



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2023 Period start date
To 31 December 2023 Period end date

Charity name: CHILDREN OF PEACE

Charity registration number: 1112301

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | Children of Peace is a non-partisan UK charity founded in 2004 that aims to work with both Palestinian and Israeli children aged between 4 and 17 years to develop a shared spirit of friendship, reconciliation, trust and understanding via the arts, education, health and sports programmes regardless of community, culture, faith, gender or heritage – so that a future generation and their communities might live and work in peace side-by-side in two future independent states. |
| 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 | <p>2023 saw numerous developments, projects and programmes that enhanced our work and outcomes for our beneficiaries.</p> <p>Our <i>Coalition of Peace</i> remained the single largest peace network across the Middle East with affiliate CBOs/NGOs in Bahrain, Egypt, Gaza, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Turkey, UAE and the West Bank with affiliates across Europe and North America.</p> <p>In 2023 the following peace NGOs joined the Coalition of Peace as affiliates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Middle East Children's Institute- Muntaha- Save A Child's Heart (Israel) <p>In 2023 the following applicants received Grants from Children of Peace:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Humans Without Borders (Israel & Palestine) (June)- Desert Stars (Bedouin, Negev)- Freddie Krivine Initiative |

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| | | <p>In February 2023 leading Palestinian journalist and peace activist Bassem Eid joins as a Friend.</p> <p>In March 2023 the actor Toby Stephens became a Patron of the charity</p> <p>In March 2023, our Patron Dame Judi Dench wrote a message to all our worldwide supporters to commemorate the charity's 20th Anniversary.</p> <p>To mark our Anniversary we fund planting of 20 olive trees in Israel and 20 olive trees in Burin, Palestine</p> <p>In April 2023 The Right Revd Christopher Herbert (fmr Bishop of St Albans) became an Honorary Patron</p> <p>Our quarterly online newsletter <i>PeaceChild</i> grew in its reach to international public figures and affiliates.</p> <p>June 23rd 2023 we support the Fun Day for sick and disabled Palestinian children</p> <p>In July 2023 we launched our Partnership Programme with new partnerships with:</p> <p>The Global Imams Council Save A Child Jerusalem Peace Institute Humans Without Borders Palestinian Nurses Association Gaza Muslims Against Antisemitism</p> <p>In August 2023 we commence build project of the Children of Peace School in Rafah, Gaza for special needs children</p> |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | All Trustees are regularly appraised of Charity Commission guidance, including reference to public benefit |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| | SORP reference | |
| | Para 1.38 | We follow strict due diligence processes. To |

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| Policy on grant making | | qualify and therefore apply for grants, all applicants must first affiliate to our <i>Coalition of Peace</i> network through our Compliance Team. If approved, no affiliate may apply for grants until 24 months have passed. Applications are received between March 15 th to April 1 st only each year and the Grants Committee announce successful applications by June 1 st . |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | N/A |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | The charity works with numerous volunteers who work at our Regional Office in Hereford UK or on social media support activity. All receive regular in-house training and appraisals. |
| Other | | Patrons of the charity are: Royal Patron: HH Princess Gabriele zu Leiningen Madonna, Dame Judi Dench, Toby Stephens |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| 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 | <p>The charity acts as a peacebuilding, conflict resolution and child protection NGO working with CBOs and NGOs in Israel and Palestine often missed by international bodies, global charities and governments. We act as a catalyst for change and as a conduit of dialogue between communities divided or alienated by conflict that might have had little or no contact before.</p> <p>Our main achievement is to provide grants for grassroots organisations that work directly with beneficiaries in key areas of the arts, education, sports and healthcare. To date we have assisted over 148,000 children in Gaza, Israel and West Bank Palestine since 2004 through our affiliate driven <i>Coalition of Peace</i> which to date has over 369 affiliates and is now the <i>single largest peace network in the Middle East and North Africa</i>.</p> <p>Fund raising has been centred around a small number of events organised by our</p> |

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| | | <p>own Events Committee. We also enjoy support from student bodies at schools and colleges throughout the UK, including secular and Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities, RAG Committees and through independent fund raising.</p> <p>Our website continues to be a valuable tool for promoting the charity and raising awareness, in addition to being a channel for receiving donations. In 2023, it received 132,034 worldwide new visits. Our Social Media team consists of three young volunteers and they have increased our presence in Instagram, Reddit, Facebook and Twitter. Our Twitter following rose to over 11,334 and contributors are based in the UK, Israel, West Bank Palestine, Egypt, Turkey and Gaza.</p> |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | |
| Other | | |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | Between 5-10% of restricted funding may be used to cover general overhead and admin costs to enable the charity to maintain its goals. The Trustees have agreed on a specific minimum amount of £5,000 to be kept in reserve. The total reserves at 31/12/23 were actually £70,091 none of which was held in restricted funds. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | Reserves are maintained to protect the charity and safeguard donors funds |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | £5000 |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | N/A |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | N/A |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | N/A |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | Trust based on Charity Commission GD3 - Model Constitution for a Charitable Unincorporated Association |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | Unincorporated Association |
| 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 | New Trustees are co-opted to the Board by the Officers in accordance with the need to maintain a spread of skills and experience relevant to the Trust's objectives and are elected or not elected annually by the Members of the charity (Friends, Goodwill Ambassadors & other non-salaried officers on sub-committees) at the AGM. Patrons cannot vote at the AGM for members of the Board but can vote on Resolutions |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| 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 | The charity's Advisory Board is headed by Mohammed Amin MBE. |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Children of Peace |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1112301 |
| Charity's principal address | The Roller Mill, Mill Lane, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 5AA |
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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 | Richard Martin | President | | Richard Martin |
| 2 | Claire Allen (formerly Packham) | Treasurer | | Claire Allen |
| 3 | Clare Bolt | | | |
| 4 | Dominic Martin | Events | | |
| 5 | Jessica Dollman (formerly Woolley) | | | |
| 6 | Antonia Leslie | Deputy Chair | | |
| 7 | Trevor Mephram | | | |
| 8 | Professor Sarah Brown | Website editorial | | |
| 9 | Paige Donoghue | Social media | | |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | N/A |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | N/A |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | N/A |

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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| N/A |
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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details


N/A

Other optional information

Declarations

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

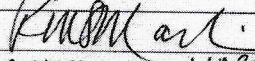
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  | |
| Full name(s) | CLAIRE ALLEN | |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | TREASURER | |
| Date | 31/10/24. | |

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  | |
| Full name(s) | RICHARD MALCOLM MARTIN | |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | President | |
| Date | 31/10/24. | |



CHARITY COMMISSION
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CHILDREN OF PEACE

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Receipts and payments accounts

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| For the period from | Period start date 01/01/2023 | To | Period end date 31/12/2023 |
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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 | | | | | |
| Donations and Legacies | 44,724 | 1,434 | - | 46,158 | 15,957 |
| Interest Received | 402 | - | - | 402 | 44 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 45,126 | 1,434 | - | 46,560 | 16,001 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 45,126 | 1,434 | - | 46,560 | 16,001 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Raising Funds | 1,938 | - | - | 1,938 | 4,434 |
| Charitable Activities | 12,822 | - | - | 12,822 | 6,406 |
| Trustee Expenses | 35 | - | - | 35 | 221 |
| Governance Costs | 840 | - | - | 840 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
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| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 15,635 | - | - | 15,635 | 11,061 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 15,635 | - | - | 15,635 | 11,061 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 29,491 | 1,434 | - | 30,925 | 4,940 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | 1,434 | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 40,040 | - | - | 40,040 | 35,100 |
| Cash funds this year end | 70,965 | 0 | - | 70,965 | 40,040 |

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

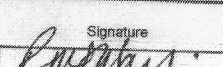
| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
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| B1 Cash funds | Bank Accounts | 70,965 | - | - |
| | Other Accounts | - | - | - |
| | Prepayments | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 70,965 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
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| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
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|  | Richard Martin | 31/10/24 |
| | Claire Allen | |

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

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
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|  | Richard Martin | 12/11/24 |
| | Claire Allen | |

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Children of Peace

On accounts for the year
ended

December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1112301

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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").

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.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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: 31st October 2024

Name:

Sylvia Bourhill

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

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10241689

Address:

1st Floor, Bourne House
Cores End Road
Bourne End SL8 5AR

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.