

SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

England & Wales · Charity number 1104507

Details

Other names	YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE REFUGEE SUPPORT CENTRE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	04733478
Registered	2004-06-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: The objects of the Company shall be to alleviate the sickness, distress and suffering of refugees, asylum seekers and other displaced persons in the United Kingdom and particularly in the Yorkshire and Humber region ("the area of benefit"), in particular those suffering from mental health problems or emotional difficulties, by providing a range of services including but not limited to therapeutic interventions, advocacy, training and opportunities for social support with the object of improving the life of said persons.

Activities: Solace provides counselling and psychotherapy to asylum seekers and refugees.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,178,931	£1,242,127	£245,297	29
2024-03-31	£1,178,001	£1,135,507	£308,493	30
2023-03-31	£1,067,808	£1,085,182	£265,999	30
2022-03-31	£894,582	£878,462	£220,615	25
2021-03-31	£766,487	£705,600	£199,495	22

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Elaine Goodwin		2023-03-23
Maria Gribenyuk		2025-06-04
Natalie Moran		2024-08-01
Pascale Gayford		2022-12-13
Peter Coltman		2023-12-06
Peter Dawson		2025-12-03

Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st March 2025
for
SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

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Reference and Administrative Details
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

TRUSTEES	C Follin Mrs L Ward (resigned 28/6/24) E Goodwin (Chair) L Bolton P H Coltman A Temple-Smith (resigned 1/7/24) N Moran (appointed 2/7/24) Dr D Agoro (appointed 2/7/24) P Gayford C O'Brien (appointed 2/7/24)
REGISTERED OFFICE	Manor House Manor Street Leeds LS7 1PZ
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	04733478 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1104507
AUDITORS	Thomas Coombs Limited Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants 3365 The Pentagon Century Way Thorpe Park Leeds West Yorkshire LS15 8ZB
BANKERS	Unity Trust Bank Four Brindley Place Birmingham B1 2JB
KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL	K Ashworth (Chief Executive Officer) A Burghraef (Clinical Director)

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Chairperson's Report FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Last year, I noted the negative impact of the government's Illegal Migration and the Safety of Rwanda Acts on people who use our services. While the immediate threat of removal to Rwanda has now gone, the wider hostile environment faced by refugees and asylum seekers has intensified. The rhetoric from parts of the political right continues to cause fear and uncertainty, which has a serious and damaging effect on the mental health of our clients.

The need for Solace's services has never been greater, yet the economic climate remains difficult. Some of our funding comes through contracts with statutory agencies, but we remain dependent on charitable grants, and there are relatively few funders willing to invest in specialist organisations like Solace. We are incredibly grateful to our funders for the support they give us, and the acknowledgement of the need for the work we do.

Despite challenges, we are proud to report another successful year. Among our achievements:

Over 6,600 therapy sessions delivered to more than 820 people.

- The delivery of 278 groups reaching communities who might otherwise struggle to access support.
- Specialist training to equip professionals working with trauma and displacement.
- Strengthened partnerships with health providers, refugee organisations, and community groups to ensure joined-up, compassionate care.

We were also honoured this year to be selected as a Weston Charity Award winner from over 150 applicants. This recognition is a powerful endorsement of our work and provides us with both grant funding and, importantly, the opportunity to work with Pilotlight. Pilotlight brings together senior business leaders to help charities strengthen their strategy, governance, and sustainability - support that will be invaluable as Solace plans for the future.

What makes Solace unique is not only our clinical expertise but the way we place people with lived experience at the centre of our work. Their voices continue to shape our services, ensuring we remain responsive, relevant, and rooted in the real needs of those who turn to us for support.

Looking ahead, our priorities are clear: to protect access to trauma-informed therapy, broaden our reach, and amplify the voices of refugees and asylum seekers at a time when they are too often silenced. Working with the Weston Awards programme will help us strengthen our foundations and prepare for the future with confidence.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and trustees. Their experience, skills, and compassion are the backbone of Solace, and I thank them all - managers, administrators, clinicians, and volunteers - who provide vital therapeutic support at individual, group, and system levels.

I would also like to thank our CEO, Kathryn Ashworth, for her inspirational leadership, and our Clinical Director, Anne Burgraef, who has been with Solace for virtually its entire existence. I am also grateful to our Trustee board for their time, energy, and insight, and I warmly welcome our newest members.

Finally, I want to thank our funders and partners, whose belief in our mission enables us to continue providing specialist mental health support to those rebuilding their lives in safety. Together, we are making a difference - and with your support, Solace will remain a place of healing, resilience, and hope for many years to come.

Elaine Goodwin
Chair of the Board of Trustees

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Report of the Trustees FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Solace's objects read:

"The objects of the Company shall be to alleviate the sickness, distress and suffering of refugees, asylum seekers and other displaced persons in the United Kingdom and particularly in the Yorkshire and Humber region ("the area of benefit"), in particular those suffering from mental health problems or emotional difficulties, by providing a range of services including but not limited to therapeutic interventions, advocacy, training and opportunities for social support with the object of improving the life of said persons."

Significant activities

Refugees fleeing persecution arriving in our region face many challenges and Solace was established specifically to address their mental health needs and support their emotional wellbeing. The people we work with have experienced multiple losses, of home, family, culture, status and employment among other things. Many have endured torture or witnessed violence against their family members or their close community. Their journey to the UK can take many years and when they arrive they continue to face disbelief, hostility and many barriers to accessing support. As a result, refugees are often highly stressed and are much more likely than the general population to suffer from mental and physical illnesses.

Some of the stories of our clients are bravely demonstrated in videos on our website and in our online training.
<https://www.solace-uk.org.uk/what-they-say/films>

<https://www.solace-uk.org.uk/training/new-free-e-learning>

To achieve our charitable purpose, Solace provides a range of services, and works as holistically as possible to support the people referred to us. We are well known in the region, and work closely with a number of partners both formally and informally to try and meet the multiple and complex needs of refugees.

Specifically we provide:

- Talking therapies for individuals, families and children
- Pain management therapy
- Group work
- Training and consultancy to other organisations to help them understand the mental health of refugees and asylum seekers
- Resources and videos in different languages to help refugees and asylum seekers.

Solace has two main strategic aims, to deliver transformative therapeutic support to people fleeing persecution, and to improve other services and systems so refugees are better able to access support and flourish in their community.

Hostility towards refugees and asylum seekers was very overtly and publicly demonstrated this year as racist violence broke out in the summer of 2024. Many of our clients live with fear every day, but this very visible outpouring of hatred in our local communities was a very real demonstration of underlying tension and hostility ramped up by political rhetoric, disinformation and the use of dehumanising language. The impact on the people we support was enormous. Many are already struggling to deal with the trauma of war and violence, and the ongoing cruelty of the asylum system in the UK. Solace's aim is to help people feel safe and welcome, which is so much more than the absence of hostility. We do our best to provide a welcome which helps people feel safe so they are able to begin their recovery even whilst in the midst of the asylum process and all the turmoil this generates.

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Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

We know that many people who attend therapy or one of our groups have attempted to take their own life whilst in the UK. Our Farsi Speaking Men's Group has had a particular impact in supporting people who have actively considered suicide. It is facilitated by a Farsi speaking therapist who has successfully enabled a level of peer support and trust to be developed which has had some powerful outcomes. We are grateful to Leeds Suicide Prevention Fund for providing funding for this group to continue throughout 2024-25

"This is the first time I've talked about the torture, it's the only place I feel safe"

"I had no contact with others until now"

"Nothing is like this group. I've lost my family and I'm very alone. This is now my family".

This year we have continued to partner with Nordoff Robbins Music therapy and Fall into Place Theatre Company to provide drama and music therapy sessions. We have also provided stress management groups in Leeds, Sheffield and Bradford, an online women's group, and a yoga group provided by one of our wonderful volunteers. These groups provide a safe place to learn from peers, reduce isolation and improve wellbeing. It is often helpful to our clients to be able to access a group when their therapy sessions come to an end so they maintain their attachment to Solace.

We have also continued to develop our training and consultancy and we have delivered reflective practice groups for staff and volunteers in 4 voluntary sector organisations in the region.

Our training courses also continue to be popular with over 2000 people now completing our free e-learning and over 200 people attending training courses this year. We have spent time this year consolidating our training offers and updating our website, and although there is further work to be done we now have three courses advertised on our website and we continue to design and deliver bespoke training in response to requests from a range of organisations. This remains an important part of how we achieve our strategic objective of sharing our knowledge and expertise so asylum seekers and refugees can access more effective support.

Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the guidance issued by the Charity Commissioner regarding "public benefit" and plan activities in line with this guidance.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During the year 1260 people attended a therapy appointment and 212 people attended a group session. Overall we supported 1341 different individuals. We received 850 new referrals which is an increase of 145 compared to the previous year. Demand for our services continues to increase every year.

We use Core 10 to help us assess the difference we have made and last year 83% of the people who completed 2 or more measures had made improvements to their emotional wellbeing. Considering the high levels of distress and complex life situations people face this level of improvement is remarkable. It is a testament to the skill of our therapists and the dedication of all our team in creating a place that feels safe enough to begin the process of recovery or healing.

We use a range of methods to assess our impact, and in addition to Core 10 we also obtain feedback from our clients, write case studies and provide therapist reflections on the work we do.

Feedback consistently demonstrates the value of our holistic approach, the impact of our reports and letters of support, and the way in which we work in partnership with a wide range of organisations and professionals for the benefit of our clients.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Plans for future periods

We met as a whole team in April 2025 to refresh our strategic plan, and to refine and articulate our therapeutic approach.

We have committed ourselves to seeking funding to enable development work in line with our strategic objectives, and affirmed our aim of doing more than delivering services as we try to constructively challenge oppressive systems and influence policy developments.

Our video resources for refugees are now available in 9 languages and we will continue to translate them into more languages, promote wide use of them and obtain feedback on the difference they are making.

We are at the initial stage of implementing our vision for introducing Refugee Mental health Champions to NHS Talking Therapy Services across the region and 9 organisations have agreed to take part in the pilot programme. We will deliver this over the coming year.

We continue to develop our training programme, and will be reviewing and adding the training for GPs to our suite of options on our website. We also aim to update and improve our free e-learning courses and enhance accessibility by improving our website.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Solace's income and expenditure increased from the previous year as we delivered more activities, but as various funding streams came to an end during the year we end the year in a deficit position. We continue to seek funding from a wide range of sources, and in the first part of the financial year 2025/26 we have secured additional funding which means we expect to break even again in the coming year.

Our largest item of expenditure continues to be salaries at 80% of our total expenditure. Our staff and volunteer team remains our most valuable asset, and we are committed to retaining and celebrating the expertise that is held by these individuals. Solace is very grateful to our team for being so willing to work flexibly, and move between different projects as funding streams come and go. We are also grateful to funders which have provided unrestricted or core funding which has provided some stability and security for the organisation overall. Whilst we continue to struggle with short term funding, maintaining a core team brings a financial risk, but the Trustees are committed to a fundraising strategy that enables the team to remain in place and avoid redundancies as far as possible.

Our largest sources of funding continue to be Local Authorities and Integrated Care Boards throughout the region. This means we are able to provide a service throughout the whole of Yorkshire and Humber, although what we are able to provide varies in each area.

Reserves policy

The Trustees updated our reserves policy this year to better reflect the actual risk and level of expenditure required to meet any unforeseen expenditure, manage cash flow and wind up the charity if required.

Having taken into account that the risk of all funding streams ending at the same time is very low, the Trustees are confident that with appropriate reserves in place they would have time to make changes to ensure financial viability, or close the charity in a planned way. Our reserves policy now states that we aim to hold free reserves which amount to 3 months salary costs, plus one quarter of our total rent and estimated redundancy obligations.

The lease of our office in Leeds comes to an end on 31st January 2026 although we expect to extend this. There are therefore 10 months remaining on the existing lease at an estimated cost of £38,000 (one quarter of this amount is £9,500). Our salary costs are approximately £88,000 per month, (3 months is £264,000). Redundancy payments are estimated to be approximately £100,000. We therefore aim to hold £298,500 in unrestricted reserves.

At the end of the financial year the charity had a total of £236,514 in free reserves.

Albeit free reserves have reduced by £42,709 since March 2024, as noted above this is mainly due to maintaining a core team of experienced therapists and avoiding redundancies, so the charity remains in a strong position to respond to new funding opportunities quickly. We are pleased to have been able to secure new contracts at the start of the new financial year because of the approach we took this year in maintaining our team. We now anticipate achieving at least a breakeven position in the year to March 2026 and maintaining an incremental movement towards targeted free reserve levels, which gives confidence to the Trustees that Solace has adequate reserves and is able to deliver its charitable objectives and continue to provide the public benefit it was established for.

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Report of the Trustees FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The company was formed on the 14th April 2003 and registered as a charity on 23rd June 2004.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Solace advertises for trustees in a variety of ways, including information on its website, word of mouth and through Solace's Anti-discrimination & Inclusion sub-committee. There is an application form for potential trustees. When someone shows interest in becoming a trustee, they meet with two current trustees to discuss what is involved in more detail and the current trustees then bring the application to the Board. The Board of Trustees takes into account the need for a range of skills and experience to be represented to ensure effective management and the desirability of achieving diversity within the membership, particularly with regard to individual experiences, gained either through personal life experience, or through professional work background. The Trustees also reflect on the balance of gender, ethnicity and age.

The degree of training and support given to new trustees is dependent on a number of factors; for instance, how well they know Solace, how well they already understand the roles and responsibilities of a trustee, how much they know about the problems facing refugees and asylum seekers, and so on.

Constitutional provisions regarding trustees

Solace's Articles of Association require the automatic retirement of officers and longer-serving trustees at the AGM. Those so retired can be asked to continue serving. However, all trustees are required to resign after 6 years in post. They can rejoin the Board if they are asked and at least 12 months have passed.

Decision making

The Board meets at least quarterly, either in person or on zoom. This makes it easier for people who live at some distance from Leeds and those with other commitments to attend. Papers (including the minutes of sub-committees) are circulated in advance and minutes circulated afterwards.

There are three sub-committees that report to the Board; the Management committee, the Clinical committee and the Anti-discrimination & Inclusion committee. Trustees usually attend at least one of these. Both the Clinical and Anti-discrimination & Inclusion committees have knowledgeable non-trustee members to help the Board understand issues and make better decisions.

The Board of Trustees signs off all formal Solace policies, makes decisions about acceptable levels of risk, and formally agrees significant new initiatives. Certain bank transactions must be authorised by a Trustee and expenditure over £7,000 must be approved by the Board. Day to day activities are delegated to staff.

A trustee is usually involved in the appointment of senior staff but not with the appointment of the majority of staff. Staff salaries are tied to external salary scales.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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Report of the Trustees FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

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 (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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Thomas Coombs Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 3rd December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

E Goodwin - Trustee

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve 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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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.

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 Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

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

- adequate 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; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 the trustees 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 charitable company'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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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:

Based on our understanding of the entity and industries in which it operates, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the application of charitable funds and data protection. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the directors, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls, and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We determined the principal risks were related to posting journal entries to manipulate profits, and management bias in accounting estimates, especially accrued and deferred income.

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

- Performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.
- Identified and tested journal entries and identified any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business.
- Investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.
- Challenged assumptions and judgements made by management in determining significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to accrued and deferred income.

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

- Agreeing financial statements disclosures to underlying supporting documentation.
- Discussions with management of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance of laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement relating to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment.

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

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company'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 charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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3rd December 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donation, grants and legacies	3	392,777	785,230	1,178,007	1,178,001
Investment income	4	924	-	924	-
Total		<u>393,701</u>	<u>785,230</u>	<u>1,178,931</u>	<u>1,178,001</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
General activities		<u>420,886</u>	<u>821,241</u>	<u>1,242,127</u>	<u>1,135,507</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	17	(27,185) <u>(15,524)</u>	(36,011) <u>15,524</u>	(63,196) <u>-</u>	42,494 <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(42,709)	(20,487)	(63,196)	42,494
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		279,223	29,270	308,493	265,999
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>236,514</u></u>	<u><u>8,783</u></u>	<u><u>245,297</u></u>	<u><u>308,493</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	66,875	61,823	128,698	34,739
Cash at bank and in hand		266,475	7,298	273,773	414,717
		<u>333,350</u>	<u>69,121</u>	<u>402,471</u>	<u>449,456</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(91,836)	(60,338)	(152,174)	(135,963)
		<u>241,514</u>	<u>8,783</u>	<u>250,297</u>	<u>313,493</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>241,514</u>	<u>8,783</u>	<u>250,297</u>	<u>313,493</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>241,514</u>	<u>8,783</u>	<u>250,297</u>	<u>313,493</u>
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	16	(5,000)	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
		<u>236,514</u>	<u>8,783</u>	<u>245,297</u>	<u>308,493</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>236,514</u>	<u>8,783</u>	<u>245,297</u>	<u>308,493</u>
FUNDS	17				
Unrestricted funds				236,514	279,223
Restricted funds				8,783	29,270
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>245,297</u>	<u>308,493</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 3rd December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

E Goodwin - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Cash Flow Statement FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(140,944)	201,348
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(140,944)	201,348
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(140,944)	201,348
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		414,717	213,369
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		273,773	414,717

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(63,196)	42,494
Adjustments for:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(93,959)	168,537
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	16,211	(9,683)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(140,944)</u>	<u>201,348</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/25 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	414,717	(140,944)	273,773
	<u>414,717</u>	<u>(140,944)</u>	<u>273,773</u>
Total	<u>414,717</u>	<u>(140,944)</u>	<u>273,773</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Manor House, Manor Street, Leeds, LS7 1PZ.

The members of the charitable company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1st January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charities accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Going concern

Subsequent to the year end, the charity has secured new contracts and anticipates achieving a breakeven position in the year to March 2026. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of the approval of the financial statements and accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

Income

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

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Costs includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less the estimated residual of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	- 100% straight line
Computer equipment	- 100% straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The Charity pays defined contributions into the pension schemes of employees. These amounts are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable and in accordance with their functional classification.

Financial instruments

The charity only enters into transactions in 'basic' financial instruments which result in the recognition of assets and liabilities; these include trade and other debtors and creditors, bank balances, loans from banks and other third parties, and loans to related parties. These are recognised in the company's balance sheet when it becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial assets (other than those classified as payable within one year) are initially measured at cost and are subsequently carried at cost or amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. Basic financial assets classed as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities (other than those classified as payable within one year) are initially measured at present value of future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Basic financial liabilities classed as payable within one year are not amortised.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amount reported in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Liabilities and provisions

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.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity 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.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation, where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

3. DONATION, GRANTS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	10,662	9,287
Grants	812,886	792,467
Charges for services	354,459	376,247
	<u>1,178,007</u>	<u>1,178,001</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
AB Charitable Trust	30,000	-
Reducing Inequalities Advice Service Bradford	37,294	21,781
Syrian Development Project	21,963	23,218
Connecting Opportunities	-	13,304
Child & Family Wellbeing Service	401,036	331,093
Spring Project	58,172	122,122
Henry Smith projects	38,700	73,982
National Lottery Community Fund, Lifeline Leeds	43,401	46,776
The Children's Society	-	32,008
Urban House Maternity Project	2,465	17,981
Refugee Therapy Project Wakefield	12,500	3,110
St Augustine's Centre MHA Project	17,744	-
Leeds Asylum Support Grant	38,094	7,764
Resource Development	10,419	2,125
LCC Winter Pressures	-	27,250
Bradford Wellbeing Hubs	23,738	49,953
Early Help Project	38,500	-
Leeds Suicide Prevention Fund, Farsi Group	7,333	-
BBC Children in Need	12,527	-
Other Grants	19,000	20,000
	<u>812,886</u>	<u>792,467</u>

The nature of grants received is more fully explained at note 17.

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4.	INVESTMENT INCOME		2025 £ 924	2024 £ .
	Deposit account interest			
5.	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS			
		Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
	General activities	1,231,627	10,500	1,242,127
6.	DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		2025 £	2024 £
	Staff costs		995,040	895,897
	Rent, rates, service charge, & utilities		59,470	38,100
	Insurance		3,112	2,179
	Telephone		4,902	7,628
	Postage and stationery		3,159	4,324
	Sundries		2,657	1,352
	Interpreters		101,463	119,813
	Client and staff expenses		25,267	28,057
	External Supervision		6,745	6,228
	Bank Charges		311	287
	Training		3,645	2,624
	IT support		9,107	9,870
	Professional fees		16,749	8,648
			1,231,627	1,125,007
7.	SUPPORT COSTS			Governance costs £ 10,500
	General activities			

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7. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025 General activities £	2024 Total activities £
Auditors' remuneration	<u>10,500</u>	<u>10,500</u>

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Auditors' remuneration	<u>10,500</u>	<u>10,500</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	874,841	786,288
Social security costs	79,631	72,554
Other pension costs	<u>40,568</u>	<u>37,055</u>
	<u>995,040</u>	<u>895,897</u>

The charity considers its key management personnel (in addition to the board of trustees) to be the Chief Executive and the Clinical Director. The total employment costs to the Charity of the key management personnel was £110,953 (2024: £107,483).

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Staff	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average full time equivalent of employees during the year was 24 (2024: 25).

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11.	COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
	Donation, grants and legacies	394,626	783,375	1,178,001
	EXPENDITURE ON			
	Charitable activities			
	General activities	385,018	750,489	1,135,507
	NET INCOME	9,608	32,886	42,494
	Transfers between funds	96,041	(96,041)	-
	Net movement in funds	105,649	(63,155)	42,494
	RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
	Total funds brought forward	173,575	92,424	265,999
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	279,224	29,269	308,493
12.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
	COST			
	At 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025	11,341	3,922	15,263
	DEPRECIATION			
	At 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025	11,341	3,922	15,263
	NET BOOK VALUE			
	At 31st March 2025	-	-	-
	At 31st March 2024	-	-	-

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13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Funding and other amounts receivable	63,675	13,944
Other debtors	3,200	3,200
Prepayments and accrued income	61,823	17,595
	<u>128,698</u>	<u>34,739</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deferred income	141,674	125,463
Accrued expenses	10,500	10,500
	<u>152,174</u>	<u>135,963</u>

Deferred income is in relation to the following grants and charges for services:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Syrian Development Project	9,151	9,151
Henry Smith projects	-	19,350
Kirklees NHS ICB	15,000	20,000
Bradford Wellbeing Hubs	-	7,273
Refugee Therapy Project Wakefield	15,000	12,500
Leeds Asylum Support Grant	1,179	15,755
Resource Development	5,456	15,875
Lifeline Leeds	3,968	16,659
Therapy Sessions paid for in advance	7,910	8,900
Early Help Project	10,828	-
Reducing Inequalities Advice Service Bradford	10,000	-
St Augustine's Centre MHA project	4,631	-
BBC Children in Need	7,459	-
Leeds Suicide Prevention, Farsi Group	2,667	-
Leeds NHS ICB	18,425	-
AB Charitable Trust	30,000	-
	<u>141,674</u>	<u>125,463</u>

Deferred income arises where funding has been received for the continuous provision of services for a period that straddles the year end. Such funding is partially deferred to the period where that part of the services will be delivered. None of these periods is for a period exceeding a year and all deferred income brought forward has been released and utilised during the year.

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15. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Within one year	24,012	36,918
Between one and five years	2,138	20,565
	<u>26,150</u>	<u>57,483</u>

16. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Provisions	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>

Provisions are in relation to dilapidations.

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31/3/25
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	279,223	(27,185)	(15,524)	236,514
Restricted funds				
Spring Project	9,987	(149)	-	9,838
Lifeline Leeds	(849)	-	-	(849)
Bradford Wellbeing Hubs	20,132	(20,132)	-	-
Refugee Therapy Project Wakefield	-	(15,524)	15,524	-
St Augustine's Centre MHA Project	-	(206)	-	(206)
	<u>29,270</u>	<u>(36,011)</u>	<u>15,524</u>	<u>8,783</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>308,493</u>	<u>(63,196)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>245,297</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	393,701	(420,886)	(27,185)
Restricted funds			
Syrian Development Project	21,963	(21,963)	-
Child & Family Wellbeing Service	401,036	(401,036)	-
Spring Project	66,516	(66,665)	(149)
Henry Smith projects	38,700	(38,700)	-
Lifeline Leeds	43,401	(43,401)	-
Bradford Wellbeing Hubs	23,738	(43,870)	(20,132)
Urban House Maternity Project	2,465	(2,465)	-
Refugee Therapy Project Wakefield	25,500	(41,024)	(15,524)
Resource Development	10,419	(10,419)	-
St Augustine's Centre MHA Project	17,744	(17,950)	(206)
Leeds Asylum Support Grant	38,094	(38,094)	-
Early Help Project	38,500	(38,500)	-
Leeds Suicide Prevention, Farsi Group	7,333	(7,333)	-
BBC Children in Need	12,527	(12,527)	-
Reducing Inequalities Advice Service Bradford	37,294	(37,294)	-
	<u>785,230</u>	<u>(821,241)</u>	<u>(36,011)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,178,931</u>	<u>(1,242,127)</u>	<u>(63,196)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	173,575	9,607	96,041	279,223
Restricted funds				
Connecting Opportunities	(6,032)	6,032	-	-
Child & Family Wellbeing Service	96,041	-	(96,041)	-
Spring Project	4,741	5,246	-	9,987
Lifeline Leeds	(849)	-	-	(849)
The Children's Society	(1,477)	1,477	-	-
Bradford Wellbeing Hubs	-	20,132	-	20,132
	<u>92,424</u>	<u>32,887</u>	<u>(96,041)</u>	<u>29,270</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>265,999</u>	<u>42,494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>308,493</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	394,626	(385,019)	9,607
Restricted funds			
Syrian Development Project	23,218	(23,218)	-
Connecting Opportunities	13,304	(7,272)	6,032
Child & Family Wellbeing Service	331,094	(331,094)	-
Spring Project	152,857	(147,611)	5,246
Henry Smith projects	73,982	(73,982)	-
Lifeline Leeds	46,776	(46,776)	-
Asylum Seeker Mental Health	7,764	(7,764)	-
The Children's Society	39,410	(37,933)	1,477
Bradford Wellbeing Hubs	49,953	(29,821)	20,132
Urban House Maternity Project	17,981	(17,981)	-
Refugee Therapy Project Wakefield	16,110	(16,110)	-
Resource Development	2,125	(2,125)	-
St Augustine's Centre MHA Project	8,801	(8,801)	-
	<u>783,375</u>	<u>(750,488)</u>	<u>32,887</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,178,001</u>	<u>(1,135,507)</u>	<u>42,494</u>

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds represent income received towards specific projects under the charities overall objectives as follows:

Syrian Development Project

Support for people arriving into Leeds as part of the Resettlement Programme funded by Leeds City Council.

Child & Family Wellbeing Service

Support for people arriving into Leeds from across Yorkshire and the Humber region as part UK Resettlement schemes.

Spring Project

Partnership project in Sheffield supporting new refugees.

Henry Smith Projects

Grants towards Solace's running costs and to support refugees and asylum seekers affected by the pandemic

Lifeline Leeds

A National Lottery funded project to provide wrap around therapy and practical support to destitute asylum seekers.

Bradford Wellbeing Hubs

A partnership with Refugee Action and Bradford's Voluntary Sector Alliance to provide therapy for Refugees and Asylum Seekers referred via the Wellbeing Hubs throughout the city.

Refugee Therapy Project Wakefield

Provision of a therapy for any refugee or asylum seeker living in Wakefield district alongside training and support for the refugee sector in Wakefield. The charity has secured further funding for 25/26 and is committed to continuing this service, with any deficit to be covered from general funds.

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Urban House Maternity Project

A partnership project with the Maternity Stream of City of Sanctuary to provide a wellbeing group and individual therapy to pregnant women and new mothers at the Asylum Seeker Initial Accommodation Centre in Wakefield.

Resource Development

A grant from Leeds ICB and West Yorkshire ICB to create more resources for refugees and asylum seekers on our website, and to create a new learning section for our website to host our existing e-learning courses so more people are able to access them for free.

St Augustine's Centre MHA project

Provision of support to Centre Members and the staff and volunteer team at St Augustine's Centre to provide mental health assessments, referrals and follow up for any refugee or asylum seeker in distress.

Leeds Asylum Support Grant

A grant from Leeds City Council to expand the provision of therapy for asylum seekers and refugees in Leeds. Also to provide reflective practice, consultancy and training to the refugee sector in Leeds.

Early Help Project

A partnership project with Refugee Action, funded by Stanley Thomas Johnson foundation to provide support to asylum seeking families in Bradford.

Leeds Suicide Prevention, Farsi Group

A grant from Leeds Suicide Prevention Fund to provide a weekly therapeutic group for Farsi speaking men.

BBC Children in Need

A project to provide therapy to young asylum seekers and refugees aged between 15 and 18 living in Bradford.

Reducing Inequalities Advice Service Bradford

A project in partnership with Refugee Action funded by West Yorkshire ICB, Bradford District and Craven Place.

Transfers between funds

Where considered appropriate the Trustees have authorized support from general fund to ensure the satisfactory fulfilment of funded services in line with the charity's overall objectives.

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donation, grants and legacies		
Donations	10,662	9,287
Grants	812,886	792,467
Charges for services	354,459	376,247
	<u>1,178,007</u>	<u>1,178,001</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	924	-
	<u>1,178,931</u>	<u>1,178,001</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	874,841	786,288
Social security	79,631	72,554
Pensions	40,568	37,055
Rent, rates, service charge, & utilities	59,470	38,100
Insurance	3,112	2,179
Telephone	4,902	7,628
Postage and stationery	3,159	4,324
Sundries	2,657	1,352
Interpreters	101,463	119,813
Client and staff expenses	25,267	28,057
External Supervision	6,745	6,228
Bank Charges	311	287
Training	3,645	2,624
IT support	9,107	9,870
Professional fees	16,749	8,648
	<u>1,231,627</u>	<u>1,125,007</u>
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	10,500	10,500
	<u>1,242,127</u>	<u>1,135,507</u>
Total resources expended		
	<u>(63,196)</u>	<u>42,494</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		

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Accounts

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024
FOR
SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

TRUSTEES	Professor G M S Craig (resigned 6/12/23) C Follin P Gayford J C Habib (Chair) (resigned 31/12/23) A Khattab (resigned 18/9/23) C Reid (resigned 3/1/24) Mrs L Ward (resigned 28/6/24) E Goodwin (Chair from 1/1/24) L Bolton (appointed 25/3/24) P H Coltman (appointed 6/12/23) A Temple-Smith (resigned 1/7/24) Dr D Agoro (appointed 2/7/24) C O'Brien (appointed 2/7/24) N Moran (appointed 2/7/24)
REGISTERED OFFICE	Manor House Manor Street Leeds LS7 1PZ
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	04733478 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1104507
AUDITORS	Thomas Coombs Limited Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants 3365 The Pentagon Century Way Thorpe Park Leeds West Yorkshire LS15 8ZB
BANKERS	Unity Trust Bank Four Brindley Place Birmingham B1 2JB
KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL	K Ashworth (Chief Executive Officer) A Burghraef (Clinical Director)

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

This year SOLACE has borne witness to the profoundly negative impact of the governments Illegal Migration and the Safety of Rwanda Acts on individuals who used our services. We have seen how these 'hostile environment' policies have led to a significant increase in people being fearful and anxious with subsequent negative impacts on their mental health. These rising concerns have been discussed throughout our board meetings with an agreement in March to publish a SOLACE statement on the situation. We have also joined coalitions believing in and campaigning for more compassionate approaches to refugees such as 'Together with Refugees' and 'Asylum Matters'.

Despite a tough economic climate with funding opportunities becoming more and more challenging, we're proud of what we've achieved as an organisation. Examples of work we have undertaken includes:

- Over 6300 therapy sessions delivered to more than 700 people.
- Farsi Speaking Mens, online Women's, Stress management, drama, music therapy and wellbeing groups.
- 11 training courses delivered to professionals across the region.
- Over 1000 people undertaking our e-learning courses.

Feedback from clients about their experience of SOLACE services continues to be excellent which is testament to the great work, skills and compassionate approach of our staff.

I'd like to thank all our fabulous staff - the managers, administrators, clinicians and volunteers, who provide essential therapeutic support for traumatised refugees at an individual, group and system level. A big thank you must also go to Kathryn our CEO for her continued brilliance in leading SOLACE and Anne as our Clinical Director in setting the continued standard of excellence and development of best practice in supporting this client group. A thank you must also go to our trustees for their support to ensure we deliver SOLACE's mission, use our resources wisely and strive to achieve the biggest impact we can.

This has been an extremely challenging year for the people we work with. As we move forward to a new year, we continue to commit to alleviating the suffering of refugees and people seeking asylum as we have done for the last twenty years.

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The main objective of the charity is to provide support to alleviate the distress and suffering of refugees and asylum seekers in the Yorkshire and Humberside region.

Refugees fleeing persecution arriving in our region face many challenges and Solace was established specifically to address their mental health needs and support their emotional wellbeing. The people we work with have experienced multiple losses, of home, family, culture, status and employment among other things. Many have endured torture or witnessed violence against their family members or their close community. Their journey to the UK can take many years and when they arrive they continue to face disbelief, hostility and many barriers to accessing support. As a result, refugees are often highly stressed and are much more likely than the general population to suffer from mental and physical illnesses.

Some of the stories of our clients are bravely demonstrated in videos on our website and in our online training. <https://www.solace-uk.org.uk/what-they-say/films>

<https://www.solace-uk.org.uk/training/new-free-e-learning>

To achieve our charitable purpose, Solace provides a range of services, and works as holistically as possible to support the people referred to us. We are well known in the region, and work closely with a number of partners both formally and informally to try and meet the multiple and complex needs of refugees.

Specifically we provide:

- Talking therapies for individuals, families and children
- Pain management therapy
- Group work
- Training and consultancy to other organisations to help them understand the mental health of refugees and asylum seekers
- Resources and videos in different languages to help refugees and asylum seekers.

Solace has two main strategic aims, to deliver transformative therapeutic support to people fleeing persecution, and to improve other services and systems so refugees are better able to access support and flourish in their community. We are very aware of the hostility faced by refugees in the UK, and during the year to March 2024 the policy of sending people arriving in the UK to Rwanda without hearing their claim for asylum had a particular impact on people's level of fear and distress. We are very relieved that this plan has now been abandoned; however as the recent racist violence demonstrated, there is still much hostility, confusion and misinformation circulating which has a direct impact on the wellbeing of refugees and consequently on the increased need for our specialist services.

Solace is committed to providing a place of welcome and safety where individuals and their achievements are celebrated. It is always very moving when people who have used our services choose to share important milestones with us, whether this is a family celebration, obtaining refugee status, getting a job or something else. We occasionally become aware of someone's birthday or exam success, for example, and we mark the occasion with them in a small way, knowing that often there is nobody else that knows, or can share the moment with them.

Isolation and loneliness remain a big difficulty for many of our clients. We are pleased that our groupwork programme has increased this year, with more than double the number of people being able to attend a group compared to the previous year. Attendees tell us that they learn a lot from each other and enjoy the experience of being in a safe environment with people who may have experienced similar things to them. This has been particularly noticeable in our Farsi Speaking Men's Group where our therapist has skilfully enabled trust to be developed so the men feel able to share their stories and support each other in dealing with very difficult life circumstances.

The Trustees have considered the guidance issued by the Charity Commissioner regarding "public benefit" and plan activities in line with this guidance.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During the year 728 people attended a therapy appointment and 260 people attended a group session. The number of referrals we receive continues to increase, with 705 referrals being received throughout the year.

Each year we carry out a brief survey of all clients attending appointments during a 2 week period. This showed us that 49% of respondents rated Solace as 10 / 10 when asked if we had a positive effect on them and 77% said our impact was 7 or above.

We received many positive comments, for example:

Solace's sessions have been very good for me and in many ways helped me and I have learnt many new things. I appreciate it.

I offer my heartiest gratitude for Solace. Saved my life, which was due fade away.

My experience working with Solace is incredible, I believe I am gaining the necessary coping mechanisms and strategies to embrace and empower me throughout my journey of healing and recovery

Solace has changed my life

Connecting body pain and emotional pain helped a lot. You're a wonderful service.

Good knowledgeable service provider. Solace is the best service across Leeds & Bradford. Mr Paul and Mr. Nick helped and supported me very genuinely and honestly.

Solace highly knowledgeable service provider for human trafficking victims. I highly recommend solace service to the victims of modern slavery.

We use Core 10 to help us assess the difference we have made and last year 77% of the people who completed 2 or more measures had made improvements to their emotional wellbeing. Considering the high levels of distress and complex life situations people face this level of improvement is remarkable. It is a testament to the skill of our therapists and the dedication of all our team in creating a place that feels safe enough to begin the process of recovery or healing.

Our staff and volunteers are highly skilled and come from a range of training backgrounds. We have a variety of different roles making up our team including reception and welcoming, shiatsu massage, talking therapy, medicine reviewing, music therapy, group support, clinical supervision, delivery of training and operational management. Each role is vitally important as we work together to deliver an effective service which makes a real difference to people.

We were delighted to be able to secure some funding to enable us to develop our own learning platform this year which means that many more people can access our free e-learning courses. We know that over 1,000 people have completed the first course which is a huge step forward in our aspiration to share our knowledge and upskill other helping professionals to better meet the needs of asylum seekers and refugees. We were very grateful to the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy for undertaking a review of the impact of the course which was very encouraging in it's findings.

"Solace 'E-Learning for All Helping Professionals' is a valuable training resource for anyone working with asylum seekers and refugees".

"Completion of the course has altered respondents' attitudes and approaches to working with refugees and asylum seekers and many respondents intend to make meaningful changes to their practice going forward based on what they have learnt."

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Solace's income and expenditure increased from the previous year as we delivered more activities. After making a deficit last year we are pleased to be able to report a surplus this year which helps us become more sustainable. Most of our funding is annually renewable which puts us at significant financial risk. The trustees have spent time this year considering the level of reserves we should aim to hold so we are able to make redundancies, or restructure as and when short term funding comes to an end.

We are grateful for a number of funders who supported us through the year, including AB Charitable Trust, National Lottery Community Fund and Henry Smith Charity and we are very grateful for the continued support of a number of individuals who commit to regular giving to support our work.

Our largest sources of funding continue to be Local Authorities and Integrated Care Boards throughout the region. This means we are able to provide a service throughout the whole of Yorkshire and Humber, although what we are able to provide varies in each area.

Our largest item of expenditure continues to be salaries, and as Solace has grown, we have been moving towards having a "core team" of therapists who are skilled and experienced. Retention of these key personnel is important so that we can fulfil contract and grant requirements and provide our support to as many people as possible. This increases the risk due to the nature of our short term funding and we began the year with a forecast deficit; however we now have a highly skilled team who are working flexibly to meet the needs of the refugee community.

Our forecast for the next financial year is for a break-even position with some new funding required to cover existing salaries. Each of our statutory funders have made us aware of the financial pressures they face, but have indicated their intention in principle to continue to support our work although possibly to a reduced level.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have reviewed our reserves policy this year given the risks of short term funding, and the increasing amount of potential redundancy costs if we need to reduce the scale of our service delivery.

Solace's reserves policy states that "we aim to hold free reserves which can be used to meet short term cash flow difficulties, meet any unforeseen expenditure and wind up the charity, if necessary, in a planned manner meeting all legal requirements".

Our main expenditure item is salary payments which amount to approximately £75,000 per month including NI and pension costs. The only significant item of expenditure which is fixed and not directly related to the amount of work we do is our premises in Leeds, we have 22 months remaining as at April 2024.

The Trustees are confident that the risk of all funding streams ending at the same time or without notice is very low. With appropriate reserves in place, we therefore feel we have time to make changes necessary to remain financially viable, or wind up in a planned manner. The Trustees consider that we should have sufficient funds in reserve to enable us to pay staff for at least 3 months, pay necessary redundancy costs and end lease obligations.

The Trustees consider that we do not need to hold the full amount of redundancy and lease obligations in free reserves because we do not believe that we would need to pay this amount at the same time. Given the need to balance service delivery alongside prudent levels of free reserves our policy states that we aim to hold £271,000 in reserves which is the cost of 3 months salaries, plus 25% of our total lease £85,000 and redundancy obligations (£100,000).

At the end of the financial year we had a total of £279,223 in free reserves. £20,000 of this is due to an unrestricted grant being received towards the end of the financial year which will be used in the year to March 2025.

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FUTURE PLANS

We are committed to continuing our specialist service throughout the region, and to the activities above. We are currently working on translating and recording our "helpful resources for refugees" videos into more languages and aim to have 8 languages available on our website in the first half of 2024-25. We have approximately 20 different videos available so this is a considerable piece of work but is much needed. Our resources are based on what our clients have told us they find helpful and are aimed directly at people who are fleeing persecution. We are grateful to our clients for helping to shape this work.

We continue to develop and expand our training offer by preparing more of our therapists to deliver courses and workshops and through developing new materials. Currently we are working on a specific course for trainee GPs.

Our vision to introduce Refugee Mental Health Champions remains our long term aspiration and we are working closely with ICBs throughout the region to find ways to move closer to this vision.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The company was formed on the 14th April 2003 and registered as a charity on 23rd June 2004.

Solace's objects read:

"The objects of the Company shall be to alleviate the sickness, distress and suffering of refugees, asylum seekers and other displaced persons in the United Kingdom and particularly in the Yorkshire and Humber region ("the area of benefit"), in particular those suffering from mental health problems or emotional difficulties, by providing a range of services including but not limited to therapeutic interventions, advocacy, training and opportunities for social support with the object of improving the life of said persons."

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Solace advertises for trustees in a variety of ways, including information on its website, word of mouth and through Solace's Anti-discrimination & Inclusion sub-committee. There is an application form for potential trustees. When someone shows interest in becoming a trustee, they meet with two current trustees to discuss what is involved in more detail and the current trustees then bring the application to the Board. The Board of Trustees takes into account the need for a range of skills and experience to be represented to ensure effective management and the desirability of achieving diversity within the membership, particularly with regard to individual experiences, gained either through personal life experience, or through professional work background. The Trustees also reflect on the balance of gender, ethnicity and age.

The degree of training and support given to new trustees is dependent on a number of factors; for instance, how well they know Solace, how well they already understand the roles and responsibilities of a trustee, how much they know about the problems facing refugees and asylum seekers, and so on.

Constitutional provisions regarding trustees

Solace's Articles of Association require the automatic retirement of officers and longer-serving trustees at the AGM. Those so retired can be asked to continue serving. However, all trustees are required to resign after 6 years in post. They can rejoin the Board if they are asked and at least 12 months have passed.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Decision making

The Board meets at least quarterly, either in person or on zoom. This makes it easier for people who live at some distance from Leeds and those with other commitments to attend. Papers (including the minutes of sub-committees) are circulated in advance and minutes circulated afterwards.

There are three sub-committees that report to the Board: the Management committee, the Clinical committee and the Anti-discrimination & Inclusion committee. Trustees usually attend at least one of these. Both the Clinical and Anti-discrimination & Inclusion committees have knowledgeable non-trustee members to help the Board understand issues and make better decisions. The Board of Trustees signs off all formal Solace policies, makes decisions about acceptable levels of risk, and formally agrees significant new initiatives. Certain bank transactions must be authorised by a Trustee and expenditure over £7,000 must be approved by the Board. Day to day activities are delegated to staff.

A trustee is usually involved in the appointment of senior staff but not with the appointment of the majority of staff. Staff salaries are tied to external salary scales.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Thomas Coombs Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10th December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

E Goodwin - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve 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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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.

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 Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

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

- adequate 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; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 the trustees 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 charitable company'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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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:

Based on our understanding of the entity and industries in which it operates, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the application of charitable funds and data protection. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the directors, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls, and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We determined the principal risks were related to posting journal entries to manipulate profits, and management bias in accounting estimates, especially accrued and deferred income.

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

- Performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.
- Identified and tested journal entries and identified any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business.
- Investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.
- Challenged assumptions and judgements made by management in determining significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to accrued and deferred income.

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

- Agreeing financial statements disclosures to underlying supporting documentation.
- Discussions with management of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance of laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement relating to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment.

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

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company'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 charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Christopher Darwin FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Thomas Coombs Limited
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 10th December 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donation, grants and legacies	3	<u>394,626</u>	<u>783,375</u>	<u>1,178,001</u>	<u>1,067,808</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
General activities		<u>385,019</u>	<u>750,488</u>	<u>1,135,507</u>	<u>1,085,182</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		9,607	32,887	42,494	(17,374)
Transfers between funds	16	<u>96,041</u>	<u>(96,041)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		105,648	(63,154)	42,494	(17,374)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>173,575</u>	<u>92,424</u>	<u>265,999</u>	<u>283,373</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>279,223</u>	<u>29,270</u>	<u>308,493</u>	<u>265,999</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	17,144	17,595	34,739	203,276
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>315,630</u>	<u>99,087</u>	<u>414,717</u>	<u>213,369</u>
		332,774	116,682	449,456	416,645
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(48,551)	(87,412)	(135,963)	(145,646)
		<u>284,223</u>	<u>29,270</u>	<u>313,493</u>	<u>270,999</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		284,223	29,270	313,493	270,999
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		284,223	29,270	313,493	270,999
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	15	(5,000)	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
		<u>279,223</u>	<u>29,270</u>	<u>308,493</u>	<u>265,999</u>
NET ASSETS					
		279,223	29,270	308,493	265,999
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				279,223	173,575
Restricted funds				<u>29,270</u>	<u>92,424</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>308,493</u>	<u>265,999</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10th December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

E Goodwin - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>201,348</u>	<u>(90,716)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>201,348</u>	<u>(90,716)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		201,348	(90,716)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>213,369</u>	<u>304,085</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>414,717</u></u>	<u><u>213,369</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	42,494	(17,374)
Adjustments for:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	168,537	(38,220)
Decrease in creditors	<u>(9,683)</u>	<u>(35,122)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>201,348</u>	<u>(90,716)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/23	Cash flow	At 31/3/24
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>213,369</u>	<u>201,348</u>	<u>414,717</u>
	<u>213,369</u>	<u>201,348</u>	<u>414,717</u>
Total	<u>213,369</u>	<u>201,348</u>	<u>414,717</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Manor House, Manor Street, Leeds, LS7 1PZ.

The members of the charitable company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1st January 2019)'. Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charities accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Going concern

At the time of signing these accounts, having considered the economic climate, the directors expectations and intentions for the next 12 months, and the availability of working capital, the directors are of the opinion that the company will remain viable for the foreseeable future and accordingly these financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

Income

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

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Costs includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less the estimated residual of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	- 100% straight line
Computer equipment	- 100% straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The Charity pays defined contributions into the pension schemes of employees. These amounts are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable and in accordance with their functional classification.

Financial instruments

The company only enters into transactions in 'basic' financial instruments which result in the recognition of assets and liabilities; these include trade and other debtors and creditors, bank balances, loans from banks and other third parties, and loans to related parties. These are recognised in the company's balance sheet when it becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial assets (other than those classified as payable within one year) are initially measured at cost and are subsequently carried at cost or amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. Basic financial assets classed as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities (other than those classified as payable within one year) are initially measured at present value of future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Basic financial liabilities classed as payable within one year are not amortised.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amount reported in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the SOFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension contributions

The charity operates a defined pension contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. The costs of contributions are recognised in the year they are payable.

Liabilities and provisions

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 charity 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.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Liabilities and provisions

Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

3. DONATION, GRANTS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	9,287	17,022
Grants	792,467	726,930
Charges for services	376,247	323,856
	<u>1,178,001</u>	<u>1,067,808</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
AB Charitable Trust	-	20,000
Bradford CHMT	21,781	16,336
Syrian Development Project	23,218	32,381
Connecting Opportunities	13,304	56,731
Family & Child Wellbeing	331,093	312,326
Spring (AMIF)	122,122	99,799
Henry Smith 2020	73,982	108,085
Covid-19	-	1,612
Leeds Lifeline	46,776	41,490
Asylum Seeker Mental Health	-	8,992
The Children's Society	32,008	9,178
Urban House Maternity Project	17,981	-
Refugee Therapy Project Wakefield	3,110	-
Leeds Asylum Support Grant	7,764	-
Resource Development	2,125	-
Bradford Wellbeing Network	49,953	-
Other Grants	20,000	20,000
LCC Winter Pressures	27,250	-
	<u>792,467</u>	<u>726,930</u>

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4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 5) £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
General activities	<u>1,125,007</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>1,135,507</u>

5. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs	895,897	854,229
Rates and water	38,100	50,670
Insurance	2,179	1,803
Telephone	7,628	7,549
Postage and stationery	4,324	2,294
Sundries	1,352	3,005
Interpreters	119,813	103,331
Client and staff	28,057	22,612
External Supervision	6,228	6,228
Bank Charges	287	320
Training	2,624	3,615
Publicity and marketing	-	113
IT support	9,870	7,100
Professional fees	8,648	9,773
	<u>1,125,007</u>	<u>1,072,642</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
General activities	<u>10,500</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024 General activities £	2023 Total activities £
Auditors' remuneration	10,500	10,200
Professional fees	-	2,340
	<u>10,500</u>	<u>12,540</u>

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Auditors' remuneration	<u>10,500</u>	<u>10,200</u>

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8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023.

9. STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	786,288	747,382
Social security costs	72,554	70,614
Other pension costs	37,055	36,233
	<u>895,897</u>	<u>854,229</u>

The charity considers its key management personnel (in addition to the board of trustees) to be the Chief Executive and the Clinical Director. The total employment costs to the Charity of the key management personnel was £107,483 (2023: £103,915).

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024 <u>30</u>	2023 <u>30</u>
Staff		

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average full time equivalent of employees during the year was 25 (2023: 19).

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donation, grants and legacies	<u>350,927</u>	<u>716,881</u>	<u>1,067,808</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General activities	<u>392,967</u>	<u>692,215</u>	<u>1,085,182</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(42,040)	24,666	(17,374)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	215,615	67,758	283,373
	<u>173,575</u>	<u>92,424</u>	<u>265,999</u>

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st April 2023	11,341	17,528	28,869
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,606)</u>	<u>(13,606)</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>11,341</u>	<u>3,922</u>	<u>15,263</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st April 2023	11,341	17,528	28,869
Eliminated on disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,606)</u>	<u>(13,606)</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>11,341</u>	<u>3,922</u>	<u>15,263</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31st March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Funding and other amounts receivable	13,944	117,202
Other debtors	3,200	-
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>17,595</u>	<u>86,074</u>
	<u>34,739</u>	<u>203,276</u>

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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred income	125,463	135,446
Accrued expenses	10,500	10,200
	<u>135,963</u>	<u>145,646</u>

Deferred income is in relation to the following contracts:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Syrian Development Project	9,151	10,407
Henry Smith 2020	19,350	24,782
Kirklees	20,000	20,000
Bradford Wellbeing Hubs	7,273	20,866
Refugee Therapy Project Wakefield	12,500	-
Leeds Asylum Support	15,755	-
Resource Development	15,875	-
Leeds Lifeline	16,659	-
Therapy Sessions	8,900	-
Halifax CCG	-	32,141
LCC Winter Pressures	-	27,250
	<u>125,463</u>	<u>135,466</u>

14. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	36,918	35,137
Between one and five years	20,565	17,319
	<u>57,483</u>	<u>52,456</u>

15. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Provisions	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>

Provisions are in relation to dilapidations.

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	173,575	9,607	96,041	279,223
Restricted funds				
Connecting Opportunities	(6,032)	6,032	-	-
Family & Child Wellbeing	96,041	-	(96,041)	-
Spring (AMIF)	4,741	5,246	-	9,987
Leeds Lifeline. The National Lottery Community Fund RC Yorkshire and Humber Region	(849)	-	-	(849)
The Children's Society	(1,477)	1,477	-	-
Bradford Wellbeing Hubs	-	20,132	-	20,132
	<u>92,424</u>	<u>32,887</u>	<u>(96,041)</u>	<u>29,270</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>265,999</u>	<u>42,494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>308,493</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	394,626	(385,019)	9,607
Restricted funds			
Syrian Development Project	23,218	(23,218)	-
Connecting Opportunities	13,304	(7,272)	6,032
Family & Child Wellbeing	331,094	(331,094)	-
Spring (AMIF)	152,857	(147,611)	5,246
Henry Smith 2020	73,982	(73,982)	-
Leeds Lifeline. The National Lottery Community Fund RC Yorkshire and Humber Region	46,776	(46,776)	-
Asylum Seeker Mental Health	7,764	(7,764)	-
The Children's Society	39,410	(37,933)	1,477
Bradford Wellbeing Hubs	49,953	(29,821)	20,132
Urban House Maternity Project	17,981	(17,981)	-
Refugee Therapy Project Wakefield	16,110	(16,110)	-
Mental Health Assessment support at St Augustine's Centre Halifax	8,801	(8,801)	-
Resource Development	2,125	(2,125)	-
	<u>783,375</u>	<u>(750,488)</u>	<u>32,887</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,178,001</u>	<u>(1,135,507)</u>	<u>42,494</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	215,615	(42,040)	173,575
Restricted funds			
Connecting Opportunities	-	(6,032)	(6,032)
Family & Child Wellbeing	67,758	28,283	96,041
Spring (AMIF)	-	4,741	4,741
Leeds Lifeline. The National Lottery Community			
Fund RC Yorkshire and Humber Region	-	(849)	(849)
The Children's Society	-	(1,477)	(1,477)
	<u>67,758</u>	<u>24,666</u>	<u>92,424</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>283,373</u>	<u>(17,374)</u>	<u>265,999</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	350,927	(392,967)	(42,040)
Restricted funds			
Syrian Development Project	32,381	(32,381)	-
Connecting Opportunities	56,731	(62,763)	(6,032)
Family & Child Wellbeing	312,330	(284,047)	28,283
Spring (AMIF)	135,056	(130,315)	4,741
Henry Smith 2020	108,085	(108,085)	-
Covid-19	1,612	(1,612)	-
Leeds Lifeline. The National Lottery Community			
Fund RC Yorkshire and Humber Region	41,490	(42,339)	(849)
Asylum Seeker Mental Health	8,992	(8,992)	-
The Children's Society	16,061	(17,538)	(1,477)
Bradford Wellbeing Hubs	4,143	(4,143)	-
	<u>716,881</u>	<u>(692,215)</u>	<u>24,666</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,067,808</u>	<u>(1,085,182)</u>	<u>(17,374)</u>

Child and Family Wellbeing Project

A regional project led by Migration Yorkshire to support families arriving as part of the UK Resettlement Scheme. The focus is on helping children settle in school and providing information, training and advice to schools so they can better help families who have experienced traumatic events.

Connecting Opportunities

A regional partnership project led by Migration Yorkshire supporting refugees to settle in Yorkshire, access training and address barriers to employment.

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Henry Smith Charity

A 3 year grant towards Solace's running costs plus an additional grant to support refugees and asylum seekers affected by the pandemic

Syrian Development Project

Funded by Leeds City Council to help support people arriving into the city as part of the UK Resettlement Scheme.

Leeds Lifeline

A lottery funded project in partnership with PAFRAS to provide wrap around therapy and practical support to destitute asylum seekers.

Bradford CMHT (Refugee Advice and Wellbeing service)

A partnership with Refugee Action to provide therapy, advice and a wellbeing group for refugees and asylum seekers living in Bradford.

Spring Project

A partnership project led by Voluntary Action Sheffield to help refugees settle into their life in Sheffield.

Bradford Wellbeing Network

A partnership with Refugee Action and Bradford's Voluntary Sector Alliance to provide therapy for Refugees and Asylum Seekers referred via the Wellbeing Hubs throughout the city.

The Hearts Project

A partnership project with The Children's Society to provide therapy and group support for young refugees throughout the region.

Urban House Maternity Project

A partnership project with the Maternity Stream of City of Sanctuary to provide a wellbeing group and individual therapy to pregnant women and new mothers at the Asylum Seeker Initial Accommodation Centre in Wakefield.

Refugee therapy project Wakefield

Provision of one day per week of therapy for any refugee or asylum seeker living in Wakefield district alongside training and support for the refugee sector in Wakefield.

Mental Health Assessment support at St Augustine's Centre Halifax

Provision of support to Centre Members and the staff and volunteer team at St Augustine's centre to provide assessment, referral and follow up for any refugee or asylum seeker in distress.

Leeds Asylum Support Grant

A grant from Leeds City Council to expand the provision of therapy for asylum seekers and refugees in Leeds. Also to provide reflective practice, consultancy and training to the refugee sector in Leeds.

Resource Development

A grant from Leeds ICB and West Yorkshire ICB to create more resources for refugees and asylum seekers on our website. Also to create a new learning section for our website which will host our existing e-learning courses so more people are able to access them for free.

Transfers between funds

Transfers between restricted and general funds during the year ended 31st March 2024 represents the fulfilment of the restriction and the correction of the fund balance to account for the incorrect allocation of expenditure in prior periods.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donation, grants and legacies		
Donations	9,287	37,022
Grants	792,467	706,930
Charges for services	376,247	323,856
	<u>1,178,001</u>	<u>1,067,808</u>
Total incoming resources	1,178,001	1,067,808
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	786,288	747,382
Social security	72,554	70,614
Pensions	37,055	36,233
Rates and water	38,100	50,670
Insurance	2,179	1,803
Telephone	7,628	7,549
Postage and stationery	4,324	2,294
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Bank Charges	287	320
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Publicity and marketing	-	113
IT support	9,870	7,100
Professional fees	8,648	9,773
	<u>1,125,007</u>	<u>1,072,642</u>
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	10,500	10,200
Professional fees	-	2,340
	<u>10,500</u>	<u>12,540</u>
Total resources expended	1,135,507	1,085,182
Net income/(expenditure)	42,494	(17,374)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 04733478 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1104507

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023
FOR
SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

TRUSTEES

J C Habib (Chair)
Dr V C N Betton (resigned 12/12/22)
Professor G M S Craig
C Follin
C M Foren (resigned 13/12/22)
A Khattab
C Reid
I A Fairley (resigned 20/6/22)
L Ward (appointed 13/12/22)
E Goodwin (appointed 23/3/23)

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

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A Burghraef (Clinical Director)

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SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

The year ending March 31st 2023 was a year of significant uncertainty, both nationally and globally. What happens in the world at large and within our own country can, and does, have an impact on our clients' needs and their mental health as well as on the funding possibilities available to Solace. Planning ahead becomes more problematic.

The situation prompted the Board of Trustees to ensure Solace's governing Memorandum and Articles were appropriate to the times and, more generally, to engage in an ongoing set of discussions with everyone in Solace about how - while maintaining the distinction between therapist and client - to make sure we put our clients and their needs centre stage. We debated how to ensure that clients feel part of Solace, that their voices and their ideas are properly heard, and that they have as much agency as possible. At the same time the mechanisms to ensure that the views of all staff and volunteers are also properly heard by senior staff and by the Board of Trustees were strengthened. So too were the mechanisms by which Solace makes its experience and expertise freely available to others working with refugees and asylum seekers.

It looks as if the year ahead will be as challenging as the last, if not more so, but Solace has a strong collective vision and a shared understanding of what matters to guide it. On behalf of all the trustees I'd like to record our admiration and thanks to everyone not just for their hard work during the year but also for the thoughtfulness and care with which they carry out that work.

SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The main objective of the charity is to provide support to alleviate the distress and suffering of refugees and asylum seekers in the Yorkshire and Humberside region.

Refugees fleeing persecution arriving in our region face many challenges and Solace was established specifically to support their emotional wellbeing and mental health needs. The people we work with have experienced multiple losses, of home, family, culture, status and employment among other things. Many have endured torture or witnessed violence against their family members or their close community. Their journey to the UK can take many years and when they arrive they continue to face disbelief, hostility and many barriers to accessing support. As a result, refugees are often highly stressed and are much more likely than the general population to suffer from mental and physical illnesses.

Some of the stories of our clients are bravely demonstrated in videos on our website and in our online training. <https://www.solace-uk.org.uk/what-they-say/films>
<https://www.solace-uk.org.uk/training/new-free-e-learning>

To achieve our charitable purpose Solace provides a range of services, and works as holistically as possible to support the people referred to us. We are well known in the region, and work closely with a number of partners both formally and informally to try and meet the multiple and complex needs of refugees.

Specifically we provide:

- Talking therapies for individuals, families and children
- Pain management therapy
- Group work
- Training and consultancy to other organisations to help them understand the mental health of refugees and asylum seekers

As a whole organisation we reviewed our strategic aims and considered how well we were achieving our charitable objectives this year. We reaffirmed our commitment to providing the above activities, but also added a new focus on sharing our knowledge and speaking out more strongly about the injustices of the asylum system, and actively demonstrating "welcome and safety" in contrast to the hostile environment which persists and is encouraged by recent government policies.

To fulfil this purpose the management team and therapists commit time to participating in various networks, engaging with research, and frequently participate in presentations and discussions with the aim of influencing service design and delivery within the NHS, education, and the voluntary sector amongst others. We are members of the Home Office facilitated Mental Health group with the aim of highlighting the impact of policy on the wellbeing and safeguarding of refugees. Our aim is to influence and shape policy and service design by working constructively with others. We are privileged to be able to specialise in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of refugees and over the last 15 years have built up considerable expertise in this area. Our aim is to use this knowledge as best we can to improve the experience of refugees in the region.

In accordance with their duties pursuant to Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, the Trustees have considered the Charity's objects and activities in light of the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit "Charities and Public Benefit".

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During the year 601 people attended a therapy appointment and 121 people attended a group session.

We know that our work has made a huge difference to the people we have supported because many of them have told us that our work has been literally "lifesaving".

"I am shunned by people in the community and society, I don't have friends to share everything with in life. I stay in my room every day, I don't want to be in contact with anyone. Now I will just write briefly to say that my thoughts, motivation, confidence, memory, myself have felt better when I met Solace, you guys encouraged me, you took the time to talk to me. You give me positive comments, for that I am very grateful to you. I have many plans for the future. I have thought to write a letter to you in the most sincere way. I would like to say thank you to my therapist, thank you to the person who called to remind me to schedule an appointment, thank you to the people working at Solace".

"From my point of view I want to thank Solace. I have improved 100% from where I started. It does not mean that I am fully better but I know that my well-being has improved. Thank you very very much".

"I learnt how to manage my feelings when I am stressed by learning the breathing techniques that helped me a lot. As well as lying in bed listening to music instead of exerting too much physical effort to distract myself. That was new to me as well. Holding the pillow too - I always carry it with me. The pillow became part of me".

"Thank you so much for your kindness and support, indeed if it wasn't for your timely help and advice I might not be alive now...thank you".

"My therapist helped me so effectively to manage my feelings. She helped me to understand why this feelings are hurting me and to manage them. she helped me to make them as an experience".

We use Core 10 to help us assess the difference we have made and last year 74% of the people who completed 2 or more measures had made improvements to their emotional wellbeing.

Throughout the year 37 people were employed by the Charity for at least part of the year, and 10 volunteers contributed to our work. Our team has a wide range of skills and training backgrounds and 30% moved to the UK from other countries as adults and bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise from their training and employment elsewhere.

Our volunteers are highly skilled and cover a number of roles including reception and welcoming, assisting with groups, shiatsu massage, medicine reviewing, music therapy, and talking therapy.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Solace's income and expenditure increased from the previous year as we delivered more activities. After making a surplus of £83,878 for the year ended 31st March 2022 (partly due to the timing of when income was received) we used this money to fund activities in the current financial year, leaving us with a deficit of £17,374 for the year ended 31st March 2023.

We are grateful for a number of funders who supported us through the year, including AB Charitable Trust, National Lottery Community Fund and Henry Smith Charity and we are very grateful for the continued support of a number of individuals who commit to regular giving to support our work.

Our largest sources of funding continue to be Local Authorities and Integrated Care Boards throughout the region, agencies that fund different aspects of our work. This means we are able to provide a service throughout the whole of Yorkshire and Humber, although what we are able to provide varies in each area.

Our largest item of expenditure continues to be salaries, and we have been able to recruit a number of new therapists throughout the year who deliver services throughout the region.

The principal risk we face is due to most of our funding being short term. Most of our contracts are annually renewable so each year we face the risk of services coming to an end, with the additional impact of loss of experienced staff. As Solace has grown, we have struggled to recruit people where we can only offer 6-month or 1-year contracts so we are moving towards having a "core team" of therapists who are skilled and experienced. Retention of these key personnel is important so we are able to fulfil contract and grant requirements and provide our support to as many people as possible. This increases the risk due to short term funding, but this is mitigated by having a more flexible and experienced team, and not having to use resources on repeated recruitment and training rounds.

Our forecast for the next financial year is for a break-even position with some new funding required to cover existing salaries. Each of our statutory funders have made us aware of the financial pressures they face, but have indicated their intention to continue to support our work in the next financial year.

Reserves policy

Solace's reserves policy states that "we aim to hold free reserves which can be used to meet any unforeseen expenditure, wind up the charity in a planned manner meeting all legal requirements, or meet short term cash flow difficulties".

Our main expenditure item is salary payments which amount to approximately £71,000 per month including NI and pension costs. Cash flow is monitored to ensure it does not fall below £142,000 and active steps are taken to secure income when cash balances fall below £213,000. This could occur when funders pay in arrears, or there are outstanding invoices.

At the end of the financial year we had a total of £173,575 in free reserves.

Our reserves policy has been quantified so that we aim to hold 3 months expenditure in free reserves, which, based on the expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2023, would amount to £271,000.

The Trustees are currently reviewing this policy because most of our expenditure is tied to delivering activities, with only the rent for our premises in Leeds being a significant item which does not depend on funding for specific activities. Although the review is underway, we aim to match the level of reserves we need to hold more closely with the aim of ensuring sufficient cash flow and being able to wind up safely should it become necessary. Risks are managed by matching service delivery and associated resources with specific income to cover those costs.

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FUTURE PLANS

We are committed to continuing our specialist service throughout the region, and to the activities above. We particularly want to develop our training capacity so we can reach more people. A key activity is to secure funding to enable us to establish our own training platform for our e-learning courses as they have the potential to reach the most people and have the widest impact. We have also developed resources aimed directly at refugees which will be available on our website. This will help with psychoeducation to help them understand what is happening to them, and other resources such as relaxation exercises and calming techniques. We will launch these resources in the next financial year in three languages, and our aim is to be able to develop all of these online resources further so they can be helpful to more people.

We also hope to be able to develop our group work offer, particularly in light of the demand for our services. We find that this is a way for more people to benefit from our support.

Increasing numbers of voluntary sector organisations have approached us asking for support for their staff and volunteer teams who find it hard working within the difficult context of asylum. We have always offered support in this way but with increasing demand we hope to be able to increase and clarify our offer and train more therapists to deliver it.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The company was formed on the 14th April 2003 and registered as a charity on 23rd June 2004.

During the year in question and following receipt of consent from the Charity Commission in June 2022, the Company's memorandum of association was slightly amended, the better to reflect the range of displaced people seeking and receiving support. Solace's objects now read:

"The objects of the Company shall be to alleviate the sickness, distress and suffering of refugees, asylum seekers and other displaced persons in the United Kingdom and particularly in the Yorkshire and Humber region ("the area of benefit"), in particular those suffering from mental health problems or emotional difficulties, by providing a range of services including but not limited to therapeutic interventions, advocacy, training and opportunities for social support with the object of improving the life of said persons."

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Solace advertises for trustees in a variety of ways, including information on its website, word of mouth and through Solace's Anti-discrimination & Inclusion sub-committee. There is an application form for potential trustees. When someone shows interest in becoming a trustee, they meet with two current trustees to discuss what is involved in more detail and the current trustees then bring the application to the Board. The Board of Trustees takes into account the need for a range of skills and experience to be represented to ensure effective management and the desirability of achieving diversity within the membership, particularly with regard to gender, ethnicity and age. During the year renewed efforts were made to increase the number of trustees who have lived experience of being a refugee, asylum seeker, and/or displaced person and this is likely to remain a priority in the future.

The degree of training and support given to new trustees is dependent on a number of factors; for instance, how well they know Solace, how well they already understand the roles and responsibilities of a trustee, how much they know about the problems facing refugees and asylum seekers, and so on.

Constitutional provisions regarding trustees

Solace's Articles of Association require the automatic retirement of officers and longer-serving trustees at the AGM. Those so retired can be asked to continue serving. However, all trustees are required to resign after 6 years as a trustee. They can rejoin the Board if they are asked and at least 12 months have passed.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Decision making

The Board meets at least quarterly, occasionally in person but usually by zoom. This makes it more possible for people who live at some distance from Leeds and those with other commitments to attend. Papers (including the minutes of sub-committees) are circulated in advance and minutes circulated afterwards.

There are three sub-committees that report to the Board: the Management committee, the Clinical committee and the Anti-discrimination & Inclusion committee. Trustees usually attend at least one of these. Both the Clinical and Anti-discrimination & Inclusion committee have knowledgeable non-trustee members to help the Board understand issues and make better decisions.

The Board of Trustees sign off all formal Solace policies, make decisions about acceptable levels of risk, and formally agree significant new initiatives. Certain bank transactions must be authorised by the Chair. Day to day activities are delegated to staff.

A trustee is usually involved in the appointment of senior staff but not with the appointment of the majority of staff. Staff salaries are tied to external salary scales.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Thomas Coombs Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 6th December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



J C Habib - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve 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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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.

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 Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

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

- adequate 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; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 the trustees 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 charitable company'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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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:

Based on our understanding of the entity and industries in which it operates, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the application of charitable funds and data protection. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the directors, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls, and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We determined the principal risks were related to posting journal entries to manipulate profits, and management bias in accounting estimates, especially accrued and deferred income.

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

- Performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.
- Identified and tested journal entries and identified any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business.
- Investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.
- Challenged assumptions and judgements made by management in determining significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to accrued and deferred income.

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

- Agreeing financial statements disclosures to underlying supporting documentation.
- Discussions with management of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance of laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement relating to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment.

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

Other matters which we are required to address

The corresponding figures for the year ended 31st March 2022 are unaudited and include an adjustment to income as detailed in note 18 of the financial statements.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company'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 charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Christopher Darwin FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Thomas Coombs Limited
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 6th December 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds unaudited
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	<u>350,927</u>	<u>716,881</u>	<u>1,067,808</u>	<u>962,340</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
General activities		<u>392,967</u>	<u>692,215</u>	<u>1,085,182</u>	<u>878,462</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(42,040)	24,666	(17,374)	83,878
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>215,615</u>	<u>67,758</u>	<u>283,373</u>	<u>199,495</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>173,575</u>	<u>92,424</u>	<u>265,999</u>	<u>283,373</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds unaudited
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	72,246	131,030	203,276	165,056
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>155,729</u>	<u>57,640</u>	<u>213,369</u>	<u>304,084</u>
		227,975	188,670	416,645	469,140
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(49,400)	(96,246)	(145,646)	(180,767)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>178,575</u>	<u>92,424</u>	<u>270,999</u>	<u>288,373</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		178,575	92,424	270,999	288,373
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	15	(5,000)	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
NET ASSETS		<u>173,575</u>	<u>92,424</u>	<u>265,999</u>	<u>283,373</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				173,575	215,615
Restricted funds				<u>92,424</u>	<u>67,758</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>265,999</u>	<u>283,373</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 6th December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



J C Habib - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

		2023	<i>2022</i>
	Notes	£	<i>unaudited</i> £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(90,715)</u>	<u>7,856</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(90,715)</u>	<u>7,856</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(90,715)	7,856
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>304,084</u>	<u>296,228</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>213,369</u>	<u>304,084</u>

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022 <i>unaudited</i>
	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(17,374)	83,878
Adjustments for:		
Increase in debtors	(38,220)	(124,668)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(35,121)</u>	<u>48,646</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(90,715)</u>	<u>7,856</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>304,084</u>	<u>(90,715)</u>	<u>213,369</u>
	<u>304,084</u>	<u>(90,715)</u>	<u>213,369</u>
Total	<u>304,084</u>	<u>(90,715)</u>	<u>213,369</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Manor House, Manor Street, Leeds, LS7 1PZ.

The members of the charitable company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1st January 2019)'. Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charities accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of the approval of the financial statements. Accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

Income

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

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Costs includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less the estimated residual of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	- 100% straight line
Computer equipment	- 100% straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The Charity pays defined contributions into the pension schemes of employees. These amounts are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable and in accordance with their functional classification.

Financial instruments

The Charity 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.

Debtors and creditors receivable/ payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the SOFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension contributions

The charity operates a defined pension contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. The costs of contributions are recognised in the year they are payable.

Liabilities and provisions

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 charity 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.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Liabilities and provisions

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation, Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
		<i>unaudited</i>
Donations	37,022	15,014
Grants	706,930	706,891
Charges for services	323,856	240,435
	<u>1,067,808</u>	<u>962,340</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
		<i>unaudited</i>
AB Charitable Trust	20,000	-
Bradford CHMT	16,336	22,869
Syrian Development Project	32,381	14,988
Connecting Opportunities	56,731	41,589
Family & Child Wellbeing	312,326	311,872
Spring (AMIF)	99,799	22,638
Henry Smith 2020	108,085	45,037
Covid-19	1,612	1,262
Leeds Lifeline. The National Lottery Community Fund RC Yorkshire and Humber Region	41,490	19,932
Asylum Seeker Mental Health	8,992	130,780
The Children's Society	9,178	-
Partitioning	-	30,000
Donations	-	2,381
Lloyds Foundation for England & Wales	-	16,643
Help Through Crisis Destitution Project. Big Lottery Fund	-	6,425
Awards 4 All	-	9,982
Health Inequalities	-	21,740
The Barrow Cadbury Trust Covid 19 Support Fund	-	6,160
Coronavirus Mental Health Support Fund	-	2,593
	<u>706,930</u>	<u>706,891</u>

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4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 5) £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
General activities	<u>1,072,642</u>	<u>12,540</u>	<u>1,085,182</u>

5. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 <i>unaudited</i> £
Staff costs	854,229	641,812
Rent, council tax and service charges	50,670	42,559
Insurance	1,803	1,529
Telephone	7,549	7,253
Postage and stationery	2,294	3,142
Sundries	3,005	5,404
Interpreters	103,331	74,707
Client and staff travel and data expenses	22,612	11,448
External Supervision	6,228	7,025
Repairs, maintenance and refurbishment	-	34,154
Bank Charges	320	236
Training	3,615	1,540
Publicity and marketing	113	797
IT support	7,100	8,259
Professional fees	<u>9,773</u>	<u>35,225</u>
	<u>1,072,642</u>	<u>875,090</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
General activities	<u>12,540</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

6. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023 General activities	2022 Total activities unaudited
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	10,200	-
Independent examination	-	3,372
Professional fees	2,340	-
	<u>12,540</u>	<u>3,372</u>

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022 unaudited
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	10,200	-
Independent examination	-	3,372

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

9. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022 unaudited
	£	£
Wages and salaries	747,382	563,461
Social security costs	70,614	50,007
Other pension costs	36,233	28,344
	<u>854,229</u>	<u>641,812</u>

The charity considers its key management personnel (in addition to the board of trustees) to be the Chief Executive and the Clinical Director. The total employment costs to the Charity of the key management personnel was £103,915 (2022: £90,224).

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9. STAFF COSTS- continued

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022 <i>unaudited</i>
Staff	<u>30</u>	<u>25</u>

The average full time equivalent of employees during the year was 19 (2022: 14).

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds <i>unaudited</i>
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	<u>269,351</u>	<u>692,989</u>	<u>962,340</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General activities	<u>253,231</u>	<u>625,231</u>	<u>878,462</u>
NET INCOME	16,120	67,758	83,878
Transfers between funds	<u>9,015</u>	<u>(9,015)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	25,135	58,743	83,878
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	190,480	9,015	199,495
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>215,615</u>	<u>67,758</u>	<u>283,373</u>

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023	<u>11,341</u>	<u>17,528</u>	<u>28,869</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023	<u>11,341</u>	<u>17,528</u>	<u>28,869</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31st March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 unaudited £
Funding and other amounts receivable	117,202	103,504
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>86,074</u>	<u>61,552</u>
	<u>203,276</u>	<u>165,056</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 unaudited £
Other creditors	-	320
Deferred income	135,446	176,697
Accrued expenses	<u>10,200</u>	<u>3,750</u>
	<u>145,646</u>	<u>180,767</u>

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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR- continued

Deferred income is in relation to the following contracts:

	2023	2022 <i>unaudited</i>
	£	£
Syrian Development Project	10,407	20,826
Henry Smith 2020	24,782	34,667
Halifax CCG	32,141	63,300
Leeds City Council Winter Pressures	27,250	-
Kirklees	20,000	-
Bradford Wellbeing Hubs	20,866	-
Asylum Seeker Mental Health	-	8,992
Leeds Covid Response	-	1,612
Connecting Opportunities	-	4,297
AB Charitable Trust	-	20,000
Leeds Lifeline. The National Lottery Community Fund RC Yorkshire and Humber Region	-	23,003
	135,446	176,697

14. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2023	2022 <i>unaudited</i>
	£	£
Within one year	35,137	35,137
Between one and five years	17,319	52,456
	52,456	87,593

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15. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	2023	2022 unaudited
	£	£
Provisions	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>

Provisions are in relation to dilapidations.

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 unaudited £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	215,615	(42,040)	173,575
Restricted funds			
Connecting Opportunities	-	(6,032)	(6,032)
Family & Child Wellbeing	67,758	28,283	96,041
Spring (AMIF)	-	4,741	4,741
Leeds Lifeline. The National Lottery Community Fund RC Yorkshire and Humber Region	-	(849)	(849)
The Children's Society	-	(1,477)	(1,477)
	<u>67,758</u>	<u>24,666</u>	<u>92,424</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>283,373</u>	<u>(17,374)</u>	<u>265,999</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	350,927	(392,967)	(42,040)
Restricted funds			
Syrian Development Project	32,381	(32,381)	-
Connecting Opportunities	56,731	(62,763)	(6,032)
Family & Child Wellbeing	312,330	(284,047)	28,283
Spring (AMIF)	135,056	(130,315)	4,741
Henry Smith 2020	108,085	(108,085)	-
Covid-19	1,612	(1,612)	-
Leeds Lifeline. The National Lottery Community Fund RC Yorkshire and Humber Region	41,490	(42,339)	(849)
Asylum Seeker Mental Health	8,992	(8,992)	-
The Children's Society	16,061	(17,538)	(1,477)
Bradford Wellbeing Hubs	4,143	(4,143)	-
	<u>716,881</u>	<u>(692,215)</u>	<u>24,666</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,067,808</u>	<u>(1,085,182)</u>	<u>(17,374)</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds- unaudited

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	190,480	16,120	9,015	215,615
Restricted funds				
Syrian Development Project	500	-	(500)	-
Connecting Opportunities	9,378	-	(9,378)	-
Family & Child Wellbeing	2,460	67,758	(2,460)	67,758
Spring (AMIF)	(3,323)	-	3,323	-
	<u>9,015</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,015)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>199,495</u>	<u>83,878</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>283,373</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	269,351	(253,231)	16,120
Restricted funds			
Bradford CMHT	22,868	(22,868)	-
Lloyds Foundation for England & Wales	16,643	(16,643)	-
Help Through Crisis Destitution Project. Big Lottery Fund	6,424	(6,424)	-
Syrian Development Project	14,988	(14,988)	-
Connecting Opportunities	41,589	(41,589)	-
Awards 4 All	9,981	(9,981)	-
Family & Child Wellbeing	311,872	(244,144)	67,758
Spring (AMIF)	41,121	(41,121)	-
Henry Smith 2020	45,037	(45,037)	-
Health Inequalities	21,739	(21,739)	-
Covid-19	1,262	(1,262)	-
The Barrow Cadbury Trust Covid 19 Support Fund	6,160	(6,120)	-
Coronavirus Mental Health Support Fund	2,593	(2,593)	-
Leeds Lifeline. The National Lottery Community Fund RC Yorkshire and Humber Region	19,932	(19,932)	-
Asylum Seeker Mental Health	130,780	(130,780)	-
	<u>692,989</u>	<u>(625,231)</u>	<u>67,758</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>926,340</u>	<u>(878,462)</u>	<u>83,878</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Child and Family Wellbeing Project:

A regional project led by Migration Yorkshire to support families arriving as part of the UK Resettlement Scheme. The focus is on helping children settle in school and providing information, training and advice to schools so they can better help families who have experienced traumatic events.

Asylum Seeker Mental Health:

A pilot project funded by the Home Office to provide sustainable ways of improving the mental wellbeing of asylum seekers. Solace provided direct therapy services and created free e-learning courses for mental health professionals.

Leeds Covid Response Fund:

Funding provided by Leeds CCG to meet the immediate needs of refugees and asylum seekers during the pandemic. The funding allowed us to provide data top ups and mobile phones for people who were unable to attend face to face appointments.

Connecting Opportunities:

A regional partnership project led by Migration Yorkshire supporting refugees to settle in Yorkshire, access training and address barriers to employment.

Henry Smith Charity:

A 3 year grant towards Solace's running costs plus an additional grant to support refugees and asylum seekers affected by the pandemic

AB Charitable Trust:

Grant towards Solace's running costs

Syrian Development Project:

Funded by Leeds City Council to help support people arriving into the city as part of the UK Resettlement Scheme.

Leeds Lifeline. The National Lottery Community Fund RC Yorkshire and Humber Region:

A lottery funded project in partnership with PAFRAS to provide wrap around therapy and practical support to destitute asylum seekers.

Bradford CMHT (Refugee Advice and Wellbeing service)

A partnership with Refugee Action to provide therapy, advice and a wellbeing group for refugees and asylum seekers living in Bradford.

Spring Project

A partnership project led by Voluntary Action Sheffield to help refugees settle into their life in Sheffield.

The Children's Society

Solace and The Children's Society work in partnership to deliver practical and therapeutic support to unaccompanied refugee children, and young refugees.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2023.

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18. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

During the audit the timing and recognition of grant income was reviewed. It was identified that income for the comparative unaudited year was not full accrued for some amounts which were received after 1st April 2022. The relevant amount was £67,758. The comparative figures and balances brought forward to the current year have been restated for this matter as detailed below:

		As originally stated	Adjustments	As restated
		£	£	£
Profit and loss	Income	(894,582)	(67,758)	(962,340)
Debtors	Prepayments and accrued income	6,951	54,601	61,552
Creditors	Deferred income	<u>(189,854)</u>	<u>13,157</u>	<u>(176,697)</u>

Restatement of funds:

As originally stated as at 31st March 2022	215,615
Restatement of income	<u>67,758</u>
Funds balance carried forward at 31st March 2022	283,373

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
	£	As restated unaudited £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	37,022	15,014
Grants	706,930	706,891
Charges for services	323,856	240,435
	<u>1,067,808</u>	<u>962,340</u>
Total incoming resources	1,067,808	962,340
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	747,382	563,461
Social security	70,614	50,007
Pensions	36,233	28,344
Rent, council tax and service charges	50,670	42,559
Insurance	1,803	1,529
Telephone	7,549	7,253
Postage and stationery	2,294	3,142
Sundries	3,005	5,404
Interpreters	103,331	74,707
Client and staff travel and data expenses	22,612	11,448
External Supervision	6,228	7,025
Repairs, maintenance and refurbishment	-	34,154
Bank Charges	320	236
Training	3,615	1,540
Publicity and marketing	113	797
IT support	7,100	8,259
Professional fees	9,773	35,225
	<u>1,072,642</u>	<u>875,090</u>
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	10,200	-
Independent examination	-	3,372
Professional fees	2,340	-
	<u>12,540</u>	<u>3,372</u>
Total resources expended	1,085,182	878,462
Net (expenditure)/income	(17,374)	83,878

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 04733478 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1104507

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
for
Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution

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Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

TRUSTEES

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P Gayford (resigned 1.12.2021)
C M Foren
Dr V C N Betton
Professor G M S Craig
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C Follin
C Reid
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Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution

Chairperson's report **for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

The year April 2021 to March 2022 was a year of significant changes, and yet a year in which we confirmed and celebrated Solace's core function since its inception 15 years previously: delivering therapeutic support to refugees and asylum seekers suffering trauma and distress.

We had a new office, staff and clients could meet face-to-face again, and there were new opportunities and new challenges resulting from the government's decision to offer sanctuary to certain specific groups of people - some Syrians and some Afghans airlifted to the UK for instance.

The board of trustees is very conscious of the dedication and commitment shown by staff, volunteers and clients, all of whom have worked extremely hard to build back better after the disruptions of the pandemic.

A new initiative to ensure that inclusion and anti-discrimination underpin all our policies is taking shape, an ambitious e-learning programme has been developed and the charity's objects are being updated to ensure that they remain fit for purpose. The board is itself working hard to ensure that it includes people with lived experience and is delighted that Amro Khattabb became a trustee during the year.

Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

The Trustees of the charity who are also Directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The main objective of the charity is to provide support to alleviate the distress and suffering of refugees and asylum seekers in the Yorkshire and Humberside region.

Significant Activities

Solace provides:

One-to-one therapy for refugees and asylum seekers experiencing mental suffering and its physical manifestations.

Group work to help people manage stress, alleviate pain and sleeplessness.

Family therapy for their families and children.

Training and supervision to other mental health providers, or other refugee organisations wishing to support people with mental health issues more effectively.

Limited advocacy and practical support (e.g. to cover travel costs to the therapy centre).

Liaison with schools to support young clients who are struggling.

Our centre for management, supervision, training and Leeds therapy is at Manor House, Leeds. We also deliver therapy from premises in Bradford, Halifax, Sheffield, and Huddersfield, and work peripetically across other towns and cities throughout the region.

Section 4 (6) of the Charities Act 2006 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require the Trustees of a charity to have regard to the public benefit issued by the Charity Commissioner when exercising their power of duties. The Trustees have read the guidance and consider public benefit issues at Trustees meetings when planning activities for the forthcoming year.

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The year 2021 - 2022 marked Solace's 15th year. A milestone of which we are very proud. We supported thousands of refugees and asylum seekers over this period, and we hope to continue to do so for many more years. We launched our year of celebrations with an online event which was very well attended by partner organisations and supporters of solace. We were pleased to be joined by two esteemed speakers: a long standing friend of Solace, Divine Charura of York St John University; and an ex-client of Solace, now working in Australia as a refugee support worker.

During the year we supported 639 people, with 261 of them being new to our services. Most people attended 1:1 therapy sessions, but 145 people also attended group sessions. Demand still outstripped our capacity to provide support, and we worked hard to try and reduce the amount of time people spent waiting for an appointment by managing our waiting lists, and building strong referral relationships with other service providers.

A key activity in the year was the development of two e-learning courses which are available to professionals across the UK with the aim of improving support for refugees and asylum seekers. The first course is designed for anyone working in a helping capacity who wants to improve their understanding of refugee mental health. The second is aimed specifically at mental health professionals to help them adapt their therapeutic approaches, given the very particular needs of refugees and asylum seekers.

Over 1000 people have enrolled on the learning platform, and there is a waiting list of interested people. There is clearly a need for this training and information sharing. Our vision is to provide a sustainable way of upskilling professionals within the context of a mental health sector which is under pressure.

We also saw an increase in the demand for our services to support staff and volunteers in the refugee sector. One of the outcomes of the covid pandemic has been an increased awareness of the importance of taking care of ourselves and our colleagues and recognising the impact of working in a stressful and emotionally demanding service. Solace provided, and continues to provide, therapeutic support for individuals and teams, facilitated reflective practice sessions and training on self care and vicarious trauma.

Everyone at Solace remains passionate about the work that they do and the work of Solace as a whole. The past few years have been very challenging, but our strong collective sense of our mission and the values that underpin our work provide motivation when things are difficult.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Our policy is to aim to hold three months of running costs in unrestricted reserves.

Going concern

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the financial position of Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution and is satisfied that there are sufficient funds at the date of signature of the financial statements to manage any foreseeable downturn in the UK and global economy. The Board considers there is a reasonable expectation that Solace has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and the Board therefore continues to adopt the 'going concern' basis in preparing the financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The company was formed on the 14th April 2003 and registered as a charity on 23rd June 2004.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

There has been an average of seven trustees throughout the year. New trustees are nominated by existing trustees and in considering their proposal the Board takes into account the need for a range of skills and experience to be represented to ensure effective management, and the desirability of achieving diversity within the membership, particularly with regard to gender, ethnicity and age.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees review the activities of the Charity on a regular basis from management information provided.

GOVERNANCE COSTS

Governance costs include the specialist help that enables our work to go ahead - IT support to maintain our database and computing systems, insurance to ensure that all involved with Solace are safe, training to support clinical and administrative skills, and consultancy and professional fees.

Approved by order of the board of Trustees on 13/12/2022 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
J Habib - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (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 the Company 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 your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW 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 the Company 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.

Richard Smedley FCA
ICAEW
Richard Smedley Limited
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
Richmond House
Lawnswood Business Park
Redvers Close
Leeds
West Yorkshire
LS16 6QY

Date:

Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	<u>269,351</u>	<u>625,231</u>	<u>894,582</u>	<u>766,487</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	3				
General		<u>253,227</u>	<u>625,235</u>	<u>878,462</u>	<u>705,600</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	14	<u>16,124</u> <u>9,015</u>	<u>(4)</u> <u>(9,015)</u>	<u>16,120</u> <u>-</u>	<u>60,887</u> <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>25,139</u>	<u>(9,019)</u>	<u>16,120</u>	<u>60,887</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>190,480</u>	<u>9,015</u>	<u>199,495</u>	<u>138,608</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>215,619</u></u>	<u><u>(4)</u></u>	<u><u>215,615</u></u>	<u><u>199,495</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution

Balance Sheet 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	103,504	6,951	110,455	40,388
Cash at bank and in hand		182,685	121,399	304,084	296,228
		<u>286,189</u>	<u>128,350</u>	<u>414,539</u>	<u>336,616</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(65,574)	(128,350)	(193,924)	(132,121)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>220,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220,615</u>	<u>204,495</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>220,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220,615</u>	<u>204,495</u>
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	13	(5,000)	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
NET ASSETS		<u>215,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>215,615</u>	<u>199,495</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				215,615	190,480
Restricted funds				-	9,015
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>215,615</u>	<u>199,495</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution

Balance Sheet - continued

31 March 2022

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13/12/2022..... and were signed on its behalf by:

J Habib
J Habib - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	7,856	114,765
Net cash provided by operating activities		7,856	114,765
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		7,856	114,765
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		296,228	181,463
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		304,084	296,228

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	16,120	60,887
Adjustments for:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(70,067)	5,733
Increase in creditors	61,803	48,145
Net cash provided by operations	<u>7,856</u>	<u>114,765</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Cash flow	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>296,228</u>	<u>7,856</u>	<u>304,084</u>
	<u>296,228</u>	<u>7,856</u>	<u>304,084</u>
Total	<u>296,228</u>	<u>7,856</u>	<u>304,084</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Deferred income relates to grants received in advance. Income in advance is spread evenly over the period to which it relates.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 100% straight line
Computer equipment	- 100% straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Financial instruments

Basic financial instruments are recognised at amortised cost. Derivative financial instruments are initially recorded at cost and thereafter at fair value with charges recognised in profit or loss.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Donations	15,014	6,331
Grants	639,133	582,478
Charges for services	240,435	177,678
	<u>894,582</u>	<u>766,487</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Other grants	<u>639,133</u>	<u>582,478</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 4) £	Totals £
General	<u>829,280</u>	<u>49,182</u>	<u>878,462</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
General	<u>49,182</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Photocopier lease	500	500
Property lease	<u>40,451</u>	<u>18,337</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022, nor in the prior year.

7. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	641,812	549,157
	<u>641,812</u>	<u>549,157</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Staff	25	22
	<u>25</u>	<u>22</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. GRANTS RECEIVED

In the prior year, £6,500 was received from Leeds CCG for Covid funding. There were no such grants received in the current year.

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	<u>11,341</u>	<u>17,528</u>	<u>28,869</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	<u>11,341</u>	<u>17,528</u>	<u>28,869</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Grants receivable	103,504	40,388
Prepayments and accrued income	6,951	-
	<u>110,455</u>	<u>40,388</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Other creditors	320	485
Deferred income	189,854	127,886
Accrued expenses	3,750	3,750
	<u>193,924</u>	<u>132,121</u>

Deferred income is in relation to the following contracts:-

	2022	2021
	£	£
Family & Child Wellbeing	13,157	-
Asylum Seeker Mental Health	8,992	-
The Barrow Cadbury Trust Covid19 Support Fund	-	5,909
Health Inequalities Fund	-	21,740
Leeds Covid Response	1,612	2,874
Coronavirus Mental Health Support Fund	-	2,593
Help Through Crisis, Destitution Project	-	1,700
Connecting Opportunities	4,297	4,297
Lloyds Foundation for England & Wales	-	16,642
Henry Smith 2020	34,667	7,187
AB Charitable Trust	20,000	20,000
Syrian Development Project	20,826	13,854
Halifax CCG	63,300	-
Bradford Refugee Action	-	1,089
Leeds Lifeline	23,003	-
Leeds CCG Partitioning	-	30,000
	<u>189,854</u>	<u>127,885</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

12. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Within one year	35,137	35,683
Between one and five years	52,456	87,593
	<u>87,593</u>	<u>123,276</u>

13. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Provisions	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>

Provisions are in relation to dilapidations.

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	190,480	16,120	9,015	215,615
Restricted funds				
Syrian Development Project	500	-	(500)	-
Connecting Opportunities	9,378	-	(9,378)	-
Family & Child Wellbeing	2,460	-	(2,460)	-
Spring (AMIF)	(3,323)	-	3,323	-
	<u>9,015</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,015)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>199,495</u>	<u>16,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>215,615</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	269,351	(253,231)	16,120
Restricted funds			
Bradford CMHT	22,868	(22,868)	-
Lloyds Foundation for England and Wales	16,643	(16,643)	-
Help Through Crisis, Destitution Project	6,424	(6,424)	-
Syrian Development Project	14,988	(14,988)	-
Connecting Opportunities	41,589	(41,589)	-
Awards 4 All	9,981	(9,981)	-
Family & Child Wellbeing	244,114	(244,114)	-
Spring (AMIF)	41,121	(41,121)	-
Henry Smith 2020	45,037	(45,037)	-
Health Inequalities	21,739	(21,739)	-
Covid-19	1,262	(1,262)	-
The Barrow Cadbury Trust Covid 19			
Support Fund	6,160	(6,160)	-
Coronavirus Mental Health Support Fund	2,593	(2,593)	-
Leeds Lifeline	19,932	(19,932)	-
Asylum Seeker Mental Health	130,780	(130,780)	-
	<u>625,231</u>	<u>(625,231)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>894,582</u>	<u>(878,462)</u>	<u>16,120</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	137,207	53,058	215	190,480
Restricted funds				
Fixed Asset	(3,443)	-	3,443	-
Henry Smith Charity	3,550	-	(3,550)	-
Syrian Development Project	500	-	-	500
Connecting Opportunities	-	9,378	-	9,378
Family & Child Wellbeing	2,460	-	-	2,460
Transitions Halifax	68	-	(68)	-
Spring (AMIF)	(1,774)	(1,549)	-	(3,323)
Batley (North Kirklees CCG)	40	-	(40)	-
	<u>1,401</u>	<u>7,829</u>	<u>(215)</u>	<u>9,015</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>138,608</u>	<u>60,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>199,495</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	208,443	(155,385)	53,058
Restricted funds			
Bradford CMHT	20,496	(20,496)	-
Lloyds Foundation for England and Wales	26,351	(26,351)	-
The Brelms Trust CIO	1,691	(1,691)	-
Henry Smith Charity	7,318	(7,318)	-
Help Through Crisis, Destitution Project	21,858	(21,858)	-
Syrian Development Project	12,306	(12,306)	-
Connecting Opportunities	54,074	(44,696)	9,378
Awards 4 All	4,513	(4,513)	-
Family & Child Wellbeing	257,143	(257,143)	-
Transitions Halifax	19,859	(19,859)	-
Spring (AMIF)	24,349	(25,898)	(1,549)
Batley (North Kirklees CCG)	584	(584)	-
Henry Smith 2020	22,813	(22,813)	-
Health Inequalities	27,209	(27,209)	-
Covid-19	4,626	(4,626)	-
The Barrow Cadbury Trust Covid 19			
Support Fund	35,992	(35,992)	-
Coronavirus Mental Health Support Fund	16,862	(16,862)	-
	<u>558,044</u>	<u>(550,215)</u>	<u>7,829</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>766,487</u>	<u>(705,600)</u>	<u>60,887</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	137,207	69,178	9,230	215,615
Restricted funds				
Fixed Asset	(3,443)	-	3,443	-
Henry Smith Charity	3,550	-	(3,550)	-
Syrian Development Project	500	-	(500)	-
Connecting Opportunities	-	9,378	(9,378)	-
Family & Child Wellbeing	2,460	-	(2,460)	-
Transitions Halifax	68	-	(68)	-
Spring (AMIF)	(1,774)	(1,549)	3,323	-
Batley (North Kirklees CCG)	40	-	(40)	-
	<u>1,401</u>	<u>7,829</u>	<u>(9,230)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>138,608</u>	<u>77,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>215,615</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	477,794	(408,616)	69,178
Restricted funds			
Bradford CMHT	43,364	(43,364)	-
Lloyds Foundation for England and Wales	42,994	(42,994)	-
The Brelms Trust CIO	1,691	(1,691)	-
Henry Smith Charity	7,318	(7,318)	-
Help Through Crisis, Destitution Project	28,282	(28,282)	-
Syrian Development Project	27,294	(27,294)	-
Connecting Opportunities	95,663	(86,285)	9,378
Awards 4 All	14,494	(14,494)	-
Family & Child Wellbeing	501,257	(501,257)	-
Transitions Halifax	19,859	(19,859)	-
Spring (AMIF)	65,470	(67,019)	(1,549)
Batley (North Kirklees CCG)	584	(584)	-
Henry Smith 2020	67,850	(67,850)	-
Health Inequalities	48,948	(48,948)	-
Covid-19	5,888	(5,888)	-
The Barrow Cadbury Trust Covid 19			
Support Fund	42,152	(42,152)	-
Coronavirus Mental Health Support Fund	19,455	(19,455)	-
Leeds Lifeline	19,932	(19,932)	-
Asylum Seeker Mental Health	130,780	(130,780)	-
	<u>1,183,275</u>	<u>(1,175,446)</u>	<u>7,829</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,661,069</u>	<u>(1,584,062)</u>	<u>77,007</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The total amount paid to key management personnel in the year was £90,224 (2021: £83,152). Key management personnel consisted of the Chief Executive and the Clinical Director.

Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	15,014	6,331
Grants	639,133	582,478
Charges for services	240,435	177,678
	894,582	766,487
Total incoming resources		
	894,582	766,487
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Staff wages	641,812	549,157
Rent and rates	42,559	38,661
Telephone	7,253	4,435
Office supplies	3,142	2,669
Sundries	5,404	8,413
Interpreters	74,707	68,791
Client and staff travel and data expenses	11,448	6,948
External supervision	7,025	5,990
Repairs and maintenance	34,154	-
Bank charges	236	832
Training	1,540	3,199
	829,280	689,095
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Insurance	1,529	1,434
Accountancy and legal fees	3,372	3,289
Publicity and marketing	797	1,051
IT support	8,259	5,543
Professional fees	35,225	5,188
	49,182	16,505
Total resources expended		
	878,462	705,600
Net income		
	16,120	60,887

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 04733478 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1104507

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021
for
Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution

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Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution

Chairperson's report for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

April 2020 to March 2021 - what a year! Lockdowns, working from home, no face-to-face meetings, no office, Zoom, providing therapy and support to clients over the phone after first providing them with mobiles, a year of anxiety, stress and uncertainty for all.

Looking back, it seems remarkable how everyone rose to the many, many challenges the year presented. Solace staff, volunteers, interpreters, fellow trustees, funders - and most of all, the refugees and asylum seekers Solace supports - all found ways of responding positively and creatively to the situation. Instead of looking inwards, Solace and other organisations working in the region strengthened networks and increased collaboration. What's more, by the spring we had found new office premises and were about to launch a series of activities celebrating 15 years of existence.

J Habib

Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution (Registered number: 04733478)

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The Trustees of the charity who are also Directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2020. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The main objective of the charity is to provide support to alleviate the distress and suffering of refugees and asylum seekers in the Yorkshire and Humberside region.

Significant Activities

Solace provides:

One-to-one therapy for refugees and asylum seekers experiencing mental suffering and its physical manifestations.

Group work to help people manage stress, alleviate pain and sleeplessness.

Family therapy for their families and children.

Training and supervision to other mental health providers, or other refugee organisations wishing to support people with mental health issues more effectively.

Limited advocacy and practical support (e.g. to cover travel costs to the therapy centre).

Liaison with schools to support young clients who are struggling.

We have been based at Headingley Enterprise and Arts Centre, but we were very pleased to move to new premises at Manor House, Leeds, LS7 1PZ from February 2021. This will be our new base for Leeds therapy provision as well as our registered office. We also deliver therapy from premises in Bradford, Halifax, Sheffield, and Huddersfield, and work peripetically across other towns and cities throughout the region".

Section 4 (6) of the Charities Act 2006 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require the Trustees of a charity to have regard to the public benefit issued by the Charity Commissioner when exercising their power of duties. The Trustees have read the guidance and consider public benefit issues at Trustees meetings when planning activities for the forthcoming year.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Once again this has been an exceptionally busy year, with 626 individuals being in contact with Solace this year. This is the number of unique individuals we offered support to. This includes group work, one to one work, writing letters of support, advocacy, check ins and follow ups, and other miscellaneous support.

200 people had their first therapy appointment.

We supported 200 new people this year in our therapy service.

440 people attended therapy sessions with us this year.

This includes one to one and family therapy, and pain management therapy.

124 people attended a therapeutic group session (online).

5 new regular groups were set up,

Including groups for women only, Arabic speakers, Albanian speakers and Farsi speakers.

We are proud of the services we provide and everyone at Solace works very hard to try and relieve the suffering and distress that refugees and asylum seekers face. The people who use our services are incredibly diverse in their situations, and history, but they are all referred to Solace because they are struggling with their emotional wellbeing. Many have been tortured before coming to the UK or seen family members killed or wounded. Some of the children we support have only ever lived in refugee camps or in war torn cities. Our service exists to help people reduce their levels of distress, and learn ways to cope with what has happened to them so they can build on their strengths and settle into a new way of life in the UK.

Few services exist that combine specialist mental health support with practical support to overcome the barriers that our client group faces. We are very pleased that our partnership work with other organisations has continued to develop further throughout this year. We know that when mental health support is coupled with practical assistance and information it is more likely to be successful. Our clients are more likely to engage with other services if we support them to do so, and their mental health is more likely to improve if their practical needs are also being met. One of our key aims is "to go out of our way to help" and we have written letters, reports, and made numerous phone calls to try and get help for the people we support. We have helped our clients have their voice heard by helping them to express their needs to other services such as schools, GPs, housing services and others and we also work closely with other organisations who are as passionate as we are to get specialised help for people, for example when they are destitute, homeless, or need legal advice.

Impact

Report from three women who have been supported by Solace this year:

This year of Covid has been difficult for everyone. As asylum seekers we felt very isolated, and it really wasn't easy at first but one thing that helped was that Solace gave us a phone that meant we could communicate with others. I wanted to join the Stress Management Group but couldn't do this without a phone that could use zoom. Other organisations sometimes helped us with data top ups as well as Solace which meant once we had a smart phone we were able to join social groups, and whats app groups for other organisations. Keeping in touch with other people was so helpful when otherwise we had nowhere to go and nothing to do.

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The phone was really important as it was the only way we could find out information about Covid and what we needed to do. Even my GP needed me to have a smart phone because they couldn't see me face to face, and asked me to join a video call. I couldn't have done this without the phone from Solace. We had to be really careful about how much data we used, so as well as relying on the data top ups, we also went to the library to use their Wi-Fi, and also other places like standing outside McDonalds to access their Wi-Fi as well. We have to be resourceful!

How Solace has helped us this year:

Solace has been my sanctuary - if you ask for help you know that they will do their best for you. They connect you with other organisations, like a bridge, to help you find the support that you need. The people here are really helpful, they are caring. They don't give you the fake smile, or the body language that tells you that you need to leave. It's like they put their foot in my shoe and feel where it hurts.

I would describe Solace as an umbrella that you can shelter under. They don't care whether you speak English or what you look like but they welcome everyone and don't judge you.
When I came to the UK I was like a dead person, but Solace was like a lifeline.

We all go to the Stress Management Group and we really like the exercises. They help with my pain and I feel happy when I'm in the group.

Nick really takes care of people, and always asks what people need and how they are feeling. It works because it treats both physical and emotional wellbeing at the same time, and builds people's confidence.

Our hopes for Solace for the next year:

It's really important that Solace carries on doing what it is doing and grows more so more people can benefit, not just the lucky ones like us.

I hope that Solace is able to carry on helping with the cost of getting to appointments or topping up data for zoom. It costs £4.70 to get a bus and I only have £5 per day for everything. I usually plan to do lots of things on the same day because it's the only chance I have of travelling around. If Solace didn't cover the cost of the bus then I wouldn't be able to access any of their support. Every pound is important.

It's good that the building is starting to open. I hope that it is a place where we can come and sit and eat and feel safe, and be treated with respect. It's welcoming here, and the building is easy to get to, I'm looking forward to starting the group face to face again.

You have to wait a long time to see someone, so I hope that this changes and more people can get help. I'm so pleased I've been able to come to Solace today - I've been waiting for this day like seeing a rainbow in a storm - it makes me happy.

Tabita, Dominique and Bukky

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Sources of funding

As always we are very grateful for the many people who have supported us this year. We have several regular supporters, who feel passionately about supporting refugees and we are also very fortunate to have a continuing connection with the Society of Friends who have made several gifts to us throughout the year. Not only do we value the financial support but also the encouragement of knowing there are people who value what we do, and stand alongside Solace and our clients.

Other funders:

During the year we have received grants from:

Henry Smith Charity

Lloyds Foundation for England and Wales

Leeds CCG

Coronavirus Mental Health Support Fund

Awards for All

Barrow Cadbury Covid 19 Support Fund

In addition to our contract income, we have also received service related funding from:

Migration Yorkshire

Refugee Action

Asylum Support and Appeals project

Leeds City Council

Voluntary Action Sheffield

West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Our policy is to aim to hold three months of running costs in unrestricted reserves.

Going concern

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the financial position of Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution and is satisfied that there are sufficient funds at the date of signature of the financial statements to manage any foreseeable downturn in the UK and global economy. The Board considers there is a reasonable expectation that Solace has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and the Board therefore continues to adopt the 'going concern' basis in preparing the financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The company was formed on the 14th April 2003 and registered as a charity on 23rd June 2004.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

There has been an average of seven trustees throughout the year. New trustees are nominated by existing trustees and in considering their proposal the Board takes into account the need for a range of skills and experience to be represented to ensure effective management, and the desirability of achieving diversity within the membership, particularly with regard to gender, ethnicity and age.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees review the activities of the Charity on a regular basis from management information provided.

GOVERNANCE COSTS

Governance costs include the specialist help that enables our work to go ahead - IT support to maintain our database and computing systems, insurance to ensure that all involved with Solace are safe, training to support clinical and administrative skills, and consultancy and professional fees.

Approved by order of the board of Trustees on 1 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Habib', written in a cursive style.

J Habib - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (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 the Company 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 Report to the Trustees of
Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW 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 the Company 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.

Richard Smedley FCA
ICAEW
Richard Smedley Limited
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
2nd Floor, Woodside House
261 Low Lane
Horsforth
Leeds
West Yorkshire
LS18 5NY

1 December 2021

Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	208,443	558,044	766,487	581,047
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	3				
General		155,383	550,217	705,600	554,909
NET INCOME		53,060	7,827	60,887	26,138
Transfers between funds	14	215	(215)	-	-
Net movement in funds		53,275	7,612	60,887	26,138
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		137,207	1,401	138,608	112,470
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		190,482	9,013	199,495	138,608

The notes form part of these financial statements

Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution (Registered number: 04733478)

Balance Sheet
31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	40,388	-	40,388	46,121
Cash at bank and in hand		155,490	140,738	296,228	181,463
		<u>195,878</u>	<u>140,738</u>	<u>336,616</u>	<u>227,584</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(398)	(131,723)	(132,121)	(83,976)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>195,480</u>	<u>9,015</u>	<u>204,495</u>	<u>143,608</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		195,480	9,015	204,495	143,608
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	13	(5,000)	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
NET ASSETS		<u>190,480</u>	<u>9,015</u>	<u>199,495</u>	<u>138,608</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				190,480	137,207
Restricted funds				9,015	1,401
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>199,495</u>	<u>138,608</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued

31 March 2021

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 1 December 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Habib', is written above the printed name.

J Habib - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>114,765</u>	<u>17,239</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>114,765</u>	<u>17,239</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>114,765</u>	<u>17,239</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>181,463</u>	<u>164,224</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>296,228</u></u>	<u><u>181,463</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	60,887	26,138
Adjustments for:		
Decrease in debtors	5,733	132
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	48,145	(9,031)
Net cash provided by operations	114,765	17,239

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.20	Cash flow	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	181,463	114,765	296,228
	181,463	114,765	296,228
Total	181,463	114,765	296,228

The notes form part of these financial statements

Solace Surviving Exile and Persecution

Notes to the Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Deferred income relates to grants received in advance. Income in advance is spread evenly over the period to which it relates.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 100% straight line
Computer equipment	- 100% straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Financial instruments

Basic financial instruments are recognised at amortised cost. Derivative financial instruments are initially recorded at cost and thereafter at fair value with charges recognised in profit or loss.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Donations	6,331	14,967
Grants	582,478	396,629
Charges for services	177,678	169,451
	<u>766,487</u>	<u>581,047</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other grants	<u>582,478</u>	<u>396,629</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 4) £	Totals £
General	<u>689,095</u>	<u>16,505</u>	<u>705,600</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
General	<u>16,505</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Photocopier lease	500	500
Property lease	<u>18,337</u>	<u>546</u>

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6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 (2020: one trustee received expenses of £190 for travel and costs).

7. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	549,157	429,509
	<u>549,157</u>	<u>429,509</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Staff	22	20
	<u>22</u>	<u>20</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. GRANTS RECEIVED

£6,000 was received in the year from Leeds CCG for Covid funding.

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	11,341	17,528	28,869
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	11,341	17,528	28,869
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2021	-	-	-
At 31 March 2020	-	-	-

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Grants receivable	40,388	46,121

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	3,181
Other creditors	485	-
Deferred income	127,886	77,045
Accrued expenses	3,750	3,750
	132,121	83,976

Deferred income is in relation to the following contracts:-

	2021	2020
	£	£
Henry Smith Charity	-	7,318
The Barrow Cadbury Trust Covid19 Support Fund	5,909	-
Health Inequalities Fund	21,740	-
Leeds Covid Response	2,874	-
Coronavirus Mental Health Support Fund	2,593	-
The Brelms Trust CIO	-	1,691
Help Through Crisis, Destitution Project	1,700	1,675
Connecting Opportunities	4,297	4,297
Awards 4 All	-	4,513
Family & Child Wellbeing	1	11,269
Lloyds Foundation for England & Wales	16,642	3,329
Henry Smith 2020	7,187	-
AB Charitable Trust	20,000	-
Syrian Development Project	13,854	11,471
Batley North Kirklees CCG	-	624
Bradford Refugee Action	1,089	-
Transitions	-	858
Leeds CCG Partitioning	30,000	30,000
	127,886	77,045

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

12. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Within one year	35,683	1,046
Between one and five years	87,593	1,500
	<u>123,276</u>	<u>2,546</u>

13. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Provisions	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>

Provisions are in relation to dilapidations.

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	137,207	53,058	215	190,480
Restricted funds				
Fixed Asset	(3,443)	-	3,443	-
Henry Smith Charity	3,550	-	(3,550)	-
Syrian Development Project	500	-	-	500
Connecting Opportunities	-	9,378	-	9,378
Family & Child Wellbeing	2,460	-	-	2,460
Transitions Halifax	68	-	(68)	-
Spring (AMIF)	(1,774)	(1,549)	-	(3,323)
Batley (North Kirklees CCG)	40	-	(40)	-
	<u>1,401</u>	<u>7,829</u>	<u>(215)</u>	<u>9,015</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>138,608</u>	<u>60,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>199,495</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	208,443	(155,385)	53,058
Restricted funds			
Bradford CMHT	20,496	(20,496)	-
Lloyds Foundation for England and Wales	26,351	(26,351)	-
The Brelms Trust CIO	1,691	(1,691)	-
Henry Smith Charity	7,318	(7,318)	-
Help Through Crisis, Destitution Project	21,858	(21,858)	-
Syrian Development Project	12,306	(12,306)	-
Connecting Opportunities	54,074	(44,696)	9,378
Awards 4 All	4,513	(4,513)	-
Family & Child Wellbeing	257,143	(257,143)	-
Transitions Halifax	19,859	(19,859)	-
Spring (AMIF)	24,349	(25,898)	(1,549)
Batley (North Kirklees CCG)	584	(584)	-
Henry Smith 2020	22,813	(22,813)	-
Health Inequalities	27,209	(27,209)	-
Covid-19	4,626	(4,626)	-
The Barrow Cadbury Trust Covid 19 Support Fund	35,992	(35,992)	-
Coronavirus Mental Health Support Fund	16,862	(16,862)	-
	<u>558,044</u>	<u>(550,215)</u>	<u>7,829</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>766,487</u>	<u>(705,600)</u>	<u>60,887</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	110,313	26,894	137,207
Fixed Asset	(481)	481	-
	109,832	27,375	137,207
Restricted funds			
Fixed Asset	(3,443)	-	(3,443)
Henry Smith Charity	3,550	-	3,550
Syrian Development Project	500	-	500
Family & Child Wellbeing	2,460	-	2,460
Transitions Halifax	-	68	68
Spring (AMIF)	(429)	(1,345)	(1,774)
Batley (North Kirklees CCG)	-	40	40
	2,638	(1,237)	1,401
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>112,470</u>	<u>26,138</u>	<u>138,608</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	173,075	(146,181)	26,894
Fixed Asset	-	481	481
	<u>173,075</u>	<u>(145,700)</u>	<u>27,375</u>
Restricted funds			
Bradford CMHT	21,781	(21,781)	-
Lloyds Foundation for England and Wales	22,129	(22,129)	-
The Brelms Trust CIO	3,349	(3,349)	-
Henry Smith Charity	26,409	(26,409)	-
Help Through Crisis, Destitution Project	20,100	(20,100)	-
Syrian Development Project	21,962	(21,962)	-
Connecting Opportunities	56,764	(56,764)	-
Ashiana Sheffield	5,217	(5,217)	-
Awards 4 All	5,213	(5,213)	-
Family & Child Wellbeing	181,978	(181,978)	-
PoC Power of Communities	4,569	(4,569)	-
Transitions Halifax	17,613	(17,545)	68
Spring (AMIF)	15,471	(16,816)	(1,345)
Batley (North Kirklees CCG)	5,417	(5,377)	40
	<u>407,972</u>	<u>(409,209)</u>	<u>(1,237)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>581,047</u>	<u>(554,909)</u>	<u>26,138</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	110,313	79,952	215	190,480
Fixed Asset	(481)	481	-	-
	<u>109,832</u>	<u>80,433</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>190,480</u>
Restricted funds				
Fixed Asset	(3,443)	-	3,443	-
Henry Smith Charity	3,550	-	(3,550)	-
Syrian Development Project	500	-	-	500
Connecting Opportunities	-	9,378	-	9,378
Family & Child Wellbeing	2,460	-	-	2,460
Transitions Halifax	-	68	(68)	-
Spring (AMIF)	(429)	(2,894)	-	(3,323)
Batley (North Kirklees CCG)	-	40	(40)	-
	<u>2,638</u>	<u>6,592</u>	<u>(215)</u>	<u>9,015</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>112,470</u>	<u>87,025</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>199,495</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	381,518	(301,566)	79,952
Fixed Asset	-	481	481
	<u>381,518</u>	<u>(301,085)</u>	<u>80,433</u>
Restricted funds			
Bradford CMHT	42,277	(42,277)	-
Lloyds Foundation for England and Wales	48,480	(48,480)	-
The Brelms Trust CIO	5,040	(5,040)	-
Henry Smith Charity	33,727	(33,727)	-
Help Through Crisis, Destitution Project	41,958	(41,958)	-
Syrian Development Project	34,268	(34,268)	-
Connecting Opportunities	110,838	(101,460)	9,378
Ashiana Sheffield	5,217	(5,217)	-
Awards 4 All	9,726	(9,726)	-
Family & Child Wellbeing	439,121	(439,121)	-
PoC Power of Communities	4,569	(4,569)	-
Transitions Halifax	37,472	(37,404)	68
Spring (AMIF)	39,820	(42,714)	(2,894)
Batley (North Kirklees CCG)	6,001	(5,961)	40
Henry Smith 2020	22,813	(22,813)	-
Health Inequalities	27,209	(27,209)	-
Covid-19	4,626	(4,626)	-
The Barrow Cadbury Trust Covid 19 Support Fund	35,992	(35,992)	-
Coronavirus Mental Health Support Fund	16,862	(16,862)	-
	<u>966,016</u>	<u>(959,424)</u>	<u>6,592</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,347,534</u>	<u>(1,260,509)</u>	<u>87,025</u>

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15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The total amount paid to key management personnel in the year was £83,152 (2020: £79,023). Key management personnel consisted of the Chief Executive and the Clinical Director.

