



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01-03-2022 Period start date To 28-02-2023 Period end date

Charity name: New Acropolis Cultural Association

Charity registration number: 1110140

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the general public in the field of philosophy in the classical tradition. To educate students in the comparative study of arts, philosophy, religion and science in order to preserve mankind's heritage and to disseminate the results of such study and research to the public. To promote racial harmony for the benefit of the public. To promote good citizenship. To promote the education of the public in order that they may achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<u>Activities in the field of Philosophy:</u> Apart from one talk which was given by a guest speaker, all our talks were in person again this year. We opened 4 introductory courses on "Philosophies of East & West" (2 in March and 2 in October) and we were oversubscribed for our autumn courses. We taught more than 600 hours of classes on comparative philosophy following our Programme of Studies. <u>Amongst our talks in the field of philosophy</u> we would like to highlight the following: "Viktor Frankl on our Search for Meaning", "Philosophy and Mysticism in Ancient Europe - The Bardic Tradition" and a talk on "The Repression of the Sublime". This year we offered a holistic philosophical training event in Wales (over 4 days), with team building exercises, route finding exercises, cooperative work (cooking, cleaning, living together) and philosophy classes. It was a great success.



As every year, we celebrated **UNESCO's World Philosophy Day** in November. The topic chosen for this year was "The Language of Symbols". Both philosophy and symbols are inherent in human nature, and learning to understand symbols and the symbolic dimension can help us to develop our imagination, which is not only one of our most important and powerful faculties but also essential for finding solutions to our current crises.

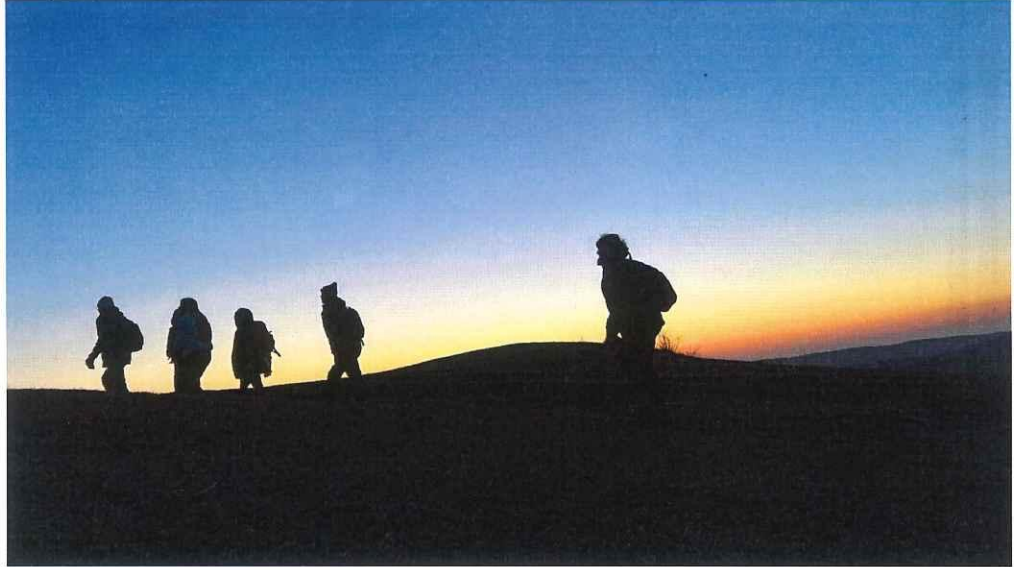
We also organised a **Happening** on the streets for World Philosophy Day and had some stimulating and profound dialogues with members of the public. We also provided interactive activities (quotes, a wheel of virtues, walking through a labyrinth we drew on the ground).



Activities in the field of Culture: We organised a wide range of talks, including: a talk on **"The Path of Harmony - Confidence in Times of Crisis"**, and **"Destiny, Fate & Free Will"**. We also organised an online

seminar with a guest speaker on "**Tutankhamun**", a workshop on "**The Power of Myth**" and a seminar of 3 evenings on '**Symbols**'.

In March 2022 we organised a night walk for the spring equinox in order to see the sunrise from Ivinghoe Beacon. We had 12 participants, and it was a very memorable walk.



We also organised a summer solstice walk with swimming in the Thames (far away from London!) and two Self-Defence Classes with a martial art expert in the summer. In addition to these events, we also organised celebrations for 'Wesak' in May, an autumn equinox celebration and two Christmas parties (because our premises would be too small if all attended at once).

This year, we published again 6 digital issues of our **magazine** "New Acropolis – Philosophy and Education for the Future" and we were able to attract new writers for our articles. We also celebrated the 50th edition of our magazine.

Activities in the field of Volunteering:

All the activities in our School of Philosophy (teaching, cleaning and maintenance of the school, advertising, design of leaflets and course notes, etc.) are done on a voluntary and honorary basis and there are no paid positions in our charity. Every task is used as a practical exercise and application of philosophy in action.

This year, we decided not only to support UNESCO's World Philosophy Day but also its EARTH DAY in April. To celebrate Earth Day, we organised a **talk** on "Viktor Schauburger and the Living Energies of Water", a traditional **dance** around a tree to provide a symbolic and sacred element in honour of Mother Earth and a **litter pick** with 17 people where we collected around 1 ton of rubbish (which was then removed by Hackney Council).



We also continued to maintain the public space Compton Terrace Gardens in front of our premises by organising 11 volunteering days (one a month, apart from August) and we volunteered to help a lady with her garden (at the request of another charity which works with housebound people).



Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Para 1.18

I confirm that the trustees have had regard to the guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All our work is entirely carried out by volunteers since there are no paid positions in our charity. And we would like to stress our gratitude to our volunteers for their good will, commitment and ongoing support.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	As shown above, our main achievements are the activities we provide throughout the year, the magazine we publish every two months and our unfailing commitment to continuous courses for our members. The main benefit to our members and to society as a whole is our offer of a holistic education for 'head, heart and hands', based on the universal and timeless values of the philosophies and cultures throughout history. Regarding measurable outcomes, our achievements are expressed in the fact that we increased our membership, our finances and the attendance at our public events. But the most important outcomes of our activities are not measurable; they are reflected in a spirit of active citizenship that is expressed in actions, in the development of greater resilience due to a deeper understanding of ourselves and others, the pursuit of virtues such as generosity, perseverance, compassion and a greater ability to make wise choices. Another achievement this year is that we were able to build up our funds for bigger premises. It became very obvious this year that we don't have enough space for our activities and we are actively looking for new premises. We also continued to give grants to members who were unable to pay their subscriptions.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	This was another very good year financially. We managed to increase our total cash funds by 49%. We achieved this by increasing our membership, donations, income from our events and gift aid and by keeping the running costs of our charity very, very low (£7,936 which include all advertising, office costs, utilities, everything). All the rest of our expenditure (£34,275) is for our premises (rent, insurance, business rates, legal fees for lease). With the financial 'foundation' we have built up, we feel we can take the risk to take on a much higher rent in the future.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	See above
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	We have £13,811 in our savings account and more than £82,000 in our current bank account.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Our principal sources of funds were: 36% from membership subscriptions 33% from donations 16% from our Introductory course, our public talks and workshops 8% from Gift Aid
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed adopted 13 th June 2005
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	We are an unincorporated trust.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Every trustee must be appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed at a meeting that was called with no less than 21 days' notice given.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	New Acropolis Cultural Association
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1110140

Charity's principal address	19 Compton Terrace London N1 2UN
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sabine Leitner	Chair		
2	Julian Scott	Secretary		
3	Agostino Dominici			
4	Ken Tsang			
5	Nataliya Petlevych	Treasurer		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not applicable		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

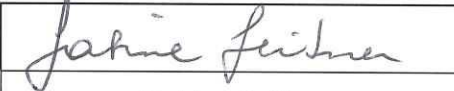
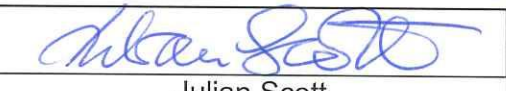
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sabine Leitner	Julian Scott
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary

Date27-12-2023



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New Acropolis Cultural Association

1110140

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/03/2022	To	Period end date 28/02/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Member's subscriptions	26,587	-	-	26,587	25,972
Donations	24,262	-	-	24,262	21,879
Course Philosophies of East and West	9,105	-	-	9,105	7,035
Talks, Workshops, Seminars and other Events	2,730	-	-	2,730	2,396
Books, Notes, Magazine,	633	-	-	633	449
Refund from STS for rent	4,500	-	-	4,500	-
Other (incl. refunds, interests)	637	-	-	637	100
Gift Aid	5,832	-	-	5,832	3,661
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	74,286	-	-	74,286	61,492
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	74,286	-	-	74,286	61,492
A3 Payments					
Premises (incl. legal costs renewal of lease)	34,275	-	-	34,275	27,208
Public Relations	38	-	-	38	764
Advertising	2,044	-	-	2,044	1,474
Office	1,632	-	-	1,632	729
Purchases	1,328	-	-	1,328	1,388
Cost of sales	499	-	-	499	618
Utilities	1,131	-	-	1,131	1,349
Refurbishment and Maintenance	265	-	-	265	595
Other (incl organisation of events)	999	-	-	999	260
Sub total	42,211	-	-	42,211	34,385
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	42,211	-	-	42,211	34,385
Net of receipts/(payments)	32,075	-	-	32,075	27,107
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	32,075	-	-	32,075	27,107

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account & PayPal account	82,594	-	-
	Saving account	13,811	-	-
	Cash	1,126	-	-
	Total cash funds	97,531	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	agreement	OK	OK

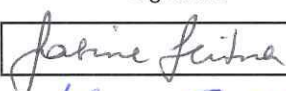
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Sabine Leitner	27-12-23
	JULIAN SCOTT	27/12/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

NEW ACROPOLIS CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

**On accounts for the year
ended**

28 FEBRUARY 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1110140

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

DA

Date:

27/12/2023

Name:

PINAR AKHAN VIRDEE

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Address:

76 HILLCREST ROAD

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.