

# **Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK) Ltd**

## **Annual Report 2020**

### **1. Administrative Information**

**Name:** Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK)

**Registered charity:** No. 1116817

**Company registration:** No. 5595112

**Address:** Office above Age UK  
60, The Parade  
Oadby  
Leicester  
LE2 5BF

**Registered office:** as above

**Directors/Trustees** for 2020

Kate Aspinwall  
Warren Bardsley  
Mark Battison  
Karen Fairfax-Cholmeley  
Enid Gordon  
Lynn McAllister  
Miranda Pinch  
Jenny Richardson  
Stephen Sizer (Appointed Nov 2020)  
Jeremy Tear  
Peter Woodall

**Company Secretary for 2020**

Peter Woodall

**Day to day management** was entrusted to Charlotte Marshall and Phoebe Rison, the Sabeel-Kairos advocacy workers

<b>Bankers:</b>	The Cooperative Bank	NatWest Bank plc
	PO Box 250	Formby Branch
	Delf House	25 Brow's Lane
	Southway	Formby
	Skelmersdale	Liverpool
	WN8 6WT	L37 4DZ

**Independent examiner** Martin Stevens

## **2. Structure, governance and management**

Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK) is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association, constituted as a company limited by guarantee. The Trustees are duly elected at the Annual General Meeting, on a rolling basis, as agreed by the Board at its meeting on 8 March 2006 and approved at the AGM of 8 April 2006. The Advocacy Workers are ex officio members of the Board, and responsible to it for the day-to-day management of the charity, assisted by a part-time Administrator. The Advocacy Workers receive a consultancy fee plus expenses.

The Treasurer is also ex officio.

In May 2017 Friends of Sabeel UK and Kairos Britain merged. The working name for the new organisation has become Sabeel-Kairos and works to support both the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Centre in Jerusalem and Kairos Palestine.

Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK) has active regional groups in the North West and Yorkshire and many other active members around the UK.

## **3. Objectives and Activities**

The objectives are:

- 1) to support the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Centre in Jerusalem in its work for the promotion of religion for the benefit of the community;
- 2) to support and encourage the Christian community in the Holy Land (Israel and the Palestinian areas of Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem) in their life and witness;
- 3) to raise awareness in the United Kingdom concerning Christians in the Holy Land and to promote links with them.

In pursuit of these objectives we have:

- Continued to promote Palestinian-led initiatives and campaigns focussed on ending the occupation through non-violent means.
- Continued to organise, promote and run our Investing for Peace campaign in the UK, working with members from the UK Church denominations and other organisations that partner with us in the campaign.
- Continued to raise awareness in the UK Churches about the situation in Israel and Palestine, promoting justice, peace, equality and dignity for all who live there through online events, producing promotional materials and information, answering queries and sharing a platform with other organisations working on the same issues.
- Continued to promote and support the work of our partner organisations in Israel/Palestine, Sabeel Jerusalem and Kairos Palestine through regular e-newsletters, website, social media and postal mailings (including the quarterly Cornerstone magazine from Sabeel Jerusalem).
- Organised a successful national day conference (online) for our members with international speakers, workshops and resources.
- Continued to work in coalition with other like-minded organisations, attending joint meetings and taking part in joint advocacy activities such as letters to parliamentarians, briefings, events and conferences.
- Continued to communicate and support our regional Sabeel-Kairos community groups, providing help with events, resources and assistance when needed.

- Continued to promote our key messages and campaigns through our website, email newsletters, postal mailings and social media platforms including facebook, twitter and instagram.
- Continued to promote the weekly Sabeel prayer initiative 'the Wave of Prayer' and the campaigning initiative 'Kumi Now'.
- Started to focus more time on reaching a younger audience, particularly the under 35s in UK Churches.

#### **4. Achievements and Performance**

- Successfully pushed forward our campaign in the Methodist Church, submitting several memorials to National Conference 2020 which were focussed on their Israel/Palestine investment policy. Achieved an agreement from the Methodist Church to review this policy in 2021 in light of the deteriorating situation in Palestine.
- Worked with senior members of the United Reformed Church to prepare 10 resolutions on Israel and Palestine to be taken to their 2021 General Assembly.
- Within the Church of England and Catholic Church we have engaged with senior members of their investing committees, meeting online to explain our campaign and concerns. As a result of this, we are one of the stakeholders that have pushed for a new human rights policy for the Ethical Investment Advisory Group which will be released in 2021.
- We have provided a platform for UK clergy to engage with Palestinian theologians who wrote the 'Cry for Hope' released in July 2020. During the autumn we ran several seminars online in which we invited Church leaders to listen to the authors of Cry for Hope directly, and to ask them questions about the document. This has led to some excellent interactions between clergy from the UK and Palestine, and opportunities to get the Palestinian Christian voice heard at all levels of the Church.
- During the autumn we have also successfully campaigned and engaged people in the topic of combatting antisemitism, and how to deal with false accusations of anti-Semitism levelled at those critical of the state of Israel. We were assisted in this by Jewish activists here in the UK, and Jewish organisations seeking a just peace for all in Palestine/Israel.
- During the year we have also successfully engaged our members directly with our partners through several online events, including an Easter service, Conference and AGM, and Advent Service.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Karen Fairfax-Chomeley, Chair**

**Date:**   14/4/22

## Financial Review 2020

The main income during 2020 came from subscriptions and donations amounting to £43,120, (2019: £40,840). The Gift Aid income was £3,521 (2019: £4,137). Total income from all sources for 2020 was £47,219 (2019: £48,962).

Total expenditure for the year was £26,554 (2019: £54,258). It includes donations to Sabeel Jerusalem of £150 (2019: £8,928). The majority of expenditure focuses on supporting the objectives and aims of Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK) in the UK. This includes the provision of the magazine Cornerstone, other publications and books, activities of the UK Advocacy workers in support of the objects of Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK) around the country, administration and support, rent and office costs. Administrative staff costs were £Nil (2019: £4,412).

Net Assets at the end of the year are £43,431 (2019: £22,766).

The trustees continue to work to ensure a solid financial foundation to support the objectives and aims of the organisation by encouraging new members and to ensure that the generous stream of regular donations is maintained. We are grateful to all those who donate to the work of Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK) and are particularly grateful to all those who make donations above the minimum rate of membership, and to those who make one-off donations to support special activities. Gift Aid remains an important source of income and we are grateful to all those who have signed Gift Aid declarations. It is always our intention to use wisely the resources given to us and expenditure will continue to be monitored to make sure that money is used in the most effective ways to further the objectives of Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK).

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Peter Woodall, Treasurer**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**14/4/22**



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name

Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK) Ltd

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2020

**Charity  
no (if any)**

1116817

**Set out on pages**

7 to 12 in the Financial Statements of Friends of Sabeel Uk (FOSUK) Ltd

(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 31/12/2020.

**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 (~~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:** Martin Stevens

**Date:** 8 May 2022

**Name:** Martin Stevens

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

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

**Address:**

19 Greenbank Gardens

Wordsley

Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 5TB

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.**

**Friends of Sabeel (FOSUK) Ltd**  
**Operating as Sabeel-Kairos**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended**  
**31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

**Income and Expenditure Account**

		<b>Unrestricted Funds 2020</b>	<b>Designated Funds 2020</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2019</b>	<b>Designated Funds 2019</b>
<b>Incoming resources:</b>					
	Notes				
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds:</b>					
<i>Voluntary income:</i>					
Donations, Subscriptions, Appeal	2	40,564	6,077	38,428	6,550
<i>Activities for generating funds:</i>					
Income from books and educational materials		25		54	
Conference		553		3,930	
Bank Interest & refund					
Witness trip					
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>41,142</b>	<b>6,077</b>	<b>42,412</b>	<b>6,550</b>
<b>Resources Expended:</b>					
Support to Sabeel Jerusalem	3		150		8,928
Other donations	3				
Information and Publications	3			4,888	
Other activities Directly Related to the work of Sabeel	3	19,483		21,024	7,677
Administration and Support	3	5,741		8,799	
Governance Costs	3, 5	1,179		2,942	
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>26,404</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>37,653</b>	<b>16,605</b>
<b>Net incoming resources before other recognised gains</b>		<b>14,738</b>	<b>5,927</b>	<b>4,759</b>	<b>(10,055)</b>
<b>Transfer between Funds</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>14,738</b>	<b>5,927</b>	<b>4,759</b>	<b>(10,055)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Opening Balances		22,232	533	17,473	10,588
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<b>36,970</b>	<b>6,461</b>	<b>22,232</b>	<b>533</b>

**The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derived from continuing activities.**

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**Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

		<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>	
	<b>Notes</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	9	4,814		2,000	
Cash at bank & in hand		39,897		23,932	
			<b>44,711</b>		<b>25,932</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10		(1,280)		(3,166)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<b>43,431</b>		<b>22,766</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Funds	11		36,970		22,232
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Sabeel Jerusalem and Restricted Donation		3,927		31	
200 Club		2,000		0	
Investment for Peace Campaign		31		0	
Regional Groups		503		503	
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	11		6,461		533
<b>Total Funds</b>			<b>43,431</b>		<b>22,766</b>

For the year ending 31/12/2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 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 responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

**Approved by the Board on      2021 and signed on its behalf by:**

**Peter Woodall**  
**Treasurer**



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**Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

**1. Accounting Policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

**a) Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the relevant Companies Act and the Statement of Recommended Practice together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice).

**b) Funds**

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of Friends of Sabeel (FOSUK) Ltd that are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

The designated funds are to be used for the purposes for which the money was donated.

**c) Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

- Voluntary income is received by way of donations, gifts and subscriptions.
- Interest is included when received.

**d) Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised when it occurs and on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT which cannot be recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

- Donations are accounted for when paid.
- Information and Publications are those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities to educate, inform and update members and others.
- Activities directly related to the work of Friends of Sabeel (FOSUK) Ltd include costs incurred by the UK Advocacy Workers in the carrying out of their work for the organisation and for attendance by Board Members and appointed representatives at relevant meetings and events which further the work of the charity.
- Administration & Support includes all office costs including salaries and direct office costs.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

**e) Fixed Assets**

Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK) hold no fixed assets.

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**2. Donations & Subscriptions**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Donations & Subscriptions	37,043	6,077	43,120	40,840
Gift Aid	3,521		3,521	4,138
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,564</b>	<b>6,077</b>	<b>46,641</b>	<b>44,978</b>

**3. Resources Expended included the following key items:**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Donations and support to Sabeel Jerusalem</b>		
Sabeel Jerusalem	150	8,928
<b>Information &amp; Publications</b>		
Cornerstone Magazine, FOSUK Newsletter, books, leaflets, website & IT, postage	1,898	4,888
<b>Activities Directly Related to the work of Sabeel</b>		
Rediscovering Palestine subscription	0	50
Promotional Events and Speakers from Palestine	0	50
Advocacy Expenses	741	4,466
Advocacy Consultancy	18,742	21,630
Conference	0	2,418
<b>Administration &amp; Support</b>		
Employment Expenses inc recruitment costs	0	4,412
Premises Cost including: Rent, Services and Insurance	3,843	5,129
<b>Governance Costs</b>		
Board members' expenses	284	2,028
Other governance costs (mainly transaction costs)	1,179	172

**4. Staff Costs and Numbers**

Staff Costs were as follows:		
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Salaries and Wages	0	4,412
National Insurance Costs		
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,412</b>

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents was Nil (2019: less than 1). The charity does not operate any pension scheme.

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**5. Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions**

No members of the Board received any remuneration during the year. Expenses amounting to £284 were paid for travel to Board Meetings and other relevant meetings. (2019: £2,028)

The office which was used for part of 2019 and is now the charity's registered office is leased by a company in which one Trustee is a Director. The payments to this company in the year were £2,900 (2019: £300) No other trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

**6. Taxation**

As a charity, Friends of Sabeel (FOSUK) Ltd is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

**7. Tangible Fixed Assets**

The charity has no tangible fixed assets.

**8. Investments**

The charity has no income from investments

**9. Debtors**

Debtors and Prepayments are £4,814 . (2019: £2,000)

**10. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year**

Accruals are £1,280 . (2019: Accruals £3,166)

**11. Analysis of Net Assets**

	General Fund 2018 £	Restricted Funds 2018 £	<b>Total 2020 £</b>	<b>Total 2019 £</b>
Current Assets	38,250	6,461		<b>25,932</b>
Current Liabilities	(1,280)	0	(1,280)	(3,166)
<b>Net assets as at 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>36,970</b>	<b>6,461</b>	<b>43,431</b>	<b>22,766</b>

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**12. Movements in Funds**

	As at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019	Transfer between Funds	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	As at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>10,588</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,550</b>	<b>16,605</b>	<b>533</b>
<b>Unrestricted General Fund</b>	<b>17,473</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42,412</b>	<b>37,653</b>	<b>22,232</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>28,061</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48,962</b>	<b>54,258</b>	<b>22,766</b>

	As at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020	Transfer between funds	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	As at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2020
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,077</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>6,461</b>
<b>Unrestricted General Fund</b>	<b>22,232</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41,142</b>	<b>26,404</b>	<b>36,970</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>22,766</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47,219</b>	<b>26,554</b>	<b>43,431</b>