

CCJO RENECASSIN

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Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2007-01-05

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS (AS SET OUT IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUBSEQUENT UNITED NATIONS COVENANTS, CONVENTIONS AND DECLARATIONS) THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, WITH REFERENCE TO THE VALUES AND THE HISTORICAL AND CURRENT EXPERIENCE OF JEWISH PEOPLE IN ORDER TO BENEFIT VULNERABLE PEOPLE AT RISK OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MEANS:A) ELIMINATING INFRINGEMENTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS;B) INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY OF HUMAN RIGHTS;C) PROMOTING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY;D) EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY;E) RAISING AWARENESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES;F) PROVIDING TECHNICAL ADVICE TO GOVERNMENT AND OTHERS ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS;G) COMMENTING ON PROPOSED HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION;H) RESEARCH INFO UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.

Activities: Rene Cassin promotes and protects universal human rights, drawing on Jewish experience and values. We achieve this by campaigning for change in defined human rights areas through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning and education and building the capacity of the Jewish activists and lawyers to support human rights.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THOUGHTOUT THE WORLD.
- Isle Of Man
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£184,173	£169,623	-	-
2023-12-31	£163,005	£170,443	-	-
2022-12-31	£134,054	£153,123	-	-
2021-12-31	£144,380	£146,750	-	-
2020-12-31	£131,966	£120,837	-	-

Trustees

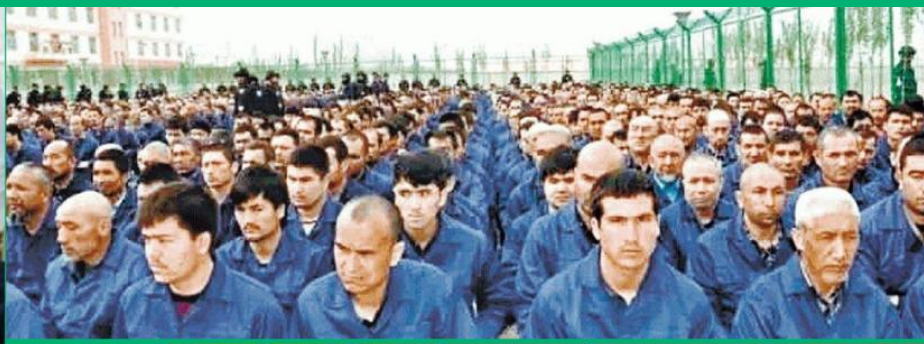
Name	Role	Appointed
Danielle Mason		2020-05-19
Dr Sheldon Stone		2024-03-11
Jeffrey Highfield		2019-09-17
Jonathan Metzer		2020-03-31
Joshua Cass		2024-03-11
Nicholas Aleksander		2024-03-11

Accounts

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the jewish voice for human rights

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION
OF **Human Rights**



Human Rights Act 1998
CHAPTER 42

"THE ONE WHO DOES NOT REMEMBER
HISTORY IS BOUND TO LIVE THROUGH IT
AGAIN"

GEORGE SANTAYANA



WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIR

Dear Reader

Human rights, the rule of law, and democracy were the three pillars on which Western liberalism was rebuilt after the horrors and destruction of the Second World War. For the latter, 2024 was a significant year, with general elections at home and in the United States.

In the first half of the year, we spoke up loudly for both human rights and the rule of law. We published an interactive 'family tree' showing the development of the current human rights framework, showing how it developed as a response to the horrors of the Holocaust and how it was largely based on the work of Jewish lawyers. This was no academic exercise. It formed the foundations of our defence of current human rights provisions in the UK. It is here that 'the rubber really hits the road' – the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act provide essential safeguards for all of us.

The UN Refugee Convention was also part of the post-war architecture of international law, and we were dismayed to see the UK's blatant disregard of its obligations in its stubborn insistence in pressing on with its (ultimately doomed) policy of sending asylum-seekers to Rwanda.

The result of the July general election required a considerable shift of focus, for which we had prepared. Judging the European Convention and Human Rights Act is now safe, we pivoted towards actively promoting human rights, rather than simply defending them. We sought to broaden human rights by advocating for a wider acceptance of 'everyday' rights to food, housing and health; and we sought to deepen them by providing hands-on training on how the Human Rights Act can be used in practice.

As the year ended, the other big election of the year was not such good news for human rights. President Trump, it emerges, is intent on ripping up the post-war consensus and is contemptuous of all three of its founding pillars.

It seems certain that human rights face a prolonged and difficult few years. With that in mind, I feel it is a good time to welcome new leadership. After a decade in the role, I am handing over the chair of René Cassin to Jonathan Metzger. Jonathan will bring an exciting mix of experience, focus, commitment and energy to the role.

I have never been more convinced of the importance of our work advocating for timeless human rights principles both within and beyond the Jewish community. I leave confident that René Cassin's future will be bright, despite the current challenges.

Danny Silverstone

Chair of Board of Trustees

OUR YEAR WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

January – our special screening of *In Search of My Sister*, a powerful documentary about Uyghur Rushan Abbas's search for her sister in China's gulag, included a Q&A with Rushan herself

February – in our *International Law Series*, we hosted eminent Professor Yuval Shany on the application of human rights law in armed conflicts

March – we published our 'family tree', showing the development of international human rights law and the influence of Jewish lawyers

April – our Pesach campaign highlighted the urgent need for safe routes to the UK for those fleeing persecution

May – on World Hunger Day, we published our *Recipe for Rights* resource, calling for a Right to Food

June – we marked Refugee Week with a series of actions comparing the Jewish experience of the Kindertransport with that of refugees seeking safety today

July – our experts' event analysed the implications of the International Criminal Court Prosecutor's application for arrest warrants for members of Hamas and the Israeli government

August – we issued a statement of solidarity with refugees as asylum-seekers were targeted in a series of violent riots

September – we launched our new podcast series with an examination of the issue of Uyghur forced labour

October – we held an experts' event to examine the potential alternatives to immigration detention in the UK

November – we launched our project to embed the Human Rights Act by providing practical training and advice to Jewish communal organisations

December – for 'Human Rights Shabbat', we published a detailed campaigners' guide to 'everyday' Socio-Economic Rights

Why 'René Cassin'?

We are proud to take our name from Nobel Laureate and French-Jewish Jurist Monsieur René Cassin, who was one of the principal drafters of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and served as President of the European Court of Human Rights.

He was a lifelong advocate of international human rights protection and understood that, because of the Holocaust, it was vital that there was a strong and clear Jewish voice for human rights.

"...there is no task of safeguarding human rights more urgent than that of foreseeing such outrages and preventing them."

Monsieur René Cassin, Nobel Lecture, 11 December 1968

Our Vision, Mission and Values

Our **vision** is of a world where:

- **everyone fully enjoys all their human rights** as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- **members of the Jewish community are actively engaged** in promoting and protecting these rights, both within the community and in concert with stakeholders outside of the community

Our **mission** is to promote and protect the universal rights of all people, drawing on Jewish experiences and values.

We will:

- **remake a compelling case** for human rights values
- **campaign for change** in defined human rights areas through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning and education
- **lead and grow** a group of committed Jewish human rights advocates
- **maximise our capacity** to work effectively

Our **values** underpin all the work we do:

- **Solidarity** – human rights belong to us all, so we stand for the rights of everyone, everywhere.
- **Judaism** – we are inspired by Jewish values and experience.
- **Collaboration** – our work is not isolated, but intertwined with the efforts of others, so we nurture and mobilise relationships.
- **Empowerment** – we turn today's Jewish activists into tomorrow's leaders.

Legacy

We are determined to create a legacy worthy of our namesake Monsieur René Cassin

OUR WORK

As 'the Jewish voice for human rights, ' René Cassin works:

- **within the Jewish community – building support for human rights values amongst British Jews**
- **in the wider community – bringing a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities.**

We work via advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning and education, focusing on key issues that strongly resonate with Jewish experience.

Protecting human rights in the UK

We extended our 'Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a response to the Holocaust' framing to the Declaration's successor instruments, the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act. We encouraged non-Jewish rights advocates to use this framing (something they might otherwise be wary of doing) and received incredibly positive feedback.

"In being the Jewish voice for human rights, you led the way in being forthright about this [framing human rights as a response to the Holocaust]. Nobody else could have done that, but René Cassin, as always, didn't do the minimum, but went above and beyond, helping partners along."

Save the Human Rights Act Coalition

The significance of this unique framing is key to our role and impact within the wider human rights space. It provides the 'missing piece of the puzzle' whenever the case for human rights principles is made in the UK, as it provides the historical significance and lineage of their articulation.

We developed the '[ECHR Family Tree](#)', illustrating the development of international human rights law and the key role played by Jewish lawyers.

As the focus of the threat to UK human rights shifted from the Human Rights Act to the European Convention on Human Rights, our 'Stay Signed In' campaign highlighted the Convention's benefits and the negative implications of withdrawal.

As the Government sought to legislate to send asylum-seekers to Rwanda in Spring 2024, the European Convention came under severe pressure because of the safeguards it provides. In May, we circulated a briefing to Parliamentarians outlining the [Jewish case for the Convention](#).

An important shift in our work happened as a response to the July general election and the establishment of a new Labour government, as a result of which the need to defend the Human Rights Act became obsolete and we were able to shift our focus on strengthening the Jewish community's use and understanding of the UK's human rights framework. In November 2024 we launched our 'embedding human rights in practice project' with

tailored training for [Jewish Women's Aid's caseworkers](#) on how they could use the Human Rights Act to benefit their clients.

Asylum and refugees

We have brought a unique and powerful Jewish perspective to ongoing debates on asylum policy in the UK, not least in our role on the steering committee of [The Detention Forum](#), the umbrella organisation of civil society groups working on this issue.

We briefed Parliamentarians on our misgivings about the Safety of Rwanda Bill in [February](#) and [April](#) and [wrote to the Lord Chancellor](#) pointing out that the Bill contravened the rule of law.

At Pesach in April, we highlighted the need for safe routes for refugees to the UK – via [a briefing](#) and [a Seder resource](#), and encouraged our supporters to [write to their MP](#).

We marked Refugee Week (17-23 June 2024) with a [statement](#), a briefing on [alternatives to immigration detention](#), and a 'then and now' event ([Safe Routes to Home](#)) comparing the Jewish experience of the Kindertransport with that of refugees seeking safety today.

We [expressed our deep concern](#) at the outbreak of anti-immigrant violence that accompanied riots in Southport and elsewhere in August.

In October 2024 we hosted '[Alternatives to Immigration Detention event](#)' with Rainbow Migration and the Detention Forum.

In November and December 2024, the theme for our work to mark '[16 Days of Activism](#) against Violence against Women and Girls' was marginalised women including asylum-seeking women in immigration detention.

In December 2024 we marked the 85th anniversary of the Kindertransport with an article in Metro newspaper [This man saved my mother's life – then mine too](#) by our chair Danny Silverstone, employing our 'then and now' framing of comparing the plight of current asylum-seekers with that of Jews fleeing persecution in the past.

Our participation in sector spaces provides a unique context and framing when advocating for a more humane and just asylum system.

For the Jewish community, we continued to provide valuable access to information, awareness raising and learning on the UK's current immigration frameworks on immigration detention and securing safe routes, while bringing a powerful historical reference.

"Wanted to say how much I enjoyed the immigration talk about safe routes, incredible guest speakers!"

Georgina

Right to food and socio-economic rights

We joined the Barnet Council Food Partnership, to guide Barnet into becoming a 'Right to Food Borough.'

We highlighted the right to food in [our asks of candidates](#) in the April 2024 local elections, and our lobbying saw [a right to food gain significant support](#) at both UJS and NUS conferences.

We marked World Hunger Day (28 May 2024) and Shavuot (11-13 June) by producing and circulating a [‘recipe for rights’ resource](#) for Rabbis.

To mark this year’s Human Rights Shabbat and International Human Rights Day, we produced [Let’s Make the Case for Socio-Economic Rights](#), which provided information on ‘everyday’ rights and encouraged the Jewish community to advocate for them.

René Cassin continued to add value in telling the unique ‘human rights story,’ which was recognised and celebrated in the invitation to join the UK ESCR Network Steering Group alongside leading sector organisations working on socio-economic rights.

“You have a really wonderful team at René Cassin, doing standard-setting work.”

Helen Flynn, Just Fair

Genocide and international humanitarian law

On the day after Holocaust Memorial Day in January 2024, we hosted a special screening and of [In Search of My Sister](#), a documentary of Uyghur activist Rushan Abbas’s search for her sister who had disappeared into China’s network of internment camps, with Rushan joining us in person for the Q&A.

In April, [we launched a campaign](#) to highlight the topical and timely issue of the use of Uyghur forced labour in providing raw materials for the global solar panel industry. As part of the campaign, we hosted two events highlighting different aspects of the persecution of Uyghurs: [The UK’s ‘green’ solar energy: Tackling Uyghur forced labour](#) and [Weaponisation of Faith Against Uyghur Women](#) and published a [briefing](#).

We also continued to present a unique Jewish voice and allyship with Uyghurs around the world and took part in the World Uyghur Congress General Assembly in Sarajevo as a guest speaker and international observer.

In September we launched the [René Cassin Podcast Series](#) with an episode on Uyghur forced labour.

“We very much appreciate everything that René Cassin is doing for Uyghurs, and human rights more broadly. Your solidarity is deeply meaningful, and your voice in the UK landscape is so valuable.”

Uyghur Human Rights Project

As a Jewish human rights organisation – that builds on the narrative that the modern human rights framework was developed in response to the Holocaust – we have been mindful of our role since 7 October 2023 to help our supporters understand the complex international legal framework that applies to the events of the 7th and those since. In February 2024 we launched our International Law Series aimed at providing excellent legal analysis on recent developments from an international humanitarian and human rights law perspective, the dilemmas that arise from them and the legal implications:

- [The Application of Human Rights Law in International Armed Conflicts](#) (21 February 2024) with Professor Yuval Shany
- [Israel-Gaza: ICC Prosecutor's application for arrest warrants](#) (29 July 2024) with Professor Noam Lubell and Dr Maria Varaki

"A superb webinar, which was very helpful in clarifying complex issues."

Attendee at ICC event, July 2024

Education and empowerment

Members of the [2024 cohort of our Ambassadors' Programme](#) completed personal projects including:

- a human rights board game targeted at young people
- a moving 'then and now' reflection on the difficulties faced by today's asylum-seekers compared with Jewish refugees in the 1940s
- an assembly at their school on the Uyghur forced labour in UK supply chains
- an action plan for summer camp on asylum seekers' workers' rights
- an overview of the experiences of victims of slavery and trauma

Our [Leadership Through Challenge](#) workshop in November 2024 saw [Simon Johnson](#) give alumni of past René Cassin programmes a crash course in crisis management.

We also furthered our relationship with Jewish youth movements, the Union of Jewish Students and Moishe Houses resulting in more consistent and regular collaboration and better exposure for René Cassin of our work and human rights agenda.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

René Cassin relies on its supporters for the funds to carry on its vital work.

Please help ensure our voice is heard loudly and clearly by supporting us:

- **Make a donation** – you can make a one-off gift through our website at www.renecassin.org/donate
- Better still, **become a 'Friend of René Cassin'** by making a monthly donation (via the 'I'd like to give regularly' option) www.renecassin.org/donate
- Become an **Individual Patron** or **Corporate Supporter** – email the office for further details info@renecassin.org
- **Get involved in our campaigns** – visit our website for more details
- **Attend our events** – www.renecassin.org/events
- **Volunteer with us** – email info@renecassin.org
- **Sign up for our newsletter** at www.renecassin.org
- **Follow us** on Twitter twitter.com/Rene_Cassin and Instagram www.instagram.com/rene.cassin/ and **like us** on Facebook www.facebook.com/renecassin
- **Tell your friends, family and colleagues about our work**

"Your work is more important than ever in these troubled times. So I consider it a privilege to be one of your supporters."

Monica

FINANCE

Revenue and Support 2024

Donations & legacies	xxx,xxx
Charitable activities	x,xxx
Investment income	xxx
Total revenue and support	XXX,XXX

Expenditure 2024

Charitable activities	xxx,xxx
Costs of raising voluntary income	x,xxxx
Total expenditure	XXX,XXX

Many thanks to our supporters

Anglo Jewish Association
 Bluston Charitable Settlement
 Harbour Foundation
 Humanitarian Trust
 Judith Trust
 SC & ME Morlands Charitable Trust
 Pears Foundation
 Sigrid Rausing Trust
 Sybil Shine Memorial Trust
 Shores Charitable Trust

And to our individual **Patrons** (who give £1,000 or more annually) and **Friends** (who make regular donations)

OUR PEOPLE

Our Staff

Mia Hasenson-Gross	Executive Director
Lucja Jastrzebska	Campaigns & Communications Officer
Jonathan Chern	Advocacy Officer
Rachel Vogler	Campaigns Officer
Debora Singer	Human Rights Act Campaign Lead (volunteer)
Libi Sears	Community Engagement Officer
Sam Watson	Development Manager

Our Trustees

Daniel Silverstone	Chair
Jeff Highfield	Treasurer
Nicholas Aleksander	(from 11 March 2024)
Josh Cass	(from 11 March 2024)
Justin Abbott Chalew	(to 11 March 2024)
Lauren Keiles	(to 11 March 2024)
Danielle Mason	
Jonathan Metzer	
Abigail Morris	
Sheldon Stone	(from 11 March 2024)
Rachel Zaltzman	(to 11 March 2024)

Honorary Ambassadors

Dr Annette Lawson OBE
Elliot Levey

Our Advisory Council

Sylvie Bacquet	Dr. Kishan Manocha
Rabbi Professor Tony Bayfield CBE	Rabbi David Mason
Rabbi Dr. Naftali Brawer	Vicki Prais
Professor Geraldine van Bueren KC	Rabbi Danny Rich
Caroline Cassin	Rabbi David Rosen CBE
Caren Gestetner	Professor William Schabas OC
Rabbi Alex Goldberg	Professor Yuval Shany
Professor Margaret Greenfields	Rabbi Dr. Norman Solomon
Maya Jaffe	Yael Weisz-Rind
Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner	Professor Jay Winter
Dr. Keith Kahn-Harris	Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg
Daniel Kingsley	Dr. Reuven Ziegler
Professor Francesca Klug OBE	
Professor Noam Lubell	

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

René Cassin is a UK charity registered on 5 January 2007 (number 1117472 as CCJO ReneCassin) and governed by a constitution amended 9 September 2013.

The charity is governed by the board of trustees listed on the previous page. Our constitution stipulates that there must be a minimum of three trustees at any time. There is no maximum limit to the number of trustees.

René Cassin complies with all applicable UK law in recruiting and selecting new trustees to join its board. Trustees are normally elected by the members (who are the current trustees) of René Cassin at a general meeting. Trustees are appointed based on specific skills, experience and knowledge that will enable them to contribute to the management of the charity. These skills, experience and knowledge are first identified in the annual skills audit. When there is a specific gap identified, or a trustee with specific skills, experience and knowledge is approaching retirement, then a posting seeking to recruit a new trustee will be placed on a variety of independent voluntary sector websites, print or online publications. During the recruitment and selection process, René Cassin will ensure that prospective new trustees are eligible to act, do not have any conflicts of interest, and understand their responsibilities and René Cassin's work. In particular, René Cassin pays heed to Charity Commission Guidance CC3: *The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know, What You Need to Do*.

René Cassin's board meets every two months to oversee the work of the charity, which the board delegates to its small staff team. All policies, such as risk register and safeguarding, are reviewed regularly and are up to date.

The Jewish
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human rights

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**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 December 2024
for
CCJO RENE CASSIN**

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CCJO RENE CASSIN

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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CCJO RENE CASSIN
Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

René Cassin, 'the Jewish voice for human rights', is a charity that uses Jewish experience and values to advocate for universal human rights, particularly on issues - such as discrimination, indefinite immigration detention, genocide and modern slavery - that strongly resonate with Jewish history and values. We achieve this through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning, education and building the capacity of activists to promote and protect human rights.

As 'the Jewish voice for human rights', René Cassin works:

- Within the Jewish community - building support for human rights values amongst British Jews.
- In the wider community - bringing the authority of a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities.

In furtherance of that object but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to engage in political activity provided that the trustees are satisfied that the proposed activities will further the purposes of the charity to an extent justified by the resources committed and the activity is not the dominant means by which the charity carries out its object.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have fulfilled their duty under the Charities Act 2011 by giving due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Volunteers

During the year there were 2 volunteers who supported the charity's work by helping with research, campaigning and education.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and future plans

In 2024, René Cassin focused on key human rights issues including the treatment of Uyghur Muslims, refugee protection, and the preservation of the Human Rights Act. The charity ran advocacy campaigns, engaged with policymakers, and raised awareness within both the Jewish and wider communities.

Education and community engagement work included calls to action, expansion of their Human Rights Ambassadors Programme and public engagement through events, school and university outreach, and resource packs like the Human Rights Shabbat guide

Further details of the campaigns and education drives undertaken by René Cassin, as well as René Cassin's plans for the future can be found on their website at www.renecassin.org.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the year, the charity received total income of £184,173, an increase from £163,005 in the previous year. The majority of this income, £183,631, came from donations and grants provided by charitable foundations, with an additional £542 generated from interest income.

Total expenditure for the year was £169,623, slightly lower than the £170,443 spent in 2023. Most of this expenditure, £168,777, supported the charity's core charitable activities.

This resulted in a net surplus of £14,550 for the year, compared to a deficit of £7,438 in the previous year. At the end of the year, the charity held total unrestricted funds of £53,762. This reflects an improved financial position and provides a stable base to support future activities.

Principal funding sources

The charity's principal sources of income are grants awarded by charitable foundations, which provide essential support for delivering its programmes and achieving its objectives.

CCJO RENE CASSIN
Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to meet the trustees' objects. The trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution, amended 9 September 2013, and constitutes an unincorporated charity as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees of the charity will appoint people once a year to serve as trustees including treasurer for a three-year term. A trustee will have a maximum tenure of two three-year terms. The trustees may also appoint any person who is willing to act as a trustee at any point during the year. Whatever portion of the year they serve will count as the first year of their three-year term. The trustees shall hold meetings at least three times each year.

Organisational structure

The number of trustees shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by a resolution of the charity in general meeting) shall not be subject to any maximum.

Risk management

During the year the trustees improved their processes for identifying, assessing and evaluating the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They classify the risks under specific headings - financial, reputational, key person, governance, and operational - and have completed a number of actions to mitigate their exposure to these risks. In particular, the trustees have adopted a strengthened financial reserves policy to minimise the risk of the charity having to curtail or cease operations due to fluctuations in the flow of income.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1117472

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Trustees

D Silverstone (resigned 2.12.24)
R Zaltzman (resigned 11.3.24)
S F A Morris (resigned 28.5.25)
J Highfield
J Metzer Chair
D Mason
N Aleksander (appointed 11.3.24)
J Cass (appointed 11.3.24)
S Stone (appointed 11.3.24)

Independent Examiner

Mr Daniel Fine, FCA
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CCJO RENE CASSIN
Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

JCS Metzger
J Metzger - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
CCJO Rene Cassin**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of CCJO Rene Cassin

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of CCJO Rene Cassin (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I have no concerns and 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.



Mr Daniel Fine, FCA

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6 August 2025

CCJO RENE CASSIN

Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	168,648	14,983	183,631	159,879
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		-	-	-	3,000
Investment income	3	542	-	542	126
Total		<u>169,190</u>	<u>14,983</u>	<u>184,173</u>	<u>163,005</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		846	-	846	6,684
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>153,794</u>	<u>14,983</u>	<u>168,777</u>	<u>163,759</u>
Total		<u>154,640</u>	<u>14,983</u>	<u>169,623</u>	<u>170,443</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		14,550	-	14,550	(7,438)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		39,212	-	39,212	46,650
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>53,762</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>53,762</u></u>	<u><u>39,212</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		55,304	-	55,304	41,184
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,542)	-	(1,542)	(1,972)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>53,762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>53,762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>53,762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

30 July 2025

JCS Metzer

J Metzer - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Donations	182,994	159,227
Gift aid	637	652
	<u>183,631</u>	<u>159,879</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	542	126

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Employees	3	3
Volunteers	2	2
	5	5

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2024	2023
£60,001 - £70,000	1	-

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	140,879	19,000	159,879
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	-	3,000	3,000
Investment income	126	-	126
Total	141,005	22,000	163,005
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	6,684	-	6,684
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	141,759	22,000	163,759
Total	148,443	22,000	170,443
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(7,438)	-	(7,438)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	46,650	-	46,650

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>39,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,212</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Taxation and social security	522	953
Other creditors	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,019</u>
	<u>1,542</u>	<u>1,972</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	39,212	14,550	53,762
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>39,212</u>	<u>14,550</u>	<u>53,762</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	169,190	(154,640)	14,550
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	14,983	(14,983)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>184,173</u>	<u>(169,623)</u>	<u>14,550</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,650	(7,438)	39,212
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,650</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>	<u>39,212</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	141,005	(148,443)	(7,438)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	22,000	(22,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>163,005</u>	<u>(170,443)</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 December 2024
for
CCJO RENE CASSIN**

Melinek Fine LLP
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CCJO RENE CASSIN

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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CCJO RENE CASSIN
Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

René Cassin, 'the Jewish voice for human rights', is a charity that uses Jewish experience and values to advocate for universal human rights, particularly on issues - such as discrimination, indefinite immigration detention, genocide and modern slavery - that strongly resonate with Jewish history and values. We achieve this through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning, education and building the capacity of activists to promote and protect human rights.

As 'the Jewish voice for human rights', René Cassin works:

- Within the Jewish community - building support for human rights values amongst British Jews.
- In the wider community - bringing the authority of a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities.

In furtherance of that object but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to engage in political activity provided that the trustees are satisfied that the proposed activities will further the purposes of the charity to an extent justified by the resources committed and the activity is not the dominant means by which the charity carries out its object.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have fulfilled their duty under the Charities Act 2011 by giving due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Volunteers

During the year there were 2 volunteers who supported the charity's work by helping with research, campaigning and education.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and future plans

In 2024, René Cassin focused on key human rights issues including the treatment of Uyghur Muslims, refugee protection, and the preservation of the Human Rights Act. The charity ran advocacy campaigns, engaged with policymakers, and raised awareness within both the Jewish and wider communities.

Education and community engagement work included calls to action, expansion of their Human Rights Ambassadors Programme and public engagement through events, school and university outreach, and resource packs like the Human Rights Shabbat guide

Further details of the campaigns and education drives undertaken by René Cassin, as well as René Cassin's plans for the future can be found on their website at www.renecassin.org.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the year, the charity received total income of £184,173, an increase from £163,005 in the previous year. The majority of this income, £183,631, came from donations and grants provided by charitable foundations, with an additional £542 generated from interest income.

Total expenditure for the year was £169,623, slightly lower than the £170,443 spent in 2023. Most of this expenditure, £168,777, supported the charity's core charitable activities.

This resulted in a net surplus of £14,550 for the year, compared to a deficit of £7,438 in the previous year. At the end of the year, the charity held total unrestricted funds of £53,762. This reflects an improved financial position and provides a stable base to support future activities.

Principal funding sources

The charity's principal sources of income are grants awarded by charitable foundations, which provide essential support for delivering its programmes and achieving its objectives.

CCJO RENE CASSIN
Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to meet the trustees' objects. The trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution, amended 9 September 2013, and constitutes an unincorporated charity as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees of the charity will appoint people once a year to serve as trustees including treasurer for a three-year term. A trustee will have a maximum tenure of two three-year terms. The trustees may also appoint any person who is willing to act as a trustee at any point during the year. Whatever portion of the year they serve will count as the first year of their three-year term. The trustees shall hold meetings at least three times each year.

Organisational structure

The number of trustees shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by a resolution of the charity in general meeting) shall not be subject to any maximum.

Risk management

During the year the trustees improved their processes for identifying, assessing and evaluating the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They classify the risks under specific headings - financial, reputational, key person, governance, and operational - and have completed a number of actions to mitigate their exposure to these risks. In particular, the trustees have adopted a strengthened financial reserves policy to minimise the risk of the charity having to curtail or cease operations due to fluctuations in the flow of income.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1117472

Principal address

First Floor Winston House
349 Regents Park Road
London
N3 1DH

Trustees

D Silverstone (resigned 2.12.24)
R Zaltzman (resigned 11.3.24)
S F A Morris (resigned 28.5.25)
J Highfield
J Metzer Chair
D Mason
N Aleksander (appointed 11.3.24)
J Cass (appointed 11.3.24)
S Stone (appointed 11.3.24)

Independent Examiner

Mr Daniel Fine, FCA
Melinek Fine LLP
Chartered Accountants
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CCJO RENE CASSIN
Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

JCS Metzger
J Metzger - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
CCJO Rene Cassin**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of CCJO Rene Cassin

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of CCJO Rene Cassin (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I have no concerns and 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.



Mr Daniel Fine, FCA

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6 August 2025

CCJO RENE CASSIN

Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	168,648	14,983	183,631	159,879
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		-	-	-	3,000
Investment income	3	542	-	542	126
Total		<u>169,190</u>	<u>14,983</u>	<u>184,173</u>	<u>163,005</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		846	-	846	6,684
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>153,794</u>	<u>14,983</u>	<u>168,777</u>	<u>163,759</u>
Total		<u>154,640</u>	<u>14,983</u>	<u>169,623</u>	<u>170,443</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		14,550	-	14,550	(7,438)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		39,212	-	39,212	46,650
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>53,762</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>53,762</u></u>	<u><u>39,212</u></u>

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CCJO RENE CASSIN

**Balance Sheet
31 DECEMBER 2024**

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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>53,762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>53,762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>53,762</u>	<u>39,212</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

30 July 2025

JCS Metzer

J Metzer - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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	£	£
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	542	126

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Employees	3	3
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	5	5

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2024	2023
£60,001 - £70,000	1	-

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	140,879	19,000	159,879
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	-	3,000	3,000
Investment income	126	-	126
Total	141,005	22,000	163,005
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	6,684	-	6,684
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	141,759	22,000	163,759
Total	148,443	22,000	170,443
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(7,438)	-	(7,438)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	46,650	-	46,650

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>39,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,212</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Taxation and social security	522	953
Other creditors	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,019</u>
	<u>1,542</u>	<u>1,972</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	39,212	14,550	53,762
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>39,212</u>	<u>14,550</u>	<u>53,762</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	169,190	(154,640)	14,550
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	14,983	(14,983)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>184,173</u>	<u>(169,623)</u>	<u>14,550</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,650	(7,438)	39,212
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,650</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>	<u>39,212</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	141,005	(148,443)	(7,438)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	22,000	(22,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>163,005</u>	<u>(170,443)</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2023



WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIR

Dear Reader

The dreadful events of 7 October and the ensuing war have cast the darkest of shadows over the year. Trying to hold true to the core values of human rights whilst speaking to, and sometimes for, a Jewish community racked by grief, shock and fear has been immensely difficult.

As in so much of our work, our guiding light in these truly awful times has been the wisdom and humanity enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. For the charity named after its co-author, how could it be any other way?

Though the Universal Declaration was conceived as a response to the horror of man's inhumanity to man, human rights bear a message of hope – a belief that a better world is possible, and a roadmap to guide the way there.

Of course, we would have hoped for better circumstances in which to celebrate the Universal Declaration's 75th anniversary in December. But it is in dark and difficult times that the Declaration's core message – that human rights are “the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world” – is most apposite and most necessary.

Monsieur René Cassin not only bore witness to horror – he was badly wounded in the First World War and lost 26 members of his family to the Holocaust – he also helped create a global response aimed at preventing its repetition. Atrocity only strengthened his commitment to universal human rights, and we intend to follow his lead.

Danny Silverstone

Chair of Board of Trustees



HUMAN RIGHTS – TELLING A JEWISH STORY

Dear Reader

The emergence of human rights as a dominant doctrine in the second half of the 20th Century is a story with Jewish protagonists at its heart. They were responding to the horrors that Nazism had visited upon humanity as a whole, and their coreligionists in particular.

In an extraordinarily productive period immediately after the Second World War, the international community put into place a human rights framework that relied heavily on the work of Jewish lawyers – Monsieur René Cassin for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Raphael Lemkin for the Genocide Convention and Hersch Lauterpacht for the concept of crimes against humanity.

I see our overarching task as to remind the world of that amazing legacy, where possible to build on it and, where necessary, to warn against attempts to diminish it.

There is no better way of doing that, in my view, than demonstrating the continuing and crucial relevance of the human rights principles those great pioneers articulated to the everyday lives of ordinary people.

That Jewish experience is so interwoven into the story of the development of human rights gives a Jewish voice that much more relevance and authority when it speaks on behalf of other minorities. And, in the year that sees the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration, that has been what we have continued to do. From Uyghur Muslims battling China's genocidal brutality to desperate refugees fleeing repression and conflict, from women and girls subject to violence to families struggling to put food on the table, we have helped amplify voices calling for justice and dignity.

In 1955 Monsieur René Cassin said *"Jews, who too often have been victims of human rights, should be indefatigable among the champions of those rights"*. By using 'Indefatigable', Cassin set a very high bar – but it is one we will continue striving to clear.

Mia Hasenson-Gross

Executive Director



Mia (first left) with campaigners delivering petition against Illegal Migration Act, 10 Downing Street, 18 July 2023

OUR YEAR WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

January – we marked Holocaust Memorial Day with a public information campaign highlighting how international human rights law developed in response to the atrocities of the Second World War

February – on the anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, we held an experts' event to discuss how Putin could be held accountable under international law.

March – we celebrated International Women's Day by remembering key Jewish women who have advocated for human rights.

April – we produced a resource for Pesach Seders, encouraging participants to take action in support of refugees.

May – on World Hunger Day, we published *Voices Beyond the Foodbank*, our new resource advocating for a right to food.

June – we participated in Refugee Week with a series of events, resources and actions.

July – we marked the 28th anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide on 11 July

August – we brought Jewish solidarity to Roma Holocaust Memorial Day on the 79th anniversary of the liquidation of the 'Gypsy Camp' at Auschwitz

September – we published our 'family tree' of international human rights law highlighting Jewish lawyers' part in its development.

October – we brought Jewish perspective and solidarity to Hate Crime Awareness Week

November – we participated in the '16 Days of Action' against violence against women and girls.

December – we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with an event featuring Baroness Helena Kennedy and Professor Philippe Sands

Why 'René Cassin'?

We are proud to take our name from Nobel Laureate and French-Jewish Jurist Monsieur René Cassin, who was one of the principal drafters of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and served as President of the European Court of Human Rights.

He was a lifelong advocate of international human rights protection and understood that, because of the Holocaust, it was vital that there was a strong and clear Jewish voice for human rights.

"...there is no task of safeguarding human rights more urgent than that of foreseeing such outrages and preventing them."

Monsieur René Cassin, Nobel Lecture, 11 December 1968

Our Vision, Mission and Values

Our **vision** is of a world where:

- **everyone fully enjoys all their human rights** as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- **members of the Jewish community are actively engaged** in promoting and protecting these rights, both within the community and in concert with stakeholders outside of the community

Our **mission** is to promote and protect the universal rights of all people, drawing on Jewish experiences and values.

We will:

- **remake a compelling case** for human rights values
- **campaign for change** in defined human rights areas through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning and education
- **lead and grow** a group of committed Jewish human rights advocates
- **maximise our capacity** to work effectively

Our **values** – underpinning all the work we do:

- **Solidarity** – human rights belong to us all, so we stand for the rights of everyone, everywhere.
- **Judaism** – we are inspired by Jewish values and experience.
- **Collaboration** – our work is not isolated, but intertwined with the efforts of others, so we nurture and mobilise relationships.
- **Empowerment** – we turn today's Jewish activists into tomorrow's leaders.
- **Legacy** – we are determined to create a legacy worthy of our namesake Monsieur René Cassin

OUR WORK

As 'the Jewish voice for human rights' René Cassin works:

- within the Jewish community – building support for human rights values amongst British Jews
- in the wider community – bringing a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities.

We work via advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning and education, focusing on key issues that strongly resonate with Jewish experience.

Protecting human rights in the UK

We have been successful in extending our framing of the 'Universal Declaration on Human Rights as a response to the Holocaust' to the Declaration's successor instruments, the European Convention on Human Rights and the UK's Human Rights Act. We have encouraged non-Jewish human rights advocates to use this framing (something they might otherwise be wary of doing) and received very positive feedback.

As the focus of the threat to UK human rights protection has shifted from the Human Rights Act to the European Convention on Human Rights, we have developed a 'Stay Signed In' campaign aimed at highlighting the benefits of the Convention and the grave negative implications of withdrawal. This has gained valuable publicity – see, for example, front page article in *Jewish News*, 2 October – [Jewish human rights charity protests about Europe Convention exit threat by Tories](#).

We marked December's 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with [an event](#) that brought two leading human rights experts – Professor Philippe Sands and Baroness Helena Kennedy – together in conversation.

We also produced an [online 'family tree'](#) to illustrate the development of international human rights law from the Universal Declaration and the key role Jewish lawyers have played in that process.

"This is such a powerful submission [to Parliament's Human Rights Committee re Illegal Migration Bill], thank you so much for sharing. You really do such incredible work."

Helen Flynn, JustFair

Hostile environment

Issues of immigration and asylum have been on the front line of recent tensions between the politics and practicalities of human rights. As with all our work, we have brought our unique Jewish perspective to collaborative campaigning:

- We have convened a [Jewish Anti Detention Network](#) of Jewish stakeholders working to limit immigration detention
- We organised a meeting – [Missing Migrant Children – lessons from the Kindertransport](#) – in response to news stories of migrant children being kidnapped from Home Office commissioned hotels
- We contributed to a [joint briefing](#) on the Second Reading of the Illegal Migration Bill (with Freedom from Torture, Helen Bamber Foundation, Safe Passage, and JustRight Scotland)
- We [gave evidence](#) to Parliament's Joint Committee on Human Rights' inquiry into the Illegal Migration Bill
- We handed in a joint petition at 10 Downing Street against Illegal Migration Bill (together with Women for Refugee Women, Liberty, Praxis and Rainbow Migration)
- We marked Refugee Week with a [statement](#), [actions](#) and event: [The Erosion of Human Rights Protections in the UK](#) (with the Wiener Holocaust Library)

"Thank you for emailing the recording [of 'Missing Migrant Children']. I just wanted to watch it again and share with some of my colleagues as I found this event extraordinarily moving and profound. Well done for organising this, for your courage and honesty and for radical solidarity in these dark times."

With all best wishes, Dada

"Thanks to you and the team for a really powerful and informative event. The mixture of personal testimony with political analysis worked really well."

Stuart McDonald MP

Right to food

We are working to promote human dignity via the socio-economic rights provisions of the Universal Declaration's Article 25. Chief amongst those is the right to food.

In May, we launched ['Voices Beyond the Foodbank'](#), our unique resource on the experiences of marginalised groups and access to food.

We met with an elected member of Barnet Council, resulting in an invitation to join Barnet Council Food Partnership. This gives us the opportunity to create support for our aim to guide Barnet into becoming a 'Right to Food Borough'.

Women's rights

In March, we marked International Women's Day and Women's History Month by celebrating Jewish women advocating for rights (Jewish women in human rights, our trustees, Biblical Jewish women, Rene Cassin founders and supporters).

We have built on collaborations with key sector organisations, such as the Fawcett Society, Centenary Action Group, Faith & VAWG Coalition, and EVAW.

We contributed the experiences of Jewish women to a toolkit produced by Standing Together on faith and violence against women and girls.

In November, we participated in the UN's '[16 Days of Activism](#) on Violence against Women and Girls'

Discrimination & hate crime

In June, we marked Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) History Month – amplifying actions and messages by drawing parallels with Jewish experience.

As has become customary, we marked Roma Holocaust Memorial Day on 2 August. This date is the anniversary of the liquidation of the 'Gypsy Camp' at Auschwitz in 1944.

Also in August, our Executive Director, Mia Hasenson-Gross spoke at the event *Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Rights – The Green Party's Role in ending systematic discrimination*.

During October's 'Hate Crime Awareness Week' [we highlighted how anti-Semitism and Islamophobia have spiked](#) since the Hamas attack on Israel and subsequent war in Gaza, following this up with a reminder of the contemporary resonances of [Kristallnacht](#) on its 85th anniversary on 9 November.

"The work you are all doing at René Cassin is brilliant."

Best wishes, Rabbi Elli Tikvah Sarah

Genocide

In February, we marked the anniversary of Russia's invasion with an event – *Ukraine: How the law can hold Putin to account* – on how international criminal law could be developed in response.

On the Uyghur issue, we launched two calls to action on forced labour, signed joint letters to the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors and the International Committee on Publishing Ethics (re organ harvesting) and to the Education Secretary (re privacy, security and ethical risks).

We wrote to Michael Gove expressing our concern that the proposed Economic Activities of Public Bodies Bill could jeopardise UK-based activists' efforts to oppose human rights abuses in China.

"It's really remarkable how much you all achieve with such a lean team!"

Funder

EDUCATIONAL WORK

Members of the 2023 cohort of our Ambassadors' Programme have completed personal projects including:

- A [Guide](#) to Culturally and Religiously appropriate food bank donations
- Short [animation video](#) on Uyghur genocide
- A ['Voices Beyond the Foodbank'](#) resource

We published a refugee-themed [2023 Pesach Haggadah accompaniment](#) and distributed a [2023 local elections briefing](#).

We worked with Jewish students to pass motions, at UJS Conference in February, on modern slavery and in solidarity with those held in immigration detention centres.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

René Cassin relies on its supporters for the funds to carry on its vital work.

Please help ensure our voice is heard loudly and clearly by supporting us:

- **Make a donation** – you can make a one-off gift through our website at www.renecassin.org/donate
- Better still, **become a 'Friend of René Cassin'** by making a monthly donation (via the 'I'd like to give regularly' option) www.renecassin.org/donate
- Become an **Individual Patron** or **Corporate Supporter** – email the office for further details info@renecassin.org
- **Get involved in our campaigns** – visit our website for more details
- **Attend our events** – www.renecassin.org/category/events/
- **Volunteer with us** – email info@renecassin.org
- **Sign up for our newsletter** at www.renecassin.org
- **Follow us** on Twitter twitter.com/Rene_Cassin and Instagram www.instagram.com/rene.cassin/ and **like us** on Facebook www.facebook.com/renecassin
- **Tell your friends, family and colleagues about our work**



FINANCE

Revenue and Support 2023

Donations & legacies	159,879
Charitable activities	3,000
Investment income	126
Total revenue and support	163,005

Expenditure 2023

Charitable activities	163,759
Costs of raising voluntary income	6,684
Total expenditure	170,443

Many thanks to our supporters

Anglo Jewish Association
 Humanitarian Trust
 Judith Trust
 SC & ME Morlands Charitable Trust
 Pears Foundation
 Shores Charitable Trust
 Eleanor Rathbone Foundation
 Sigrid Rausing Trust
 Elanor Rathbone Foundation
 The Blue Thread Foundation

And to our individual **Patrons** (who give £1,000 or more annually) and **Friends** (who make regular donations)

OUR PEOPLE

Our Staff

Mia Hasenson-Gross	Executive Director
Rachel Vogler	Campaigns Officer
Esther Raffell	Campaigns Officer (to May 2023)
Debora Singer	Human Rights Act Campaign Lead (volunteer)
Lucja Jastrzebska	Campaigns & Communications Officer
Sam Watson	Development Manager

Our Trustees

Daniel Silverstone	Chair
Jeff Highfield	Treasurer
Justin Abbott Chalew	
Lauren Keiles	
Danielle Mason	
Jonathan Metzer	
Abigail Morris	
Rachel Zaltzman	

Honorary Ambassadors

Dr Annette Lawson OBE
Elliot Levey

Our Advisory Council

Sylvie Bacquet
Rabbi Professor Tony Bayfield CBE
Rabbi Dr. Naftali Brawer
Professor Geraldine van Bueren KC
Caroline Cassin
Caren Gestetner
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Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner
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Rabbi Dr. Norman Solomon
Yael Weisz-Rind
Professor Jay Winter
Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg
Dr. Reuven Ziegler

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

René Cassin is a UK charity registered on 5 January 2007 (number 1117472 as CCJO ReneCassin) and governed by a constitution amended 9 September 2013.

The charity is governed by the board of trustees listed on the previous page. Our constitution stipulates that there must be a minimum of three trustees at any time. There is no maximum limit to the number of trustees.

René Cassin complies with all applicable UK law in recruiting and selecting new trustees to join its board. Trustees are normally elected by the members (who are the current trustees) of René Cassin at a general meeting. Trustees are appointed based on specific skills, experience and knowledge that will enable them to contribute to the management of the charity. These skills, experience and knowledge are first identified in the annual skills audit. When there is a specific gap identified, or a trustee with specific skills, experience and knowledge is approaching retirement, then a posting seeking to recruit a new trustee will be placed on a variety of independent voluntary sector websites, print or online publications. During the recruitment and selection process, René Cassin will ensure that prospective new trustees are eligible to act, do not have any conflicts of interest, and understand their responsibilities and René Cassin's work. In particular, René Cassin pays heed to Charity Commission Guidance CC3: *The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know, What You Need to Do*.

René Cassin's board meets every two months to oversee the work of the charity, which the board delegates to its small staff team. All policies, such as risk register and safeguarding, are reviewed regularly and are up to date.

The Jewish
voice for
human rights

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Registered charity number: **1117472**

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**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 December 2023
for
CCJO RENE CASSIN**

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CCJO RENE CASSIN

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CCJO RENE CASSIN
Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

René Cassin, 'the Jewish voice for human rights', is a charity that uses Jewish experience and values to advocate for universal human rights, particularly on issues - such as discrimination, indefinite immigration detention, genocide and modern slavery - that strongly resonate with Jewish history and values. We achieve this through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning, education and building the capacity of activists to promote and protect human rights.

As 'the Jewish voice for human rights', René Cassin works:

- Within the Jewish community - building support for human rights values amongst British Jews.
- In the wider community - bringing the authority of a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities.

In furtherance of that object but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to engage in political activity provided that the trustees are satisfied that the proposed activities will further the purposes of the charity to an extent justified by the resources committed and the activity is not the dominant means by which the charity carries out its object.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that it has complied with its duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Volunteers

During the year there were 2 volunteers who supported the charity's work by helping with research, campaigning and education.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and future plans

Details of the campaigns and education drives undertaken by René Cassin, as well as René Cassin's plans for the future can be found on their website at www.renecassin.org.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources are grants from charitable foundations.

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to meet the trustees' objects. The trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution, amended 9 September 2013, and constitutes an unincorporated charity as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees of the charity will appoint people once a year to serve as trustees including treasurer for a three-year term. A trustee will have a maximum tenure of two three-year terms. The trustees may also appoint any person who is willing to act as a trustee at any point during the year. Whatever portion of the year they serve will count as the first year of their three-year term. The trustees shall hold meetings at least three times each year.

Organisational structure

The number of trustees shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by a resolution of the charity in general meeting) shall not be subject to any maximum.

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**Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

During the year the trustees improved their processes for identifying, assessing and evaluating the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They classify the risks under specific headings - financial, reputational, key person, governance, and operational - and have completed a number of actions to mitigate their exposure to these risks. In particular, the trustees have adopted a strengthened financial reserves policy to minimise the risk of the charity having to curtail or cease operations due to fluctuations in the flow of income.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1117472

Principal address

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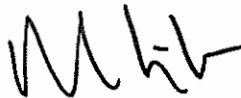
Trustees

D Silverstone Chair
R Zaltzman
S F A Morris
J Highfield
J Metzger
J A Abbott Chalew (resigned 22.5.23)
L Keiles (resigned 18.9.23)
D Mason

Independent Examiner

Mr Daniel Fine, FCA
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 JUNE..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
D Silverstone - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
CCJO Rene Cassin**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of CCJO Rene Cassin

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of CCJO Rene Cassin (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I have no concerns and 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.



Mr Daniel Fine, FCA

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Date: 25/6/2024.....

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**Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	140,879	19,000	159,879	129,012
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		-	3,000	3,000	5,000
Investment income	3	<u>126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>42</u>
Total		<u>141,005</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>163,005</u>	<u>134,054</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		6,684	-	6,684	813
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>141,759</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>163,759</u>	<u>152,310</u>
Total		<u>148,443</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>170,443</u>	<u>153,123</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(7,438)	-	(7,438)	(19,069)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>46,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,650</u>	<u>65,719</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>39,212</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>39,212</u></u>	<u><u>46,650</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

CCJO RENE CASSIN

Balance Sheet
31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		41,184	-	41,184	48,180
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,972)	-	(1,972)	(1,530)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>39,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>39,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>39,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19.1.2026..... and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
D Silverstone - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	159,227	128,373
Gift aid	<u>652</u>	<u>639</u>
	<u>159,879</u>	<u>129,012</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>126</u>	<u>42</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Employees	3	3
Volunteers	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	99,012	30,000	129,012
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	-	5,000	5,000
Investment income	<u>42</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42</u>
Total	<u>99,054</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>134,054</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	813	-	813
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>117,310</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>152,310</u>
Total	<u>118,123</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>153,123</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(19,069)	-	(19,069)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>65,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,719</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>46,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,650</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Taxation and social security	953	510
Other creditors	<u>1,019</u>	<u>1,020</u>
	<u>1,972</u>	<u>1,530</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,650	(7,438)	39,212
	<u>46,650</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>	<u>39,212</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,650</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>	<u>39,212</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	141,005	(148,443)	(7,438)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	22,000	(22,000)	-
	<u>163,005</u>	<u>(170,443)</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>163,005</u>	<u>(170,443)</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	65,719	(19,069)	46,650
	<u>65,719</u>	<u>(19,069)</u>	<u>46,650</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,719</u>	<u>(19,069)</u>	<u>46,650</u>

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	99,054	(118,123)	(19,069)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	35,000	(35,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>134,054</u>	<u>(153,123)</u>	<u>(19,069)</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

CCJO RENE CASSIN

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	159,227	128,373
Gift aid	<u>652</u>	<u>639</u>
	159,879	129,012
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	126	42
Charitable activities		
Administration fees	<u>3,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total incoming resources	163,005	134,054
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Fundraising	6,684	813
Charitable activities		
Staff costs	114,762	113,927
Campaigns	1,981	1,651
Premises costs	-	3,526
Consultancy	35,058	21,398
Office and administration	7,200	7,229
Education and training	1,457	1,357
Organisation Development	<u>1,489</u>	<u>1,400</u>
	161,947	150,488
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>1,812</u>	<u>1,822</u>
Total resources expended	<u>170,443</u>	<u>153,123</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(7,438)</u>	<u>(19,069)</u>

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

René Cassin, 'the Jewish voice for human rights', is a charity that uses Jewish experience and values to advocate for universal human rights, particularly on issues - such as discrimination, indefinite immigration detention, genocide and modern slavery - that strongly resonate with Jewish history and values. We achieve this through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning, education and building the capacity of activists to promote and protect human rights.

As 'the Jewish voice for human rights', René Cassin works:

- Within the Jewish community - building support for human rights values amongst British Jews.
- In the wider community - bringing the authority of a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities.

In furtherance of that object but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to engage in political activity provided that the trustees are satisfied that the proposed activities will further the purposes of the charity to an extent justified by the resources committed and the activity is not the dominant means by which the charity carries out its object.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that it has complied with its duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Volunteers

During the year there were 2 volunteers who supported the charity's work by helping with research, campaigning and education.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and future plans

Details of the campaigns and education drives undertaken by René Cassin, as well as René Cassin's plans for the future can be found on their website at www.renecassin.org.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources are grants from charitable foundations.

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to meet the trustees' objects. The trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution, amended 9 September 2013, and constitutes an unincorporated charity as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees of the charity will appoint people once a year to serve as trustees including treasurer for a three-year term. A trustee will have a maximum tenure of two three-year terms. The trustees may also appoint any person who is willing to act as a trustee at any point during the year. Whatever portion of the year they serve will count as the first year of their three-year term. The trustees shall hold meetings at least three times each year.

Organisational structure

The number of trustees shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by a resolution of the charity in general meeting) shall not be subject to any maximum.

CCJO RENE CASSIN

**Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

During the year the trustees improved their processes for identifying, assessing and evaluating the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They classify the risks under specific headings - financial, reputational, key person, governance, and operational - and have completed a number of actions to mitigate their exposure to these risks. In particular, the trustees have adopted a strengthened financial reserves policy to minimise the risk of the charity having to curtail or cease operations due to fluctuations in the flow of income.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1117472

Principal address

First Floor Winston House
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London
N3 1DH

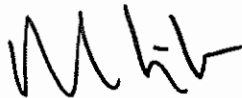
Trustees

D Silverstone Chair
R Zaltzman
S F A Morris
J Highfield
J Metzger
J A Abbott Chalew (resigned 22.5.23)
L Keiles (resigned 18.9.23)
D Mason

Independent Examiner

Mr Daniel Fine, FCA
Melinek Fine LLP
Chartered Accountants
First Floor, Winston House
349 Regents Park Road
London
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 JUNE..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
D Silverstone - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
CCJO Rene Cassin**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of CCJO Rene Cassin

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of CCJO Rene Cassin (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I have no concerns and 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.



Mr Daniel Fine, FCA

Melinek Fine LLP
Chartered Accountants
First Floor, Winston House
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Date: 25/6/2024.....

CCJO RENE CASSIN

**Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	140,879	19,000	159,879	129,012
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		-	3,000	3,000	5,000
Investment income	3	<u>126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>42</u>
Total		<u>141,005</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>163,005</u>	<u>134,054</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		6,684	-	6,684	813
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>141,759</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>163,759</u>	<u>152,310</u>
Total		<u>148,443</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>170,443</u>	<u>153,123</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(7,438)	-	(7,438)	(19,069)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>46,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,650</u>	<u>65,719</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>39,212</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>39,212</u></u>	<u><u>46,650</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

CCJO RENE CASSIN

Balance Sheet
31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		41,184	-	41,184	48,180
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,972)	-	(1,972)	(1,530)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>39,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>39,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>39,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>39,212</u>	<u>46,650</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19.1.2024..... and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
D Silverstone - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	159,227	128,373
Gift aid	<u>652</u>	<u>639</u>
	<u>159,879</u>	<u>129,012</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>126</u>	<u>42</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Employees	3	3
Volunteers	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	99,012	30,000	129,012
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	-	5,000	5,000
Investment income	<u>42</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42</u>
Total	<u>99,054</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>134,054</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	813	-	813
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>117,310</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>152,310</u>
Total	<u>118,123</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>153,123</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(19,069)	-	(19,069)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>65,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,719</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>46,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,650</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Taxation and social security	953	510
Other creditors	<u>1,019</u>	<u>1,020</u>
	<u>1,972</u>	<u>1,530</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,650	(7,438)	39,212
	<u>46,650</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>	<u>39,212</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,650</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>	<u>39,212</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	141,005	(148,443)	(7,438)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	22,000	(22,000)	-
	<u>163,005</u>	<u>(170,443)</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>163,005</u>	<u>(170,443)</u>	<u>(7,438)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	65,719	(19,069)	46,650
	<u>65,719</u>	<u>(19,069)</u>	<u>46,650</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,719</u>	<u>(19,069)</u>	<u>46,650</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	99,054	(118,123)	(19,069)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	35,000	(35,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>134,054</u>	<u>(153,123)</u>	<u>(19,069)</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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"THE ONE WHO DOES NOT REMEMBER
HISTORY IS BOUND TO LIVE THROUGH IT
AGAIN"

GEORGE SANTAYANA

WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIR

Dear Reader

René Cassin's stated vision is of a world where **"everyone fully enjoys all their human rights as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights"**.

Everyone, fully, all.

The words deliberately echo those of the Universal Declaration itself. Its preamble proclaims it "... a **common standard** of achievement for **all peoples** and **all nations**". Its first article states "**[a]ll human beings** are born free and equal in dignity and rights" and its second begins "**[e]veryone** is entitled to **all the rights and freedoms** set forth in this Declaration".

"Everyone, Everywhere, All at Once" was an acclaimed Hollywood film released this year – but it could equally be a description of the Universal Declaration's scope.

And, as the charity named after its co-author, the sheer range of our work in 2022 has reflected the Declaration's insistence on the universality and ubiquity of human rights.

We worked to highlight the genocidal oppression of Uyghur Muslims in China. And we urged our supporters to help those fleeing Russian aggression in Ukraine.

Here at home, we highlighted the vital importance of the UK's human rights framework, but we also called for its meaningful extension to socio-economic rights via our Right to Food campaign.

We joined partnerships working to alleviate the plight of refugees, counter the scourge of hate crime, and create a safer environment for women and girls.

Our educational work saw us running workshops on spotting the signs of exploitation of asylum-seekers, publishing a resource on the Jewish legacy of human rights, and continuing to support a cohort of Jewish human rights activists through our Ambassador Programme.

Most of our work is carefully planned and scheduled. But we are also nimble enough to respond to crises and unexpected events – such as the invasion of Ukraine in February or the sudden and appalling overcrowding at the Manston asylum centre in November.

"Everyone, Everywhere, All at Once" sums up human rights. And it sums up our ambitions to bring a Jewish perspective in advocating for the rights of other minorities, and to serve as a reminder that human rights instruments, like the Universal Declaration, have been largely created by Jewish lawyers reflecting Jewish values and experience.

Those ambitions are only constrained by finite resources, and René Cassin will be working to build on the generous support given to us by individuals and organisations in 2022 to achieve even greater things in the future.

Danny Silverstone

Chair of Board of Trustees



OUR YEAR WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

January – we launch the second cohort in our Ambassador Programme – an enriching leadership-oriented initiative to empower young Jewish human rights activists

February – we campaign against the ‘Genocide Games’, the Beijing Winter Olympics

March – we note the government’s ‘unjust, unlawful and inadequate’ response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis, and urge our supporters to help those fleeing the fighting

April – we begin our ‘Judith Social Justice Series’ of talks about human rights, safety, and support for marginalised groups

May – we launch the ‘Jewish Food Rights Declaration’ representing the community’s support for a Right to Food

June – we mark Refugee Week with a series of events comparing past Jewish experience with that of today’s refugees

July – we meet MPs in Parliament to give them the perspective of a Jewish human rights organisation

August – we make the case for the Human Rights Act’s importance in helping ‘ordinary people in their everyday lives’

September – we mark the Jewish New Year with a detailed human rights briefing for the Jewish Community

October – we stand for tolerance and human rights during Hate Crime Awareness Week

November – our ‘16 Days of Activism’ against gender-based violence calls for safety for all women

December – our Human Rights Shabbat celebrates the Jewish legacy of human rights

Why 'René Cassin'?

We are proud to take our name from Nobel Laureate and French-Jewish Jurist Monsieur René Cassin, who was one of the principal drafters of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and served as President of the European Court of Human Rights.

He was a lifelong advocate of international human rights protection and understood that, because of the Holocaust, it was vital that there was a strong and clear Jewish voice for human rights.

"...there is no task of safeguarding human rights more urgent than that of foreseeing such outrages and preventing them."

Monsieur René Cassin, Nobel Lecture, 11 December 1968

Our Vision, Mission and Values

Our **vision** is of a world where:

- **everyone fully enjoys all their human rights** as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- **members of the Jewish community are actively engaged** in promoting and protecting these rights, both within the community and in concert with stakeholders outside of the community

Our **mission** is to promote and protect the universal rights of all people, drawing on Jewish experiences and values.

We will:

- **remake a compelling case** for human rights values
- **campaign for change** in defined human rights areas through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning and education
- **lead and grow** a group of committed Jewish human rights advocates
- **maximise our capacity** to work effectively

Our **values** – underpinning all the work we do:

- **Solidarity** – human rights belong to us all, so we stand for the rights of everyone, everywhere
- **Judaism** – we are inspired by Jewish values and experience
- **Collaboration** – our work is not isolated, but intertwined with the efforts of others, so we nurture and mobilise relationships
- **Empowerment** – we turn today's Jewish activists into tomorrow's leaders
- **Legacy** – we are determined to create a legacy worthy of our namesake Monsieur René Cassin

OUR WORK

As 'the Jewish voice for human rights' René Cassin works:

- within the Jewish community – building support for human rights values amongst British Jews
- in the wider community – bringing a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities

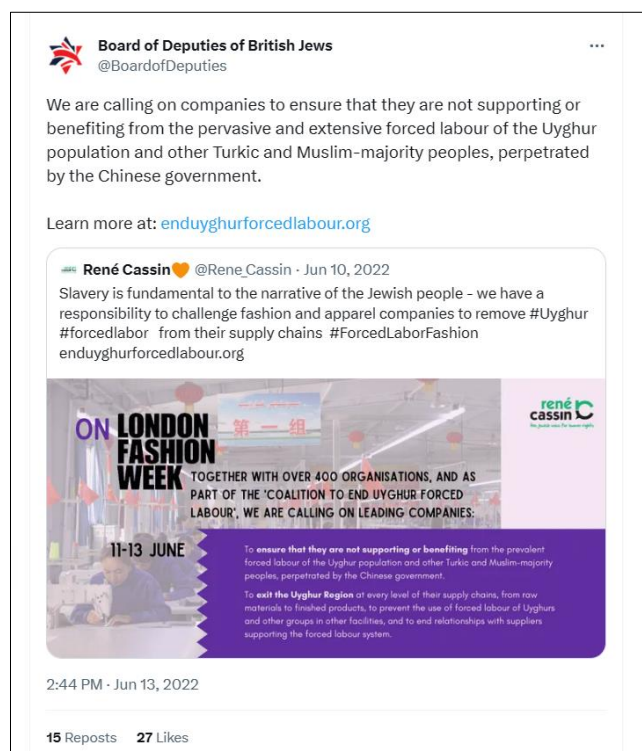
We work via advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning and education, focusing on key issues that strongly resonate with Jewish experience.

Genocide

Dignity and respect are the core values that human rights aim to uphold. And there can be no greater affront to those values than the blanket persecution of people because of who they are and what they believe. We built on the Uyghur People's Tribunal's [judgment](#) published on 9 December 2021 that *"the tribunal is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the People's Republic of China, by the imposition of measures to destroy a significant part of the Uyghurs in Xinjiang as such, has committed genocide"* to frame our Uyghur campaign in 2022.

In the lead-up to the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics, we pointed out the obvious resonance with the Berlin Olympics of 1936 in [a piece for Jewish News](#). We emphasised those parallels in social media campaigns aimed at the International Olympic Committee and commercial sponsors, and we worked to ensure that the games are remembered as the '[Genocide Games](#)'. And to re-iterate the human costs of such brutality, we organised [What If? The Holocaust, Uyghur Genocide and our moral responsibility today](#), a moving discussion between a Jewish grandfather and granddaughter and a Uyghur father and daughter.

We remained committed to keeping China's treatment of its Uyghur Muslims in the spotlight. During London Fashion Week in June [we joined a wide coalition](#) to highlight the fact that the Chinese cotton industry uses Uyghur forced labour on a truly massive scale – globally, one in five cotton garments is most likely tainted by Uyghur slavery. We are asking corporations to urgently audit their supply chains and governments to ban imports produced by slave labour.



On a very human level we were delighted to help produce and launch [Under the Mulberry Tree](#) – a collection of reflections from the Uyghur diaspora. The whole project was conceived and overseen by Emily Zinkin, a graduate of the René Cassin [Fellowship Programme](#) – something that speaks volumes for the value of our educational programmes and our ever-deepening [relationship with the UK Uyghur community](#).



In November, René Cassin was one of the co-sponsors of the [International Uyghur Forum](#) in Brussels, where our director took part in a panel on the role faith communities have in showing solidarity and acts of support with the Uyghur people.

We marked Hanukkah in December by [asking our supporters to take action](#) against the use of Uyghur forced labour in products on our high streets.

The Hostile Environment

Shortly after Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February, [our statement](#) noted the UK government's 'unjust, unlawful and inadequate' response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis, and [urged our supporters to help](#) those fleeing the fighting. We highlighted the reality that many of the refugees who do make it to the UK then have to contend with a government-engendered 'hostile environment' that the [Nationality and Borders Bill](#) would only make worse. The Bill punishes any refugee who arrives by a so-called 'illegal' route. Also extremely concerning were proposals to forcibly remove asylum seekers to Rwanda. As we said [in our statement](#), sending vulnerable people to Rwanda is "... inhumane, dangerous, and ineffective", and we urged supporters [to get involved](#) both on the specific issue of Rwanda and the 'hostile environment' more broadly.

Wherever their origins, destitute asylum-seekers are in danger of falling prey to modern slavery. In February, we ran two workshops for those working in synagogue drop-in centres – giving advice on how to [spot the signs](#) of exploitation, and [how to help](#) those affected to safety.



In June we marked a successful Refugee Week, where we ran a series of events including: [The war in Ukraine and crisis for modern slavery victims](#); [Learning from refugee experiences](#); and [The campaign to shut down Hassockfield Detention Centre](#).

In November René Cassin co-organised a Jewish bloc demonstration outside Manston immigration processing centre in solidarity with thousands detained there in inhumane conditions as part of the UK's wider hostile environment towards migrants and refugees. Similarly, in December, we facilitated a Jewish bloc in the faith vigil at Hassockfield.

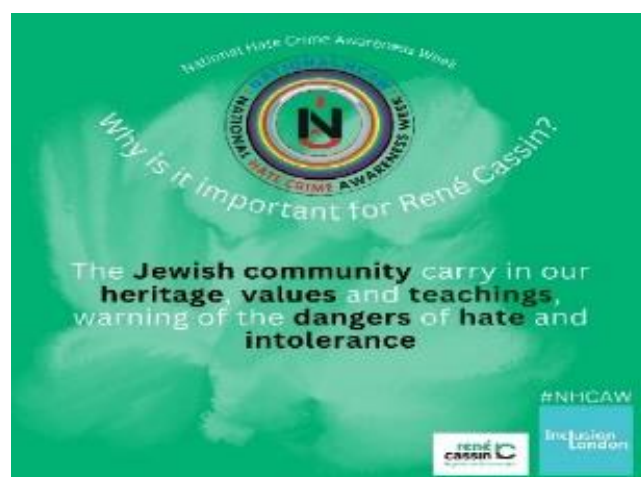


Also in December we [submitted evidence](#) to Parliament's Joint Committee on Human Rights' enquiry into the state of asylum system. Our submission expressed "our grave concerns about the state of asylum seekers rights today", particularly on the issues of: the lack of 'safe routes', offshore processing, immigration detention, and trafficking and slavery.

"It has been fantastic working with René Cassin on the campaign to stop Derwentside detention centre from opening. Their amplification of the campaign, and help in reaching new audiences, has been invaluable. Now that Derwentside has unfortunately opened, we know that we can continue to count on René Cassin's support and solidarity to shut it down"
– Gemma, Women for Refugee Women

Discrimination and Hate Speech

For this year's Hate Crime Awareness Week, we launched a targeted social media campaign addressing the different forms of hate crime in the UK, enhancing the work of partner organisations and the unique value of Jewish support.



Remaking the Case for Human Rights

We brought our unique Jewish perspective to partnerships working to defend the Human Rights Act. Our social media campaign ["Because of our Human Rights Act"](#) emphasised how the Act helps ordinary people in their everyday lives. As [reported in Jewish News](#), we coordinated a high-level [interfaith letter](#) to the Prime Minister, reiterating the Act's importance, and we made a [detailed submission](#) to the government's consultation, backing it up with a piece – ["Hands off our Human Rights Act!"](#) – in Jewish News.

In July, [we met MPs at Westminster](#) and reiterated our message that human rights, and the Human Rights Act more specifically, are a legacy of the Holocaust and history shows why we need it.

In September we marked Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, by publishing [Human Rights Under Attack](#) – a detailed briefing for the Jewish community.

"Thanks so much – this is really useful, very powerful and very persuasive" – **Denis, Friends of the Earth on our Human Rights Act briefing**

Social Justice and the Right to Food

In 2022 we launched the [Judith Social Justice Series](#) of events (*Disabled Women's Experiences of Hate Crime; When the Police Fail to Protect Women; Women in Immigration Detention; Disability Rights*), delivered by specialist organisations working to support, protect and advocate for marginalised groups.

With the deepening cost of living crisis, food poverty has become a far from marginal issue. On 28 May we marked [World Hunger Day](#) by launching our [Jewish Food Rights Declaration](#), representing a united Jewish voice on the need to enshrine the right to food in UK law, concluding “*Judaism values dignity – enshrining the Right to Food promotes dignity and liberty for all ... our message is clear: enforceable food rights are needed so that Government is accountable for ensuring that nobody goes hungry*”.

On 19 November we marked Mitzvah Day by releasing [a short film](#) outlining what we can all do to support a Right to Food in UK law.

Women's Rights

René Cassin has long worked to tackle inequality, discrimination, hate and misogyny. With ongoing struggles experienced by women of marginalised groups such as Roma women and migrant women, women victims of domestic abuse, disabled women and women of faith, René Cassin is highlighting these issues and the values that drive us to ensure that all women are protected from violence.

We continued to rely on a strong Jewish women's voice to garner [support for the full ratification](#) of the Istanbul Convention, and in particular for migrant women affected by gender violence.

We have [responded](#) to the Government's public consultation on sexual harassment, following guidance from leading sector partners. This action is a continuation of our work supporting women's rights to be safe, and free from fear of harassment and violence.

In November we launched our [16 Days of Activism](#) on violence against women and girls, with the theme of 'ensuring safety for all women', reaching out to our Jewish and sector partners to inform and take action for a life of safety and dignity for all women and girls in the UK.

The culmination of our 16 Days programme was our event [Roma Women Speak Up](#) at which Roma activists Rosamaria Cisneros and Yassmin

Vilcekova celebrated Roma and Sinti women, and gave an insight into their experiences in the UK's current hostile environment to migration.



EDUCATION

We launched the [second cohort of our Ambassador's Programme](#) and celebrated their graduation on 29 June where Ambassadors presented their personal impact projects, which included: setting up website on the importance of accepting disabilities; an educational resource for Jewish students on the Uyghur genocide; information sheets for schools on period poverty, immigration detention and misogyny; and an animated educational film on the Uyghurs.

We continued to deliver sessions at schools, synagogues, universities and youth movements looking at human rights through a Jewish lens and strengthening their human rights activism.

For this year's Human Rights Shabbat, our chosen topic was celebrating the Jewish legacy of human rights. To help communities, groups and individuals mark Human Rights Shabbat, we produced a [resource](#) including facts and useful information on some of the most pertinent human rights issues in the UK today, a collection of Jewish texts and references, and suggested actions.

As 2022 drew to a close, we presented sessions at Limmud conferences in the UK ([Jewish Voices Beyond the Food Bank](#)) and Finland (*Uyghur Persecution and Responsibility to Act and Human Rights as a Legacy of the Holocaust: the case of the war in Ukraine*).

"Always an immense pleasure to do anything in association with Rene Cassin – I feel so lucky to be involved with such a brilliant organization" – Margaret, speaker at René Cassin event

HOW YOU CAN HELP

René Cassin relies on its supporters for the funds to carry on its vital work.

Please help ensure our voice is heard loudly and clearly by supporting us:

- **Make a donation** – you can make a one-off gift through our website at www.renecassin.org/donate
- Better still, **become a 'Friend of René Cassin'** by making a monthly donation (via the 'I'd like to give regularly' option) www.renecassin.org/donate
- Become an **Individual Patron** or **Corporate Supporter** – email the office for further details info@renecassin.org
- **Get involved in our campaigns** – visit our website for more details
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"I love the work you are doing. Really appreciate your emails and actions. I only wish I had more time at the moment to contribute more to your excellent mission, but as I can't, I wanted to make this regular donation as one of my favourite organisations advancing human rights" – **Cindy, René Cassin supporter**

FINANCE

Revenue and Support 2022

Donations & legacies	129,012
Charitable activities	5,000
Investment income	42
Total revenue and support	134,054

Expenditure 2022

Charitable activities	150,488
Costs of raising voluntary income	813
Support costs	1,822
Total expenditure	153,123

Many thanks to our supporters

Anglo Jewish Association
 Humanitarian Trust
 Judith Trust
 SC & ME Morlands Charitable Trust
 Pears Foundation
 Sybil Shine Memorial Trust

And to our individual **Patrons** (who give £1,000 or more annually) and **Friends** (who make regular donations)

OUR PEOPLE

Our Staff

Mia Hasenson-Gross	Executive Director
Rachel Vogler	Campaigns Officer
Esther Raffell	Campaigns Officer
Debora Singer	Human Rights Act Campaign Lead (volunteer)
Lucja Jastrzebska	Communications Officer (from October 2022)
Sam Watson	Development Manager

Our Trustees

Daniel Silverstone	Chair
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Abigail Morris	
Rachel Zaltzman	

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Our Advisory Council

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

René Cassin is a UK charity registered on 5 January 2007 (number 1117472 as CCJO ReneCassin) and governed by a constitution amended 9 September 2013.

The charity is governed by the board of trustees listed on the previous page. Our constitution stipulates that there must be a minimum of three trustees at any time. There is no maximum limit to the number of trustees.

René Cassin complies with all applicable UK law in recruiting and selecting new trustees to join its board. Trustees are normally elected by the members (who are the current trustees) of René Cassin at a general meeting. Trustees are appointed on the basis of specific skills, experience and knowledge that will enable them to make a contribution to the management of the charity. These skills, experience and knowledge are first identified in the annual skills audit. When there is a specific gap identified, or a trustee with specific skills, experience and knowledge is approaching retirement, then a posting seeking to recruit a new trustee will be placed on a variety of independent voluntary sector websites, print or online publications. During the recruitment and selection process, René Cassin will ensure that prospective new trustees are eligible to act, do not have any conflicts of interest, and understand their responsibilities and René Cassin's work. In particular, René Cassin pays heed to Charity Commission Guidance CC3: *The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know, What You Need to Do*.

René Cassin's board meets every two months to oversee the work of the charity, which the board delegates to its small staff team. All policies, such as risk register and safeguarding, are reviewed regularly and are up to date.

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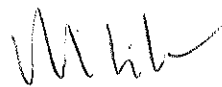
Trustees

D Silverstone Chair
R Zaltzman
S F A Morris
J Highfield
J Metzger
J A Abbott Chalew
L Keiles
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Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 05.07.2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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D Silverstone - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CCJO RENE CASSIN**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of CCJO Rene Cassin

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of CCJO Rene Cassin (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
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I have no concerns and 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.



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Date: 12/1/2023.....

CCJO RENE CASSIN

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	99,012	30,000	129,012	139,380
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Investment income	3	<u>42</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		<u>99,054</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>134,054</u>	<u>144,380</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		813	-	813	20,819
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>117,310</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>152,310</u>	<u>125,931</u>
Total		<u>118,123</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>153,123</u>	<u>146,750</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(19,069)	-	(19,069)	(2,370)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>65,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,719</u>	<u>68,089</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>46,650</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>46,650</u></u>	<u><u>65,719</u></u>

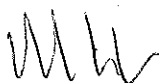
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CCJO RENE CASSIN

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		48,180	-	48,180	67,057
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,530)	-	(1,530)	(1,338)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		46,650	-	46,650	65,719
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		46,650	-	46,650	65,719
NET ASSETS		46,650	-	46,650	65,719
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				46,650	65,719
TOTAL FUNDS				46,650	65,719

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5 July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
D Silverstone - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	128,373	138,598
Gift aid	<u>639</u>	<u>782</u>
	<u><u>129,012</u></u>	<u><u>139,380</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>42</u>	<u>-</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	3	3
Employees	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Volunteers	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	77,780	61,600	139,380
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total	<u>77,780</u>	<u>66,600</u>	<u>144,380</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	20,819	-	20,819
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>59,331</u>	<u>66,600</u>	<u>125,931</u>
Total	<u>80,150</u>	<u>66,600</u>	<u>146,750</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(2,370)	-	(2,370)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>68,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,089</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>65,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,719</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Taxation and social security	510	498
Other creditors	<u>1,020</u>	<u>840</u>
	<u>1,530</u>	<u>1,338</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	65,719	(19,069)	46,650
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,719</u>	<u>(19,069)</u>	<u>46,650</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	99,054	(118,123)	(19,069)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	35,000	(35,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>134,054</u>	<u>(153,123)</u>	<u>(19,069)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

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Unrestricted funds			
General fund	68,089	(2,370)	65,719
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>68,089</u>	<u>(2,370)</u>	<u>65,719</u>

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Unrestricted funds			
General fund	77,780	(80,150)	(2,370)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	66,600	(66,600)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>144,380</u>	<u>(146,750)</u>	<u>(2,370)</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

CCJO RENE CASSIN

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	2022 £	2021 £
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Charitable activities		
Administration fees	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total incoming resources	134,054	144,380
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Fundraising	813	20,819
Charitable activities		
Staff costs	113,927	103,255
Campaigns	1,651	1,400
Premises costs	3,526	7,705
Consultancy	21,398	-
Office and administration	7,229	10,809
Education and training	1,357	1,087
Organisation Development	<u>1,400</u>	<u>-</u>
	150,488	124,256
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>1,822</u>	<u>1,675</u>
Total resources expended	153,123	146,750
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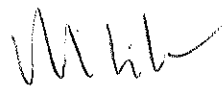
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 05.07.2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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Date: 12/1/2023.....

CCJO RENE CASSIN

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(19,069)	-	(19,069)	(2,370)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>65,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,719</u>	<u>68,089</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>46,650</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>46,650</u></u>	<u><u>65,719</u></u>

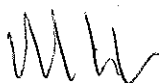
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BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		48,180	-	48,180	67,057
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,530)	-	(1,530)	(1,338)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		46,650	-	46,650	65,719
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		46,650	-	46,650	65,719
NET ASSETS		46,650	-	46,650	65,719
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				46,650	65,719
TOTAL FUNDS				46,650	65,719

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5 July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



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D Silverstone - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	128,373	138,598
Gift aid	<u>639</u>	<u>782</u>
	<u><u>129,012</u></u>	<u><u>139,380</u></u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>42</u>	<u>-</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	3	3
Employees	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Volunteers	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	77,780	61,600	139,380
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total	<u>77,780</u>	<u>66,600</u>	<u>144,380</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	20,819	-	20,819
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>59,331</u>	<u>66,600</u>	<u>125,931</u>
Total	<u>80,150</u>	<u>66,600</u>	<u>146,750</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(2,370)	-	(2,370)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>68,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,089</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>65,719</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>65,719</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Taxation and social security	510	498
Other creditors	<u>1,020</u>	<u>840</u>
	<u>1,530</u>	<u>1,338</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	65,719	(19,069)	46,650
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,719</u>	<u>(19,069)</u>	<u>46,650</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	99,054	(118,123)	(19,069)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	35,000	(35,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>134,054</u>	<u>(153,123)</u>	<u>(19,069)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	68,089	(2,370)	65,719
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>68,089</u>	<u>(2,370)</u>	<u>65,719</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	77,780	(80,150)	(2,370)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	66,600	(66,600)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>144,380</u>	<u>(146,750)</u>	<u>(2,370)</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2021



WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIR

Dear Reader

2021 was “topped and tailed” by two events that illustrate the scope, ambition, and effectiveness of our work. In January, Jewish communal revulsion at China’s treatment of its Uyghur Muslims attracted the attention of both national and international media. And in November, René Cassin ran a festival of women’s rights on an issue that we had only taken on at the beginning of the year.

We work quickly, we work thoroughly, and we make an impact. From a standing start in early 2019 when we first met Uyghur exile Rahima Mahmut, our campaign to mobilise the UK’s Jewish community in support of her co-religionists led to statements from the Chief Rabbi, Board of Deputies, and *Jewish News* and a high-profile interfaith meeting addressed by former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams – all coordinated to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

That same pace and thoroughness characterised the development of our work on women’s rights. In what was an entirely new arena for us, we secured expertise and strategic partnerships by convening a high-level roundtable discussion led by Baroness Helena Kennedy QC. From that discussion came the ideas, energy and collaboration that enabled us to launch our women’s rights campaign with a bang – a dazzlingly comprehensive digital festival programme of 30 events over ten days.

We are proud to be (and be seen as) a small charity with a disproportionately large impact. We achieve that impact because we are skilled at seeking the common ground of shared experience. This has led us to join and foster wide coalitions – interfaith and secular – on issues where Jewish values and experience have particular resonance. That approach was well summarised in our statement marking Hate Crime Awareness Week when we spoke out “... for refugees, asylum seekers, and our Gypsy and Traveller friends” on behalf of a Jewish community that is “... no stranger to society’s role in normalising intolerance, stigma, and discrimination”.

We take our name from the French-Jewish co-author of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Declaration was drawn up in response to the horrors of the Holocaust and has formed the foundation stone of all subsequent human rights law. In some cases, that law has not lived up to the Declaration’s vision – not least to the Article 25 right to an adequate standard of living “... including food, clothing, housing and medical care”. That so many of our neighbours lack such basic necessities is an affront to human dignity and a profound injustice in such a rich nation. The escalating cost of living crisis shows how prescient was our 2020 decision to open a new workstream on a Right to Food.

Whilst we continue to build on the Declaration’s legacy, we are also working to prevent the forces that are seeking to erode and demolish it. We are deeply concerned by a government, seemingly ignorant of history, proposing to replace the Human Rights Act

(the grandchild, via the European Convention on Human Rights of the Universal Declaration) with a watered-down imitation.

I hope that you will find this annual report an uplifting read and would encourage you to support us and to get involved in our important work as the Jewish voice for human rights.

Danny Silverstone

Chair of Board of Trustees

THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

In 2021 René Cassin:

- Mobilised the UK Jewish community in support of Uyghur Muslims facing persecution in China
- Negotiated a substantial start-up grant for Uyghur-led organisation Stop Uyghur Genocide
- Marked Refugee Week in June by highlighting the parallels between the experience of today's migrants and that of Jewish refugees in the past
- Ran workshops for volunteers working in synagogue drop-in centers, enabling them to spot the signs of trafficking and modern slavery, and to respond to help victims
- Built on our anti-Hate Speech #CutItOut campaign with 'Reach Out for your Rights' – to show solidarity and foster mutual support
- Emphasised how the Human Rights Act provides vital support to ordinary people in their everyday lives, through a sustained social media campaign
- Created and disseminated a 47-page resource on the Right to Food
- Ran a 30-session festival to launch our new workstream on Women's Rights

Why 'René Cassin'?

We are proud to take our name from Nobel Laureate and French-Jewish Jurist Monsieur René Cassin, who was one of the principal drafters of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and served as President of the European Court of Human Rights.

He was a lifelong advocate of international human rights protection and understood that, because of the Holocaust, it was vital that there was a strong and clear Jewish voice for human rights.

"...there is no task of safeguarding human rights more urgent than that of foreseeing such outrages and preventing them."

Monsieur René Cassin, Nobel Lecture, 11 December 1968

Our Vision, Mission and Values

Our **vision** is of a world where:

- **everyone fully enjoys all their human rights** as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- **members of the Jewish community are actively engaged** in promoting and protecting these rights, both within the community and in concert with stakeholders outside of the community

Our **mission** is to promote and protect the universal rights of all people, drawing on Jewish experiences and values.

We will:

- **remake a compelling case** for human rights values
- **campaign for change** in defined human rights areas through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning and education
- **lead and grow** a group of committed Jewish human rights advocates
- **maximise our capacity** to work effectively

Our **values** – underpinning all the work we do:

- **Solidarity** – human rights belong to us all, so we stand for the rights of everyone, everywhere
- **Judaism** – we are inspired by Jewish values and experience
- **Collaboration** – our work is not isolated, but intertwined with the efforts of others, so we nurture and mobilise relationships
- **Empowerment** – we turn today's Jewish activists into tomorrow's leaders
- **Monsieur René Cassin** – we are determined to create a legacy worthy of our namesake

OUR WORK

As 'the Jewish voice for human rights' René Cassin works:

- within the Jewish community – building support for human rights values amongst British Jews
- in the wider community – bringing a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities

We work via advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning and education, focusing on key issues that strongly resonate with Jewish experience.

Summary

Despite the shock of the onset of the pandemic last year, René Cassin remains a strong and dynamic organisation with ambitious plans for growth, with a new campaigns officer developing new workstreams on women's rights and social justice. The outward impact has been very significant – not just in the new areas of work, where we have quickly developed key priorities and partnerships, but also in our 'legacy' areas – genocide, immigration, slavery, discrimination, and human rights protections – where we have been able to focus greater resources on important ongoing and emerging issues.

René Cassin has:

- Built on our supportive relationship with the UK Uyghur community by helping secure funding for a new Uyghur-led campaigning organisation
- Brought a crucial Jewish perspective to a broad coalition working to protect the Human Rights Act
- Made progress with newly launched workstreams on women's rights and the right to food
- Continued to work effectively through the health emergency



Genocide

In May 2019, when we introduced Uyghur campaigner, Rahima Mahmut, to the UK Jewish community at [a public meeting](#), we pledged to “bear witness to what is happening [to Uyghur Muslims in China], raise awareness among the Jewish community, and advocate for an end to China’s persecution of its minorities”.

By the beginning of 2021 we had succeeded in mobilising key elements of the community – with the [Chief Rabbi](#), the [Board of Deputies](#), and [Jewish News](#) all making high-profile pronouncements on the issue. These interventions were timed to coincide with Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January when René Cassin and Christian Solidarity Worldwide hosted [Together for Uyghurs](#) – a panel event that included the daughter of an imprisoned Uyghur doctor, former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, and Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg. This event, and the unity of communal revulsion at the repression of the Uyghurs gained both national ([The Observer](#)) and international ([Al-Jazeera](#)) news coverage.

That international theme continued, as we marked Pesach 2021 by partnering with [Jewish World Watch](#) in a [Uyghur Week of Action](#) – which included a ‘[Freedom Seder](#)’ and global days of action on advocacy and business engagement.



In April, our attention turned back to domestic politics as [we urged MPs](#) to recognise China’s actions as genocide, a [campaign we had started](#) in January. Efforts to insert a ‘Genocide Amendment’ into the Trade Bill narrowly failed but, on 22 April, the [House of Commons passed a motion](#) that Uyghurs were “... suffering Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide”, calling on the government to act “... to bring it to an end”.

Over the summer, we continued to work ‘behind the scenes’ to advance Jewish community support on the Uyghur issue – we facilitated support from Office of Chief Rabbi to the World Uyghur Congress; Mia Hasenson-Gross joined the UK Advisory Council of the World Uyghur Congress; and we helped negotiate a substantial ‘start up’ grant for Rahima Mahmut’s new organisation [Stop Uyghur Genocide](#) (SUG), made by the [Pears Foundation](#) on behalf of the British Jewish community.

Our outward-facing work progressed on three broad fronts:

- **Campaigning** – launching two new projects: [challenging Volkswagen](#), which has a factory in the Uyghur region (in partnership with SUG); and countering China’s attempts to garner positive publicity from the [2022 Beijing Winter Olympics](#) (in partnership with Jewish News and West London Synagogue)
- **Events** – looking at parallels between current Uyghur and historical Jewish experience ([Three Women, One Hope](#) and [Forced Labour and Genocide: Then and Now](#)) and at practical ways forward, such as a [definitional analysis of Uyghur repression](#) and an exploration of [a possible legal route](#) through the International Criminal Court
- **Policy conferences** – René Cassin partnered Newcastle University in a major [three-day conference](#) in September; and, in November, Mia Hasenson-Gross travelled to



Prague to participate in the World Uyghur Congress's [International Conference and 7th General Assembly](#).

“With many thanks and all good wishes for the sterling work and commitment you are showing to the Uyghurs. You are all a true light shining in the darkness” – Ruth

Asylum and Detention

Throughout 2021, we have continued our key role as interfaith facilitators on the issue and in particular for the [Detention Forum](#), the umbrella coalition of organisations working on the crucial issue of immigration detention. In a mirror-image of the 'hostile environment', the Forum is developing the concept of a 'supportive environment' for those fleeing persecution, which includes alternatives to detention.

Our interfaith work included hosting an educational webinar – [Immigration detention – What is it? And how can faith groups challenge it?](#) – in collaboration with Faiths Forum for London, and coordinating [an interfaith letter](#) in protest at plans for a new detention center at Hassockfield, County Durham.

We responded to the government's [new plan for immigration](#), made a submission to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Refugees consultation on the Borders and Immigration Bill, and launched a [public information campaign](#) on the Bill, which we feel is harmful, inhumane, and contrary to Jewish values.

We marked 2021's [Refugee Week](#) with blogs on how the UK's detention policy echoes Jewish experience, be it [Jewish women's experience of internment](#) on the Isle of Man or the brutality of [offshore detention](#) of Jewish refugees. This latter issue was particularly poignant given the Home Secretary's regular floating of the idea of offshore detention in response to refugees from crisis-torn regions, a subject we had examined earlier in the year with our event [Off-Shore Immigration Detention – Jewish History & Future Trajectories](#).

Another key element of our Refugee Week programme – the event [Detention is a Feminist Issue](#) – dovetailed with our newly-launched workstream on women's rights (see below).

The tragic loss of 27 asylum-seekers in the Channel in November highlighted the urgency of our campaign [to amend the Nationality and Borders Bill](#), a draconian piece of legislation that will further endanger lives and undermines the UK's commitments under the 1951 Refugee Convention.

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

We have continued to play an active part in the [Free for Good](#) coalition of anti-trafficking charities supporting proposed victim support legislation written by Lord McColl of Dulwich.

On a practical level we have organised two workshops to help those working at synagogue drop-in centers for asylum-seekers [spot the signs](#) of exploitation. These will take place early in the new year. This crossover with the issue of asylum (see above) is an example of a common feature of our work in this area. Other examples include our work to explain how the current Nationality and Borders Bill fails [victims of modern slavery](#), and our highlighting of the massive use of [forced labour](#) as a key element of China's repression of Uyghur Muslims and other minorities.

Discrimination and Hate Speech

We have built on our anti-hate speech 'Cut It Out' campaign, and are now developing '[Reach out for your Rights](#)' – a new solidarity campaign that will see René Cassin partnering with: Hope Not Hate to deliver workshops on campaigning on campus and beyond; and Stop Funding Hate on a campaigners' toolkit for Jewish youth and Jewish societies.

Our [statement to mark Hate Crime Awareness Week](#) spoke out “for refugees, asylum seekers, and our Gypsy and Traveller friends”, noting that the Jewish community “is no stranger to society's role in normalising intolerance, stigma, and discrimination”.

Our work on hate speech has grown out of our long-standing support for the UK Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities. We continued that work, with [an event](#) to mark June's Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller History Month. We also issued a [statement of solidarity and support](#) on Roma Holocaust Remembrance Day, and our event [Solidarity and Pride: LGBTQ+ Jews and Travellers in conversation](#) was a powerful and practical discussion on cross-communal solidarity.

Safeguarding Human Rights Protections

Our work in this area has concentrated on defending the Human Rights Act (HRA) from threats of damaging reform. In March, [we responded](#) to the government's independent review of the Act, concluding “... the importance of the HRA to the Jewish community cannot be overstated”, and wrote a piece [published in Jewish News](#) in support of that conclusion.

We have subsequently worked to reinforce that vital message. In June, as [reported in Jewish News](#), we coordinated a high-level [interfaith letter](#) to the Prime Minister, reiterating the HRA's importance and urging him not to weaken its provisions. We have relayed the same message to Jewish MPs and Peers, and MPs with significant Jewish constituencies. In the wider community, we have brought our unique Jewish perspective to partnerships with other NGOs, working to defend the HRA. To support this activity, we ran a widespread and creative social media campaign [“Because of our Human Rights Act”](#) that has emphasised how the Act provides vital support to ordinary people in their everyday lives.



“Wow! Both those films are absolutely outstanding! It will be a privilege to circulate them. We look forward to lots more collaboration with all at Rene Cassin in our current work to retain our rights” – Equally Ours

Social Justice

This is an entirely new area of work for René Cassin, so the first part of the year saw us 'laying the foundations' to determine exactly where a Jewish perspective would be most relevant and effective in securing progress.

We decided to concentrate on **a right to food** as the first and most fundamental of the 'socio-economic rights' listed in Article 25 of the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) (the others being clothing, housing, medical care, and necessary social services).

We began by scoping the current NGO landscape in this area, and identifying key project partners such as [Just Fair](#), [Sustain](#) and [Nourish Scotland](#). In May we launched our Right to Food campaign with a [‘Recipe for Rights’ resource pack](#) during the Jewish festival of Shavuot. The launch was backed by a [Jewish News](#) article by Professor Geraldine van Bueren QC, a René Cassin advisor and long-time advocate of socio-economic rights. Professor van Bueren also agreed to convene our Jewish Food Rights Alliance as a means of advancing this issue within the Jewish community. At Rosh Hashanah, we updated the ‘Recipe for Rights’ pack with a [‘High Holy Days’ edition](#). We have also introduced the campaign to close to 30 Jewish MPs and Peers, asking them to work with us to enshrine a Right to Food in UK law. And we broadened the campaign beyond the Jewish community with our November [event linking football supporters with foodbanks](#).



As the year drew to a close, the right to food was the subject of our [47-page resource pack](#), to help synagogues, university Jewish societies, youth movements and Moishe Houses mark Human Rights Shabbat.

Women's Rights

Although we made tentative initial steps on women's rights in 2020, this is another largely new area of work for René Cassin. It was therefore an enormous boost to our planning and profile on this issue that, in May, our [policy roundtable on women's rights](#) was not only addressed by Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, but was also attended by an array of experts working on the front line – including an MP, women working at a variety of NGOs, academics, lawyers, funders, and members of Jewish community organisations.

“It’s a testament to the great work René Cassin is doing that you managed to convene such an excellent group” – Caren

The roundtable further strengthened partnerships we had built earlier through work on [International Women's Day](#), on Stella Creasy MP's campaign to [make misogyny a hate crime](#), on ensuring [protection for migrant women](#) via the Domestic Abuse Bill, and on the proposed [Hassockfield women's immigration detention center](#).

Another partnership, with the Alliance of Jewish Women, saw us launch our [‘190 for C190’ campaign](#) in June. This involved 190 Jewish women signing our letter asking the government to ratify the International Labour Organization's Convention 190 which recognises “... the right of everyone to a world of work free from violence and harassment, including gender-based violence and harassment”. We are now looking to develop this campaign in support of the wider aims of the [Istanbul Convention](#) to counter violence against women and domestic violence. As the year drew to a close our [New Horizons Women's Rights Festival](#) showed René Cassin's ability to champion, coordinate and convene both Jewish community and wider society partnerships, initiatives and debates around women's rights. The festival featured 30 sessions over ten days, covering engaging and topical issues, from politics to religion to the law. Speakers included MPs Jess Phillips, Caroline Nokes, and Margaret Hodge, and Uyghur campaigner Rahima Mahmut.



EDUCATIONAL WORK

The strictures of the Covid pandemic – with restrictions on face-to-face meetings and international travel – meant that we had to suspend our Fellowship Programme. Instead, we were able to further develop our [Ambassadors Programme](#) – our leadership-oriented initiative to empower young Jewish human rights activists and help amplify their voices in the UK – with 18 outstanding participants for the second cohort this autumn and a third cohort planned for early 2022.

That theme of education as a key element in engaging, mobilising, and supporting community involvement was also evident in our [digital campaigning toolkit](#), published in July, the [New Horizons Women's Rights Festival](#) (see under 'Women's Rights' above), and our ['Right to Food' resource pack](#) for Human Rights Shabbat in December.

These resources back up our numerous educational sessions with schools, youth movements, synagogues, and other organisation with and beyond the Jewish community. And, in addition to the 30 sessions of the New Horizons Women's Rights Festival, we have organised a further 11 online sessions, educating the public over the whole range of our workstreams, attracting a total of 1,150 bookings.

“We need people like you to make people like me more aware of what is going on. Keep up the good work” – Alison

MEETING FUTURE CHALLENGES

In 2020, as reported a year ago, we made the strategic decision to “advocate for a thorough overhaul of human rights protections in the UK, to ensure social, economic, environmental and racial justice”. Our rationale for doing so was twofold. Firstly, because we believe that public support for human rights in general can only be sustained by a renewed focus on social and economic rights which, although enshrined in 1948's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, have tended to be sidelined in the UK and other liberal democracies since. And secondly, because economic inequalities and social injustices have been successively exacerbated by the global financial crisis and the pandemic.

2021 has seen us lay the groundwork for this strategy, recruiting new campaigns staff, scoping new workstreams on women's rights and social justice, including making important new partnerships. Next year, 2022, will see us building on this solid base – coordinating Jewish communal action in these areas and ensuring strong links with similar campaigns in wider civil society. We will work to solidify and grow the Jewish Food Rights Alliance, convened by Professor Geraldine Van Bueren QC, spearheading the Jewish community's remarkable response to the food poverty crisis, as well as building a programme of work that addresses the fundamental challenges of social care and, fair, and respectful access and treatment of people with mental and other disabilities.

But needs are pressing in our ‘legacy’ workstreams too. The fact that we have grown as an organisation means we can not only continue, but intensify, our focus here. We will build on our success in uniting the Jewish community in support of the Uyghurs in China – via calls to label the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics ‘the Genocide Games’, and further pressure for the UK to take political and diplomatic action. We will continue to bring a unique Jewish perspective to the growing crisis of vulnerable asylum-seekers dying for want of safe routes to the UK to seek sanctuary. Likewise, we will seek to counter the rise in levels and intensity of hate speech – both addressing the increasingly ‘hostile environment’ in the UK affecting marginalised and minority groups in our society.

In this, as in so much of our work, we see an increasing cross-over between the issues we work on – modern slavery intersecting with asylum and immigration, women's rights with hate speech, and so on. In 2022 and beyond, we will work to highlight the particularly pernicious effects that such intersections cause. We will also continue to work to promote and protect the overarching human rights framework – like the UK's Human Rights Act – that serves and unites us all.

Finally, we will continue to ensure that as an organisation, René Cassin has the resilience, the reach and the resources needed to maintain and build on our unique convening power to continue to ‘remake the Jewish case for human rights’.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

René Cassin relies on its supporters for the funds to carry on its vital work.

Please help ensure our voice is heard loudly and clearly by supporting us:

- **Make a donation** – you can make a one-off gift through our website at www.renecassin.org/donate
- Better still, **become a 'Friend of René Cassin'** by making a monthly donation (via the 'I'd like to give regularly' option) www.renecassin.org/donate
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Donations 144,380

Total revenue and support 144,380

Expenditure 2021

Costs of raising voluntary income 20,819

Charitable activities 125,931

Total expenditure 146,750

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Our Staff

Mia Hasenson-Gross	Executive Director
Esther Raffell	Campaigns Officer
Rachel Vogler	Campaigns Officer
Debora Singer	Human Rights Act Campaign Officer (volunteer)
Sam Watson	Development Manager

Our Trustees

Daniel Silverstone	Chair
Jeff Highfield	Treasurer
Justin Abbott Chalew	
Lauren Keiles	
Danielle Mason	
Jonathan Metzer	
Abigail Morris	
Rachel Zaltzman	

Our Advisory Council

Sylvie Bacquet	Dr Annette Lawson OBE
Rabbi Professor Tony Bayfield CBE	Professor Noam Lubell
Rabbi Dr. Naftali Brawer	Dr. Kishan Manocha
Professor Geraldine van Bueren QC	Rabbi David Mason
Caroline Cassin	Vicki Prais
Caren Gestetner	Rabbi Danny Rich
Professor Margaret Greenfields	Rabbi David Rosen CBE
Rabbi Alex Goldberg	Professor William Schabas OC
Maya Jaffe	Rabbi Dr. Norman Solomon
Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner	Yael Weisz-Rind
Dr. Keith Kahn-Harris	Professor Jay Winter
Daniel Kingsley	Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg
Professor Francesca Klug OBE	Dr. Reuven Ziegler

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

René Cassin is a UK charity registered on 5 January 2007 (number 1117472 as CCJO ReneCassin) and governed by a constitution amended 9 September 2013.

The charity is governed by the board of trustees listed on the previous page. Our constitution stipulates that there must be a minimum of three trustees at any time. There is no maximum limit to the number of trustees.

René Cassin complies with all applicable UK law in recruiting and selecting new trustees to join its board. Trustees are normally elected by the members (who are the current trustees) of René Cassin at a general meeting. Trustees are appointed on the basis of specific skills, experience and knowledge that will enable them to make a contribution to the management of the charity. These skills, experience and knowledge are first identified in the annual skills audit. When there is a specific gap identified, or a trustee with specific skills, experience and knowledge is approaching retirement, then a posting seeking to recruit a new trustee will be placed on a variety of independent voluntary sector websites, print or online publications. During the recruitment and selection process, René Cassin will ensure that prospective new trustees are eligible to act, do not have any conflicts of interest, and understand their responsibilities and René Cassin's work. In particular, René Cassin pays heed to Charity Commission Guidance CC3: *The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know, What You Need to Do*.

René Cassin's board meets every two months to oversee the work of the charity, which the board delegates to its small staff team. All policies, such as risk register and safeguarding, are reviewed regularly and are up to date.

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The Trustees confirm that it has complied with its duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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During the year there were 2 volunteers who supported the charity's work by helping with research, campaigning and education.

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The principal funding sources are grants from charitable foundations.

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The present level of funding is adequate to meet the trustees' objects. The trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

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During the year the trustees improved their processes for identifying, assessing and evaluating the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They classify the risks under specific headings - financial, reputational, key person, governance, and operational - and have completed a number of actions to mitigate their exposure to these risks. In particular, the trustees have adopted a strengthened financial reserves policy to minimise the risk of the charity having to curtail or cease operations due to fluctuations in the flow of income.

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Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 8 June 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



D Silverstone - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CCJO RENE CASSIN**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of CCJO Rene Cassin

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of CCJO Rene Cassin (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I have no concerns and 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.



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9 June 2022

CCJO RENE CASSIN

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	77,780	61,600	139,380	131,964
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		-	5,000	5,000	-
Investment income	3	-	-	-	2
Total		77,780	66,600	144,380	131,966
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		20,819	-	20,819	21,525
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		59,331	66,600	125,931	99,312
Total		80,150	66,600	146,750	120,837
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(2,370)	-	(2,370)	11,129
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		68,089	-	68,089	56,960
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		65,719	-	65,719	68,089

The notes form part of these financial statements

CCJO RENE CASSIN

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	-	-	-	2,568
Cash at bank		<u>67,057</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,057</u>	<u>96,659</u>
		67,057	-	67,057	99,227
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(1,338)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,338)</u>	<u>(31,138)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		65,719	-	65,719	68,089
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		65,719	-	65,719	68,089
NET ASSETS		65,719	-	65,719	68,089
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				<u>65,719</u>	<u>68,089</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>65,719</u>	<u>68,089</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8 June 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



D Silverstone - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	138,598	127,553
Gift aid	782	1,669
Grants	-	2,742
	<u>139,380</u>	<u>131,964</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other grants	-	2,742
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposit account interest	-	2
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Employees	3	3
Volunteers	2	2
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	5	5
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	107,464	24,500	131,964
Investment income	2	-	2
Total	107,466	24,500	131,966
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	21,525	-	21,525
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	74,812	24,500	99,312
Total	96,337	24,500	120,837
 NET INCOME	11,129	-	11,129
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	56,960	-	56,960
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	68,089	-	68,089

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other debtors	-	2,568
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Taxation and social security	498	299
Other creditors	840	30,839
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	1,338	31,138
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	68,089	(2,370)	65,719
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	68,089	(2,370)	65,719
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	77,780	(80,150)	(2,370)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	66,600	(66,600)	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	144,380	(146,750)	(2,370)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	56,960	11,129	68,089
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TOTAL FUNDS	56,960	11,129	68,089
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	107,466	(96,337)	11,129
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	24,500	(24,500)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>131,966</u>	<u>(120,837)</u>	<u>11,129</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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TOTAL FUNDS				<u>65,719</u>	<u>68,089</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8 June 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



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Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

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Other grants	-	2,742
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposit account interest	-	2
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Employees	3	3
Volunteers	2	2
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	5	5
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	107,464	24,500	131,964
Investment income	2	-	2
Total	107,466	24,500	131,966
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	21,525	-	21,525
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	74,812	24,500	99,312
Total	96,337	24,500	120,837
 NET INCOME	11,129	-	11,129
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	56,960	-	56,960
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	68,089	-	68,089

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other debtors	-	2,568
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Taxation and social security	498	299
Other creditors	840	30,839
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	1,338	31,138
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	68,089	(2,370)	65,719
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	68,089	(2,370)	65,719
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	77,780	(80,150)	(2,370)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	66,600	(66,600)	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	144,380	(146,750)	(2,370)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	56,960	11,129	68,089
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	56,960	11,129	68,089
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	107,466	(96,337)	11,129
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	24,500	(24,500)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>131,966</u>	<u>(120,837)</u>	<u>11,129</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT 2020

WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIR

Dear Reader

It has been a year that nobody who lived through it will ever forget, no matter how much they might want to. At the beginning of March, we marked International Women's Day with a packed and joyous Women's Seder – less than two weeks later we were in lockdown, as Covid began its insidious advance.

On a purely practical level, lockdown presented a whole raft of logistical difficulties for a small charity like ours. But I'm proud and very pleased to say that this is not the story of our year. With skill, foresight, and dogged determination, Mia and the team became a 'virtual' organisation almost overnight. The office was abandoned, we all became dab hands at Zoom and Teams, and we got on with our work. Actually, that description understates our achievements. Within weeks we had launched, from scratch, a programme of online events across a range of important and topical human rights issues. And a feature of the pandemic that soon emerged – that, contrary to the mantra that “we're all in the same boat”, some disadvantaged groups were disproportionately suffering its effects – highlighted the prescience of our pre-Covid decision to expand our work to include socio-economic justice, and the rights of women and disabled people.

That decision had come from our analysis that we needed to remake the case for human rights through emphasising their relevance in, as Eleanor Roosevelt famously said, “small places, close to home”. Roosevelt was speaking on the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the global community's response to the horrors of the Second World War. René Cassin takes its name from the French-Jewish co-author of the Declaration and, as so often, we found inspiration in his work's Article 25 which begins “Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for ... health and well-being ... including food, clothing, housing, and medical care ...”.

But we have also been setting our sights on one large place, a long way from home: China. The Universal Declaration was in essence a response to the attempted genocide of Europe's Jews by the Nazis. The Chinese government's brutal repression of its Uyghur Muslims – through mass detention, forced labour and sterilisation, and outlawing expressions of cultural and religious identity – has chilling echoes of our own experience. René Cassin has worked tirelessly through the year to mobilise the Jewish community to speak out, as a catalyst to a more wide-ranging UK response. As the year drew to an end, an intervention from the Chief Rabbi showed the efficacy of such an approach.

Danny Silverstone

Chair of Trustee Board

THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

In 2020 René Cassin:

- Mobilised the UK's Jewish community to speak out against the Chinese government's repression of Muslims Uyghurs and other ethnic groups
- Adapted quickly to the Covid-19 restrictions, launching an extensive programme of online events
- Set up a new 'Ambassador Programme' to empower young Jewish human rights activists
- Held a sold-out 'Women's Seder' to mark International Women's Day
- Marked Hate Crime Awareness Week via our #CutItOut campaign to highlight discrimination suffered by our Gypsy, Traveller and Roma neighbours
- Launched new workstreams on women's rights and socio-economic justice to address long-standing inequalities laid bare by the pandemic
- Held an essay competition on the roots of genocide – our judge Lord Finkelstein found the winning entry "intellectually thrilling"
- Had our film 'Sunrise, not Sunset' on the benefits of the Human Rights Act to ordinary people featured in this year's Jewish Film Festival

Why 'René Cassin'?

We are proud to take our name from Nobel Laureate and French Jurist Monsieur René Cassin, who was one of the principal drafters of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and served as President of the European Court of Human Rights.

He was a lifelong advocate of international human rights protection and understood that, because of the Holocaust, it was vital that there was a strong and clear Jewish voice for human rights.

"...there is no task of safeguarding human rights more urgent than that of foreseeing such outrages and preventing them."

Monsieur René Cassin, Nobel Lecture, 11 December 1968

Our Vision, Mission and Values

Our **vision** is of a world where:

- **everyone fully enjoys all their human rights** as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- **members of the Jewish community are actively engaged** in promoting and protecting these rights, both within the community and in concert with stakeholders outside of the community

Our **mission** is to promote and protect the universal rights of all people, drawing on Jewish experiences and values.

We will:

- **remake a compelling case** for human rights values
- **campaign for change** in defined human rights areas through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning, and education
- **lead and grow** a group of committed Jewish human rights advocates
- **maximise our capacity** to work effectively

Our **values** – underpinning all the work we do:

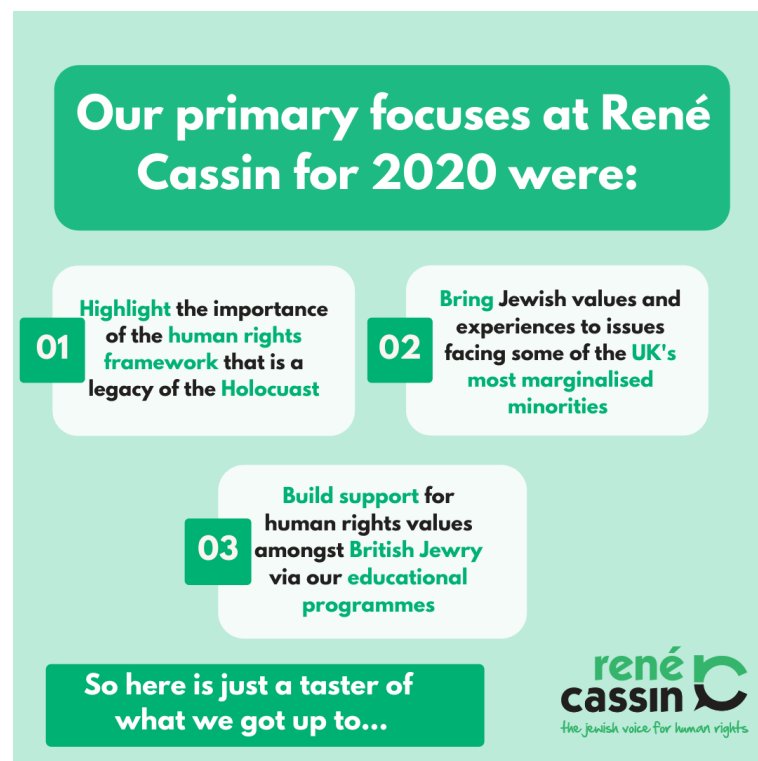
- **Solidarity** – human rights belong to us all, so we stand for the rights of everyone, everywhere
- **Judaism** – we are inspired by Jewish values and experience
- **Collaboration** – our work is not isolated, but intertwined with the efforts of others, so we nurture and mobilise relationships
- **Empowerment** – we turn today's Jewish activists into tomorrow's leaders
- **Monsieur René Cassin** – we are determined to create a legacy worthy of our namesake

OUR WORK

As 'the Jewish voice for human rights' René Cassin works:

- within the Jewish community – building support for human rights values amongst British Jews
- in the wider community – bringing a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities

We work via advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning, and education, focusing on key issues that strongly resonate with Jewish experience.



Summary

On 31 December 2019 the website of the US Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy posted a small report announcing [*"Chinese officials probe unidentified pneumonia outbreak in Wuhan"*](#). With that seemingly insignificant news from an obscure website, everything changed.

René Cassin has not only survived a tumultuous year but will begin 2021 as a growing organisation with an expanded remit and an even greater sense of purpose.

In 2020 – the year of Covid-19 – we have maintained all our core work:

- Highlighting the importance of the human rights framework that is a legacy of the Holocaust
- Bringing Jewish values and experience to issues facing some of the UK's most marginalised minorities:
 - victims of modern slavery and human trafficking
 - Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities suffering particular discrimination and disadvantage
 - asylum-seekers held in indefinite immigration detention
- Building support for human rights values amongst British Jewry via our educational programmes

In addition, as presaged last year, we have started to develop significant new strands:

- We have built on the partnership we formed last year with UK and International based Uyghur Muslims, mobilising the Jewish community to spearhead the call for action to address the Chinese government's systematic persecution of their co-religionists in Xinjiang Province
- Our work on discrimination against Gypsies, Roma and Travellers has spawned a wider #CutItOut campaign, aimed at countering hateful stereotyping
- New campaigns on women's rights, and economic and social justice, for which we have secured new two-year funding from the Judith Trust and have recruited a new staff member. These issues have become even more pressing, in the light of underlying and persistent inequalities exposed by the health emergency, and widespread calls to seize the opportunity to 'build back better'.

RESPONDING TO THE COVID LOCKDOWN



René Cassin responded swiftly and decisively to the health emergency – in the short term, to secure the immediate well-being of the organisation and, in the longer term, to capitalise on the opportunity for forging a future more aligned with the vision of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

As soon as the lockdown was confirmed, both trustees and the executive team worked to ensure that René Cassin should remain 'open' and outward facing, adapting our work practices and activities to the radically changed environment. Very quickly a 'virtual office' was established, carrying all operations and communication online.

This stable basis enabled us very quickly to devise, set up, promote and begin to deliver an ambitious programme of online interactive public events – under the banner '[stay Hopeful, stay Helpful, stay Human](#)' – including:

- Four specialist workshops on the practical use of the Human Rights Act for ameliorating the lives of people suffering particular disadvantages
- A [panel discussion](#) on how best to campaign against hate crime
- A [veteran of the Kindertransport](#) discussing her lifelong campaigning for migrant rights as part of our Refugee Week 2020 activity
- A [solidarity Iftar during Ramadan](#), and [an educational webinar](#), to show solidarity with Muslim Uyghurs persecuted in China
- A series looking at the impact of Covid-19 on human rights, and opportunities for 'building back better' in the post-virus world

This 20-event programme attracted over 1000 bookings, a success we built on through our autumn events, which will be covered in the thematic section below.



Online events 2020

Events 22

Bookings 1282

Including participants from:



"I have found the events very very interesting, so thanks for running them. I have found them fascinating and inspirational" – Josh

IMPACT OF OUR CAMPAIGNS

Remaking the case for human rights

We have focused on building public support for the Human Rights Act, the 'grandchild', via the European Convention on Human Rights, of Monsieur René Cassin's Universal Declaration. We have stressed the wide-ranging application of the Act in [helping 'ordinary people in everyday situations'](#), produced [a series of short films](#) and marked [October's 20th anniversary](#) of the Act coming into force.

Our film *Sunrise, not Sunset*, telling how the Act was used to re-unite an elderly couple whose local authority had placed in separate care homes, was a featured short in November's [Jewish Film Festival](#).



We marked Human Rights Day on 10 December, the anniversary of the UN's adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, by stressing the renewed significance of the social justice elements of the Declaration – [Food, clothing and a home are human rights too](#).

Uyghur Muslims in China

The year has seen ever-growing evidence of the widescale systematic persecution of Uyghur Muslims by the Chinese state. Having brought the issue to the Jewish community's attention last year, the considerable time and resources we have dedicated to this issue this year is bearing fruit. René Cassin has successfully mobilised a cross-communal Jewish response to the crisis – a response that has value, through the solidarity and moral authority born of Jewish experience.

In January, we produced [a briefing paper](#) on the Uyghur issue, published an article in [Jewish Renaissance](#) on how the internment camps are 'eerily familiar', and linked our [Holocaust Memorial Day statement](#) to the current crisis. Similarly, in July we marked the [anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide](#). Later that month, we partnered with *Jewish News* to produce [Chilling Echoes](#), a livestream discussion featuring Rahima Mahmut of the World Uyghur Congress and broadcaster/campaigner Maajid Nawaz; and joined a 200-organisation coalition calling for an [end to forced Uyghur labour](#); and produced a detailed [list of actions](#) to engage the community. We built on this through an online session – *What is happening to the Uyghurs in China and what can you do about it?* – later [published on YouTube](#).

As the year grew to close, we linked our [statement on 9 December's anniversary of the Genocide Convention](#) to the



issue; our unique resource pack for Human Rights Shabbat asking [‘How can the Jewish experience and principles inform the prevention of genocide today?’](#) was used by more than fifty communities; and we led [Celebrating the Light](#), a Jewish/Uyghur solidarity Hanukkah candle lighting. The year ended with a significant intervention by the Chief Rabbi, with whom we had discussed the issue during the year, in an [opinion piece in the Guardian](#).

“Thanks for sending the information for Human Rights Shabbat. At our Zoom service yesterday – at which there were members of the Leicester and Manchester Liberal communities as well as ourselves – our Rabbi used the info pack. We had people doing various readings from it, and we agreed that we would send it out to all members of our community” – Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller rights



We began the year by co-hosting, with Muswell Hill Synagogue, a photographic exhibition highlighting the parallels of Jewish and Roma/Gypsy history and experience. [Don't Forget the Photos](#) documented the experiences of German Sinti and Roma during the Nazi regime through the lives of nine families. In March, we turned our attention to the plight of these families' modern-day counterparts in the UK when we [responded to a Home Office consultation](#) on tightening restrictions on the encampments of travelling communities, arguing “Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities, and

nomadic ways of life, have long been a part of the country we call home, they belong”.

Because of Covid restrictions, our traditional participation in 2 August events to mark the Roma Holocaust [took place online](#) and we [released a statement](#) which concluded: “Our shared experience has taught us the need to stand together in solidarity. We will not forget. And we must continue to look – because what we see today, with the persecution of Uyghur Muslims by the Chinese government, looks a lot like a new genocide”.

“I have just read René Cassin's thoughtful submission about Traveller encampments. I then found myself hooked by the rest of the website” – Debora

Hate speech

Our work on hate speech has grown out of that on the discrimination against Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities outlined above. With the rapid growth in hate crime following the EU referendum and the more recent spate of anti-Semitism, this is becoming a strand of work in its own right.

We marked October's Hate Crime Awareness Week by relaunching our [#CutItOut campaign](#), providing campaign materials on individuals and encouraging them to [‘stand together against the pandemic of hate’](#).

Immigration detention

We marked June's Refugee Week with Ruth Barnett, a veteran of the Kindertransport, reflecting on the question: [“Refugees and the Holocaust: Have we learnt our lessons?”](#) at an online event, and published Debora Singer's poem [The Kindness of Strangers](#).

We also highlighted the way the Covid crisis had made [immigration removal centers even more inhumane](#), pressing our long-standing case for a 28-day limit to immigration detention, a case backed up by a further [opinion piece](#).

Modern day slavery and human trafficking

We have highlighted the parallels of Jewish and Uyghur experience in the brutal use of forced labour and sterilisation by the Chinese government, something which is disproportionately suffered by Uyghur women as [our briefing outlines](#). And, in [Chained Women](#), a piece that also dovetails with our nascent campaign on women's rights, we looked at those parallels closer to home.

Another group vulnerable to modern slavery in the UK is children, especially those in care or experiencing difficult home lives – in our online session [County Lines and Modern Slavery](#) we heard from police and other agencies working on the front line.

Women's rights

To coincide with International Women's Day in March, we held our first [Women's Seder](#) – a joyous live event before the restrictions of lockdown. Our [Seder Haggadah Companion](#) called on “the experiences of the women of the Passover narrative, who played a role in the redemption of the Israelites, and women who advocate for freedom and equality in the present day, to

inspire others to continue in their legacy”.



EDUCATIONAL WORK

Our René Cassin - AJA Fellowship programme, the flagship of our educational activity, has been blest with a [2020 cohort of eleven exceptional fellows](#). The programme has not been blest with luck, however, and its delivery was affected by the restrictions brought about by Covid-19. But, despite the inevitable postponement of May's study trip to Budapest, the programme has flourished online.

The success of the Fellowship Programme led us to launch a cut-down version in our [Ambassadors Programme](#) in August. This enriching, leadership-orientated initiative to empower young Jewish human rights activists, attracted much interest and 16 Ambassadors joined our inaugural cohort.

As lockdown started, we used the opportunity of the thirst for online engagement to provide community education in human rights issues and activism, publishing [Suggested actions in the time of COVID-19](#) in April and [Human Rights in Isolation – Top 15 recommendations to keep your mind active](#) in May.

This work with youth was amplified throughout the year through continued close collaboration with Jewish movements, synagogue cheders and the UJS.

Our annual [‘Human Writes’ essay competition](#) asked “Why is genocide still happening, and what can we do to stop it?”, with the result announced on the anniversary of the UN's adoption of the Genocide Convention on 9 December. We had a number of exceptionally impressive entries, including that from the winner Noah Lachs, which our judge, the journalist (Lord) Danny Finkelstein found “intellectually thrilling”.

“Thank you for your amazing and very insightful talk on such a relevant issue. Whilst I had some knowledge on the topic, your in-depth yet summarised explanations really got me to understand the severity of what is happening. In short, thanks for being the most interesting zoom call I’ve had all month!” – Adam

MEETING FUTURE CHALLENGES

In response to the health crisis, and with a view to the post-virus world, we invited Rebecca Hilsenrath, then CEO of the Equality & Human Rights Commission, to lead a [private roundtable of leading experts](#). The discussion examined current challenges facing human rights and explored the opportunities for strengthening them, especially social and economic rights in light of the inequalities exposed by the virus.

This roundtable has fed into the conclusions of our July 2019 roundtable examining the prospects for improving socio-economic justice, and the work we have begun on women's rights.

As a result, our Trustee Board met on Monday 15 June and agreed the broad framework for a three-year strategy to mobilise the Jewish community to advocate for a thorough overhaul of human rights protections in the UK, to ensure social, economic, environmental, and racial justice.

We will argue, as the charity named after its co-author, that key social, economic, and cultural rights in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights were side-lined by the politics of the Cold War. With the pandemic exposing inequalities that climate change and racial injustice threaten to entrench further, we again face a '1945' moment. We believe that civil and political rights alone are insufficient to provide a remedy, and that if 'human rights' remain narrowly defined they may risk irrelevance in any post-virus reshaping of society.

In December we recruited a new Campaigns Officer to develop new campaigns on women's rights and social justice. In these spheres, along with our existing campaigns, we will use our growing profile and convening power within and beyond the Jewish community to build consensus to advocate for fuller realisation of the rights laid out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

'We all have the right to enough food, clothing, housing and healthcare for ourselves and our families. We should have access to support if we are out of work, ill, elderly, disabled, widowed, or can not earn a living for reasons outside of our control'.

Article 25, Universal Declaration for Human Rights

HOW YOU CAN HELP

René Cassin relies on its supporters for the funds to carry on its vital work.

Please help ensure our voice is heard loudly and clearly by supporting us:

- **Make a donation** – you can make a one-off gift through our website at www.renecassin.org/donate
- Better still, **become a 'Friend of René Cassin'** by making a monthly donation (via the 'I'd like to give regularly' option) www.renecassin.org/donate
- Become an **Individual Patron** or **Corporate Supporter** – email the office for further details info@renecassin.org
- **Get involved in our campaigns** – visit our website for more details
- **Attend our events** – www.renecassin.org/category/events/
- **Volunteer with us** – email info@renecassin.org
- **Sign up for our newsletter** at www.renecassin.org
- **Follow us** on Twitter twitter.com/Rene_Cassin and Instagram www.instagram.com/rene.cassin/ and **like us** on Facebook www.facebook.com/renecassin
- **Tell your friends, family, and colleagues about our work**

FINANCE

<u>Revenue and Support</u>	<u>2020</u>
Donations & legacies	131,964
Investment income	2
Total revenue and support	131,966

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2020</u>
Charitable activities	96,892
Support costs	2,420
Fundraising costs	21,525
Total expenditure	120,837

Many thanks to our supporters

Anglo Jewish Association
 London Borough of Barnet
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 Pears Foundation

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 Shores Charitable Trust

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 £1,000 or more annually) and **Friends**
 (who give regular donations)

OUR PEOPLE

Our Staff

Mia Hasenson-Gross	Executive Director
Jessye Berkowitz-Werner	Campaigns Officer (to December 2020)
Moses Seidler	Education & Community Engagement Officer (to December 2020)
Debora Singer	Human Rights Act Campaign Officer (volunteer)
Sam Watson	Development Manager

(n.b. two new Campaigns Officers were recruited in November 2020, but did not take up posts until January 2021)

Our Trustees

Daniel Silverstone	Chair
Jeff Highfield	Treasurer
Justin Abbott Chalew	(from March 2020)
Caren Gestetner	(to March 2020)
Alexander Goldberg	(to March 2020)
Maya Jaffe	(to March 2020)
Lauren Keiles	(from March 2020)
Danielle Mason	(from May 2020)
Jonathan Metzer	(from March 2020)
Abigail Morris	(from March 2020)
Victoria Prais	(to March 2020)
Rachel Zaltzman	

Our Advisory Council

Sylvie Bacquet	Dr. Kishan Manocha
Rabbi Tony Bayfield	Rabbi David Mason
Rabbi Dr. Naftali Brawer	Rabbi Danny Rich
Professor Geraldine van Bueren QC	Rabbi David Rosen CBE
Caroline Cassin	Professor William Schabas OC
Professor Margaret Greenfields	Rabbi Dr. Norman Solomon
Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner	Yael Weisz-Rind
Dr. Keith Kahn-Harris	Professor Jay Winter
Daniel Kingsley	Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg
Professor Francesca Klug OBE	Dr. Reuven Ziegler
Dr. Noam Lubell	

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

René Cassin is a UK charity registered on 5 January 2007 (number 1117472 as CCJO ReneCassin) and governed by a constitution amended 9 September 2013. Our office is located at 853 Finchley Road, London NW11 8LX.

The charity is governed by the board of trustees listed on the previous page. Our constitution stipulates that there must be a minimum of three trustees at any time. There is no maximum limit to the number of trustees.

René Cassin complies with all applicable UK law in recruiting and selecting new trustees to join its board. Trustees are normally elected by the members (who are the current trustees) of René Cassin at a general meeting. Trustees are appointed based on specific skills, experience and knowledge that will enable them to make a contribution to the management of the charity. These skills, experience and knowledge are first identified in the annual skills audit. When there is a specific gap identified, or a trustee with specific skills, experience and knowledge is approaching retirement, then a posting seeking to recruit a new trustee will be placed on a variety of independent voluntary sector websites, print or online publications. During the recruitment and selection process, René Cassin will ensure that prospective new trustees are eligible to act, do not have any conflicts of interest, and understand their responsibilities and René Cassin's work. In particular, René Cassin pays heed to Charity Commission Guidance CC3: The Essential Trustee: What You need to Know, What You Need to Do.

René Cassin's board meets every two months to oversee the work of the charity, which the board delegates to its small staff team. All policies, such as risk register and safeguarding, are reviewed regularly and are up to date.

The Jewish
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2020

FOR

CCJO RENE CASSIN**

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CCJO RENE CASSIN
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

René Cassin, 'the Jewish voice for human rights', is a charity that uses Jewish experience and values to advocate for universal human rights, particularly on issues - such as discrimination, indefinite immigration detention, genocide and modern slavery - that strongly resonate with Jewish history and values. We achieve this through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning, education and building the capacity of activists to promote and protect human rights.

As 'the Jewish voice for human rights', René Cassin works:

- Within the Jewish community - building support for human rights values amongst British Jews.
- In the wider community - bringing the authority of a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities.

In furtherance of that object but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to engage in political activity provided that the trustees are satisfied that the proposed activities will further the purposes of the charity to an extent justified by the resources committed and the activity is not the dominant means by which the charity carries out its object.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that it has complied with its duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Volunteers

During the year there were 2 volunteers who supported the charity's work by helping with research, campaigning and education.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and future plans

Details of the campaigns and education drives undertaken by René Cassin, as well as René Cassin's plans for the future can be found on their website at www.renecassin.org.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources are grants from charitable foundations.

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to meet the trustees' objects. The trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution, amended 9 September 2013, and constitutes an unincorporated charity as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees of the charity will appoint people once a year to serve as trustees including treasurer for a three-year term. A trustee will have a maximum tenure of two three-year terms. The trustees may also appoint any person who is willing to act as a trustee at any point during the year. Whatever portion of the year they serve will count as the first year of their three-year term. The trustees shall hold meetings at least three times each year.

Organisational structure

The number of trustees shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by a resolution of the charity in general meeting) shall not be subject to any maximum.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

During the year the trustees improved their processes for identifying, assessing and evaluating the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They classify the risks under specific headings - financial, reputational, key person, governance, and operational - and have completed a number of actions to mitigate their exposure to these risks. In particular, the trustees have adopted a strengthened financial reserves policy to minimise the risk of the charity having to curtail or cease operations due to fluctuations in the flow of income.

With relation to covid-19, the organisation swiftly adapted to the radically changed conditions imposed by the Covid crisis, becoming an outward-facing virtual organisation and carrying all functions virtually'.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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J Metzer (appointed 31.3.20)
J A Chalew (appointed 31.3.20)
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Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31/8/2021..... and signed on its behalf by:



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D Silverstone - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CCJO RENE CASSIN**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of CCJO Rene Cassin

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of CCJO Rene Cassin (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I have no concerns and 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.



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Date: 9/9/2021.....

CCJO RENE CASSIN

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	107,464	24,500	131,964	127,035
Investment income	3	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
Total		107,466	24,500	131,966	127,039
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		21,525	-	21,525	23,078
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		74,812	24,500	99,312	92,171
Total		96,337	24,500	120,837	115,249
NET INCOME		11,129	-	11,129	11,790
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		56,960	-	56,960	45,170
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>68,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,089</u>	<u>56,960</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

CCJO RENE CASSIN

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	2,568	-	2,568	-
Cash at bank		<u>66,659</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>96,659</u>	<u>57,800</u>
		69,227	30,000	99,227	57,800
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(1,138)</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>(31,138)</u>	<u>(840)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>68,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,089</u>	<u>56,960</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>68,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,089</u>	<u>56,960</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>68,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,089</u>	<u>56,960</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				<u>68,089</u>	<u>56,960</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>68,089</u>	<u>56,960</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31/08/2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

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D Silverstone - Trustee

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations	127,553	125,383
Gift aid	1,669	1,652
Grants	<u>2,742</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>131,964</u>	<u>127,035</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other grants	<u>2,742</u>	<u>-</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u><u>2</u></u>	<u><u>4</u></u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2020	2019
	3	2
Employees	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Volunteers	<u><u>5</u></u>	<u><u>4</u></u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	98,535	28,500	127,035
Investment income	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	98,539	28,500	127,039
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	23,078	-	23,078
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>63,671</u>	<u>28,500</u>	<u>92,171</u>
Total	<u>86,749</u>	<u>28,500</u>	<u>115,249</u>
 NET INCOME	11,790	-	11,790
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>45,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,170</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>56,960</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>56,960</u></u>

CCJO RENE CASSIN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>2,568</u>	<u>-</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Taxation and social security	299	-
Other creditors	<u>30,839</u>	<u>840</u>
	<u>31,138</u>	<u>840</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	<u>56,960</u>	<u>11,129</u>	<u>68,089</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>56,960</u>	<u>11,129</u>	<u>68,089</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	<u>107,466</u>	<u>(96,337)</u>	<u>11,129</u>
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	<u>24,500</u>	<u>(24,500)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>131,966</u>	<u>(120,837)</u>	<u>11,129</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	<u>45,170</u>	<u>11,790</u>	<u>56,960</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,170</u>	<u>11,790</u>	<u>56,960</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	98,539	(86,749)	11,790
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	28,500	(28,500)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>127,039</u>	<u>(115,249)</u>	<u>11,790</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2020

FOR

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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CCJO RENE CASSIN
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

René Cassin, 'the Jewish voice for human rights', is a charity that uses Jewish experience and values to advocate for universal human rights, particularly on issues - such as discrimination, indefinite immigration detention, genocide and modern slavery - that strongly resonate with Jewish history and values. We achieve this through a combination of advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning, education and building the capacity of activists to promote and protect human rights.

As 'the Jewish voice for human rights', René Cassin works:

- Within the Jewish community - building support for human rights values amongst British Jews.
- In the wider community - bringing the authority of a Jewish perspective to human rights debates, especially on issues affecting vulnerable minorities.

In furtherance of that object but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to engage in political activity provided that the trustees are satisfied that the proposed activities will further the purposes of the charity to an extent justified by the resources committed and the activity is not the dominant means by which the charity carries out its object.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that it has complied with its duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Volunteers

During the year there were 2 volunteers who supported the charity's work by helping with research, campaigning and education.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and future plans

Details of the campaigns and education drives undertaken by René Cassin, as well as René Cassin's plans for the future can be found on their website at www.renecassin.org.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources are grants from charitable foundations.

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to meet the trustees' objects. The trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution, amended 9 September 2013, and constitutes an unincorporated charity as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees of the charity will appoint people once a year to serve as trustees including treasurer for a three-year term. A trustee will have a maximum tenure of two three-year terms. The trustees may also appoint any person who is willing to act as a trustee at any point during the year. Whatever portion of the year they serve will count as the first year of their three-year term. The trustees shall hold meetings at least three times each year.

Organisational structure

The number of trustees shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by a resolution of the charity in general meeting) shall not be subject to any maximum.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

During the year the trustees improved their processes for identifying, assessing and evaluating the major risks to which the charity is exposed. They classify the risks under specific headings - financial, reputational, key person, governance, and operational - and have completed a number of actions to mitigate their exposure to these risks. In particular, the trustees have adopted a strengthened financial reserves policy to minimise the risk of the charity having to curtail or cease operations due to fluctuations in the flow of income.

With relation to covid-19, the organisation swiftly adapted to the radically changed conditions imposed by the Covid crisis, becoming an outward-facing virtual organisation and carrying all functions virtually'.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1117472

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RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
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CCJO RENE CASSIN

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2020

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CURRENT ASSETS					
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NET ASSETS		<u>68,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,089</u>	<u>56,960</u>
FUNDS	9				
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TOTAL FUNDS				<u>68,089</u>	<u>56,960</u>

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- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

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	£	£
Donations	127,553	125,383
Gift aid	1,669	1,652
Grants	<u>2,742</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>131,964</u>	<u>127,035</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other grants	<u>2,742</u>	<u>-</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u><u>2</u></u>	<u><u>4</u></u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2020	2019
	3	2
Employees	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Volunteers	<u><u>5</u></u>	<u><u>4</u></u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	98,535	28,500	127,035
Investment income	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	98,539	28,500	127,039
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	23,078	-	23,078
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>63,671</u>	<u>28,500</u>	<u>92,171</u>
Total	<u>86,749</u>	<u>28,500</u>	<u>115,249</u>
 NET INCOME	11,790	-	11,790
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>45,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,170</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>56,960</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>56,960</u></u>

CCJO RENE CASSIN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>2,568</u>	<u>-</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Taxation and social security	299	-
Other creditors	<u>30,839</u>	<u>840</u>
	<u>31,138</u>	<u>840</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	<u>56,960</u>	<u>11,129</u>	<u>68,089</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>56,960</u>	<u>11,129</u>	<u>68,089</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	<u>107,466</u>	<u>(96,337)</u>	<u>11,129</u>
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	<u>24,500</u>	<u>(24,500)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>131,966</u>	<u>(120,837)</u>	<u>11,129</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	<u>45,170</u>	<u>11,790</u>	<u>56,960</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,170</u>	<u>11,790</u>	<u>56,960</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	98,539	(86,749)	11,790
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	28,500	(28,500)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>127,039</u>	<u>(115,249)</u>	<u>11,790</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.