

Mobile Education Partnerships

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2021

Company Number 05664251

Charity Number 1115837

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The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2020.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

1. Will Millard, MEP Patron and BBC Documentary Maker

Last year, I can very well remember recording a 'Facebook live' for MEP's page, describing the 'crisis on a crisis' that coronavirus presented to those already suffering within Myanmar, and thus, the critical importance of the charity's work, in what already felt like unprecedentedly testing times.

The new year came around with a sense of fresh hope. Vaccination programmes may have exposed another obvious privilege between richer and poorer nations, but at least they were here, and they were filtering out through the world. It felt then like we would soon be seeing a relaxing of restrictions and, for MEP, projects 'on pause' could finally begin again.

Then, in February, the military coup swept through Myanmar. Suddenly, it felt like that 'crisis on a crisis' had just been relegated to a footnote within, what was now, a massive emerging disaster.

The scenes that have filtered from the country since have been nothing short of horrifying. It feels like the nation is entering another protracted period of civil war, with all the crushing of basic human rights, the increasing blood-shed, fear, and tragedy, that goes hand-in-glove with any forceful suppression of people through a violent action.

It is easy, at such times, to feel a little hopeless.

There is though, a gulf of difference between being 'in limbo' and being without that critically important cornerstone of belief: our 'hope' for a better future. This situation, no matter how bad it seems, is far from 'hopeless'. As proud patron of MEP, I know how powerful the belief that what is happening in-country now, is absolutely not an obstacle to this charity's mission to promote education as a "force for good."

MEP has roots stretching back into Myanmar for 21 years. I have spoken before of the tenacity at the core of this charity, and it is this very skill that is already finding creative solutions to continue projects wherever it is possible: for example, the online pilot project for Kachin launched in May, and an 'online school' is even slated to launch this October in Mon state. I note too, that MEPs generous donors have agreed to let the charity hold onto their funds till the situation stabilises, and Bob Anderson informs me they may even have an exciting new donor to announce soon. MEP continues to maintain regular contact with its local partners and their projects in Myanmar, whether they are able to work right now, or not. Those many hardworking and decent people of Myanmar are not without hope. They are not going to just give up. Nor is MEP, and nor should we.

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MEP is reliant on donations, and the very best way any of us can help is by donating directly through the 'donate' tab on their website. If you can, I'd please encourage you to make a regular donation. Everything given goes directly to supporting the charity and their work, and it really does make a difference.



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2. Chair's Report

As you will gather from the main body of the report, things have been very difficult during the twelve months covered by this report. Initially it was almost impossible to see a clear way ahead; the combination of the pandemic followed by the military coup has left many projects in Burma, including ours and other education and health-based projects, still in their fledgling state. So there has been little chance to develop anything, and surviving the day to day has been uppermost in the minds of the communities in which we work. The Burmese are a resilient people however, and very brave. They are prepared to carry on their fight to be part of the modern world, in the face of this most recent opposition, and they know that education is a big part of that. So despite all the challenges thrown up by the current situation, we are now in the process of setting up some tentative online projects, at their request, always considering the risk and the safety of the people involved.

The motto of MEP is about working with disadvantaged communities and communities which feel pushed to the edge, and this is most definitely the time to do whatever we can to support the Burmese people in their current struggle. It is our plan to do just that, for as long as we can.

Thank you for your support.



Jo Burton Chair MEP

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3. Objectives and Activities

3.1. Objective

Mobile Education Partnership is a specialist educational charity working in communities affected by war, poverty and neglect. It was built from scratch by practising teachers and is dedicated to providing high quality professional support at 'grassroots' level based on teacher partnerships which bring together the best of East and West.

MEP works within a range of social, cultural and educational contexts.

Since 2011 MEP has been directly involved in the training of almost 2000 teachers, produced text books now used by up to 18,000 refugee children and in partnership with Harrow International School, Bangkok, has taken 434 teachers through Cambridge exams. It has strong links with Cambridge University and has developed a sustainable, transferrable model of teacher training using mobile units of local trainers. MEP has developed several models of teacher training which are transferrable across a range of social and educational contexts.

3.2. Project Types

3.2.1. Cambridge Certificates

A number of projects allow local teachers, some with no recognised qualifications, to gain an internationally recognised Cambridge certificate. These are highly valued as they offer the prospect of better life chances for many teachers.

3.2.2. Cambridge Plus

This is the charities 'Flagship' project. With over three phases, the project aims to establish local teams trained to deliver Cambridge KET and teacher training. Attendance at the Cambridge classes allows exposure to new techniques and therefore creates 'buy-in' from local teachers and prospective trainers. In this way a sustainable local programme is established and MEP can refocus its attention elsewhere.

3.2.3. Basic and Subject Specific Training

Mobile Education Partnership's mobile training teams train up local teachers in basic classroom skills and, where requested, subject specific skills. Training is delivered to small groups on a weekly or fortnightly basis and trainers then follow up with in class support.

Within the basic training program specific training can be given to senior/mentor teachers who can take on training of new staff when require.

4. The Context

4.1 Military Coup

Pictures were sent to MEP by observers using phone cameras

We had hoped that under 'normal' circumstances the situation may have stabilised and we could look at resuming work in early 2021. However, circumstances in Burma turned out to be anything but normal. In November 2020 the National League for Democracy under the leadership of Aung San Suu Kyi won a landslide victory at the General Election. This boded well for the future as an NLD victory would almost certainly support the steady progress towards a more liberal and open democratic system. For MEP it meant that we could continue to develop our work throughout the country and, COVID allowing, open up projects in some of the most neglected areas. We also hope that it meant that the refugees who had

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spent more than two decades in camps on the Thai/Burma border could begin to return home. This was all to be shattered by the Military Coup (Burmese 'anarthein mu'- 'power-strike') which took place on February 1st.

It may interest readers of this report to examine the nature of the Coup in order to understand the conditions in which MEP has been operating and is planning to continue operate.

The Burmese Army (Tatmadaw) took power in 1962 through a similar coup. Despite opposition from democratic movements and ethnic armed organisations (EAOs) the military hung on to power in one form or another until a General Election was held in 2016. This election was won emphatically by the National League for Democracy led by Aung San Suu Kyi. However, the military were in no mind to relinquish power totally and had designed a constitution which automatically gave them 25% of the seats in the Burmese Parliament. As the constitution also required that in any new law required over 75% of the votes then the military always had the power to block reforms. The military also controlled key ministries of Defence, Border and Home Affairs. The country was never a full democracy. However, the NLD was able to go ahead with some reforms, notably in education where a new curriculum was gradually being introduced. It had less success with solving the ethnic demands for a federal union based on semi-autonomous states

With the landslide victory at the next General Election in November 2021 the NLD now had the opportunity to turn its attention to the reform of the constitution and the inevitable removal of the military power-block. Further to this, the Commander in Chief of the Burmese armed forces, Min Aung Hlaing was due for retirement in early 2021.

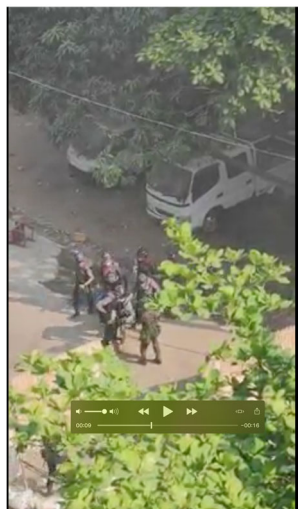


Soldiers opening fire in residential area

The military's answer to this existential threat was a coup. They have tried to justify their action by unfounded claims that the election result was tainted due to fraud. Aung San Suu Kyi and most of her closest staff were immediately arrested and the rest of the NLD went 'underground'.

The result was nationwide protest. The Civil Disobedience Movement was formed and thousands took to the streets in what was initially a peaceful mass protest against the military. People from all walks of life and from all ethnic groups were involved.

The military responded, as expected, with increasing brutality. Over 1,000 civilians have been killed and 5,000 incarcerated. At the time of writing a curfew is in place from noon until 4.a.m. There are frequent military checks on homes, the internet and social media have been blocked. The economy, the education system, the health system, the financial system and most of the infrastructure have ceased to function effectively.



***Police beating
protestor***

The remnants of the elected representatives have set up what amounts to an alternative administration called the National Unity Government (NUG) which functions on-line. The NUG has encouraged the establishment and training of a People's Defence Force to oppose the Tatmadaw. Thousands of mainly young people have now received military training by the Ethnic Armed Groups (EAOs) and an armed struggle is now underway. This was formally stated with a 'declaration of war' by the NUG on September 7th 2021. A low level insurgency is taking place across the country and there is heavier fighting in areas controlled by EAOs in Kachin and Karen States.

The aim of the resistance to the military is not just to re-instate the NLD but to change the constitution and the political system in Burma with the intention of removing the military involvement in government. The ultimate goal is the establishment of a genuine Federal State.

4.2 Education

For MEP one of the main areas to be hit by the coup is education. Thousands of teachers who took part in the CDM have been dismissed and/or have not returned to work. Parents are also refusing to send their children to school. Under the deposed 'democratic regime' a new curriculum was gradually being introduced involving new teaching and learning styles and new content which moved away from what many saw as being a culturally loaded curriculum in favour of the majority Bama group and, in particular, the view of Burma that the military had tried to encourage over a number of decades. Central to this was the role of the army as the protector of the Union and, by implication, the justification of its unchallenged rule since 1962. The old curriculum, introduced by the military, clearly had a political aim and many felt that minority ethnic cultures were either excluded or marginalised by 'mainstream' education.

Karen 'bush schools' set up after attacks by the Burmese military. Photos sent by former MEP trainee-teacher



Following the coup many teachers and parents resented a return to what they termed 'the military slave curriculum'. In many cases teachers who had been dismissed were now

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replaced by high-school graduates with no qualifications or experience. MEP received reports of soldiers being posted in the schools.

In response to this an alternative education system has gradually developed on-line. At the time of writing it is difficult to say what the uptake is on this initiative, started by the National Unity Government but it is clearly an attempt to keep the possibility of an alternative to the military system alive.



Al Jazeera

Teachers give three-finger salute during protest against military coup

4.3 MEP's Response

Within the time scale of this report (April 2020- March 2021) MEP accepted that the most sensible position to take was to suspend any projects which it had planned to begin in Sept 2020 and monitor the situation until a clearer way forward could be identified. At the same time MEP had to safeguard funding from donors who had expected projects to begin in September 2021. These included:

1. The final year of a three- year teacher training and Cambridge EL project in Kachin State funded by the British and Foreign School Society.
2. A teacher training and Cambridge EL project in Mon State funded by various donors
3. A long- standing Cambridge EL project in Mae La Karen Refugee camp on the Thai Burma border again funded by various donors

To their credit donors appreciated the difficulties faced and agreed that MEP could hold onto existing funds until the situation stabilised and we were able to go ahead with projects in some form.

At the same time MEP had to abandon potential projects in Chin State and in the Rohingya camps of the Bangladesh border. No funds had been raised for these two projects but plans were being made which could be presented to potential donors at an appropriate time. In addition we had to put on hold our plans to set up a Cambridge Exam Centre in Mawlamyine, Mon State.

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In summary, MEP's immediate problem in 2020 was the spread of the COVID pandemic into Burma. However, any post- COVID plans were made almost totally redundant due to the coup in February 2021. MEP now found itself in a very different and very difficult situation.



Mon State Teacher Training 2018

MEP has been working with the Burmese people now for over 20 years. In that time we have been involved in the professional lives of thousands of teachers, many of whom have become colleagues and friends. We felt that we could not remain in a passive role at this juncture in Burmese history and began to look at creative ways to support.

5. Preparing for the future

5.1 Kachin online pilot project



By March 2020 MEP had delivered two phases of a three phase Cambridge EL and teacher training project in Kachin state. This had been funded by the British and Foreign School Society. We were scheduled to begin phase 3 in August 2020 but plans were shelved due to COVID. The coup in February added major difficulties. However, with the agreement of BFSS an online pilot project was designed and launched in May 2021 by MEP's Programme

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Director, Rob Gordon. The project was aimed at improving and teaching English language skills in Kachin schools. This project falls outside of the time scale of this Annual Report but it is worth noting that MEP began to adapt to the new realities and provide creative alternatives.

At the time of writing the pilot phase of this project has been completed and evaluated. With BFSS support, a second online project has now been designed which will include the continued training of local trainers. The project is due to begin in October 2021.

5.2 Mon State online school

Both COVID and the coup were severe blows to our work in Mon State. MEP had intended to begin a Cambridge EL and teacher training project with teachers from monastic schools. The project would be led by our Burmese Programme Director, Wai Mar Phyo. It was now impossible to go ahead with the project in its current form and MEP decided to respond to the needs of the situation on the ground. As explained earlier, many teachers were now out of work and many parents were refusing to send their children to school and follow the military curriculum. MEP's response was to set up an 'online school'. This would be run by Wai Mar with the assistance of two Burmese staff and, initially, deliver courses in English and Maths. Donors are supportive so this project will begin in October 2021.

Our intention is to use our projects in Kachin and Mon States to develop 'hybrid' models of teaching and training in this situation that are sustainable and are transferrable to other parts of the country. It is unlikely that Burma's problems will be solved in the foreseeable future and the situation is likely to deteriorate so MEP needs to respond to circumstances in a creative and effective way, holding close to its principles but, at the same time, remaining flexible, adaptable and realistic.

6. Maintaining partnerships and safeguarding staff and contacts

It is also crucial during this period to maintain existing partnerships. This is especially the case with Harrow International School, Bangkok with whom we have had a remarkably successful partnership for over 10 years. A team from Harrow recently undertook a cycling fund- raiser for us.

The military crackdown following the coup has meant that safeguarding our staff and contacts is a priority. We will continue to rely on their first-hand knowledge of the situation and they will only operate if conditions allow. We are mindful of the limitations and possible risks involved in communication from the UK.

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6.1 MEP Patron

MEP has continued to enjoy strong support from our patron, Will Millard, BBC documentary maker and expedition leader, whose goodwill and enthusiasm have been particularly valuable during these difficult times.

6.2 Internships and Volunteer support

Despite the limitations of the situation MEP has continued to provide opportunities for interns and in 20-21 had two such. Durham University students remain an excellent source of keen young interns wanting to follow careers in the aid sector. They have provided excellent support for increasing MEP's presence on social media and have also taken on fundraising responsibilities. Further to this we have enjoyed the support of a volunteer fundraiser with extensive experience.

7.0 Communications and Fundraising

Throughout the lockdown MEP kept in touch with donors and supporters through a regular newsletter and social media posts.

The work of MEP was featured in the internationally distributed magazine, New Scientist.

7.1 Fundraising

In spite of the situation one fundraising event, the '2.6 Challenge' based on 26 miles covered in a marathon, did take place and raised over £1,500.

8. Team

8.1. Burma

Wai Mar Phy	Program Director (Mon State)
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8.2 Burmese Advisory Board

U Min Aung Zay	Advocacy Leader MNEC
Daw Aye Aye Thun	Project Director Scholarships for Street Kids
U Aung Nyein Chan	Project Director Capacity Development Myanmar (CDM)
U Thein Naing	Academic Support Coordinator, Myanmar Scholarship Program, Open University Australia.

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8.3. UK Team

8.3.1 Management

Rob Gordon	Programme Manager
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Ann Pearce	Finance Manager
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8.3.2 Fundraising and Communications

Laura Coe	Trusts and Foundations
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Nicola McQuilkin	Fundraising Advisor
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Beth Pollard	Fundraising Intern
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Alice Mount	Social Media Intern
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8.3.3 External Support

Jump Newcastle	Website
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KS Digital Durham	Design
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Patron: Will Millard, BBC Documentary Maker and expedition leader

A thank-you to former director Katharine May:

MEP was sorry to lose the services of Katharine May, a long- standing trustee and team leader, due to the increased pressures of family life. Katharine has continued to support MEP informally and we are ready to welcome Katharine back to the Board when circumstances allow.

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9. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity Name	Mobile Education Partnership	
Registered Charity Number	1115837	
Operational address	16 The Green Hett Village Co Durham DH6 5LX	
Trustees	Josephine Anne Burton Ernest Graham McNeil Christopher Crick Ian Gethin	Chair Secretary Treasurer (Resigned October 2021)
Independent Examiner	Jim Dodds Connected Voice Business Services Ltd Higham House Higham, Place Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8AF	
Bankers	Co-Operative Bank	

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10. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing documents

Mobile Education Partnership was registered as a charitable incorporated organisation 16 August 2006, number 1115837.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed and can serve more than one term. Anyone interested in becoming a new trustee is encouraged to attend trustee meetings before applying for any vacant positions.

Organisation

The Trustees meet each month and deal with the administration of the charity encompassing the strategic vision, financial accountability and risk management.

The operational management of the organisation is undertaken by the paid staff team.

Risk management

The Trustees conduct an annual review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks including the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and for ensuring the consistent quality of the delivery of all operational aspects of the charitable company. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

11. Financial Review

Mobile Education Partnership is primarily funded by grants and contracts. The total income for the year was £35,145 (2020: £111,490). This income is allocated across respective funds on the Statement of Financial Activities in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2021, shows a surplus across all funds of £16,532 (2020: £31,210).

The Balance Sheet at 31 March 2021 shows total funds carried forward of £66,289 (2020: £49,757) of which there is a surplus of £38,810 on restricted funds (2020 £17,978).

Reserves policy

Mobile Education Partnership trustees are confident that the charity is a going concern for the next 18 month. The reserves are £66,289.

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12. Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's objectives and planning its future activities. The trustees have also reviewed the charitable purposes, and the external environment, to make sure the Charity is still relevant and needed. This annual report will aim to demonstrate the link between our charitable activity and how this benefits our service users.

13. Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The charity trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of incoming resources and application of resources. In preparing financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on08/12/2021..... and signed on their behalf by:



Christopher Crick

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2021

I report on the financial statements of Mobile Education Partnerships for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 15 to 26.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

However, not all future events or conditions can be predicted. The COVID-19 viral pandemic is one of the most significant economic events for the UK with unprecedented levels of uncertainty of outcomes. It is therefore difficult to evaluate all of the potential implications on the charitable company's trade, customers, suppliers and wider economy. The trustees' view on the impact of COVID-19 is disclosed in the accounting policies note.

I 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.

Jim Dodds
Connected Voice Charity Business Services Ltd
Higham House
Higham Place
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 8AF
Date: 08/12/2021



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCLUDING SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 31 March 2021

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 Restated £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	5	3,875	12,500	16,375	44,596
Charitable activities					
Grants and contracts	6	5,500	11,747	17,247	66,894
Other trading activities	7	1,520	-	1,520	-
Investments	8	2	-	2	-
Total income		10,898	24,247	35,145	111,490
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	9	-	2,780	2,780	14,662
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	10	15,137	635	15,772	65,452
Other trading activities	11	61	-	61	166
Total expenditure		15,198	3,415	18,613	80,280
Net income/(expenditure)		(4,300)	20,832	16,532	31,210
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement of funds		(4,300)	20,832	16,532	31,210
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		31,778	17,978	49,757	18,546
Total funds carried forward		27,478	38,810	66,289	49,757

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 17 to 26 form an integral part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2021

		£	Total 2021 £	£	Total 2020 Restated £
Current assets					
Debtors	17	2,030		420	
Cash at bank and in hand	18	65,257		52,186	
Total current assets		67,287		52,606	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	19	(998)		(2,849)	
Net current assets			66,289		49,757
Total assets less current liabilities			66,289		49,757
Total net assets or liabilities			66,289		49,757
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds			27,478		31,778
Restricted income funds			38,810		17,978
Total funds			66,289		49,757

The company was entitled to an exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with the respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The notes on pages 17 to 26 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on:

08/12/2021

and are signed on its behalf by:

Christopher Crick
Trustee



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with 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) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Mobile Education Partnerships meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The charity reported total unrestricted funds at the year end of £27,478 restricted funds of £38,810 and has already secured a significant amount of funding for the current year. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 to 18 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. In particular, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trustees have revised their forecasts to take into account the impact on the business of possible scenarios brought on by the impact of COVID-19, alongside the measures that they can take to mitigate the impact. Based on these assessments, given the measures that could be undertaken to mitigate the current adverse conditions, and the current resources available, the Trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has put many strains on all businesses. It should be noted that the charity is still able to meet its obligations to fulfilling its contracts with funders, who have been flexible about the timescale for delivery.

3 Income

3.1 Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

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3.3 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

3.4 Donated goods and services

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided that the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with the equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA.

3.5 Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

3.7 Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies.

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable

3.8 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects

4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

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4.2 Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of educational work and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

4.5 Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.6 Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

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Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
5 Donations and legacies				
Donations	3,010	-	3,010	3,304
Gift Aid	866	2,500	3,366	4,624
Isabel Barrass	-	10,000	10,000	5,000
George McNeil's Estate	-	-	-	29,832
Other	-	-	-	1,836
	<u>3,875</u>	<u>12,500</u>	<u>16,375</u>	<u>44,596</u>
6 Charitable activities				
<u>Income from grants</u>				
500 Reasons	-	250	250	-
A & N Ferguson Charitable Trust	-	-	-	11,500
Austin Bailey	-	-	-	750
British & Foreign School Society	-	4,707	4,707	23,514
Cheruby Trust	-	-	-	2,000
Chrystal Delphinian Trust	-	-	-	400
Cuckoo Hill Trust	500	-	500	500
DUCK (Durham University Charities Kommittee)	-	-	-	3,000
Evan Cornish Foundation	-	-	-	11,230
Gilchrist Educational Trust	-	1,750	1,750	-
Harrow International School	-	1,040	1,040	-
Souter Charitable Trust	-	3,000	3,000	-
The Ashworth Trust	-	-	-	5,000
The Casey Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
The Co-Op Community Plus	-	-	-	1,000
The FORE	5,000	-	5,000	-
Tula Trust	-	-	-	2,000
Van Neste Foundation	-	-	-	5,000
Westcroft Trust	-	-	-	1,000
	<u>5,500</u>	<u>11,747</u>	<u>17,247</u>	<u>66,894</u>
7 Other trading activities				
Fundraising	1,520	-	1,520	-
	<u>1,520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,520</u>	<u>-</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
8 Income from investments				
Bank interest	2	-	2	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>

Income was £35,145 (2020: £111,490) of which £10,898 was unrestricted or designated (2020: £46,645) and £24,247 was restricted (2020: £64,845).

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
9 Raising funds				
Incurred seeking funding	-	2,780	2,780	14,662
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,780</u>	<u>2,780</u>	<u>14,662</u>

10 Charitable activities

Direct costs

Staff costs	7,650	-	7,650	20,577
Staff travel	613	215	828	3,923
Project expense	-	-	-	27,909

Support costs

Office costs	2,359	420	2,779	3,638
Telephone and internet	66	-	66	236
Vehicle costs	-	-	-	404
Donations	57	-	57	54
Bank fees	159	-	159	205
Insurance	1,443	-	1,443	3,399
Professional fees	2,070	-	2,070	4,356

Governance costs

Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	720	-	720	750
	<u>15,137</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>15,772</u>	<u>65,452</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
11 Other trading activities				
Loss on exchange	61	-	61	166
	<u>61</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>166</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £18,613 (2020: £80,280) of which £15,198 was unrestricted or designated (2020: £9,100) and £3,415 was restricted (2020: £71,180).

12 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	720	750
	<u>720</u>	<u>750</u>

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2020: £nil).

13 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries and wages	7,650	38,525
	<u>7,650</u>	<u>38,525</u>

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2020: nil).

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees and the Program Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £1,890. (2020: Program Director £1,890).

14 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 8 staff (2020: 8 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

The parts of the charity in which the employee's work	2021 Number	2020 Number
Charitable activities	4.5	7.0
	<u>4.5</u>	<u>7.0</u>

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15 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

The following detail the expenses incurred by the trustees.

	2021 £	2020 £
Travel	-	449
	-	449

Transaction(s) with related parties

The following detail the related party transactions in the reporting period (2020: £29,832).

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction	Amount £
George McNeil	Brother	Estate left to the charity	29,832

16 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

17 Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	2,030	420
	2,030	420

18 Cash at bank and in hand

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	65,257	52,186
	65,257	52,186

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19 Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	3	2,099
Accruals		
Independent examination of accounts	720	750
Other accruals	275	-
	<u>998</u>	<u>2,849</u>

20 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

Year ending 31 March 2021

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	31,607	10,898	(15,198)	171	27,478
Designated funds	171	-	-	(171)	-
Totals	<u>31,778</u>	<u>10,898</u>	<u>(15,198)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,478</u>

Year ending 31 March 2020

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	(1,419)	46,245	(8,220)	-	36,607
Designated funds	-	5,400	(880)	(4,349)	171
Totals	<u>(1,419)</u>	<u>51,645</u>	<u>(9,100)</u>	<u>(4,349)</u>	<u>36,778</u>

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund

The 'free reserves' of the charity.

Designated funds

Raised for Mobile Units and used against projects.

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20 Analysis of charitable funds (Continued)

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

Year ending 31 March 2021

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Mae La Fund	12,927	1,290	(152)	-	14,066
MON Fund (Social Enterprise)	268	12,500	(483)	-	12,285
British and Foreign School Society	16	4,707	-	-	4,723
Mawlamyn Cambridge	-	5,750	-	-	5,750
The FORE	4,766	-	(2,780)	-	1,986
Totals	17,978	24,247	(3,415)	-	38,810

Year ending 31 March 2020

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Mae La Fund	-	23,480	(10,553)	-	12,927
MON Fund	-	11,500	(15,581)	4,349	268
British and Foreign School Society	-	23,514	(23,498)	-	16
The FORE	19,965	6,351	(21,550)	-	4,766
Totals	19,965	64,845	(71,180)	4,349	17,978

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Mae La Fund	Run the Cambridge English Project in Mae La Refugee Camp.
MON Fund	To cover overhead costs.
British and Foreign School Society	Provide teacher training and Cambridge English courses in Myitkyina.
The FORE	Cover staffing costs.

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20 Analysis of charitable funds (Continued)

Transfers between funds		2021 Amount £
Between unrestricted and designated funds	Reason for transfer General running costs	171
Transfers between funds		2020 Amount £
Between designated and restricted funds	Reason for transfer To extend the MON Project.	4,349

21 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2021, the charity had no capital commitments (2020 -£nil).

22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	26,447	-	38,810	65,257
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	1,032	-	-	1,032
	27,479	-	38,810	66,289
	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	36,403	171	17,978	54,552
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(2,428)	-	-	(2,428)
	33,975	171	17,978	52,123

23 Prior period adjustments

An reclassification of funds.

Reconcilliation of Fund balance	Unrestricted £	The FORE £	Total 2020 £
Fund previously stated	33,973	2,400	36,372
Adjustments to prior year			
Reclassification of Isabel Barrass donation	(5,000)	5,000	-
Removal of transfer between funds	2,634	(2,634)	-
Fund as adjusted	31,607	4,766	36,372