

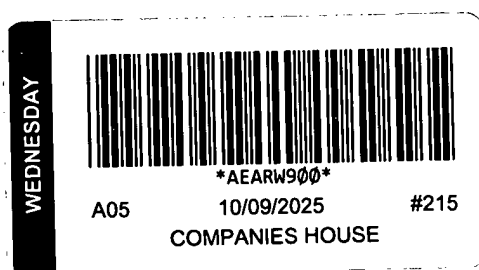
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Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK)

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2024

*(A company limited by guarantee)*  
*Charity number 1116817*



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

### **Company Information**

#### **Directors**

Gerald Conyngham (appointed 8 October 2024)  
Lesley Dawson (resigned on 8 October 2024)  
Karen Fairfax-Cholmeley  
John Howard  
Lynn McAllister  
Esther McIntosh (appointed on 8 October 2024)  
Diana Paulding  
Miranda Pinch  
Nicholas Taylor  
Peter Woodall

#### **Secretary**

Peter Woodall

#### **Key management personnel**

Charlotte Marshall

#### **Independent examiner**

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#### **Bankers**

National Westminster Bank PLC & The Co-Operative Bank PLC

#### **Address**

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#### **Registered number**

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

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### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, 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 2015).

### **Achievements and performance**

During 2024 the organisation carried out the following activities:

- Successfully passed two resolutions in the Church of England – one in support of the Carlisle motion on greater support for Palestinian Christians, and the second one directed at the House of Bishops challenging them to be more outspoken about the crisis in Gaza.
- Organised (in coalition with Christian Aid and Embrace) fringe events at General Synod in February and July, with Palestinian speakers.
- Assisted the URC in passing another resolution at their general assembly which called for the denomination to stop funding any Israeli-registered companies in light of the war in Gaza.
- Organised a vigil at Methodist Conference in the public space outside the Conference Centre where over 300 Methodists lit and candle and said a prayer for peace in Gaza. This act of social witness was also photographed and reported on in the Methodist press.
- Assisted our campaigners in the Church of Scotland to successfully put forward a deliverance to their national assembly calling for a ban on arms sales to Israel, and for members to boycott Israeli settlement products.
- We hosted two visits from Palestinian speakers in 2024. Revd Munther Isaac came to the UK in February and we organized a parliamentary briefing for 25 MPs, Lords and their staff. We also organized (in partnership with Embrace the Middle East) a large public event in Bloomsbury Baptist Church which over 600 people attended. In September we welcomed a delegation of 3 Palestinian speakers (one had to join virtually due to travel problems) in a joint advocacy tour with the organisations FairSquare and CAABU. This was a full programme of events for a week including several parliamentary events, a public event at Earth theatre in Hackney, and Church leaders' meal which over 40 evangelical leaders attended and a meeting with the Archbishop of Canterbury and his key staff. There was significant media attention around the visit including an article in the Guardian, interviews on radio, and a podcast on Novara Media.
- In August 2024 we took part in the Greenbelt Festival, where we had a stand and volunteer team handing out information and talking to festival goers about Palestine. This was a huge success with many people donating or becoming members, buying merchandise, and contributing to a piece of art which was later passed to our partner in Jerusalem.
- Throughout 2024 we have continued to attend the national demonstrations for Palestine, gathering our supporters to march together in the Christians for Palestine block, and contributing to their prayer services before the marches.

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•In December 2024 we hosted another online Advent series, with 4 Palestinian speakers. We also launched a Christmas Appeal for the Shepherd's Society job creation programme for unemployed Palestinians in the Bethlehem area and raised £11,695 for this project.

•We have continued to work in close coalition with other organisations in 2024 who are campaigning for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, suspension of arms sales to Israel, and a ban on trade with settlements. We have signed and promoted several joint statements and campaign actions on these topics such as Stop Arming Israel: 230 organisations demand action from Governments | Sabeel-Kairos, Urgent Statement: Northern Gaza is Being Erased – Global Leaders Must Act Now to End Israel's Atrocities | Sabeel-Kairos, Joint NGO statement on ICJ orders | Sabeel-Kairos,

•We have also continued to promote the voice of our partners in Palestine and their campaigns. This has included the following calls to action: Call to European Churches: Why are you silent in the face of genocide? | Sabeel-Kairos, and October 7th, 2024: One Year On Still Another Cry from Palestinian Christians | Sabeel-Kairos. All of our joint statements and campaigns on Gaza can be found here: Gaza: A Call to Action | Sabeel-Kairos

For a full account of our 2024 activities, please also see our annual report: [Sabeel-Kairos-UK-Annual-Report-2023-24.pdf](#)

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

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### **Trustees' Report**

#### **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 Director and Advocacy Worker 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 Membership Officer.

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.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

Our vision

We believe in justice and self-determination for the Palestinian people, where every Palestinian lives in freedom, with their human rights, security and dignity recognised and respected.

We want to see a thriving Palestinian Church, which is increasing in both number and impact in Palestinian society.

We need Churches and Christians in the UK and worldwide to be part of realising this vision, and to campaign, pray and stand in costly solidarity with Palestinian Christians to achieve this.

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#### **Our mission**

We journey with our partners, Sabeel Jerusalem and Kairos Palestine on the long road to justice, offering steadfast solidarity with Palestinian Christians as they seek to remain a Christian presence in the Holy Land, under the extreme pressures of the illegal Israeli occupation and apartheid system. We amplify their voices and calls to the Western church for repentance and action.

#### **Our activities**

Here are the main ways that we seek to achieve our vision and mission alongside our partners:

- Raise-awareness of the injustices being experienced by the Palestinian people. We do this through organising solidarity visits to Palestine for key UK influencers with our partner, Sabeel Jerusalem. We support those Influencers on their return to the UK to tell their audiences what they have seen and heard in Palestine.

- Bring the voice of Palestinian Christians and Palestinian liberation theology to the UK church to inform and stir people into outspoken, prayerful and campaigning action. We do this by organising delegations of Palestinian Christians to tour the UK as well as sharing our expertise through online and in person educational events.

- Encourage churches to divest from Israeli apartheid and occupation through our Investing for Peace campaign. We do this by supporting denominational campaign groups to bring motions to their governing church bodies. We also promote the campaigns and aims of the Palestinian BDS movement.

- Bring a united voice challenging the government through political engagement. We do this by working closely in coalition with other organisations campaigning for Palestine, lobbying MPs and raising awareness in parliament.

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### **Trustees' Report**

#### **Financial Review**

The main income during 2024 came from subscriptions and donations amounting to £84,297 (2023: £56,036). Total income from all sources for 2024 was £86,383 (2023: £60,164). Total expenditure for the year was £77,366 (2023: £45,917), of which £22,163 (2023: £9,854) was passed to our partners in Palestine. The majority of expenditure focuses on supporting the objectives and aims of Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK) in the UK. This includes the advocacy work and campaigns run by the staff, online and in-person events and meetings, visits to the region to support partner initiatives, producing resources and publications, administration and support to our members and campaigners.

Net Assets at the end of the year are £84,349 (2023: £75,332).

The Trustees have been notified that the Friends of Sabeel is a residuary beneficiary named in the will of one of our long-standing supporters. The amount is still uncertain and so this has not been included in the 2024 accounts. The Trustees are very grateful to supporters and friends who remember the work of the charity in this way.

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).

#### **Plans for the future**

The trustees will continue to promote the objectives and activities and adapt them to deal with future events.

#### **Public Benefit**

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

This report was approved by the Board of trustees on ..... *Sh. Spence* ..... 2025  
*K Fairfax-Cholmeley*  
Trustee

**Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK)**  
**Independent Examiner's report**  
**to the trustees of Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK)**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on the attached pages.

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) This has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

**Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner**

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- >examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- >follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- > state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - > to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 and 131 of the 2011 Act; and
  - >to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records, Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and in other respects comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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**Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK)**  
**Statement of Financial Activities or Income Statement (Profit and loss account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

		Notes	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	As restated 2023 £
<b>Income</b>	Donations, subscriptions and appeals		69,333	14,964	84,297	56,036
	Charitable activities		435	-	435	3,258
	Trading activities		1,469	-	1,469	870
	Investment income		182	-	182	-
		2	71,419	14,964	86,383	60,164
<b>Expenditure</b>	Expenditure on charitable activities	3	55,203	22,163	77,366	45,917
			55,203	22,163	77,366	45,917
<b>Net expenditure</b>			16,216	(7,199)	9,017	14,247
<b>Transfers between funds</b>			-	-	-	-
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward			65,691	9,641	75,332	61,085
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>			81,907	2,442	84,349	75,332

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

**Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK)**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**as at 31 December 2024**

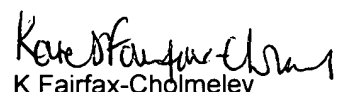
	Notes	2024 £	As restated 2023 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	4	14,529	15,892
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>83,740</u>	<u>59,681</u>
		<u>98,269</u>	<u>75,573</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(13,920)	(241)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>84,349</u>	<u>75,332</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>84,349</u>	<u>75,332</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds	6	2,442	9,641
Other unrestricted funds	6	81,907	65,691
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u>84,349</u>	<u>75,332</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

  
K Fairfax-Cholmeley

Trustee on behalf of the trustees

Approved by the board of trustees on 5th Sep 2025

**Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK)**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**1 Summary of significant accounting policies**

***Basis of preparation***

The financial statements 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required. No such restatement was considered necessary.

***Income***

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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 is not deferred.

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.

***Fund accounting***

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of 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.

***Expenditure***

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a part of the expenditure concerned.

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**Debtors**

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

**Creditors**

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

<b>2 Analysis of income</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations, Subscriptions & Appeal	84,297	56,036
Charitable activities	435	3,258
Trading activities	1,469	870
Investment income	182	-
	<u>86,383</u>	<u>60,164</u>
By geographical market:		
UK	<u>86,383</u>	<u>60,164</u>

<b>3 Analysis of expenditure</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cornerstone magazine, newsletter, etc.	109	72
Advocacy expenses	5,696	1,090
Advocacy consultancy	31	-
Staffing	40,441	31,186
Other costs	31,089	13,569
	<u>77,366</u>	<u>45,917</u>

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents was 1 (2023: 1). The charity does not operate any pension scheme. Staff and the charity make contributions to the NEST scheme.

No members of the Board received any remuneration during the year (2023: £Nil).

No director or person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

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			As restated		
4	Debtors		2024 £	2023 £	
	Debtors and prepayments		<u>14,529</u>	<u>15,892</u>	
5	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2024 £	2023 £	
	Accruals		<u>13,920</u>	<u>241</u>	
6	Analysis of Net Assets	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	2023 £
	Current assets	84,032	14,237	98,269	75,573
	Current liabilities	(2,125)	(11,795)	(13,920)	(241)
	At 31 December	<u>81,907</u>	<u>2,442</u>	<u>84,349</u>	<u>75,332</u>

**Restricted Funds**

Sabeel Jerusalem and Kairos Palestine. One of Sabeel-Kairos UK's principal activities is to support the work of the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem and the Kairos Palestine. Donations are, from time to time, made by individual members with the specific request that they be passed directly to these organisations. In 2022 and 2023 a Christmas appeal was made for funds to support their work.

Income – Donations by members £nil (2023: £1,875) and Fundraising £3,169 (2023: £7,323)

Expenditure – £10,337 (2023 £5,707)

Young Adult Sponsorship. In 2023 work to promote the activities of the organisation among the 18-35 age group included sponsoring young adults to attend a Sabeel Jerusalem conference. Generous donations were received from two members and a grant was received from the URC Legacy Fund.

Income – Donations by members £nil (2023: £2,400) and Grants £nil (2023: £2,400)

Expenditure - £nil (2023: £4,015)

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**Investment for Peace campaign fund.** Investment for Peace is a major part of the organisations UK advocacy work. These funds were donated specifically for this work.

**Regional Groups.** Sabeel-Kairos UK supports a number of active groups around the country who advocate for Palestinian rights. Funds raised locally to support the work of these groups are held by the central group if they are not immediately needed.

Income - £nil (2023: £nil)

Expenditure - £nil (2023: £nil)

<b>Movements on restricted funds</b>	<i>As restated Sabeel Jerusalem</i>	<i>Shepherd Society</i>	<i>As restated Young adult sponsorship</i>	<i>Investment for Peace</i>	<i>Regional Groups</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 January	7,986	-	1,201	31	423
Income	3,169	11,795	-	-	-
Expenditure	(10,337)	(11,795)	-	(31)	-
At 31 December	<u>818</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,201</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>423</u>

**7 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 objects.

**7 Presentation currency**

The financial statements are presented in Sterling.

**8 Legal form of entity and country of incorporation**

Friends of Sabeel UK (FOSUK) is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England.

**9 Registered office**

The address of the company's registered office is:

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