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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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## SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

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

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#### 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

K Ashworth (Chief Executive Officer)  
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## **SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION**

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

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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.

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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 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".

## **SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION**

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

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#### **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.

## **SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION**

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

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#### **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.

## **SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION**

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

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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 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

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### **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.

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

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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

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### **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](http://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**

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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.

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Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

# SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

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

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

# SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

## BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds unaudited
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	11	-	-	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
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
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(49,400)	(96,246)	(145,646)	(180,767)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>178,575</u>	<u>92,424</u>	<u>270,999</u>	<u>288,373</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		178,575	92,424	270,999	288,373
<b>PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES</b>	15	(5,000)	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>173,575</u>	<u>92,424</u>	<u>265,999</u>	<u>283,373</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	16				
Unrestricted funds				173,575	215,615
Restricted funds				<u>92,424</u>	<u>67,758</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<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 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



J C Habib - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

### CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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

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## SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

### 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

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#### 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.

## SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

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

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#### 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.

## SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

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

#### 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>

# SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

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

### 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>

## SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

### 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).

**SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023****9. STAFF COSTS- continued**

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

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

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

# SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

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

### 11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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

## SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

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

#### 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
	<b>135,446</b>	<b>176,697</b>

#### 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
	<b>52,456</b>	<b>87,593</b>

# **SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION**

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

### **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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	215,615	(42,040)	173,575
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
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>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	350,927	(392,967)	(42,040)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
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>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,067,808</u>	<u>(1,085,182)</u>	<u>(17,374)</u>

# **SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION**

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

### **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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	190,480	16,120	9,015	215,615
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
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>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	269,351	(253,231)	16,120
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
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>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>926,340</u>	<u>(878,462)</u>	<u>83,878</u>

## SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

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

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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.

## SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

# SOLACE SURVIVING EXILE AND PERSECUTION

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

	2023	2022
	£	As restated unaudited £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
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>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>1,067,808</b>	<b>962,340</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
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>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Auditors' remuneration	10,200	-
Independent examination	-	3,372
Professional fees	2,340	-
	<u>12,540</u>	<u>3,372</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>1,085,182</b>	<b>878,462</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<b>(17,374)</b>	<b>83,878</b>

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