



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01-03-2023 Period start date To 29-02-2024 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	The most important achievement in this period was that we found new premises next door to our current premises (after several years of saving up for higher future rent and possible refurbishment, and two years of searching for new premises). As always, the legal proceedings took much longer than envisaged and we also needed to invest a lot of our savings into the refurbishment of the new premises and the dilapidation requirements of our old premises (we were there for almost 24 years). At the end of this period, the refurbishments and the final contract were still going on, but we moved on March 15 into our new place (which is just outside of the period this annual report covers). <u>Activities in the field of Philosophy:</u> We taught about 640 hours of philosophy to our ongoing groups this year, despite one of our teachers having been ill for almost the whole period due to serious concussion. We opened 4 introductory courses on "Philosophies of East & West" (2 in March 2023, 2 in October 2023). We were not able to open new courses at the beginning of 2024 because we were in the middle of refurbishment. We have been oversubscribed for our introductory courses for several years, and in March 2023 we opened a new course in south London, renting a room once a week. This went well, but unfortunately a few weeks later our teacher had an accident and has since been unable to teach due to severe concussion. We finished the course by inviting the participants to attend the rest of the course at our premises in Islington.

As every year, we celebrated **UNESCO's World Philosophy Day** in November. The topic chosen for this year was **"Philosophy in Action - Linking Theory and Practice to Live more Wisely"**. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our happening on the street for World Philosophy this year because there were many demonstrations on the streets after the events of Oct 7 in Israel and the weather was also very bad. But the indoor event at our premises was well attended and highlighted again the need to move to bigger premises.

Amongst our talks in the field of philosophy we would also like to highlight the short course on: **"Women and Philosophy in History"**, and the short course on: **"Images & Symbols of Nature - Connecting with Nature through the Symbolic Imagination"**. We also had summer classes on "Stoicism" and "The Musical Laws of the Universe (Pythagoreanism)".

Activities in the field of Culture: We organised a very popular drawing course (6 sessions) with David Cole FRSA with the title **"Draw out Your Inner Artist"**, a workshop on **"Tristan & Isolde - The Myth of Romantic Love and its Spiritual Dimension"**, a **dance workshop** in March 2023 and a workshop on **"The Hero's Journey"**.

We also celebrated the **International Bee Day** in May with a whole day of activities where participants could get close to our bees (sadly, both our hives died the following winter and we can't yet have any bees in our new premises).



We celebrated the **spring equinox** watching the sunrise from Parliament Hill on Hampstead Heath, the **summer solstice** with a walk and team building exercises in Trent Park (North London), and the **autumn equinox** and the **winter solstice** with celebrations for our student members.

We also had summer classes on "Celtic stories and mythology", "The Inner Warrior - Embracing the Inner Battle", "Yoga and Yogis", "The technological enigmas of ancient civilizations" and we offered again our very successful and popular Oratory course over the summer, which consists of 9 evenings. Some people participated in it already for the third time.

This year, we published again 6 digital issues of our **magazine** "New Acropolis – Philosophy and Education for the Future".

We organised the following **cultural trips** for our student members: To Oxford to visit the Ashmolean Museum and its exhibition on the Minotaur, to Windsor and to Runnymede (the memorial of the Magna Carta), and a trip to the Tate Modern to visit the Hilma Af Klint exhibition,



We also organised **3 walks** this year (Bluebell walk in May, a summer walk in August and the summer solstice walk).



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.

For **International Earth Day** in April we organised again a litter pick in Hackney where we collected around 1 ton of rubbish (it was a very dirty place!).



We also organised again **11 garden volunteering days** (one Saturday a month, apart from August) to maintain the public gardens in front of our premises, together with neighbours and support from Islington Council.

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

Para 1.18

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

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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	I can only repeat from last year's report: As shown above, our main achievements are the many and varied 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 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 income and the attendance at all our 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 finally found bigger premises and nearly finished with the refurbishment of the new

		premises. We also managed to do all the necessary dilapidation works in order to move out from our old premises. We also continued to give grants to members who were unable to pay their subscriptions.
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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	Having built up savings of almost £100,000 over the last 8 years was necessary to be able to afford not only bigger premises but also all the dilapidation and refurbishment costs involved. Despite having had to spend nearly £60,000 this year on refurbishments and maintenance, our accounts are still in good shape to take on a much higher rent, which we will have to pay from March 15, 2024, onwards. We managed to increase our gross income by 3.6 % and we achieved this by increasing all our areas of income: membership, donations, income from our events. Our outgoings also increased in all areas and of course, we had to spend (so far, it's not finished) nearly £60,000 on refurbishing the new premises and also the old premises (due to the normal dilapidation requirements). With over £70,000 in cash funds, we are prepared for the expenses yet to come our way this year (lawyers, deposit and more refurbishment costs).
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		However, we will need to increase our income over the next two years in order to be able to afford the new much higher rent.
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 £17,000 in our savings account and we are planning to build up our savings to £50,000 over the coming years.
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: 42% from membership subscriptions 36% from donations 20% from our Introductory course, our public talks and workshops 2% other
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	We would like to change our legal structure from a trust into a CIO. However, this will probably take us 1-2 years to achieve.
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	18 Compton Terrace London N1 2UN

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

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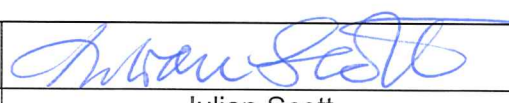
Other optional information

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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

Date 26 December 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
New Acropolis Cultural Association

No (if any)
1110140

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/03/2023

To

Period end date
29/02/2024

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	32,272	-	-	32,272	26,586
Donations	27,670	-	-	27,670	24,262
Course Philosophies of East and West	11,889	-	-	11,889	9,105
Talks, Workshops, Seminars and other Events	3,520	-	-	3,520	2,730
Books, Notes, Magazine	999	-	-	999	633
Charity produce: casts, tibetan thangka, honey, plants	247	-	-	247	-
Other (incl. interests)	379	-	-	379	5,137
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	5,832
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	76,975	-	-	76,975	74,286
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	76,975	-	-	76,975	74,286
A3 Payments					
Premises	31,783	-	-	31,783	32,737
Public Relations	1,338	-	-	1,338	38
Advertising	2,936	-	-	2,936	2,044
Office	1,153	-	-	1,153	1,632
Purchases	1,121	-	-	1,121	1,328
Cost of sales	789	-	-	789	498
Utilities	1,759	-	-	1,759	1,131
Refurbishment and Maintenance	59,218	-	-	59,218	265
Other (incl organisation of courses and events, legal compliance)	723	-	-	723	2,538
Sub total	100,820	-	-	100,820	42,211
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	100,820	-	-	100,820	42,211
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 23,845	-	-	- 23,845	32,075
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 23,845	-	-	- 23,845	32,075

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	56,269	-	-
	Saving account	17,030	-	-
	Cash	388	-	-
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(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Restricted funds

Endowment funds

Details

to nearest £

to nearest £

to nearest £

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Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value
(optional)

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Details

Fund to which asset
belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value
(optional)

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Details

Fund to which liability relates

Amount due
(optional)

When due
(optional)

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Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Jabine Leimer
Apr 2015

SABINE LEITNER
JULIAN SCOTT

26/12/2024
26/12/2024



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
NEW ACROPOLIS CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year
ended

29 FEB 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1110140

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28/02/2024.
As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Independent
examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

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

I have no concerns and 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:

Date: 20/12/2024

Name: PINAR AKHAN VIRDEE

	Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants)
	Address:	76 Hillcrest Road , BR1 4SD Bromley

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.