

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

International China Concern (Child Care)
Limited

(A company limited by guarantee)

Charity registration number: 1104182

Company registration number: 04581218

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INTERNATIONAL CHINA CONCERN (CHILD CARE) LIMITED

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees	Kerry Weathington Ruth Smith Linda Long Joseph Gisbey (appointed 12 March 2024)
Secretary	Trent Frecklington
Charity Registration Number	1104182
Company Registration Number	04581218
Registered Office	The Castle Gate Melbourne Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 2JQ
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

International China Concern (Child Care) Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

Organisational structure

The Trustees conduct quarterly telephone conferences and meet for a formal board meeting once a year. Trustees resident outside the United Kingdom oversee aspects of the work from their country of residence.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Relationships with related parties

International China Concern

The company works intrinsically with other worldwide offices which share the same name and charitable objects and from which funds are received for forwarding to the projects in China.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The principal object of the company is to provide relief, aid, education, training and assistance for orphans, children and adults throughout the world and particularly (but not exclusively) in China who live and work in homes designated as orphanages (but not limited to such homes) in whatsoever manner as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit and specifically (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) and to increase the awareness in other countries around the world of the needs of the abandoned and orphaned in China.

International China Concern (ICC) is a Christian development organisation changing lives through bringing love, hope and opportunity to China's abandoned and disabled.

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ICC's mission continues to be as relevant today as it has ever been. Across the nation of China hundreds of thousands of abandoned and disabled children continue to live in situations where love is absent, hope is extinguished and opportunities are non-existent. Whilst the Chinese government continues to make strides in improving the level of care given to abandoned and disabled children, it is evident that more must be done to give these children a future.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

During 2023 we continued the ongoing work of International China Concern by maintaining our connection with our National Office funding affiliates around the world and our Projects in China's Hunan Province.

In April, we were informed by the Civil Affairs department in Hengyang that our joint participation in the Hengyang welfare centre was to be terminated and that the care of the children would return fully to the Civil Affairs department in Hengyang. In addition, ICC would no longer be allowed to send funds to the Welfare Centre in Hengyang. Staff currently working for ICC at the Hengyang welfare centre, who wished to remain, were retained by the Civil Affairs department but on new contracts.

Other than this, the needs in China did not change significantly this year and our activities continued to fulfil our charitable purposes, albeit with increased financial difficulties primarily as a result of a post covid era. During the year there were no changes to the Trustee membership or changes to our governance model.

The Trustees worked with ICC's International Council (an advisory group) and with the staff of International China Concern Ltd (ICC Ltd - a Hong Kong entity) in the fulfilment of our ongoing mission.

Our Changsha Rainbow Project and Hengyang Spring project continued to operate family-style Group Homes, where over 200 children are cared for full time.

Our Family Partners Program (FPP) continued in our AiXiHui Project and in the "Lighthouse" building that houses a separate FPP centre operated by Changsha Rainbow Project. The AiXiHui Project successfully relocated to new, larger premises that enables the staff to serve more families caring for children with disabilities. We continued to add more multi-disciplinary "Cross Care" teams at the AiXiHui centre and at the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse teams-initiated outreach of rural areas where many families caring for children with disabilities do not have access to any government services. This outreach proved to be quite successful and will be continued in the coming years.

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The ICC Representative Office (part of ICC Ltd) in Hunan Province continued to build relationships with Chinese government officials at city and province level. Building these relationships will assist ICC into the future to continue our work by maintaining our Foreign NGO status while enabling partnerships and expansion of our projects.

ICC continues to promote local staff to leadership positions while we continue to benefit from the skills of expatriate volunteers in China.

Preparations for a new China Foundation were commenced and the expectation is that this will be up and running by 2024.

ICC continues to work with our network of National Offices around the world. This network is the primary funding model for ICC Ltd. During 2023 we worked with these offices to assist them in their donor-facing activities and in providing systems and support network to create efficiencies of service for the global network. The Board Chairs of each office sat on the International Council and advised the Trustees on the direction and activities of their autonomous national office to ensure the continual operation of ICC Ltd. throughout most of 2023.

The new governance structure of ICC Ltd which was modified in 2022 continued to work well into 2023, with the Board of Directors being firmly established according to our constitution, while the national board chairs were grouped into the International Advisory Committee. This committee will endorse key decisions made by the Board and offer advice and counsel on major issues.

In November 2023 the Board of Directors took the decision to make the CEO redundant due to the financial difficulties that we were facing. The role is being combined with that of the Founder, based in Vancouver at reduced net cost to ICC.

Financial review

Income for the year amounted to £291,105 (2022 - £262,694) and expenditure £276,926 (2022 - £256,782). The surplus of £13,680 (2022 - £6,229) was added to reserves brought forward and funds held at the year end amounted to £28,270 (2022 - £14,590).

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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Statement of Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of International China Concern (Child Care) Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small companies provision statement

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

The annual report was approved by the Trustees of the charity on 19 August 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Ruth Smith
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNATIONAL CHINA CONCERN (CHILD CARE) LIMITED

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of International China Concern (Child Care) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Trustees of International China Concern (Child Care) Limited (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of International China Concern (Child Care) Limited are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of International China Concern (Child Care) Limited as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

.....
G W Schulz ACMA
Independent Examiners Ltd

19 August 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	120,207	170,808	291,015	262,694
Other trading activities	4	90	-	90	-
Total income		<u>120,297</u>	<u>170,808</u>	<u>291,105</u>	<u>262,694</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	<u>106,118</u>	<u>170,808</u>	<u>276,926</u>	<u>256,782</u>
Total expenditure		<u>106,118</u>	<u>170,808</u>	<u>276,926</u>	<u>256,782</u>
Net income		14,179	-	14,179	5,912
Other recognised gains and losses					
Other gains/losses		<u>(499)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(499)</u>	<u>317</u>
Net movement in funds		13,680	-	13,680	6,229
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>14,590</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,590</u>	<u>8,361</u>
Total funds carried forward	10	<u><u>28,270</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>28,270</u></u>	<u><u>14,590</u></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(REGISTRATION NUMBER: 04581218)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors	8	9,534	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>22,576</u>	<u>16,690</u>
		32,110	16,690
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(3,840)</u>	<u>(2,100)</u>
Net assets		<u>28,270</u>	<u>14,590</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>28,270</u>	<u>14,590</u>
Total funds	10	<u>28,270</u>	<u>14,590</u>

For the financial year ending 31 December 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 19 August 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Ruth Smith
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the Trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

International China Concern (Child Care) Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

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Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £200 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Computer equipment	42.5% on cost

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Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the Trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations	<u>120,207</u>	<u>170,808</u>	<u>291,015</u>	<u>262,694</u>
	<u>120,207</u>	<u>170,808</u>	<u>291,015</u>	<u>262,694</u>

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4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £	Total 2022 £
Trading income;			
Other trading income	90	90	-
	<u>90</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>-</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Communications		-	-	-	484
Contracted services		-	-	-	404
UK office expenses		3,077	-	3,077	8,746
Equipment and resources		60,641	-	60,641	22,295
Travelling		2,768	-	2,768	3,968
China operations costs		789	-	789	-
Bank charges		465	-	465	421
Sundry expenses		307	-	307	711
Independent examination		1,740	-	1,740	2,100
Depreciation		54	-	54	-
Grant funding of activities	6	<u>36,277</u>	<u>170,808</u>	<u>207,085</u>	<u>217,653</u>
		<u>106,118</u>	<u>170,808</u>	<u>276,926</u>	<u>256,782</u>

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6 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions	
	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants	<u>207,085</u>	<u>217,653</u>

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No Trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No Trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Due from group undertakings	<u>9,534</u>	<u>-</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	<u>3,840</u>	<u>2,100</u>

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10 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	14,590	120,297	(106,617)	28,270
Restricted funds				
Hengyang	-	38,481	(38,481)	-
Changsha	-	80,266	(80,266)	-
Community Outreach Project	-	52,061	(52,061)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>170,808</u>	<u>(170,808)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>14,590</u>	<u>291,105</u>	<u>(277,425)</u>	<u>28,270</u>

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	5,613	85,457	(76,480)	-	14,590
Restricted funds					
Hengyang	-	93,417	(93,417)	-	-
Changsha	-	41,398	(41,398)	-	-
Individual Support	1,124	-	(1,124)	-	-
Community Outreach Project	-	42,422	(42,422)	-	-
Surgery	1,624	-	(1,624)	-	-
	<u>2,748</u>	<u>177,237</u>	<u>(179,985)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>8,361</u>	<u>262,694</u>	<u>(256,465)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,590</u>

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11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2023 £
Current assets	32,110	-	32,110
Current liabilities	<u>(3,840)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,840)</u>
Total net assets	<u>28,270</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,270</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2022 £
Current assets	16,690	-	16,690
Current liabilities	<u>(2,100)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,100)</u>
Total net assets	<u>14,590</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,590</u>