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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1105864

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023
for
Centre For Peacebuilding And Community
Development
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
Peacebuilding UK

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**Centre For Peacebuilding And Community
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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 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 31 December 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).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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, effective 1st January 2019.

The charity's full name is Centre for Peacebuilding and Community Development and its more commonly used working title is 'Peacebuilding UK'.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives for which the Company is formed are:

1. to develop the capacity and skills of socially and economically disadvantaged persons and in particular those persons residing in North Caucasus ("the region"), in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society
2. to relieve sickness and distress and to advance the education, training, welfare and rehabilitation of young people.
3. to promote, in a non-partisan and non-political basis, education into conflict prevention, management and resolution.
4. to relieve poverty
5. to promote human rights and equality of opportunity for people of different races and the elimination of discrimination on grounds of race or ethnicity and racial harassment.

Significant activities

Peacebuilding UK's mission is to support and build local capacities for peace. This involves supporting and jointly implementing projects with local partner NGO's (non-government organizations) and individuals in the region to promote sustainable peace, well-being and the enjoyment of human rights, with a particular focus on children, youth and women.

The objectives and aims of Peacebuilding UK are to provide partnership and assistance, to strengthen cultures of peace and assist people in overcoming trauma. The main areas of operation to date have been the North Caucasus region of Russia, Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan. Peacebuilding UK's main activities include psychosocial assistance, the promotion of human rights with a particular focus on women's rights and girls' empowerment, education and training in conflict resolution.

The charity meets its objectives by building partnerships and conducting joint projects together with charitable and non-commercial organizations in the conflict areas. Once the partnerships have been established, funding is agreed to enable the activities to be progressed.

Public benefit

In setting their objectives and planning their activities, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Success is not measured on financial results, but in the positive feedback received from the disadvantaged people it seeks to improve, the increased opportunities available to them and the change in quality of life that they experience.

Grantmaking

The charity works side by side with individuals and organisations committed to a common cause. Further details of grants paid can be found in the notes.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

1) 'Integrating public support for human rights in Russia through community engagement and enhancing capacities',

This project was funded by the European Commission and Sigrid Rausing Trust. Its aims were to support 20 small and mid-size human rights organizations across Russia, located in remote or small communities (cities of no more than 2 million residents, with special emphasis on remote and minority regions), as they build a new financial business model and thus transform their role in the community. The underlying theory of change diagnosed that human rights organizations' dependence on foreign grant-funding has distorted and weakened their connection with the community, which has in turn left them vulnerable and side-lined in public discourse. If human rights organizations successfully turn to the public for their financial support, they will become safer, more relevant and confident, and their message will become louder and stronger. However, in order to persuade the public to donate to human rights organizations, the latter needed to hone their communication skills, engage in a two-way dialogue and obtain the required technical capacities.

The project provided comprehensive, continuous support to 20 NGOs that protect, defend and restore human rights in a wide range of fields (women's human rights, rights of LGBT people, human rights and the environment etc), selected in an open call and through community-based participatory grant-making. Subgrants covering all or much of their core operational needs for a year or longer have been complemented with tailor-made and continuous learning, seconded capacities and mentoring provided by leading international and Russian experts which enables them to build a new financial model based on domestic resource mobilization.

Peacebuilding UK began distributing sub-grants to these 20 organizations in October 2021 and this continued throughout 2022. By the beginning of 2023, approximately 900,000 euros had been distributed to these organizations in the form of sub-grants. The project ended on 31st January 2023. The landscape for Russian NGOs changed substantially in 2022/23 following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the loss of support of many international donors and the tightening of Russia's NGO laws, leading to many difficulties and much harsher conditions for our partners on the ground. Several were declared as foreign agents, but despite the many obstacles, pressure and in some cases harassment, they continued implementing their important work.

In 2019, nothing could have pre-warned or prepared us for the challenges that unfolded during the 3 years of project implementation from 2020 to 2023. Just as the pressure and persecution faced by our partners and sub-grantees in Russia snowballed during this period, so did the challenges and risks faced by Peacebuilding UK as the main implementing partner of such a large project. We received regular reports, often on a daily basis, from partners and sub-grantees in distress from the threats, persecution and serious danger that they were facing. Around a third of our subgrantees have had to close down or re-register having been made foreign agents and/ or threatened by the authorities, especially the LGBT organizations. The remaining organizations, as all human rights and civil society organizations in Russia, remain under huge pressure from Russian authorities today. Staff members from some of the subgrantees had to be evacuated from Russia, which we assisted with and representatives of some organizations went into hiding inside Russia.

Overall objective:

Strengthen civil society organizations and human rights defenders working on the most critical issues in small/remote communities, by helping them transform into more effective, confident, stable, sustainable and secure institutions with greater support among the populace. Increase and enhance citizens' enjoyment of their rights in these communities.

Specific objectives:

High-potential human rights organizations achieve a stronger relationship with the public, diversified fundraising and financial sustainability, improved communications, greater security, constructive partnerships and combine innovative approaches with effective human rights protection skills. They expand and strengthen their work and its impact.

Human rights and democracy take root in the community, and civil society is connected with citizens' concerns, through engaging citizens in the work of human rights organizations in a new, participatory, democratic manner.

Citizens in underserved geographic regions enjoy greater respect for their human rights and freedoms and are effectively defended when their rights are denied.

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Significant charitable activities and achievements against objectives:

Our program - core/flexible grants and capacity-building combined with mentoring - addressed the needs of chronic underfunding and its structural consequences experienced by our sub-grantees and promotes domestic resource mobilization capacities, ultimately leading to improved security of CSOs' and defenders in a very challenging and hostile environment.

We provided core/flexible funding, to cover a large share or all of the basic costs of running the organization and maintaining its services to the public as well as cover existing or new costs connected to domestic resource mobilization. For virtually all of our sub-grantees, this is the first time they have received core funding, as practically all funding for all but the largest, most well-established CSOs in Russia comes in the form of project grants, which are in addition often short-term, extremely limited in the eligibility of their costs and with extremely specific prescriptions for content. The majority of our sub-grantees were not even familiar with the concept of core/flexible funding; some of them repeatedly tried to design "projects" for our grant. At least a handful of our sub-grantees have never received a grant for as long as one year, even though they are community-based service providers to vulnerable groups that require urgent assistance year-round, and some of them have been operating for many years. These grants and associated training and support provide an important lifeline to these Russian human rights organizations at a very difficult time.

2) Creating a Culture of Peace in the North Caucasus

Summary of main achievements:

This project promotes a culture of peace and gender equality in the North Caucasus (specifically Chechnya, Ingushetia and Dagestan) through 3 interrelated strands. First, by providing hundreds of children and young people with tools to resolve conflicts through the use of the 'Power of Goodness' methodology, stories of nonviolence and reconciliation based on real-life situations of people overcoming and transforming conflict in their lives and societies. Second, a targeted group of students has received more in-depth training, based on the personal and social transformation components of the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), building a team of young leaders, experienced and committed peace and justice trainers. A third component reached out to boys, girls and young fathers to explore gender stereotypes, promoting norms of masculinities conducive to gender equality and personal empowerment aimed at reversing the trend of increasing gender-based violence and reinforcement of traditional stereotypes that is depriving women and girls of many of the opportunities and freedoms that they previously enjoyed.

Changes in Russia and the democratisation process in 2022 and 2023 have been unprecedented. Since the time of the design of the project in 2021 and its start in mid-2022, the overall legal, political and human rights situation in Russia has undergone unprecedented changes that have affected our staff, partners and beneficiaries in negative ways that we could not have foreseen. The deterioration of the situation sadly continues. Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine caused significant logistical and security challenges. Pressure and persecution of civil society and citizens opposing the Russian regime in general continued with the expansion of the "foreign agent" legislative package, leading to Memorial and other NGOs across Russia being liquidated.

Objectives:

1. To continue and develop the work of building peace and resolving conflict in the North Caucasus, which Peacebuilding UK and partners have conducted since 2006, by teaching children and young people tools to resolve conflicts through the use of stories of nonviolence and reconciliation, based on real-life situations of people overcoming and transforming conflict in their lives and societies.
2. To provide in-depth Creating Cultures of Justice and Peace training, based on the personal and social transformation components of the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), offering essential skills and tools to build up a team of experienced and committed young peace and justice trainers.
3. To reach out to boys, girls and young fathers to explore gender stereotypes, building on existing resources within Russia and abroad aimed at promoting norms of masculinities conducive to gender equality and personal empowerment.

Significant charitable activities, achievements and progress against objectives:

-Knowledge and skills of 394 teachers (383 female, 11 male) were improved to conduct the Power of Goodness programme sessions. 400 copies of Power of Goodness stories provided to teachers. During the reporting period, teachers were supported in conducting peace and tolerance tutor group classes. Some 3473 school students and 517 University students attended classes on the Power and Goodness programme.

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-29 trainers - 7 Creating Cultures of Peace trainers (students from the State Chechen University), 15 programme staff (Men and Boys for Gender Equality youth workers), 3 Power of Goodness trainers (programme staff) and 4 Alternatives to Violence trainers from Georgia received in-depth training Creating Cultures of Justice and Peace training including conflict prevention and resolution, personal and social transformation, having attended 8-day intensive workshops - 14 in Istanbul, Turkey and 15 in Sevan, Armenia.

-16 youth workers were received training in how gender norms impact our lives including the effects of gender-based violence and how boys and girls can play a positive role and benefit from ending violence. Eight youth workers were recruited for Chechnya, four for Dagestan and four for Ingushetia.

-In addition to the sessions by the youth workers, we organized thematic discussions by 40 invited external experts sessions. The experts were identified based on specific interests of girls' and boys' groups:

The following themes and ideas have been moderated by invited experts:

- SMM-how to successfully market social media
- Drones and videography
- Tips for good photography taking
- Professional orientation
- Girls' health
- Human rights and children's rights
- Environment and ecology

These topics prompted significant interest among youth and children.

-3990 students (3473 school students and 517 University students) attended classes on Power of Goodness programme; through exploring the stories, the students learned the positive values of helping others, not judging people by their ethnic or religious background. They learned to question prejudice and the importance of dialogue and compromise and taking an active stance, potentially with leadership roles, in their communities.

-1510 school students (752 boys and 758 girls) attended sessions on exploring masculinities, gender norms and alternatives, conducted by the Boys and Men for Gender Equality youth workers to combat harmful practices of gender norms and toxic masculinities. The school students learned about gender stereotypes and alternative ways of behaviour, including the importance of nonviolence in relationships for the benefit of everyone, boys and girls. Harmful attitudes towards women and girls, which have become acceptable and the norm were challenged, leading to an increase in mutual respect and equality.

-164 university students participated in the Creating Cultures of Peace, and Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), add substantially to the resource of peacebuilding trainers in the North Caucasus, strengthening the regional network of peacebuilding trainers and further promoting a culture of peace in the region.

41 people - 7 representatives of the local administration, 11 teachers and 12 students, 4 teachers, 2 school leaders, 2 representatives of the local administration, 2 elders and 1 religious leader attended the 3 round tables in Chechnya to coordinate the communities' response to supporting young people identified by the community as being most at risk of influence by extremist and radicalized groups.

These groups of people were formed for quick response actions and mitigation of potential risks for young people. Following the actual roundtable meetings the groups involved remained in contact to respond timely to any cases of young people potentially being at risk.

-107 fathers attended dad's club sessions. Sessions with fathers focused not only on positive parenting aspects, but on issues of dealing with stress and anxiety management.

Traditionally the role of upbringing and children's routines in the North Caucasus is taken over by mothers. The more active involvement of fathers will contribute to raising a healthier, more confident, happy and successful children.

We observed improved understanding of fathers on the importance of active engagement with and support to children. We also noticed that fathers listen to more carefully and trust our male colleagues-male youth worker who is also the Deputy School Principal. Some feedback from fathers: "I thought that if I kept a certain distance from my children intervening only when there are some serious issues, I would be a more solid role model for them who doesn't waste his energy on meaningless things but comes in like a Superman when there is something serious. Now I see that my children need more from me than that, they need my attention and my real presence". "In my understanding it was a mother-my wife who is more important for the children, my role I mainly saw as a breadwinner for the family, ensuring a stable income and financial security but actually I'll miss out on so much if I only play that role".

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One of the fathers who attended these sessions was a religious activist who supports mullah in preparing Friday prayer's briefings (in one of the mosques of Baisangurovskii district in Grozny). He said that he will advocate for inclusion of such topics in the post-prayer briefings so that a wider audience of men benefits from such knowledge.

Key Performance Indicators:

-No. of teachers trained in the application of the Power of Goodness programme in schools.

-No. of school students participating in the Power of Goodness sessions by teachers.

-Feedback from school students on the value and quality of sessions showed that the students had a better understanding of how conflicts can be dealt with non-violently, citing examples from the Power of Goodness stories with examples of how they behaved differently in situations at home, at school or with friends.

-Monitoring reports on the quality of sessions by teachers showed that students showed a keen interest in the sessions and the stories and found them relatable to their own lives, exemplified by students giving examples from their own lives, including how they would change behaviour based on insights from the stories.

-Feedback from the 16 youth workers on the boys project following their training indicated that they had gained greater understanding of how positive gender roles in society can be cultivated, leading to greater tolerance and equality.

- Feedback from the 13 participants of the 8-day Creating Cultures of Peace workshop highlighted participant's heightened understanding of how to build peace in their lives and communities. This included showing empathy, love and support to people around them, as well as listening to their own bodies, emotions and self-care.

-Activity reports from the sessional experts' sessions (boys' project component).

-Feedback from teachers was collected on a regular basis to track how students absorb the new knowledge and how they participate in the sessions.

-Feedback from adolescent boys and girls attending the gender stereotypes education sessions in schools collected through evaluation sessions at the end of each series of sessions, at which students were encouraged to record what they learned, what they liked about the sessions, what they didn't like and feedback to the trainers.

-Quality of key messages developed by adolescents for conveying to their peers and for challenging the current ideals of masculinity, strengthening alternative masculinities and promoting gender equality.

Significant positive and negative factors that affected the achievement of objectives:

The main achievement is that these activities could continue in the hostile environment for NGOs in Russia. Pressure from local authorities on local NGOs continued. It takes time, work, resources, strong nerves, skills, good planning, flexibility, ingenuity, discipline and quick coordination to deal with such pressure, ensure compliance with all the legal and administrative requirements, and maintain the regular, high-quality programming our beneficiaries come to rely on and our partner's trusted presence in the community.

The main changes that this work has brought about:

The evident signs for bringing change include the increased knowledge and understanding of teachers of the Power of Goodness programme, which helps them to work more effectively with children. Teachers and the educational system in general have a large impact upon young people in the region, as in any society. We believe that teachers play a fundamental role in multiplying the project's effects in encouraging peaceful, nonviolent and reconciliatory solutions to problems in the central actors' lives and communities and will continue to do so.

When it comes to the Boys' project component, nobody had ever discussed with children and adolescents' possible alternatives to current gender stereotypes and discrimination in society, which we believe will lead to greater tolerance and gender equality. This is in itself a big change, since they represent a new generation and with this new understanding they can and will play an active role in creating more positive redefinitions of social norms of masculinities. Only with the meaningful engagement of boys and men will there be realistic and sustainable prospects for gender equality.

University lecturers have noticed marked changes in students that have attended the Creating Cultures of Peace trainings, particularly those who attended the 8-day trainings in Istanbul and Armenia. They have internalised the messages, skills and tools for personal transformation in a way that is visible in their interaction with their peers and have had deep explorations on how to develop this further into social transformation when conditions allow.

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3) Psychosocial Assistance in Western Ukraine

Peacebuilding UK partners with Friends Peace Teams - Europe and Middle East to help improve the psychosocial well-being of people living in western Ukraine affected by Russia's war against Ukraine. The work particularly benefits children and young people, women, people with disabilities and women and child victims of violence residing in and around the city of Lviv, including for internally displaced people from the south and east of the country.

Professional psychosocial support is provided to individuals through individual and group sessions that assists them in developing inner resources to cope with the stress and trauma that they are experiencing as a result of war and to help them re-orientate their lives to their current circumstances. Two psychologists provided psychosocial assistance to around 500 people in Lviv and western Ukraine in 2023 through group work and individual consultations, assisting them to reconnect with inner resources.

The program also assists with social adaptation so that those receiving psychosocial assistance are better able to re-orientate to their lives to their new circumstances that have changed due to the war, including support in finding required social services, employment, parent clubs, etc.

Fundraising activities

The charity does not participate in any external fundraising activities nor does it engage any professional fundraising services.

Financial review

Financial position

Total income for the year amounted to £262,283 (2022: £1,003,035). There has been decreased activity this year which is also reflected in expenses; project expenditure amounted to £323,748 (2022: £982,671).

Total reserves at the year end amounted to deficit of £23,625 (2022: £37,840 surplus). Unrestricted funds held amounted to a deficit of £23,884 (2022: £37,836 surplus), this total includes fixed assets of £107 (2022: £346).

Trustees have continued to work tirelessly to ensure that the charity's financial, administrative and management capacities are sufficient to support the activities of the charity in 2023 and into 2024 and 2025.

Principal funding sources

The Programmes Co-ordinator and consultants provide information and submit funding applications for the charity's work to grant-making bodies, predominantly in the European Union and the United States.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy set out by the trustees is to hold sufficient total funds to provide for at least three months core running costs.

Currently the reserves are below that level, the trustees have put in place plans to produce sufficient surpluses over the next 2 to 3 years to meet their reserves objective.

Going concern

The trustees recognise that there are risks to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The main risks are the deficit in reserves, and the difficult funding climate for charities working in the area of benefit, explained earlier in this report.

The trustees have discussed the current fundraising pipeline, funding opportunities and cash in the bank, sufficient to pay core running costs, in order to assess PBUK as a going concern. A number of successful, small-scale funding proposals have already been achieved in 2024, and in the last few weeks two proposals have been submitted which are pending outcome.

Taking all this into account, the Trustees believe that despite the difficulties of raising funds, there nevertheless remain some options to diversify the PBUK portfolio and there are still opportunities to raise funds and donations, even in smaller amounts. Acknowledging the strong commitment of the team and partners on the ground to continue their important work even on a voluntary basis, and honouring the ongoing obligations that PBUK has to meet, in the opinion of the trustees PBUK is a going concern for at least the next 12 months, and that the prospect of eliminating the deficit over the next 2-3 years is wholly realistic.

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Financial review

Funds in deficit

The unrestricted fund is currently showing a deficit of £23,884. A loan of £20,000 was obtained further details are shown in note 18. The Trustees are working to secure new funding sources and have cut expenditure.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, include the fact that it relies on major funding from trusts and other bodies; many donors have substantially reduced funding for the North Caucasus region over the last couple of years, which has resulted in a sharp decrease in income, which can affect the charity's ability to pay salaries of key staff and partners meaning that more of the work is conducted on a voluntary basis. Furthermore, that conditions in the North Caucasus region of Russia are insecure so a lot of attention is paid to the security of staff and partners. The trustees are constantly reviewing these risks and contingency plans have been established to mitigate them.

Future plans

In 2024 the charity will continue the work of 'Creating Cultures of Justice and Peace' through two interrelated strands: First, by providing children and young people with tools to resolve conflicts through the use of the 'Power of Goodness' methodology, stories of nonviolence and reconciliation based on real-life situations of people overcoming and transforming conflict in their lives and societies. This will include trainings for teachers and trainee teachers. Second, a targeted group of students will receive more in-depth training, based on the personal and social transformation components of the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), building a team of young leaders, experienced and committed justice and peace trainers.

In 2024 we will work on organising an 8-day training on 'Creating Cultures of Justice in Peace', to take place in late 2024 or the first half of 2025 in Armenia, for colleagues from the North Caucasus. We will also invite partners engaged in Alternatives to Violence Project from Sulimaniya/ northern Iraq and partners from other regions.

Together with our partner Friends Peace Teams, we will continue work with psychologists and trainers in Ukraine who disseminate the message of peace and nonviolence through visitation and psychosocial workshops for people traumatised by the war, including parents, children, teachers and people working with children.

Throughout 2024 Peacebuilding UK will continue to raise funds for current and potentially new project expenditure and running costs, to enable the charity to achieve its goals within the year and beyond.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a private limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the trustees or on a proposal by a member of the company. Trustees may co-opt additional or replacement members of the board during the year until the next annual meeting when they are eligible for re-election. To ensure that the board includes a wide and appropriate mix of capabilities, it is our practice to advertise vacancies publicly.

Organisational structure

The trustees meet at regular intervals, where all significant issues are discussed and agreed. The trustees guide the Programmes Co-ordinator and the company secretary on a regular, often daily, basis which enables the trustees to maintain the overall management of the charity.

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are invited to information meetings at which existing trustees explain the statutory responsibilities of a trustee and the procedures and systems of the charity.

Key management remuneration

Salaries are based on proportions of the National Joint Council local government rates which are agreed by the trustees.

Related parties

Any related party transactions requiring disclosure have been detailed in the notes to the accounts.

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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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

04779336 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

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Administrator

Mr D Smetanin

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on16.9.24..... and signed on the board's behalf by:



Ms J A Schofield - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Centre For Peacebuilding And Community
Development**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Centre For Peacebuilding And Community Development ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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.


David Nigel Cox FCA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 26.9.24

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Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	281	-	281	-
Charitable activities	4				
International projects		662	261,334	261,996	1,003,035
Investment income	3	6	-	6	-
Total		<u>949</u>	<u>261,334</u>	<u>262,283</u>	<u>1,003,035</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
International projects		<u>37,065</u>	<u>286,683</u>	<u>323,748</u>	<u>982,671</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	17	(36,116) (25,604)	(25,349) 25,604	(61,465) -	20,364 -
Net movement in funds		<u>(61,720)</u>	<u>255</u>	<u>(61,465)</u>	<u>20,364</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		37,836	4	37,840	17,476
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>(23,884)</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>(23,625)</u>	<u>37,840</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
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	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	12	107	346
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	17,251	-
Cash at bank and in hand		2,373	74,365
		<u>19,624</u>	<u>74,365</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(43,356)	(36,871)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(23,732)</u>	<u>37,494</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(23,625)</u>	<u>37,840</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>(23,625)</u>	<u>37,840</u>
FUNDS	17		
Unrestricted funds		(23,884)	37,836
Restricted funds		259	4
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>(23,625)</u>	<u>37,840</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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 16.01.24 and were signed on its behalf by:


J A Schofield - Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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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.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income, in particular income from grants, 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.

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 costs 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.

Grants are accounted for when a contract has been signed by both the charity and the recipient. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities include project expenditure and attributable support costs. Project expenditure includes grants made to third parties in the furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

All support costs have been attributed to charitable activity. As the charity only undertakes one activity, further apportionment is not necessary. The trustees acknowledge that a proportion of support costs relate to the governance of the charity, however the amounts are not considered material.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Computer equipment	-	33.3% per annum straight line basis
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All computer equipment is included at historic cost and is reviewed for impairment at each balance sheet date.

Taxation

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

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees which include a general fund.

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.

Foreign currencies

Financial assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction.

Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result and are included in unrestricted funds to meet future potential exchange rate losses. The movement in the year amounted to a loss on exchange of £2,813 (2022:£2,978 profit).

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Expenditure is allocated to restricted project costs where provided in the project budgets.

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.

Going Concern

The trustees recognise that there are risks to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The main risks are the deficit in reserves, and the difficult funding climate for charities working in the area of benefit, explained earlier in this report.

The trustees have discussed the current fundraising pipeline, funding opportunities and cash in the bank, sufficient to pay core running costs, in order to assess PBUK as a going concern. A number of successful, small-scale funding proposals have already been achieved in 2024, and in the last few weeks two proposals have been submitted which are pending outcome. In addition there is a strong commitment from the team and partners on the ground to continue their important work even on a voluntary basis.

The trustees have assessed the following 12 months and in their opinion PBUK is a going concern and will remain in activity for that period, therefore the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	281	-
	<u>281</u>	<u>-</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	6	-
	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Project income	261,996	1,003,035
Activity		
International projects		
	<u>261,996</u>	<u>1,003,035</u>

Deferred income in restricted funds amounts to £Nil 2022: £11,431). This is the result of grants received in advance which have performance related conditions or time-related conditions. During the year £11,431 was released to profit or loss from the deferred income brought forward.

Accrued income in restricted funds amounts to £17,250 (2022: £Nil). This is the result of grants received in arrears of the expenditure.

Grants Receivable

Grants receivable are considered by the trustees when the grant has been notified. The trustees consider if there are performance related conditions that apply to the grant or it is time specified. Grants that are subject to performance related conditions, received in advance of delivery the services required by that condition, are accounted for as a liability and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income. Deferred income is released to income in the reporting period in which performance related or other conditions that limit recognition are met.

During the year the following grants were received and recognised (or released from deferred income), in the accounts from government, government agencies and similar bodies either local, national or international:

European Commission (EC) - £28,681, of which £17,250 is accrued income, balances brought forward include £11,431 released from deferred income.

Further details of the projects can be found in the trustees report.

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
International projects	191,326	120,750	11,672	323,748
	<u>191,326</u>	<u>120,750</u>	<u>11,672</u>	<u>323,748</u>

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6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2023	2022
	£	£
International projects	<u>120,750</u>	<u>688,391</u>
The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Local partner NGO and sub-grant partners	<u>120,750</u>	<u>688,391</u>

Grants to local partners NGOs:

'Humans Rights' project; £23,735 was paid to local partners to further the aims of the project as described on page 2.

'Creating a Culture of Peace in the North Caucasus' project; £97,015 was paid to local partners to further the aims of the project as described on page 3.

The partner organisations in the North Caucasus remain anonymous due to the sensitive nature of their work and potential security threats to local NGOs.

All grants that have been made are regarded as project expenditure.

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
International projects	<u>1,368</u>	<u>1,101</u>	<u>9,203</u>	<u>11,672</u>

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

	2023	2022
	International projects	Total activities
	£	£
Sundries	528	1,457
Office expenses and equipment	601	630
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	239	239
Bank charges	1,101	2,601
Auditors' remuneration	2,213	25,861
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	3,600	-
Trustee meeting expenses	638	186
Professional fees	2,752	5,670
	<u>11,672</u>	<u>36,644</u>

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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
PBUK Audit	2,400	7,200
Non UK auditors	(187)	18,661
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	3,600	-
Depreciation - owned assets	239	240
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9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

Included in trustee meeting expenses are trustee's travel costs for three of the trustees, the total paid during the year is £579 (2022: £186)

10. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	76,549	105,166
Social security costs	2,554	6,429
Other pension costs	4,096	5,521
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	<u>83,199</u>	<u>117,116</u>

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

	2023	2022
Administration staff	2	2
Management staff	1	1
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	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

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

The employee benefits of the key management personnel was £77,587 (2022: £101,472).

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	-	-	-
Charitable activities			
International projects	58,163	944,872	1,003,035
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u>58,163</u>	<u>944,872</u>	<u>1,003,035</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
International projects	28,992	953,679	982,671
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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	29,171	(8,807)	20,364
Transfers between funds	(4,680)	4,680	-
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Net movement in funds	24,491	(4,127)	20,364
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	13,342	4,134	17,476
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>37,833</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>37,840</u>
12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
			Computer equipment £
COST			
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023			<u>725</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2023			379
Charge for year			<u>239</u>
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At 31 December 2023			<u>618</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2023			<u>107</u>
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At 31 December 2022			<u>346</u>
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13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	2023		2022
	£		£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>17,251</u>		<u>-</u>
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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	2023		2022
	£		£
Other loans (see note 15)	20,000		-
Trade creditors	19,756		3,433
Accruals and deferred income	3,600		33,438
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	<u>43,356</u>		<u>36,871</u>
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15. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	20,000	-

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Fixed assets	107	-	107	346
Current assets	7,790	11,834	19,624	74,365
Current liabilities	(31,781)	(11,575)	(43,356)	(36,871)
	(23,884)	259	(23,625)	37,840

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	37,836	(36,116)	(25,604)	(23,884)
Restricted funds				
Creating culture of Peace in the North				
Caucasus	4	255	-	259
EC - Supporting Human Rights in Russia	-	(25,587)	25,587	-
RM Support	-	(17)	17	-
	4	(25,349)	25,604	259
TOTAL FUNDS	37,840	(61,465)	-	(23,625)

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	949	(37,065)	(36,116)
Restricted funds			
Creating culture of Peace in the North			
Caucasus	220,065	(219,810)	255
EC - Supporting Human Rights in Russia	28,680	(54,267)	(25,587)
RM Support	12,589	(12,606)	(17)
	261,334	(286,683)	(25,349)
TOTAL FUNDS	262,283	(323,748)	(61,465)

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	13,342	29,174	(4,680)	37,836
Restricted funds				
Creating culture of Peace in the North Caucasus	4,134	(8,440)	4,310	4
EC - Human Rights Community Engagement	-	(370)	370	-
	<u>4,134</u>	<u>(8,810)</u>	<u>4,680</u>	<u>4</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>17,476</u>	<u>20,364</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,840</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	58,163	(28,989)	29,174
Restricted funds			
Creating culture of Peace in the North Caucasus	129,861	(138,301)	(8,440)
EC - Human Rights Community Engagement	2,179	(2,549)	(370)
EC - Supporting Human Rights in Russia	812,832	(812,832)	-
	<u>944,872</u>	<u>(953,682)</u>	<u>(8,810)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,003,035</u>	<u>(982,671)</u>	<u>20,364</u>

Transfers between funds

The trustees made a transfer from the general fund to cover costs on both the EC- Human Rights Community Engagement and RM Support projects during the year.

The trustees acknowledge that these transfers are not in breach of any of the grant conditions for funding received.

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18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year the charity paid expenses on behalf of Peacebuilding Centre a company registered in Ireland amounting to £480 (2022: £1,263). Three of the trustees are also trustees of Peacebuilding Centre. This company was closed down during the year.

During the year a loan was received from Juliet Schofield totalling £20,000, the balance outstanding at the year end was £20,000. The loan is interest free and has no set repayment schedule.

19. RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

Supporting Human Rights in Russia and Human Rights Community Engagement

The EU-funded project (Supporting Human Rights in Russia) of which Peacebuilding UK has been the main applicant provides comprehensive, continuous support to around 20 CSOs that protect, defend and restore human rights in a wide range of fields (women's human rights, rights of LGBT people, human rights and the environment etc), selected in an open call and through community-based participatory grant-making. Subgrants covering all or much of their core operational needs for a year are complemented with tailor-made and continuous learning, seconded capacities and mentoring provided by leading international and Russian experts which enables them to build a new financial business model based on domestic resource mobilization.

Creating a Culture of Peace in the North Caucasus

Workshops on Power of Goodness and Creating Cultures of Peace are held regularly with students and teachers in schools and with students at the Chechen State University and the Chechen State Pedagogical University.

School children explore the way that gender stereotypes and violence affect our lives and how we can build more peaceful and equal relationships. These programs provide a great resource for teaching children, youth and adults to use non-violent methods of interacting with people and to respond appropriately to aggression from others based on the universal human values of goodness, respect, nonviolence and forgiveness.

20. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The members' liability is limited to £1 per member on the winding up of the charity. The charity has no share capital.