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05385343

DIALOGUE SOCIETY  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)  
Report and Accounts

31 March 2021

**DIALOGUE SOCIETY**  
**Report and accounts**  
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**DIALOGUE SOCIETY**  
**Company Information**

**Directors**

I KAHRAMAN  
O KELES  
S BASSOY  
M DEMIRPOLAT

**Secretary**

I KAHRAMAN

**Accountants**

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## **DIALOGUE SOCIETY**

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### **Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

#### **Principal activities**

Dialogue Society is an organisation with the aim of advancing social cohesion by connecting communities, empowering people to engage and contributing to the development of ideas on dialogue and community building. It does this by bringing people together through discussion forums, courses, capacity building publications and outreach.

##### **Overview**

Our activities between 1st April 2020 and 31st March 2021 can be summarised as Discussion Forums on various themes in different formats; the Dialogue Society Book Group; Talking Bubble Project; online Ramadan fast-breaking iftar events; publications; courses; academic workshop; the delivery of intercultural community events; training and support to our branches and fundraising. Sadly, we had to postpone most of our planned activities or transfer them online where possible due to the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our main activities can be summarised in detail under the headings below:

**Talking Bubble Project:** The new community project called 'Talking Bubble' was launched during this period. It started a befriending campaign to connect and bring people together to tackle loneliness. This initiative is especially significant in the current climate where the coronavirus pandemic made everyone feel more and more isolated with lockdowns, losing loved ones, not feeling safe, and not feeling supported by the government or wider society.

**Academic workshop:** A day-long academic workshop invited scholars and practitioners who wish to explore ideas and share their research findings on the theme of 'Rethinking Dialogue in the Age of New Challenges and Opportunities'. The workshop provided a forum for peers to exchange research, best practices, and ideas related to current and emerging issues associated with dialogue on a global scale. Scholars and practitioners, as well as keynote speakers joining from different parts of the world, tried to address a range of themes related to the concept of dialogue in the age of new challenges and opportunities.

**Publications:** The workshop was publicised extensively with the hope of contributing to the field. We published a special issue of the Journal of Dialogue Studies with selected papers submitted to the workshop. We also published a policy paper entitled 'Supporting Gender Equality: Examples from Politics, Business and Academia in the UK.' The paper aims to inspire ongoing efforts and further action to accelerate the achievement of full gender equality via promoting women's empowerment, recommending and implementing direct top-level policies for gender equality, and ensuring that existing policies are gender-sensitive and practices are safe from gender-based discrimination.

**Courses and discussion forums:** We organised several online discussion forums in different formats throughout the year to bring people together and achieve critical, open and meaningful dialogue. A wide range of discussions were held covering multiple issues related to Dialogue Society's areas of interest, such as the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on BAME communities, the panel series on women empowerment, Exploring the Making of Women Leaders, discussion on Dialogues on Fundamental British Values and Prevent, racism, Educating for the Middle Way: Social Capital for Peaceful Relations, etc. Online Dialogue in Islam course, which aims to explore the theological and historical justification for dialogue in Islam, was also continued.

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Community Events: Dialogue Society has organised several community events throughout the year to bring people together across different ethnic, cultural and religious boundaries. Community events are crucial to building and maintaining good and strong community relations. In this respect, despite the continuation of the Covid-19 restrictions for the second year, we were able to facilitate many Community Iftars, albeit online, during the month of Ramadan with a specific theme across the UK. A number of issues of national and local importance were discussed over the events to find constructive solutions to shared difficulties, especially witnessed during the pandemic, such as loneliness, social distancing, financial difficulties, with a focus on the need of standing together during the pandemic as a cohesive society. A new project, the Virtual IftarMe, was also launched which aims to bring dialogue into our homes, promoting a positive influence on local community cohesion.

Volunteers have also been busy organising virtual Christmas Friendship Meetings on varying themes that concern our communities, distributing thousands of Christmas cards, gifts and other heart-warming activities and projects to help in easing the difficulties of the pandemic, such as 'How to Make an Amigurumi Doll', 'Painting Cards for Christmas', 'Knitting and a Cup of Tea', etc. Volunteers also organised a fund-raising event titled 'Ride for NHS' to raise and promote awareness for the NHS and pay tribute to all those lives impacted by the pandemic. We also hosted several unifying inter and non-faith reflection and prayer sessions under the theme of 'Community and Faith Leaders Pray for Humanity Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic' to unify and empower communities in our new and challenging experiences over the pandemic. Several emergency grants have made us possible to provide, for example, emergency food parcels and language support and training through a newly designed 'Career School' to vulnerable migrant communities during the pandemic.

The Dialogue Society Book Group: The Dialogue Society Book Group has steadily continued for the last eight years. It explores the capacity of books to provide windows into different cultural and intercultural worlds. A series of quality novels available at local libraries are chosen and discussed within a relaxed, sociable gathering at the Dialogue Society offices and online platforms.

Interfaith activities and Noah's Pudding: Now more than fifteen years our Noah's pudding project has become a recognised brand and tool for strengthening dialogue between various communities. This year the Dialogue Society facilitated the distribution of Noah's Puddings during the Interfaith Week in November. Our branches also organised several events in the interfaith week with local stakeholders and community groups around various themes that closely reflect our communities' concerns.

Fundraising: We have continued our fundraising activities through regular donations and contributions from our supporters, books, goods and eBay sales, and donation boxes throughout the year to raise funds and facilitate dialogue between different community groups.

#### **Directors**

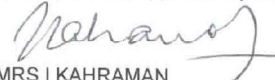
The following persons served as directors during the year:

I KAHRAMAN  
O KELES  
S BASSOY  
M DEMIRPOLAT

#### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 30 December 2021 and signed on its behalf.

  
MRS I KAHRAMAN  
DIRECTOR

**DIALOGUE SOCIETY**  
**Accountants' Report**

**Accountants' report to the directors of**  
**DIALOGUE SOCIETY**

You consider that the company is exempt from an audit for the year ended 31 March 2021. You have acknowledged, on the balance sheet, your responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These responsibilities include preparing accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year.

In accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the accounts which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes from the accounting records of the company and on the basis of information and explanations you have given to us.

We have not carried out an audit or any other review, and consequently we do not express any opinion on these accounts.

AA Accountancy Services  
Chartered Certified Accountants

244 Chase Road,  
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30 December 2021

**DIALOGUE SOCIETY**  
**Surplus and Deficit Account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2021**

	<b>2021</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2020</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>	417,305	123,621
Direct Charitable Expenditure	(158,207)	(13,799)
<b>Gross Income</b>	<u>259,098</u>	<u>109,822</u>
Administrative expenses	(191,407)	(107,621)
Other operating income	30,792	-
<b>Operating Deficit</b>	<u>98,483</u>	<u>2,201</u>
Interest payable	(2,574)	-
<b>Surplus before taxation</b>	<u>95,909</u>	<u>2,201</u>
Tax on profit	-	-
<b>Surplus for the Period</b>	<u>95,909</u>	<u>2,201</u>

**DIALOGUE SOCIETY**

Registered number: 05385343

**Balance Sheet**

as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	2	19,700	17,520
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	3	15,763	22,635
Cash at bank and in hand		126,690	1,994
		<u>142,453</u>	<u>24,629</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	4	(18,992)	(13,443)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>123,461</u>	<u>11,186</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>143,161</u>	<u>28,706</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	5	(21,500)	(2,954)
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>121,661</u>	<u>25,752</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Surplus and deficit account		121,661	25,752
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u>121,661</u>	<u>25,752</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 member has 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. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.



ILKNUR KAHRAMAN  
Director

Approved by the board on 30 December 2021



**DIALOGUE SOCIETY**  
**Statement of Changes in Funds**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2021**

	Share capital £	Share premium £	Re- valuation reserve £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
<b>At 1 April 2019</b>	-	-	-	23,551	23,551
Surplus for the financial year				2,201	2,201
<b>At 31 March 2020</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,752</u>	<u>25,752</u>
<b>At 1 April 2020</b>	-	-	-	25,752	25,752
Surplus for the financial year				95,909	95,909
<b>At 31 March 2021</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>121,661</u>	<u>121,661</u>

**DIALOGUE SOCIETY**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2021**

**1 Accounting policies**

***Basis of preparation***

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (as applied to small entities by section 1A of the standard).

***Turnover***

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts and value added taxes. Turnover includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services. Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have transferred to the buyer. Turnover from the rendering of services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract. The stage of completion of a contract is measured by comparing the costs incurred for work performed to date to the total estimated contract costs.

***Intangible fixed assets***

Intangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative amortisation and any accumulative impairment losses.

***Tangible fixed assets***

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	over 50 years
Leasehold land and buildings	over the lease term
Plant and machinery	over 5 years
Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	over 5 years

***Investments***

Investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures are measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Listed investments are measured at fair value. Unlisted investments are measured at fair value unless the value cannot be measured reliably, in which case they are measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Changes in fair value are included in the profit and loss account.

***Stocks***

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is determined using the first in first out method. The carrying amount of stock sold is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised.

***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***

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### **Notes to the Accounts**

#### **for the year ended 31 March 2021**

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.

#### ***Taxation***

A current tax liability is recognised for the tax payable on the taxable profit of the current and past periods. A current tax asset is recognised in respect of a tax loss that can be carried back to recover tax paid in a previous period. Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences between the recognition of income and expenses in the financial statements and their inclusion in tax assessments. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference, except for revalued land and investment property where the tax rate that applies to the sale of the asset is used. Current and deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

#### ***Provisions***

Provisions (ie liabilities of uncertain timing or amount) are recognised when there is an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that economic benefit will be transferred to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

#### ***Foreign currency translation***

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recognised at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. At the end of each reporting period foreign currency monetary items are translated at the closing rate of exchange. Non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost are translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are charged to profit or loss.

#### ***Leased assets***

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. All other leases are classified as operating leases. The rights of use and obligations under finance leases are initially recognised as assets and liabilities at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased assets or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction in the outstanding liability using the effective interest rate method. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Leased assets are depreciated in accordance with the company's policy for tangible fixed assets. If there is no reasonable certainty that ownership will be obtained at the end of the lease term, the asset is depreciated over the lower of the lease term and its useful life. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### ***Pensions***

Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

## **2 Tangible fixed assets**

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**for the year ended 31 March 2021**

		<b>Plant and machinery etc £</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2020		26,820
Additions		2,680
At 31 March 2021		<u>29,500</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 April 2020		9,300
Charge for the year		500
At 31 March 2021		<u>9,800</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 March 2021		<u>19,700</u>
At 31 March 2020		<u>17,520</u>
 <b>3 Debtors</b>	 <b>2021</b>	 <b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	251	45
Other debtors	15,512	22,590
	<u>15,763</u>	<u>22,635</u>
 <b>4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	 <b>2021</b>	 <b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	5,367	9,514
Taxation and social security costs	11,198	1,384
Other creditors	2,427	2,545
	<u>18,992</u>	<u>13,443</u>
 <b>5 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>	 <b>2021</b>	 <b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loans	<u>21,500</u>	<u>2,954</u>
 <b>6 Other information</b>		

DIALOGUE SOCIETY is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England. Its registered office is:  
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**DIALOGUE SOCIETY**  
**Detailed Surplus and Deficit Account**

**for the year ended 31 March 2021**

*This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts*

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<b>Net Surplus Before Tax</b>	<hr/> 95,909	<hr/> 2,201

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	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Sales	209,936	-
Donation	148,642	107,174
Restricted Donations	1,130	-
Restricted Grant	53,924	-
Other Income	3,673	16,447
	<u>417,305</u>	<u>123,621</u>
 <b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>		
Purchases	148,192	8,029
Subcontractor costs	20	2,000
Conference and meeting expenses	2,703	3,770
Carriage	45	-
Packaging	4,417	-
Commissions payable	2,830	-
	<u>158,207</u>	<u>13,799</u>
 <b>Administrative expenses</b>		
Employee costs:		
Wages and salaries	76,449	47,569
Pensions	1,152	744
Employer's NI	4,007	2,397
Staff training and welfare	13,838	2,500
Travel and subsistence	26	2,142
	<u>95,472</u>	<u>55,352</u>
Premises costs:		
Rent	34,187	23,077
Rates	5,069	2,686
Service charges	-	8,147
Light and heat	349	-
Cleaning	-	245
	<u>39,605</u>	<u>34,155</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and fax	4,299	2,784
Postage	1,757	34
Stationery and printing	21	482
Courier services	674	2,090
Books & Subscriptions	14,300	28
Information and publications	-	626
Subscriptions	14	243
Bank charges	193	269
Paypal fees	4,134	958
Ebay fees	2,594	-
Accommodation	72	-
Donation	540	-
Insurance	330	551
Equipment expensed	385	-
Webpage and computer costs	-	399
Software	1,415	-

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for the year ended 31 March 2021***This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts*

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Repairs and maintenance	-	90
Depreciation	500	500
Sundry expenses	2	21
	<u>31,230</u>	<u>9,075</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Accountancy fees	600	600
Consultancy fees	23,122	6,749
Advertising and PR	803	1,615
Other legal and professional	575	75
	<u>25,100</u>	<u>9,039</u>
	<u>191,407</u>	<u>107,621</u>
<b>Other operating income</b>		
Other operating income	<u>30,792</u>	<u>-</u>