



# PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION

## Trustees' Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Pages
Trustees' Annual Report	1 - 13
Independent Auditors' Report	14 - 17
Statement of Financial Activities	18
Balance Sheet and Trustees' signatures	19
Notes to the Financial Statements:	20 - 26
1 Accounting Policies	20
2 - 7 Details of Income	21 - 22
8 Details of Expenditure	23 - 24
9 - 13 Balance Sheet items and other notes	25
14 -15 Funds Analysis and Related Party Transactions	26

Audited by Critchleys Audit LLP, Oxford

---

PBI UK is a non-governmental organisation working with communities around the world to address conflicts in non-violent ways.  
Registered in England, Company Reg. No: 03912587, Charity Reg. No: 1101016

[www.peacebrigades.org.uk](http://www.peacebrigades.org.uk)

PBI UK patrons: Sir Nicolas Bratza, Sir Henry Brooke CMG (1936-2018), Lord Carnwath CVO, Julie Christie, John Dew,  
Lord Lester of Herne Hill QC, Professor Jenny Pearce, Sir Peter Roth, Lord Scott of Foscote,  
Juliet Stevenson, Sir Jeffery Jowell KCMG QC, Samuel West

---

Trustees' Annual Report for Peace Brigades International United Kingdom Section (PBI UK) for the period 1 January to 31 December 2020

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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  
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.

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](http://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 £
<b>INCOME</b>		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>							
<b>Donations and legacies</b>							
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
<b>Other trading activities</b>							
Fund-raising activities	6	-	-	-	75	-	75
Other income	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Investments</b>							
Bank interest	7	82	-	82	80	-	80
<b>Charitable activities</b>							
Fees from training potential project volunteers		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>89,519</b>	<b>92,808</b>	<b>182,327</b>	<b>114,964</b>	<b>108,407</b>	<b>223,371</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>							
<b>Raising funds</b>		50,397	-	50,397	43,794	-	43,794
<b>Charitable activities</b>		56,794	121,527	178,321	58,687	95,033	153,720
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	8	<b>107,191</b>	<b>121,527</b>	<b>228,718</b>	<b>102,481</b>	<b>95,033</b>	<b>197,514</b>
<b>NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(17,672)</b>	<b>(28,719)</b>	<b>(46,392)</b>	<b>12,483</b>	<b>13,374</b>	<b>25,856</b>
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 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>							
Tangible assets	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>							
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>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>(18,212)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(18,212)</u>	<u>(7,607)</u>	<u>(18,583)</u>	<u>(26,190)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>24,207</u>	<u>25,903</u>	<u>50,110</u>	<u>41,879</u>	<u>54,622</u>	<u>96,502</u>
<b>Total assets less liabilities</b>		<u>24,207</u>	<u>25,903</u>	<u>50,110</u>	<u>41,879</u>	<u>54,622</u>	<u>96,502</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u>24,207</u>	<u>25,903</u>	<u>50,110</u>	<u>41,879</u>	<u>54,622</u>	<u>96,501</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>							
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.

**PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION**  
**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>2. Donations and grants from trusts and corporations</b>		
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>152,075</b>	<b>191,707</b>

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

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION  
Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

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

**PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION**  
**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020**

**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)



## PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION

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

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>8. Total expenditure - continued</b>		
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>
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<u><b>53,304</b></u>	<u><b>54,709</b></u>

**PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION**  
**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020**

	Computer Equipment £
<b>9. Fixed assets</b>	
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>

<b>10. Debtors (due within one year)</b>	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>

<b>11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	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.

## PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION

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

## 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
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>								
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)	-
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>41,879</b>	<b>89,519</b>	<b>(107,191)</b>	<b>24,207</b>	<b>29,397</b>	<b>114,964</b>	<b>(102,482)</b>	<b>41,879</b>
<b>Restricted funds:</b>								
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)	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>54,622</b>	<b>92,808</b>	<b>(121,527)</b>	<b>25,903</b>	<b>41,248</b>	<b>108,407</b>	<b>(95,033)</b>	<b>54,622</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>96,501</b>	<b>182,327</b>	<b>(228,718)</b>	<b>50,110</b>	<b>70,645</b>	<b>223,371</b>	<b>(197,515)</b>	<b>96,501</b>

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.