

rené cassin

the jewish voice for human rights

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



"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

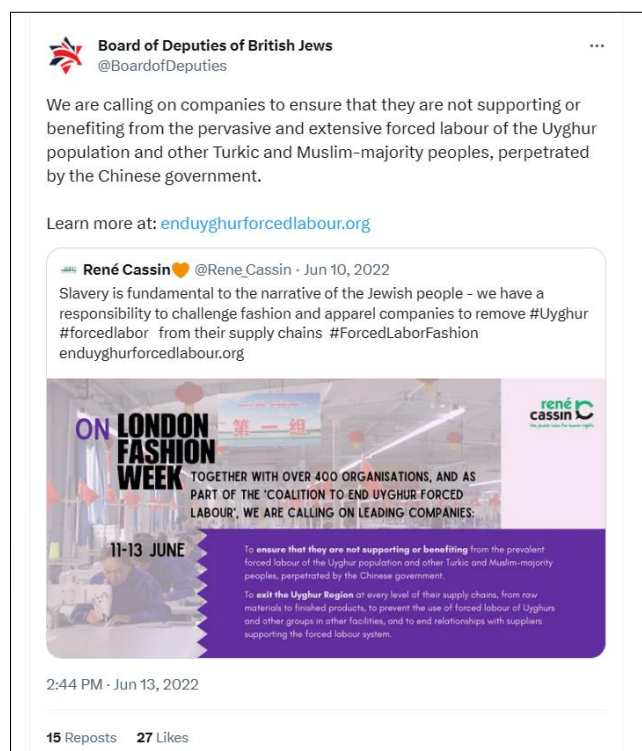
We work via advocacy, policy analysis, public campaigning and education, focusing on key issues that strongly resonate with Jewish experience.

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.

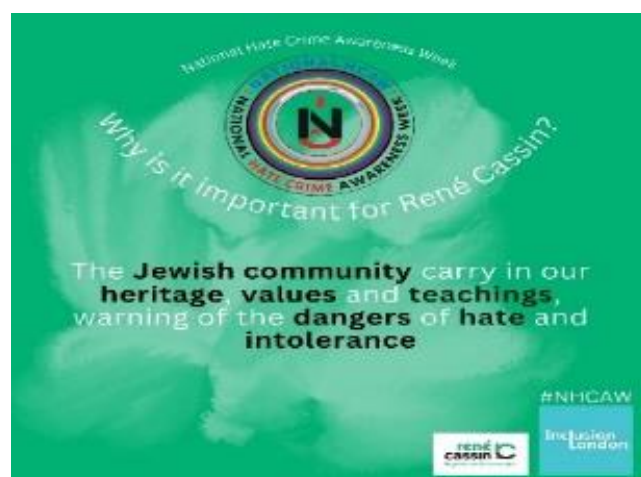


Also in December we [submitted evidence](#) to Parliament's Joint Committee on Human Rights' enquiry into the state of asylum system. Our submission expressed "our grave concerns about the state of asylum seekers rights today", particularly on the issues of: the lack of 'safe routes', offshore processing,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

"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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Lauren Keiles	
Danielle Mason	
Jonathan Metzer	
Abigail Morris	
Rachel Zaltzman	

Honorary Ambassador

Dr Annette Lawson OBE

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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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022

FOR

CCJO RENE CASSIN**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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CCJO RENE CASSIN
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. 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 2022**

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

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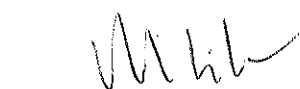
Trustees

D Silverstone Chair
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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:

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:12/1/2023.....

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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>

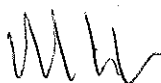
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CCJO RENE CASSIN

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:



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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

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	2022	2021
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	<u>129,012</u>	<u>139,380</u>

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

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	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:

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Employees	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
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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

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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:

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Unrestricted funds			
General fund	99,054	(118,123)	(19,069)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	35,000	(35,000)	-
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>134,054</u>	<u>(153,123)</u>	<u>(19,069)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
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Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	66,600	(66,600)	-
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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
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	128,373	138,598
Gift aid	<u>639</u>	<u>782</u>
	129,012	139,380
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	42	-
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
Net expenditure	<u>(19,069)</u>	<u>(2,370)</u>

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022

FOR

CCJO RENE CASSIN**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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CCJO RENE CASSIN
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. 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.

CCJO RENE CASSIN

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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

Principal address

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Trustees

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

Independent Examiner

Mr Daniel Fine, FCA
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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:

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: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					
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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>

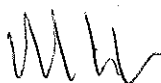
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CCJO RENE CASSIN

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:



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D Silverstone - Trustee

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**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.

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9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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