threats due to his work on the displacement of Indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities on the Colombian Pacific Coast. Objectives of Danilo's visit included raising awareness of the security situation in the Bajo Atrato, and strategic advocacy and advice at political and legal fora. Since 2019, the Bajo Atrato has seen an increase in the armed conflict in the area between the Paramilitary AGC and the Guerrilla ELN.
- As part of the speaker tour in July 2020, PBI UK facilitated a meeting between Danilo Rueda and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Danilo also took part in a virtual Parliamentary Roundtable, chaired by Chris Bryant MP, discussing the ongoing conflict in rural Colombia and the implementation of the Peace Accord. This was a high-impact strategic visit, combining meetings, parliamentary questions, and a Westminster Hall debate. Danilo also met with the UK legal community including lawyers from Leigh Day and Matrix chambers to explore how lawyers in the UK could help to gain access to remedy for the communities in Putumayo whom CIJP accompany and whose livelihoods have been affected by the environmental degradation caused by the British company Amerisur.
- **A total of ten parliamentary questions were tabled as a direct result of this speaking tour, a record for a PBI speaker tour,** and conclusions were drawn as to concrete actions that could be taken by the international community.
- The tour enabled Danilo to put pressure on the UK government to take responsibility for its international standing by supporting the signatories of the peace agreement in a country ravaged by five decades of civil war. The defender also highlighted the UK's continued military, technical and financial support for the Colombian intelligence agency, which has allowed the state to pursue illegal campaigns against journalists and human rights defenders.
- The meetings were also an opportunity for Danilo to share knowledge about the effect of the pandemic on the rule of law in Colombia. Speaking to the Colombia Caravana, he stated that the killing of social leaders under the curfew has stemmed the flow of data and evidence that lawyers rely on to make their cases. Further, the restrictions on travel have severely limited access to rural areas by the media or international NGOs, and witnesses have been completely unable to travel to court.
- During his speaker tour, Rueda also highlighted the UK's role in the Colombian state's illegal campaigns against journalists and human rights defenders. He raised concerns around illegal intelligence gathering by the Colombian National Army, who are alleged to have unlawfully surveilled 130 individuals, including lawyers from Rueda's organisation
- The digital speaker tour was by all measures a great success and provided a platform for Danilo Rueda to represent the struggles faced by his organisation and countless others fighting for justice in Colombia. The logistical ease and strategic efficacy of the virtual elements

have guaranteed its use as an advocacy tool in future, as we move beyond the pandemic and continue to find new ways to support human rights defenders in a changing world.

OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthening national and international protection frameworks for human rights defenders

As trusted experts in the field, PBI UK are able to keep the UK Government, Parliament and the UK legal community informed on the security situation of human rights defenders, and work with them on national protection mechanisms and guidance that will improve the UK's response and support for human rights defenders at risk. At the international level, PBI works to provide non-partisan information about trends in repression to the UK's representatives to the UN and EU institutions. In 2020, we worked with the UK Government and our legal and UK parliamentary networks to ensure defenders' protection needs were reflected in policy briefings, guidelines and legal initiatives to ensure attacks against HRDs are prevented and levels of risks are met with timely and practical protection actions on the ground.

Advocating for those seeking to document business and human rights abuses

- We have focused our support on saving the lives and amplifying the voices of these environmental defenders to ensure they are able to continue protecting our planet without fear of intimidation. Our combined strategic advocacy, capacity building and awareness raising initiatives has kept defenders alive and contributed to building their resilience.
- In July 2020 PBI UK helped to draft civil society recommendations to the UK, seeking commitments and to uphold universal human rights as they sought re-election to the UN Human Rights Council. Our business and human rights recommendations included bringing in legislation that enshrines mandatory human rights due diligence and a corporate duty to prevent adverse human rights and environmental impacts.
- In July 2020 PBI UK alerted the UK government of the murder of Honduran transgender HRDs and member of Arcoiris, Scarlet Caceres. Our emergency alert aimed at showing the UK government our concern over the continuous increase in attacks against members of the LGBTIQI+ community and particularly against trans women in Honduras. The alert called attention to this collective's longstanding vulnerable situation, which has worsened during the COVID-19 health emergency and called for emergency support from the UK embassy in Honduras given the lack of support by the Honduran government to provide emergency aid.

Engaging our legal network in emergency and preventative actions

- **The Alliance for Lawyers at Risk produced an amicus brief that demanded an annulment against sentence T-342/20**, which censures the right of the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó to denounce/report links between the army and paramilitary groups in the Uraba region. The Peace Community of San José de Apartadó repeatedly has complained about tolerance, ineffectiveness, silence and complicity of the 17th Brigade in carrying out human rights violations in the region.
 - On December 10, 2020, the Alliance filed an appeal for annulment due to a) ignorance of the jurisprudential precedent of the same Constitutional Court regarding the right to freedom of expression in relation to the right to a good name, b) omission of the duty to apply the tripartite proportionality test and, c) failure to perform conventionality control. This is an extraordinary appeal and its study is exceptional.
 - Alliance members Kirsty Brimelow QC and Camila Zapata Besso submitted that the effect of measures must be understood in the context in which they occur.
- In October 2019, the Alliance signed a joint letter from ODHACO related to threats against lawyers working for Colombian NGO FSCPP.

- In the same month, the Alliance wrote a letter to Honduran president raising concerns about amendments to the criminal code. Critics have indicated that these reforms to the Criminal Code threaten freedom of expression and the press.
- In November, Alliance sent a letter to the Colombian president highlighting the dangers of public stigmatization of lawyers.
- In December, The Alliance supported the third observation of the 12 Apostles case where Colombia lawyer Daniel Prado had received threats. Kirsty Brimelow and the Colombia Caravana we present at the trial with support from the Alliance.

Calling on international institutions to prevent, protect and redress human rights abuses

- In November 2019 the Defenders in Development Campaign of which PBI is a member launched the ‘Uncalculated Risks’ report at the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights. The campaign aimed at ensuring communities have safe, meaningful, timely access to information, resources and decision makers about development planning and processes to influence development activities and defend their rights. It also had the objective of preventing and responding to threats and attacks against defenders including by forming a security working group to collect available resources, provide assessment, training, technical and financial support, and emergency response, including advocacy and campaigning
- The report was launched at the parallel event that was co-organised by PBI and called for the international community to take concrete actions to prevent attacks against environmental defenders who put their lives at risk to protect those affected by business activities. The event specifically called on international financial institutions to introduce protocols to address reprisals. Following the side event, PBI co-released a joint-statement which called on states to mandate international financial institutions to create appropriate preventative and protection mechanisms to address attacks, reprisals and criminalization of defenders, as owners of these institutions, and to introduce mandatory corporate “human rights due diligence”, that recognizes the need to address risks to defenders.
- As a result of the campaign on the 10th of April 2020 the World Bank published a statement expressing its commitment to not tolerate reprisals and retaliation against those speaking up in the context of its projects and operations.

OBJECTIVE 3: Build defenders’ resilience, networking and capacity for self-protection

PBI’s ultimate goal is always to withdraw from a context. In order for this to be possible, defenders must have the resilience and capacity to continue their work without fear of attacks and violence against them, and be able to have access to specialised and strategic support networks at all levels. In 2020, PBI worked to increase access to legal and political networks, build resilience and specialised advice and knowledge sharing for at-risk-defenders through the following partnerships:

Building life-saving networks for defenders at risk

- On December 7th we were honoured to host the third annual Sir Henry Brooke Awards for Human Rights Defenders.
- The awards are an opportunity to celebrate the commitment of our beloved late patron Sir Henry Brooke, and the lawyers and other human rights defenders we protect, to the rule of law.
- This is increasingly prescient as civil liberties and human rights lawyers come under increasing fire in the UK and all over the world. The awards were hosted by Dominic Grieve

QC and Colin Passmore and presented by Alliance for Lawyers at Risk President Sir Patrick Elias.

- We were so pleased that over 4,200 people tuned in from around the world to celebrate the winners and show solidarity with human rights defenders. The Sir Henry Brooke awards enabled Dina Meza and Reinaldo Villalba to build connections at the highest level within the legal profession.
- In May 2020 we announced the launch of our Portraits of Resilience, Hope and Solidarity webinar series.
 - We wanted to shine a light on the heroic efforts of brave individuals to expose human rights violations and support vulnerable communities during the COVID-19 health crisis.
 - The sessions were an opportunity for everyone to meet human rights defenders in our network and learn more about the situation on the ground, the impact of COVID-19 on their work, and what they are doing to address the challenges posed to communities.
 - We wanted to connect with one another and find hope in the resilience of human rights defenders. We were delighted with the reception and were inspired by the show of solidarity from all corners of the world. More than 5600 of you joined us across the 10 online events we hosted.
 - The webinars approached the challenges presented by the outbreak and consequences of COVID-19 from the perspective of human rights defenders on the ground. Discussions addressed responses of governments in the countries we work in to assess their legal basis, level of proportionality and accountability. Socioeconomic issues such as the provision of food, water, and healthcare as well as the impact of Western self-isolation measures on informal workers were addressed. Human rights defenders also discussed the impact of corruption on healthcare provision and the fragility of judicial systems in the context of court suspension.
- Online platform
 - In 2020 we launched our online multimedia platform celebrating the work of human rights defenders from around the world.
 - In 2018-19 Susi Bascon and Manu Valcarce have travelled to Colombia, Mexico, Honduras and Kenya and gathered over 100 testimonies with human rights defenders from all walks of life, as well as countless photographs and hours of video footage.
 - Sir Patrick Elias launched the platform in August 2020 during our webinar series. We invited actors Juliet Stevenson and Christopher Colquhoun to read some of the stories of defenders we have collected over the past two years to an international audience.
 - We have reported significantly increased engagement across all platforms as a result of sustained output. Online testimonies, stories and webinars have been publicised across our multimedia platforms, increasing the impact of our outreach.

Building the capacity of defenders through pro bono legal support

- With pro-bono support from law firm Simmons & Simmons, PBI UK continued to roll out training for rural defenders working on business and human rights. Together, we produced the first centralised online resource for rural communities and lawyers dealing with corporate human rights violations: the 'Human Rights Defenders Toolbox', comprised of 16 factsheets and video materials in English and Spanish.

- The toolbox comprises 16 fact sheets on a range of legal topics, including the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, with specific recommendations for human rights defenders denouncing corporate abuse. It covered a variety of pertinent themes, including free, prior, and informed consent.
- PBI UK consulted with Colombian lawyers and defenders to gather feedback on the factsheets and adapt them accordingly. Since the launch of this toolbox, Simmons & Simmons has provided continued legal expertise, funding, as well as support and solidarity for human rights defenders they have met during PBI Speaker Tours in the UK.
- The toolbox is currently being piloted in Colombia and Honduras and has been incorporated into the training programmes of defenders working on business and human rights within a range of local networks. A series of webinars was hosted in 2020 and invited a pool of over 100 HRDs across 10 countries to become part of a train the trainers scheme and help us disseminate the toolbox more widely.
- With the support of Matrix chambers accessible popular bulletins based on the factsheets have been produced for peasant and indigenous communities facing corporate abuse, so they can benefit from the expertise and content of the toolbox. Over the past year our work has focused on developing the capacity of criminalised land and environmental rights defenders in Guatemala impacted by adverse corporate human rights practices'. This has included the development and production of training materials and tailored popular bulletins for grassroots defenders and communities affected by criminalisation in the context of business and human rights abuses, based on the Simmons & Simmons Human Rights Defenders Toolbox and UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.
- The popular bulletins have reached at least 2000 indigenous people from communities with low literacy levels and no access to internet who are impacted by negative human rights practices by corporates. They are vital tools for communities to understand their rights and how to claim them, and the obligations of corporations under the UN Guiding principles.
- The above capacity building tools have been instrumental to help HRDs advocate on behalf of those impacted by adverse corporate human rights practices in the country. PBI UK also has been raising awareness of criminalized defenders, and the need for compliance by corporations with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Legal advocacy actions to protect HRDs: The Alliance for Lawyers at Risk

- We have also mobilised our affiliated legal advocacy network at critical moments to protect at-risk human rights defenders. The Alliance for Lawyers at Risk is an independent UK-based pro-bono network that provides moral and legal support to lawyers and human rights defenders working in precarious circumstances. A selection of their activities in 2020 follow.
- In January, Alliance members provided pro-bono expert legal support to human rights lawyers in Indonesia working on high-profile cases of criminalised human rights defenders.
- In February, PBI UK and the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk organised a delegation to Kenya to discuss the needs of grassroots human rights defenders. Read alliance member Julia Lewis' account of the trip here.
- In February the ALR endorsed a joint public letter led by Lawyers without Borders Canada which highlighted concerns around judicial cases involving the Uribe family in Colombia. The Alliance supports a joint civil society platform providing observation to the ongoing trials.
- Throughout June and July the ALR together with PBI UK organised a series of 6 webinars on different themes including women's rights during COVID-19, Human Rights in Latin America and the Legal Community and Human Rights.
- In November 2020 the Alliance met Maryanne Kasina and Anthony Kimani, two Kenyan grassroots human rights defenders. They have played a vital role in the expansion of the

social justice centre movement in Kenya, founding the social justice centres in their respective communities of Kayole and Kiamaiko. Members of the Alliance were impressed by their integrity and obvious commitment. During the meeting Ms Kasina and Mr Kimani described in some detail the human rights situation in the urban settlements of Nairobi. They highlighted extremely concerning trends of disappearances and extra-judicial killings.

OBJECTIVE 4: Become a strong and sustainable organisation capable of responding consistently and effectively to the needs of defenders

For PBI UK to continue to work successfully, our organisation must continue to develop innovative structures and strategies that ensure long-term development. In 2020, PBI UK developed our forward-looking integrated communication, advocacy and fundraising approach; engaged new high tech partners and new donors with our cause.

Expanded digital presence: connecting HRDs with networks of international supporters

- We have been working to implement a new communication strategy to raise PBI UK's profile digitally, expand HRDs networks and grow our donor and support base. We have put this strategy into action by planning ahead for key dates and campaigns and develop and use digital platforms. The strategy aimed at reviving engagement across different communications channels, including our social media platforms and website. As such, we have referred to online analytics for each and adjusted strategies accordingly. We have laid the foundations for the website redesign, which will be underway by late 2020. We have explored organisational and graphic tools to promote brand discipline across each communications platform. This includes the newsletter, which we have synchronised with our communications and advocacy calendars to maximise audience engagement and message relevance in 2020.
- In December 2019, PBI UK launched the first phase of the multimedia project: *The Right to Defend: Portraits of Resilience, Hope and Solidarity*. This new project comprises film and interview materials from the field, collected across 2018-19, alongside inspiring photography of ordinary people taking a stand against injustice: community leaders fighting to protect collective land rights against mining companies; women struggling for gender equality; human rights lawyers risking their own safety to defend the rights of activists.
- *The Right to Defend: Portraits of Resilience, Hope and Solidarity* represents a shift in PBI's communication and marketing strategy, and is the most extensive multi-media, multi-platform awareness raising and advocacy project in support of human rights defenders PBI UK has undertaken. We have produced a photographic exhibition and series of short films, with further films (including a full-length documentary) and an online multimedia platform.
- *The Right to Defend: Portraits of Resilience, Hope and Solidarity* was launched at the Sir Henry Brooke Awards for Human Rights Defenders in November 2019, where we debuted 'The Defenders' by Manu Valcarce. This film explores the lives of human rights defenders in Latin America and was shown to more than 150 representatives of the legal and NGO sectors as part of a fundraising and awareness raising event at the UK offices of Linklaters.
- We have also produced nine short thematic around a series of topics including Media Freedom in Honduras, and torture and disappearance in Mexico. We have also finalised two longer productions: 'La tierra de nuestros abuelos' (available on request), a film telling the story of a group of land and environmental defenders resisting the development of hydroelectric projects; 'Ghetto Justice' and 'The Stand Against Sexual Violence' set in the urban settlements of Nairobi; and 'SOMOS', which tells the story of members of the LGBT+ organisation Arcoiris Association in Honduras. The latter has been selected for 10 film festivals including Leeds International Film Festival.

Integrated fundraising and communication campaign

- In 2020, PBI UK developed our strategic plan to strengthen, grow and diversify our network of funders. The Fundraiser and Director have been working to nurture current contacts and develop new relationships using a targeted, strategic approach centred around a return on Investment (ROI) approach to time investment, (as such, targeting trusts and foundations primarily). We are pleased to report that this strategy has engaged a number of new donors, both individual and grant-making, which allowed us to begin to rebuild our reserves in 2020.
- To raise vital funds during the difficult first UK COVID-19 lockdown, we launched the online raffle of an original Picasso linocut 'Toros en Vallauris 1957', which raised over £7,300 unrestricted income in two and a half months. It was match-funded by Frederick Mulder CBE.
- Alongside our usual fundraising activities, we ran a COVID emergency appeal, which we are pleased to report has raised around £17,000.
- We took part in the match-funding initiative the Big Give Christmas Challenge, and sought pledges from key supporters that were used as match funding during the 'challenge week' in December.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies' regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees on 24/8/2021 and signed on their behalf by:



PRINT NAME: Sophia Kerridge

Trustee



PRINT NAME: Emily Clarke

Trustee

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION
Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and

each Trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Peace Brigades International United Kingdom Section (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES
INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION (continued)**

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES
INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION (continued)**

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement [set out on page 14], the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with directors/trustees, and from our knowledge and experience.
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity,

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE BRIGADES
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- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Oxford

Colin Mills (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Critchleys Audit LLP,
Statutory Auditor

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION

Statement of Financial Activities including income and expenditure accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2019 £
INCOME		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies							
Donations and grants from trusts and corporations	2	59,267	92,808	152,075	83,300	108,407	191,707
Donations to the Human Rights Defenders' Fund	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations to the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk Fund	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individual donations and legacies	5	30,169	-	30,169	31,509	-	31,509
Other trading activities							
Fund-raising activities	6	-	-	-	75	-	75
Other income	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments							
Bank interest	7	82	-	82	80	-	80
Charitable activities							
Fees from training potential project volunteers		-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		89,519	92,808	182,327	114,964	108,407	223,371
EXPENDITURE							
Raising funds		50,397	-	50,397	43,794	-	43,794
Charitable activities		56,794	121,527	178,321	58,687	95,033	153,720
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8	107,191	121,527	228,718	102,481	95,033	197,514
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		(17,672)	(28,719)	(46,392)	12,483	13,374	25,856
Balances brought forward		41,879	54,622	96,501	29,397	41,248	70,645
Balances carried forward		24,207	25,903	50,110	41,879	54,622	96,501

There were no recognised gains or losses during the year, other than those included in the above statement.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION
COMPANY NUMBER 3912587

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets							
Debtors and prepayments	10	2,806	-	2,806	2,193	-	2,193
Cash at bank and in hand		39,614	25,903	65,517	47,293	73,205	120,498
		<u>42,419</u>	<u>25,903</u>	<u>68,322</u>	<u>49,486</u>	<u>73,205</u>	<u>122,692</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(18,212)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(18,212)</u>	<u>(7,607)</u>	<u>(18,583)</u>	<u>(26,190)</u>
Net current assets		<u>24,207</u>	<u>25,903</u>	<u>50,110</u>	<u>41,879</u>	<u>54,622</u>	<u>96,502</u>
Total assets less liabilities		<u>24,207</u>	<u>25,903</u>	<u>50,110</u>	<u>41,879</u>	<u>54,622</u>	<u>96,502</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total net assets		<u>24,207</u>	<u>25,903</u>	<u>50,110</u>	<u>41,879</u>	<u>54,622</u>	<u>96,501</u>
Represented by:							
Unrestricted funds - general	14	24,207	-	24,207	41,879	-	41,879
Restricted funds	14	<u>-</u>	<u>25,903</u>	<u>25,903</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,622</u>	<u>54,622</u>
		<u>24,207</u>	<u>25,903</u>	<u>50,110</u>	<u>41,879</u>	<u>54,622</u>	<u>96,501</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 24 August 2021



SOPHIA KERRIDGE
Trustee



EMILY CLARKE
Trustee

The notes on pages 20 to 26 form part of these financial statements

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

1. Accounting Policies**Basis of accounting**

Peace Brigades International UK Section is a public benefit entity. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" FRS102, applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Income

Grants and donations are accounted for when their amount and receipt are probable. In the case of donations this is usually when received. All other income is accounted for on a receivable basis, including Gift Aid reclaims. Grants received prior to the year end, relating to funding applications for expenditure in future financial years, are deferred and included in creditors. Donations in kind are recognised when the value to the charity can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

Allocation of costs

Costs are allocated to spending categories on a basis designed to represent the use of the resource.

Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly where possible, staff costs are allocated on the basis of actual or estimated time spent, and support costs (primarily spending on premises) are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor space.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised. Computer and office equipment is written off on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful life of 3 years.

Stock

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Intangible Income

Donations in kind are included, where practicable, at the financial cost to the provider of the service. Volunteer time is not included in the financial statements.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

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	2020 £	2019 £
2. Donations and grants from trusts and corporations		
AW 60	-	800
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP	1,500	-
Frederick Mulder Foundation	10,000	8,000
Harbour Foundation		3,500
James Thornton DAF	14,207	5,000
Matrix Causes Fund		5,000
Mirianog Trust		2,000
Network for Social Change	18,700	
Open Society Foundations (OSF)	58,108	81,639
PBI Honduras Project		1,768
Simmons and Simmons	10,000	
Southall Trust		3,000
The Allan and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Settlement		20,000
The Bromley Trust		10,000
The Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust Ltd	5,000	2,500
The Clifford Chance Foundation	4,160	-
The Calpe Trust	400	-
The Eva Reckitt Trust Fund	1,000	1,000
The Evan Cornish Foundation	4,000	
The Law Society Charity		2,500
The Tinsley Foundation	25,000	25,000
The Tolkien Trust		20,000
Total	152,075	191,707

3. Contributors to the Human Rights Defenders' (HRD) fund	2020 £	2019 £
Individual donations	-	-
Total Income for fund	-	-
4. Contributors to the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk (ALR) fund	2020 £	2019 £
Individual donations	-	-
Total Income for fund	-	-

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5. Individual Donations	2020	2019
Individual donations	30,169	31,509
Total Individual Donations	<u>30,169</u>	<u>31,509</u>
 6. Fundraising Activities	 2020	 2019
Sponsorship	-	-
Ticket sales	-	75
Total Fundraising Activities	<u>-</u>	<u>75</u>
 7. Other Income	 2020	 2019
Reimbursements	-	-
Interest received	82	80
Total Other Income	<u>82</u>	<u>80</u>

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**8. Total expenditure
in current period**

	Staff Costs	Support Costs	Other Direct Costs	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Funding to field projects and international activities	-	-	16,231	16,231	22,192
Advocacy and project support	65,356	6,225	30,583	102,164	74,058
Outreach, publicity, and communications	21,785	6,225	5,889	33,900	36,594
Field volunteer recruitment, training & support	7,262	6,225	-	13,487	10,934
Governance	7,262	5,277	-	12,539	9,941
Total charitable activities	101,665	23,953	52,703	178,321	153,720
Fundraising	43,571	6,225	601	50,397	43,794
	<u>145,235</u>	<u>30,178</u>	<u>53,304</u>	<u>228,718</u>	<u>197,514</u>

in preceding period

	Staff Costs	Support Costs	Other Direct Costs	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Funding to field projects and international activities	-	-	22,192	22,192
Advocacy and project support	53,477	4,992	15,589	74,058
Outreach, publicity, and communications	17,826	4,992	13,777	36,594
Field volunteer recruitment, training & support	5,942	4,992	-	10,934
Governance	5,942	4,000	-	9,941
Total charitable activities	83,187	18,975	51,558	153,720
Fundraising	35,652	4,992	3,151	43,794
	<u>118,838</u>	<u>23,967</u>	<u>54,709</u>	<u>197,514</u>

In common with other PBI country groups, PBI UK contributes to global project support, monitoring and co-ordination that takes place at an international level within PBI. This contribution is included above in Funding to field projects and international activities.

	2020	2019
	£	£
Staff Costs comprise:		
Staff salaries	130,698	105,401
Returned volunteer salaries	-	-
Employer's pension contributions	6,535	4,933
Social security costs	8,002	8,504
	<u>145,235</u>	<u>118,838</u>

Salaries, and the associated social security costs, cover one full time director, one part-time communications officer, one part-time fundraiser, one part-time advocacy worker and one part-time finance worker.

No employees' emoluments exceeded £60,000.

	2020	2019
	£	£
Support Costs comprise:		
Office rent, rates, insurance and service charges	15,419	10,872
Computer and telephone costs	4,423	3,786
Office move costs	1,483	759
Printing, stationery, postage and office supplies	796	-
Staff and Volunteers' travel and subsistence expenses	3,791	3,969
Audit fee	3,200	3,512
Professional and accountancy	36	-
Subscriptions and publications	357	157
Bank charges	73	49
Training and Development	600	862
	<u>30,178</u>	<u>23,967</u>

Key management personnel total compensation		
Director	52,997	51,647

The Trustees received no remuneration or travel expenses in 2020 (2019 amount: nil)

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	2020	2019
	£	£
8. Total expenditure - continued		
Other Direct Costs comprise:		
Funding to PBI Colombia project	-	0
Funding to PBI Guatemala project	-	0
Funding to PBI Honduras Project project	-	1,609
Funding to PBI Indonesia project	-	0
Funding to PBI Kenya project	2,010	0
Funding to PBI Mexico project	-	0
Funding to PBI Country Groups for development	-	0
Contribution to PBI ISEC	14,221	20,583
Total direct funding to field projects	16,231	22,192
Publications (inculding Annual Review)	-	3,625
Outreach work	-	221
Tours and talks by Human Rights Defenders	-	2,285
Conference / event	11,435	220
Filming / videography	-	9,931
Direct fundraising costs	601	3,151
Advocacy expenses	8,047	13,083
Online platform and video and photo content	11,000	-
Online Comms	530	-
Social Media Campaign	5,359	-
Consultancy fees	100	-
	<u>37,073</u>	<u>32,517</u>
Total Direct Costs	<u>53,304</u>	<u>54,709</u>

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	Computer Equipment £
9. Fixed assets	
Cost	
At 1 January 2020	3,511
Additions in year	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>3,511</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2020	3,511
Charge for year	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>3,511</u>
Net book value at 1 January 2020	<u><u>-</u></u>
Net book value at 31 December 2020	<u><u>-</u></u>

10. Debtors (due within one year)	2020	2019
	£	£
Accrued income - grants and donations	-	-
Accrued income - Gift Aid	-	450
PBI Isec	-	-
Deposit on PBI UK Office Space	2,318	1,105
Sundry debtors	-	131
Prepayments	488	507
	<u>2,806</u>	<u>2,193</u>

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
	£	£
Taxes and social security	-	-
Pensions	-	-
PBI ISec	14,221	20,583
Suppliers (incl. Visa Card)	320	470
Sundry creditors	-	1,276
Accruals	3,671	3,861
Deferred income	-	-
	<u>18,212</u>	<u>26,190</u>

12. Operating lease commitments

As at 31 December 2020, the company had commitments under a non-cancellable lease as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Expiring within one year	<u>1,433</u>	<u>1,567</u>

13. Company status

The company is incorporated in England. Its registered address is 29c Oakfield Rd, London, N4 4NP. The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each member's liability under the guarantee is limited to £1.

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14. Funds Analysis

	At 1 Jan 2020	Incoming Resources	Expenditure	At 31 Dec 2020	At 1 Jan 2019	2019 Comparatives Incoming Resources	Expenditure	At 31 Dec 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:								
General fund	41,879	30,252	(47,924)	24,207	29,397	31,664	(19,182)	41,879
Unrestricted grants receivable								
AW60	-	-	-	-	-	800	(800)	-
Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-	-	-	-
Calpe Trust	-	400	(400)	-	-	-	-	-
Clifford Chance Foundation	-	4,160	(4,160)	-	-	-	-	-
Eva Reckitt Trust Fund	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Evan Cornish Foundation	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Garden Court Chambers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harbour Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	3,500	(3,500)	-
James Thornton DAF	-	14,207	(14,207)	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Joffe Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mirianog Trust	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Simmons & Simmons	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Southall Trust	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
The Bromley Trust	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
The Frederick Mulder Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	8,000	(8,000)	-
The Law Society	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
The Taylour Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Tinsley Foundation	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	-	25,000	(25,000)	-
The Tolkien Trust	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	(20,000)	-
Total unrestricted funds	41,879	89,519	(107,191)	24,207	29,397	114,964	(102,482)	41,879
Restricted funds:								
Frederick Mulder Foundation, for supporting LERDs	-	-	-	-	6,950	-	(6,950)	-
Matrix Causes Fund	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	5,000	(2,000)	3,000
The Frederick Mulder Foundation	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Network for Social Change	-	18,700	(18,700)	-	-	-	-	-
Eva Reckitt Trust Fund	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Open Society Foundation	35,622	58,108	(70,827)	22,903	25,298	81,639	(71,315)	35,622
PBI Honduras Project	-	-	-	-	-	1,768	(1,768)	-
The Allan and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Settlement	16,000	-	(16,000)	-	-	20,000	(4,000)	16,000
The Evan Cornish Foundation for safety of LRDs in Latin America	-	-	-	-	9,000	-	(9,000)	-
Total restricted funds	54,622	92,808	(121,527)	25,903	41,248	108,407	(95,033)	54,622
Total funds	96,501	182,327	(228,718)	50,110	70,645	223,371	(197,515)	96,501

Restricted funds are funds which have been granted or donated for particular purposes or projects.

15. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the reporting period.