

THE SEPARATED CHILD FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1120669

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06270575
Registered	2007-08-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: (A) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF SEPARATED CHILDREN PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF EMOTIONAL, SOCIAL, FINANCIAL AND PHYSICAL SUPPORT TO SEPARATED CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS, OTHER PRIMARY CARE GIVERS AND SIBLINGS; AND(B) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION PARTICULARLY IN THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEEDS OF SEPARATED CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS, OTHER PRIMARY CARE GIVERS AND SIBLINGS. IN THIS CLAUSE SEPARATED CHILDREN MEANS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 21 WHO ARE OUTSIDE THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND WHO MAY ALSO BE SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS OR OTHER PRIMARY CARE GIVERS. THIS INCLUDES (WITHOUT LIMITATION) CHILDREN OF REFUGEE AND ASYLUM-SEEKING FAMILIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Activities: The Separated Child Foundation offers emotional, social, financial and physical support to separated children and young people up to the age of 21. It also engages in educational activities that raise awareness of their needs and encourage positive responses to them.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE WORLDWIDE
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£252,007	£232,195	-	-
2024-06-30	£202,473	£290,045	-	-
2023-06-30	£268,174	£280,879	-	-
2022-06-30	£333,953	£243,184	-	-
2021-06-30	£199,309	£160,074	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Fathiaa Elmagzoub Abdalla	Chair	2023-07-13
ANGELA ALICE GLUCK		
Alemu Tebeje Ayele		2023-06-06
Alessandra Sciarra		2025-03-13
Arnaud Lucien Jean Vervoitte		2017-08-14
Christina Hannah Moore		2019-11-07
Elizabeth Jade Henegan		2025-03-13
Giulia Vallocchia		2025-03-13
Laura Hughston		2023-01-14
Matthew Lam Joar		2024-01-11
Michael Donnelly		2023-01-14
Uzma Ahmed		2025-09-11

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Accounts



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(A Charity, founded in 2007, and a company limited by guarantee)



Focusing on the future at Bournemouth Club Class, January 2025

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES 2024-25

The Trustees present their report and independently examined financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP) effective from January 2019.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name	The Separated Child Foundation
Charity registration number	1120669
Company registration number	6270575
Registered office	84 Cromwell Road, London SW19 8NA

Trustees

Fathiaa Abdalla	Chair
Arnaud Vervoitte	Deputy Chair since March 2025
Alison Hylton-Potts	Honorary Treasurer, resigned March 2025
Elizabeth Henegan	Honorary Treasurer, appointed November 2024 Chair of Management Committee since March 2025
Angela Gluck	Co-founder and Lifetime Trustee
Gloria Abramoff	Resigned November 2024
Uzma Ahmed	Appointed Co-opted Trustee in May 2025 and full Trustee in September 2025
Michael Donnelly	Deputy Chair and Chair of Management Committee until March 2025
Laura Hughston	
Lam Joar	
Christina Moore	
Lauren Murray	
Rabia Nasimi	Resigned September 2025
Alessandra Sciarra	Appointed March 2025
Alemu Tebeje Ayele	
Giulia Vallocchia	Appointed March 2025

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Company Secretary

Hannah Williams, Chief Executive

Bankers

CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiners

Godfrey Wilson Limited, Chartered accountants and statutory auditors

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PATRONS



Lord (Alfred) Dubs has held key positions in local and national government, and in several influential organisations. He was Labour MP (1979-87), Director of the Refugee Council (1988-95) and since 1994 a Labour life peer, Baron Dubs of Battersea. A child refugee fleeing Nazism, he champions the rights of separated children; he successfully introduced an amendment to the Immigration Act 2016 to offer them safe passage to Britain during the refugee crisis.



Dr Anthony Julius is a prominent British lawyer and academic, whose doctorate is in English literature. A highly regarded litigation lawyer, he has acted for many high-profile clients. He is a partner in the prestigious London law firm Mishcon de Reya, Chairs the economics consultancy, Oxera, and holds the chair in Law and Arts in the Faculty of Laws at University College London.



The Baroness Neuberger DBE is a rabbi and social reformer, and in the period 1997-2004 she was chief executive of the King's Fund. Julia Neuberger was created a life peer in 2004 and in 2007 Chaired the Commission on the Future of Volunteering. Her publications include *The Moral State We're In* (2005). She served as Senior Rabbi of West London Synagogue 2011-20.



Jonathan Ross OBE is a film critic, chat show host and presenter of television and radio. His Queen's Birthday Honour in 2005 was given for services to broadcasting. He has received BAFTAs three times for television entertainment performance and, in 2008, the Sony Gold Award 'Music Radio Personality of the Year'.

CHAIR'S REVIEW

Acknowledging the considerable efforts of the team, this has been another year to be proud of in my role as Chair of Trustees for The Separated Child Foundation, which exists to offer practical, emotional, and social support to separated children and young people who seek asylum in our country.

The demand for our work remains high as over 3,500 separated children claimed asylum and sought protection here in the year to June 2025. These children arrive alone with nothing, having fled their homelands because of war or persecution, travelling alone because their parents have been killed or were unable to leave.

Separated children are forced to make the dangerous journey across the Channel, travelling in small boats like dinghies, which are completely unfit for the rough seas they may face, before arriving on our shores in Dover, Kent.

Since 2007 our main work has been providing support through welcome packs: giving comfort with clothes, toiletries and essential items to children who arrive with nothing but the threadbare clothes they stand up in. Demand remains high for our essentials packs that are solely distributed by our partners in Dover.

Along with the arrival and sleep packs, last year we distributed almost 5,400 packs to children. This could not have been achieved without our 50 regular volunteer 'purple packers'. Last year's packing sessions were assisted by volunteers from our corporate partners like TCC Foundation and GlobalLogic, and community groups like MCGI and Croydon Minster. Gifts-in-kind keep our costs low, and we have been lucky enough to secure a year's worth of bath towels and socks from TCC Foundation as well as collecting donations of toiletries from Lush and via several school initiatives in Essex and Croydon. We are immensely grateful – thank you!

Our two Club Classes, our weekly after school educational, social and cultural programme for children aged 14-21 in London and Bournemouth, went from strength to strength. Around 150 children benefited, and in our evaluation 89% of children said they had improved their English, and 100% reported making new friends and being better informed about UK life.

We remain proud to be active members of three campaigning groups, 'Together with Refugees', 'Refugee Migrant Children's Consortium' and 'Families Together': most recent campaigning has been related to the suspension of all new family reunion applications as we believe this policy change will put even more children at risk.

Our finances improved this year with an income of £252k and expenditure of £232k, leaving us with free reserves of £81k. This equates to 3.5 months of our 2026 budget in line with our Trustees' policy.

As Chief Executive, Hannah Williams now leads our team. The staff team comprises Chief Executive, a Programme Manager and a Project Assistant (to join in July 2025). These roles are all part-time and are supported by our Trustees and our superb team of regular volunteers.

On behalf of the Board, to all our partners, our volunteers and all of the trust, company and individual donors – thank you. Our success would not have been possible without your support.



Fathiaa Abdalla
Chair of Trustees

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Background

The Separated Child Foundation was set up in memory of Ester Gluck (see right) who was born in 1982 and who died in 2006 at the age of 24. Compassionate and creative, Ester was deeply committed to working for the benefit of refugees and people seeking asylum.

In particular, she cared about the needs of young refugees, especially those who have become separated from their parents and close family.



Charitable objectives and aims

The Separated Child Foundation has two aims:

- › To offer emotional, social, financial and physical support to separated children and young people, either directly or indirectly through their carers; and,
- › To engage in educational activities that raise awareness of the needs of separated children and young people, and of refugees and people seeking asylum more generally, and that encourage positive responses to them.

Report on charitable activities 2024-25

Our packs project

The need for our work remains high, with over 3,500 separated children (also known as unaccompanied minors) claiming asylum here in the year to June 2025. They flee their homes in Afghanistan, Sudan, Eritrea and other war zones and / or places of persecution in search of safety. They travel alone because their parents have been killed or are otherwise unable to leave; they have faced traumatic events and are extremely brave.

When separated children and young people arrive in our country, it is almost always at the end of a difficult, demanding and dangerous journey. Invariably they arrive exhausted, lacking even the most basic necessities of life, after walking in groups at night, sleeping during the day and taking turns to keep watch.

The packs project is our main work, accounting for over half of our budget. Last year we met our target, distributing almost 5,400 packs to children (see right).

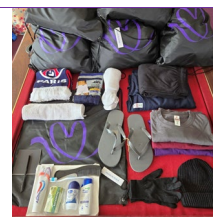
Targets for ...	2025 planned	2025 actual
Arrival packs	1,080	1,023
Sleep packs	1,620	2,054
Essential packs	2,500	2,292
Total	5,200	5,369

Our packs are given to children at different points, on arrival into the UK, and / or on arrival to the location that the government decides to disperse them to via the national transfer scheme.

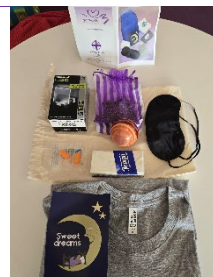
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Arrival packs (see right) are tailored for boys / girls and come in three different sizes within a duffle bag containing toiletries, a towel, flip-flops, three pairs of socks and underwear, three light tops, unisex sweatpants, a warm top such as a hoodie, a weatherproof jacket, a notepad and pen, and a set of hat, gloves and scarf.



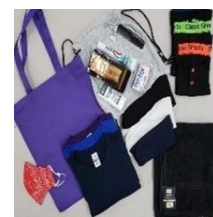
Sleep packs (see left) are pouches containing everything needed to restore restful and refreshing sleep after their horrendous journeys: night shirt, night light, lavender bag, ear plugs, eye mask, stress ball, 'sweet dreams card' and text free leaflet explaining how to use the pack items. On P8 of this report we have set out how partners use them as a tool to restore refreshing sleep cycles.



Most partners distribute both types of pack, but some just take arrival or sleep packs depending on the needs of the young people in their area.

Essentials packs (see right) have been developed to be distributed solely by our Dover partners, the Refugee Council, as they are bearing the brunt of the increase in arrivals of separated children by boat.

The Refugee Council have a unit in Dover where children stay for 24 hours before they are sent to their allocated local authority area as part of the government's national transfer scheme. Essentials packs contain toiletries, three changes of underwear, socks and t-shirt and a towel, as these items complement the track suit provided by UK Border Force to the children on arrival.



Feedback from children

"Thank you so much for this pack! It made me feel really special and cared for."

"The eye mask helps me sleep better at night. It feels soft and blocks out the lights in the room. Thank you!"

"The lavender smell makes me feel calm. I put a little near my bed and now I sleep more peacefully."

"The night light is perfect. I keep it beside me and it helps me feel safe when I wake up during the night."

"I used the eye mask and ear plugs and they helped."

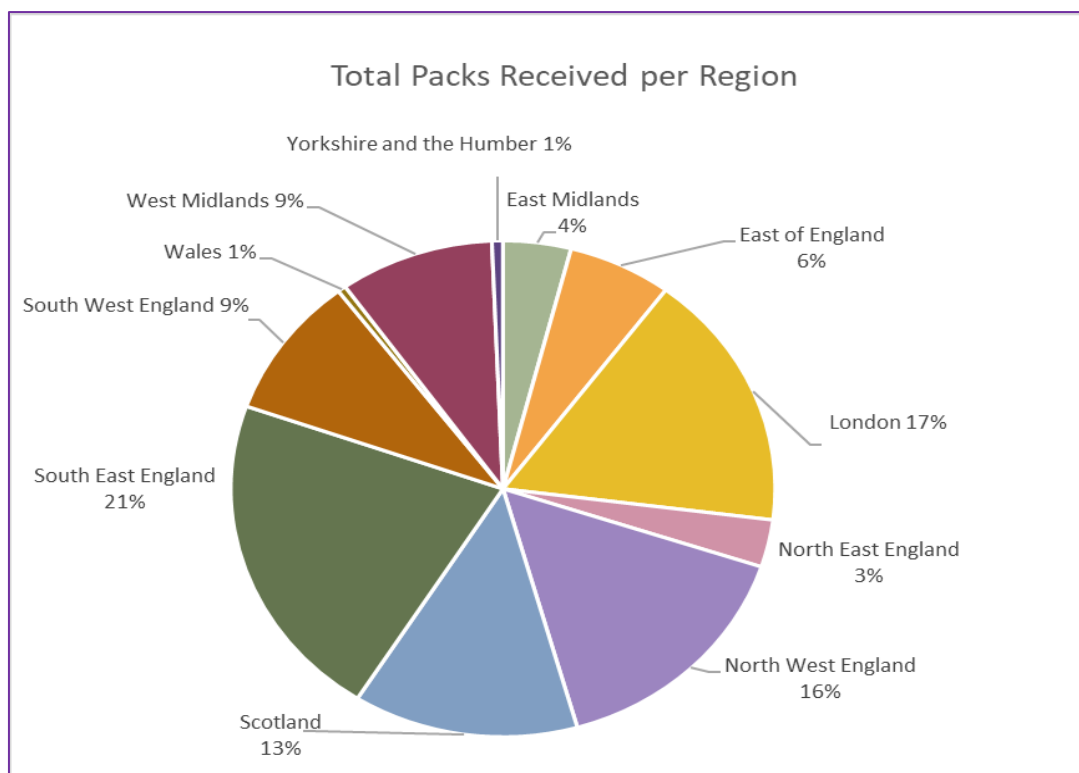
"It was the first time in a long while I received something just for me. Thank you for making me smile."

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Packs distribution network

As can be seen from the graph below, we are growing our distribution network for arrival and sleep packs. Some partners collect packs (21%) with the majority delivery is arranged using Parcelforce (79%).

We have worked hard to expand distribution outside of our South East heartland and we now work with partners as far afield as Plymouth, Liverpool, Kent, Gateshead, Cardiff, Glasgow and Northern Ireland. The chart below shows the distribution of arrival and sleep packs between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025.



Our partners

Packs are distributed to children by our partners: charities, local authorities, and NHS services that are in direct contact with children across England, Scotland and Wales.

We now work with over 160 partners across the UK, including well known national charities such as Aberlour Children's Charity, Barnardos, British Red Cross and Refugee Council.

On a more local level we worked with charities including BACA in Loughborough, GARAS in Gloucestershire, P3 Charity in London, Safety Net, The Hummingbird Project, YMCA Thames Gateway and Young Roots.

Last year we also gained over 40 new partners including Bristol CAHMS, Compass Fostering, Coventry College, Luton Virtual School, Northampton Town of Sanctuary, Safety Net and Slough Children First.



Our Chief Executive
Hannah Williams with
Zahraa Adams of Medway
Children's Services

Impact and feedback from partners

The reports shared by partners in the quarterly evaluation forms indicated that the packs have three main positive impacts on their work with separated asylum-seeking children:

1. They make children and young people smile. Unfortunately, a smile is not a given gesture for many children who have experienced trauma, violence and neglect. Partners reported how this smile was a strong symbolic signal that meant a lot when packs were given out.
2. They help to build and strengthen the relationship between frontline professionals and children. Whether social workers, nurses, doctors, or youth workers, the packs play a role in facilitating the human interaction that is often hindered by language and culture barriers.
3. In a broader sense, being able to give our packs to children contributes to a welcoming environment. Partners have varied capacity to be able provide that environment, so the packs can play a unique role in showing care and protection.

Partners report that the physical act of handing a sleep to a young person often opens up a conversation. As the contents of the packs are discussed, the professional can speak more broadly to the young person about sleep challenges, which can be a stigmatised topic.

"It is daunting and difficult coming into clinic for an assessment - the sleep packs and books we provide are a lovely gift and something different. Most of these children arrive with nothing but the clothes they are wearing."

CNWL NHS (Children's Health Service)

"The packs continue to be well used, and appreciated by recipients. The sleep packs especially go down well with our young people. We note that the sleep packs are more often used by a wider number of young people, and sometimes people that have been accessing our service for a long time."

The Hummingbird Project

"The packs were well received as often the young people arrive to us with no belongings at all. It can sometimes be a few days before we are able to take them shopping so to have an arrival pack with some essential items has been helpful."

Cardiff Children's Services

"These packs are amazing. It is so helpful to have something ready made for the young person's first few days in the UK."

P3 Charity

"Sleep packs have been very gratefully received and the boys found these really valuable, thoughtful and helpful. They often arrive with nothing, and the sleep pack has provided some needed comfort at the right time."

Sandwell Children's Trust

"The packs continue to be a really valuable resource for us to support recently arrived children."

Young Roots

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Our packing team and 'purple packers'

During the year over 50 regular volunteers came together to assemble pack items into the duffle bags and pouches during Sunday 'Purple Packing' sessions. These took place at the Big Yellow Self Storage in Staples Corner where we are provided with most of our storage facilities and a pack preparation area, free of charge. We also held three packing sessions at Croydon Minster where members of the congregation and local community prepped and packed essentials packs for Dover as well as sleep packs.



A Sunday 'purple packing' session at the Big Yellow in Staples Corner



300 essentials packs ready for collection at the Big Yellow



A Harvest packing session with community lunch at Croydon Minster

One of our Trustees sourced us a year's worth of bath towels and free socks via TCC Foundation, which were delivered during the summer. During the financial year we also received free toiletries from Lush and multiple donations of warm scarves from a local business, as well as hand-knitted contributions from individual supporters. We were pleased to be the recipients of the Lombard Street Offices Christmas collection as a result of our successful grant application to St James's Place.



Taking receipt of 4,500 towels and pairs of socks from TCC Foundation



Hand-knitted gloves sent by a community group

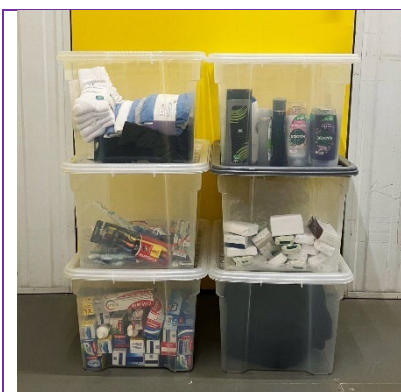


Football scarves are regularly donated by a local business

We regularly visit schools to talk about our work and to help children get involved with both advocacy and practical projects, including organising collections of toiletries for us to use in our packs and running their own packing sessions.

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Donations of toiletries and other items collected by Alma Primary School



A packing session at Whitehall Primary School



Donations of toiletries collected by the Minster Schools in Croydon

We have developed several volunteer roles to support the delivery of the packing project. As at end-June 2025 we had eight 'Pack Leaders', all of whom hold DBS checks and First Aid qualifications, and who have completed NSPCC training. Pack Leaders run packing sessions independently, liaising with the staff team to ensure orders for packs can be fulfilled. Another volunteer is responsible for sending out evaluation forms to partners on a quarterly basis, and we have another volunteer who is the first point of contact for new volunteers and manages the rota for packing sessions. Two former staff members regularly volunteer with us and two of our volunteers came to the UK as refugees.

We encourage young volunteers to participate via the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards and other schemes, giving them experience to help future employment prospects, working alongside ongoing committed volunteers.

During the year we welcomed corporate volunteering groups from CBRE, Cisco, GlobalLogic, Liberty Global, North Highland, TCC Foundation and Vanguard. We also held sessions with community groups like MCGI and a group visiting from the US. We have introduced a fee for corporate and some community groups, who join us to make packs as a way of team-building and giving back. This is a growing source of income for us.



GlobalLogic join us for a second time in June 2025



TCC Foundation visit for the first time in November 2024



A new team of volunteers from regular visitors Cisco

Feedback from corporate volunteering sessions

"Thank you for all the incredible work you do and for making it easy for us to come along to volunteer!" **Cisco**

"I just wanted to say a huge thank you for yesterday. It was such a wonderful experience - everyone in the team left with smiles on their faces, proud to know they had made a real difference." **Skyscanner**

"Beyond the impact of the cause itself, this was also a powerful day of team-building and collaboration. Everyone rolled up their sleeves, supported each other, and came together with purpose and compassion. Huge thanks to Hannah Williams for being such a fantastic host and guiding us through every step." **GlobalLogic**

"It was a moving display of team spirit and a reminder that refugees are mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and children." **Vanguard**

The profile of children helped

Whilst events in Ukraine, Palestine, Congo and Sudan have dominated recent news cycles, children receiving packs have fled from wars and conflict all over the world. This is exemplified in our profiling of where children have fled from at least 27 different countries and regions: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Iran, Iraq, Kurdistan Region, Kuwait, Libia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Vietnam, Yemen. The majority of the children we helped were aged between 12 and 18 years old (88%), where 28% were between 12 and 16, 60% were between 17 and 18 and 1.5% of the children were under the age of 12.

Club Class

Club Class is an educational, social, and cultural programme for separated children aged 14-21 which runs 50 weeks annually, after school and in school holidays.

Between July 2024 and June 2025, we delivered:

- › 48 (weekly) sessions in Bournemouth with the International Care Network (ICN) – these sessions were attended by an average of 12 young people, benefitting 61 individuals over the course of the year
- › 45 (weekly) sessions in South London with various partners – these sessions were attended by 15-20 young people, benefitting 162 individuals over the course of the year

Our South London sessions were run in Croydon up until 21 August when our then partner withdrew from the venue we were using. To ensure continuity for our young people we ran two sessions with Young Roots in September, then in October began alternating delivery of six-week blocks of Club Class between Community Action for Refugees & Asylum Seekers (CARAS) and Croydon College.

We were pleased to be able to facilitate several trips for our Bournemouth and South London groups during the year. The young people from Bournemouth enjoyed a beach day and a trip to London during the summer, as well as a visit to the Christmas markets in December. Our groups in South London took part in the Youth Day as well as two outdoor sessions in local parks.

Our team in Bournemouth has also seen some challenges and changes. In August 2024 we were forced to take a one-week break in response to the anti-immigration protests taking part across the UK, including in Bournemouth. Whilst it was not an easy decision to pause Club Class, we decided to prioritise the safety of our young people and our youth workers.

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In the autumn our lead youth worker moved on to take up a full-time position elsewhere. Our support worker stepped up to cover a brief gap, until October when a new lead youth worker started. We were fortunate that this individual had previously supported Club Class in Croydon, meaning that she was able to hit the ground running.

That said, it is testament to the work of the support youth worker, the robust Club Class framework and our strong partnership with ICN which ensured a smooth transition for the incoming lead. Young people experienced minimal disruption and there was no break in service throughout the entire period of youth worker change.

Celebrating holidays

Eating together forms an important part of Club Class. Care is taken to source food similar to that which they would have eaten in their countries of origin.

Significant religious and cultural holidays were celebrated recognising the important traditions and practices which young people share from their home countries as well as offering an opportunity to learn more about British customs.

Christmas 2024 was celebrated, at the request of the young people, with a generous serving of biryani (see right). This is a traditional celebratory dish in many of the young people's home countries.

The meal was accompanied by crackers and party games which beautifully brought together UK and international festivities.



Guest facilitators and trips

For specialist or sensitive topics guest facilitators are invited to sessions supported by our youth workers.

Babylon Project and Phosphoros

Phosphoros theatre group ran a session during Refugee week on the theme of our 'Our Home', which used drama and creative expression to reflect on young people's own lived experiences.

The Babylon Project ran a workshop on 'community' whose aim was to help young people to understand the importance of being part of a community. After icebreakers, young people were divided into four groups. Each group was asked to create a country, to name it and design a flag then prepare a constitution and laws for their new countries. As each group comprised of young people from diverse backgrounds, it was challenging to agree on a name or flag. One group found a brilliant solution by naming their new country SETE, the initials of Sudan, Eritrea, Tchad and Ethiopia. They also combined the flag from the mentioned countries into one flag. Some of the laws and policies young people decided upon included:

- > Free speech
- > Access to education for all
- > Equality for all

Role models work

In the absence of being with their immediate family, Club Class offers our young people an opportunity to socialise with peers and to build their 'community'. We believe positive role models are a key component of this and as such we build this in as a session topic.

In this session the youth worker begins by talking about popular role models like the footballer Marcus Rashford (school meals campaign) and Malala Yousafzai (girls access to education) etc.

Young people are then encouraged to pick their own role models – commonly they chose the cricketer Rashid Khan, Iranian Nobel Peace Prize winner Narges Mohammadi etc. They discuss the topics which these role models campaign or fight for, the role of activism in society and the importance of 'fairness'. This often leads onto other discussions around fairness and justice – such as the importance of democracy and the right to vote, wages and jobs - e.g. nurse versus politician versus shopkeeper etc.

To complement the role models session, last year a former separated child (now a semi-professional boxer) was asked to join. Omar (see right) spoke to the group about his journey from arriving in the UK to finding an outlet for the strong emotions he was processing through joining a boxing club.

He stressed the importance of education, being open to new opportunities and finding a sport or other hobby to use free time productivity.

The young people were captivated, and Omar spent the entire session alongside the young people, joining in an exercise about making life choices and sharing a meal.



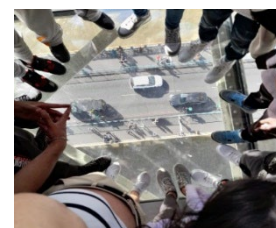
Trip to London

In August a milestone was reached as we were able to fulfil a long-requested trip for the Bournemouth group to visit London.

Nine young people along with our two youth workers and a support worker from our partner ICN, travelled by coach to London. They spent the day visiting tourist hotspots including the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Downing Street, the London Eye and Buckingham Palace.

The tour culminated with a visit to Tower Bridge as we had been gifted entry tickets from City Bridge Foundation. The group enjoyed learning about the history of the tower and bridge and testing the strength of the glass viewing floor!

100% of young people responded 'yes' (that they had 'overall enjoyed the trip') and when asked to rate the trip from 1 to 5 (with 5 stars = amazing), all young people gave the trip either 4 or 5 stars.



Gender stereotypes session

These sessions form part of the 'Futures' part of our plan.

In the introduction we explain that it's important that we can all imagine a future that is safe, happy and beautiful for us. Rather than having to do what the world might expect from us, what matters is how things make us feel. We explain that a stereotype is when we assume what a person is like due to their nationality, gender or sexuality.

We then use slides true and false statements to open small group discussions exploring gender stereotypes.

- › 'All girls like pink' - this is a stereotype i.e. it's not true for all girls.
- › Gender stereotypes - what does gender mean?
- › How do stereotypes affect us?
- › Does the way people see us affect the choices we make and the way we act in life?
- › Do people assume what things we enjoy, what job we want, or how we will behave based on our gender, nationality or sexuality?

We found that this prompts discussions such as that as a man you might feel you don't want to cry in public and that is okay, but other men may feel comfortable to cry and public and that's also okay. The sessions open up very interesting discussions around what strength means – physical, emotional etc.

Outcomes

The three outcomes we track formally are that attendees report that they have:

1. Made new friends.
2. Practised their spoken English so as to improve it.
3. Improved knowledge / understanding of UK life (culture, customs, living independently, staying safe etc.).

Last year's evaluation found that:

- › 100% of children attending reported that Club Class was good for making new friends,
- › 100% of children attending thought their English had improved because of Club Class; and,
- › 90% reported that Club Class had helped them learn about UK life.

In May a targeted evaluation activity was undertaken with regular attendees (ages 17 to 19 years old, and from three different countries of origin) and our partners.

We asked young people why they attended and how they benefit; what they would like to experience in future sessions, and what their hopes and dreams are for their own futures.

100% said their main reason for attending was to socialise, have good conversations, meet new people and practice their English. 100% said they wanted future sessions to focus on CV's, careers, options, education and money. The most popular activities outside the Club Class setting were going to the beach and raft building.

In terms of the most valuable Club Class sessions, one young person noted that *"the sex education session was really informative, because the UK is different and has different rules / laws to my home country."* Another said: *"money / finances – how to manage money when I live independently"* was important.

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Feedback from children

"From coming to Club Class I have learnt many things and met lots of new people / new friends."

"I like all the topics to help me understand the culture of England. I come if I need help or to ask questions, sometimes to play games."

"I feel like I am part of the society. All staff are amazing with their help."

Feedback from partners

"Irene (youth worker) has a great handle on the class element with a great mix of fun and learning and consistent firm expectations that everyone should be joining in. It was great to see and spend time chatting with S, A and Z who are three of the original (participants) and who so obviously still enjoy and benefit from Club Class."

Giving children a voice

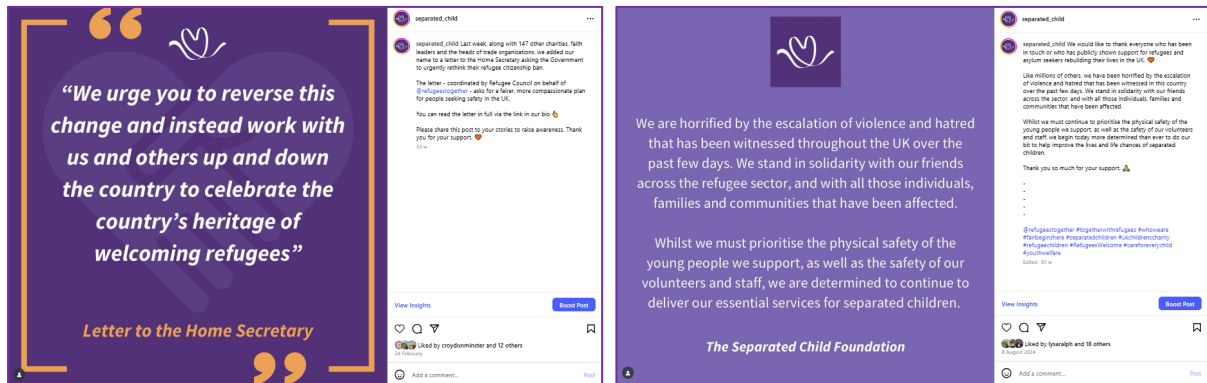
We use digital communications to tell children's stories, sharing their needs and hopes and raising awareness of the challenges they face to encourage compassionate responses to them in wider society. During the year we shared pictures of Club Class activities and days out to demonstrate the importance of varied social and cultural experiences for children we support.



Instagram post about the Club Class session about interview and CV-writing skills in January 2025

Influencing

We have continued as members of three campaigning groups this year - 'Together with Refugees', 'Refugee Migrant Children's Consortium' and 'Families Together'. We have co-signed letters on issues such as the refugee citizenship ban (February 2025) and reacted to UK events such as the violence against refugees and asylum-seekers (August 2024).



We have also participated in selected coalition-led campaigns, empowering our social media followers and email subscribers to advocate on behalf of separated children. In February we launched a Valentine's Day campaign inspired by 'Together with Refugees', asking our supporters to design pictures of solidarity for us to share on social media.



The Ester Gluck Awards

In 2022 we launched the Ester Gluck Awards, to celebrate the contributions of separated children who have delivered or initiated a project which promoted positive social change. These awards suitably recognise Ester as the inspiration for the establishment of the Foundation and honour her life and memory.

In early summer 2025 we received a number of fantastic nominations including those for our two winners, a 17-year-old from Eritrea (nominated by Greater Manchester Youth Network) and 20-year-old Abel Atsede from Ethiopia (nominated by Phosphoros Theatre group in London).

In August 2025 both winners received their prizes of an all-expenses paid 'treat' day out and a voucher of their choice. We were delighted to present Abel with his award in London in the summer and look forward to meeting our second winner in person in the autumn. The nominating adults praised the nature of the prize because it gives the winners autonomy in choosing what activity will bring them most enjoyment.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - FUTURE PLANS

The coming year is the third of our five-year strategy 2023-28 (revised summer 2025).

The packs project will continue to be our main work, representing over half of our spend. Given the challenging funding environment, we aim to spend around £250k per annum, funding dependent.

New initiatives such as a third Club Class will only be developed with funding in place. Priority areas remain as below:

Packs project

We aim to maintain numbers distributed, whilst continuing to balance distribution by engaging new partners outside of our South East heartland. We have maintained our budget at £50 per arrival pack, £10 per sleep pack and £20 per essential pack.

We aim to engage more partners further North, to encourage more gifts in kind, to build our volunteer base and to increase income from companies who join us for corporate packing sessions. We will continue to seek gifts in kind of pack items to reduce our cash spend.

Club Class

We will continue to develop our weekly club classes in London and Bournemouth with additional activities such as trips out. Funding dependent we aim to develop a third Club Class in the North of England, using feedback from children and evaluation data to improve the Club Class offer.

Training for foster carers

Following the launch of our foster-carer video in 2023, we intend to develop specific training resources around sleep hygiene for foster carers as this affects so many separated children after their horrendous journeys. We have a potential partner (The Sleep Charity) to work with on the development of these resources, which will be linked to our sleep packs.

Giving children a voice

We will continue to give separated children the opportunity to tell their stories in their own words, and reflect on their experiences, needs and hopes.

Influencing

We will learn from our direct experience with separated children to add weight to our authority and influencing work. We will advocate and influence nationally via our membership of established campaigning groups.

Infrastructure

We aim to continue to keep our costs low; using resources effectively and efficiently. We will monitor the staffing structure and roles to ensure they are appropriate for our developing needs, and optimise the opportunities offered through volunteers and gifts in kind.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity has limited assets and receives no statutory funding. Our main source of funding is voluntary income through donations from individuals, companies, Trusts and the National Lottery Community Fund.

The Income and Expenditure Account shows total incoming resources for the year ending 30 June 2025 (YE25) of £252k (YE24 - £202k). Resources expended amount to £232k (YE24 - £290k), which left a net surplus of £20k. Total net assets at the year-end amounted to £112k (YE24 - £92k) of which £31k was restricted funds.

Excluding fundraising costs, 95p of each £1 invested reached separated children. Fundraising costs as a ratio of income raised were 4%.

Reserves policy and position

Our YE25 free reserves amounted to £81k, excluding £31k restricted funds which are to be carried forward for spend in YE26. The Trustees' policy is to hold three to six months of the coming year expenditure in free liquid reserves. This will mitigate the risk of reducing our services to separated children should income drop unexpectedly.

We have estimated that our YE26 plans will cost c.£276k and our free reserves equate to 3.5 months of this expenditure, therefore falling in line with our Trustees' policy.

Income generation

Income generation this year improved on the prior year and we continued to diversify so as to be less reliant on one source, resulting in a more balanced fundraising profile of:

- › 57% from Trusts and Lottery
- › 20% from companies
- › 18% from individuals and community fundraising
- › 4% from Charitable Activities income
- › 1% from investment income

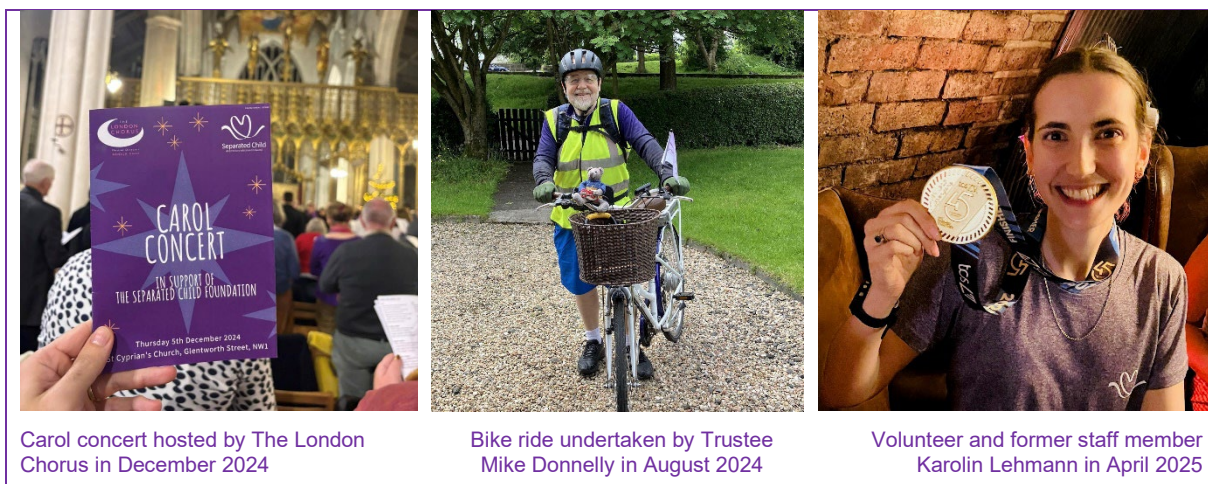
We also receive gifts in kind (such as items for the packs project and pro bono support).

Grants from Charitable Trusts, Foundations and the National Lottery Community Fund remain our main funding source and their support helps us to lever funds from other donors.

Regular donations from around 70 individuals have assured us of a regular baseline of income which was topped up last year by one-off donations towards various appeals made on social media and by email.

We are grateful that last year many of our supporters elected to raise funds for us. These community fundraising events included a carol concert, a sponsored bike ride and our first London Marathon runner.

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Carol concert hosted by The London Chorus in December 2024

Bike ride undertaken by Trustee Mike Donnelly in August 2024

Volunteer and former staff member Karolin Lehmann in April 2025

Corporate income has come from regular supporters, some of whom lend their expertise to support our IT and database systems; others support us with packing sessions or organise collections of items like toiletries for our washbags, at their places of work.

A growing source of income in the Charitable Activities category has been the fees that we are asking from companies who volunteer at packing sessions both to support our work and as team-building.

We are incredibly grateful to the individuals who volunteer their time at our 'purple packing' sessions. Without them, we simply could not survive.

We would like in particular to thank the companies esynergy and Empiric, the NLCF Awards for All programme; and the following Charitable Trusts and Foundations:

Archer Trust, Asda Foundation, Baron Davenport's Charity, Bauer Media (Cash 4 Kids), City Bridge Foundation, Dentons UKMEA LLP Charitable Trust, Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust, Evan Cornish Foundation, Fulmer Charitable Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, Gladys Wightwick Charitable Trust, Grace Trust, Green Hall Foundation, Hillcote Trust, Lady More Charitable Trust, Lawson Trust, Leigh Trust, Leri Charitable Trust, London Churches Refugee Fund, Marsh Charitable Trust, Mbili Charitable Trust, Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity, Sir James Roll Charitable Trust, Society of the Holy Child Jesus, Souter Charitable Trust, St James's Place Foundation, Stanley Grundy Charitable Foundation Limited, TCC Foundation, Tula Trust Limited and the Vintner's Foundation.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a charity, and a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6 June 2007 and registered as a charity on 24 August 2007. The charity was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established its objects and powers, and how it is governed. In the event of it being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Governance structure – Board of Trustees

During 2025 the Board comprised 13 members, including people with lived experience of the issues experienced by the young people we work with.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the strategic policy and direction of the charity and meets six times a year, in addition to an annual staff and Trustee ‘away day’. This year’s ‘away day’ took place in May, giving staff and Trustees the opportunity to reflect on challenges, to share ideas and to revise the plans for our 2025-28 strategy.

The Board is supported by a Management Committee comprising the Chair of the Board, the Deputy Chair, the Treasurer and the Chief Executive, which also meets six times a year.

During the year we accepted the resignation of Alison Hylton-Potts, our Treasurer of three years, and welcomed new Treasurer Elizabeth Henegan (a Finance Director), who also took on the role of Chair of the Management Committee, following Mike Donnelly. We are very grateful to Alison for her commitment to the charity and for her generous handover, and to Mike for his commitment to the role of Management Committee Chair. Mike also handed over the role of Deputy Chair to Arnaud Vervoitte, but we are delighted that Mike has remained an active member of the Board.

Other new Trustees joining us during the year were Giulia Vallocchia, who brings a decade’s experience in fundraising. Giulia is currently Head of Foundation at TCC Foundation and had a former senior role at Restless Development. We also welcomed Alessandra Sciarra, who currently leads policy and public affairs at the St Vincent de Paul Society, and previously held posts at the Salvation Army and the Lewisham Refugee and Migrant Network. In May we co-opted a fourth new Trustee in Uzma Ahmed, a former volunteer pack leader with the organisation. Uzma has held significant roles in the humanitarian and development sectors, working internationally in the Middle East and Africa with organisations such as the UN (UNRWA, UNHCR), I/NGOs and the private sector.

In November 2024 we said goodbye to Gloria Abramoff, long time Trustee and Chair of the Influencing Committee for many years. We thank Gloria for her longstanding commitment and in particular for supporting the Foundation through its early years.

All Trustees are asked to complete the NSPCC Introduction to Child Protection safeguarding training as part of their induction and they are expected to undertake their own research into the challenges faced by children and young adults in the UK asylum system, as well as having an understanding of the trauma and difficulties faced by separated children before they even leave their homelands.

Leadership and our staff team

Our staff team (1.8 FTE in total) is led by Hannah Williams, Chief Executive. The rest of the team comprises a Programme Manager, Helen Tirebuck, and a Project Assistant who was recruited just before the year end. During the year our Packs Co-ordinator resigned, and we repurposed the role to an Assistant to better suit the needs of the organisation and our future plans.

The team is supported by external specialists including three youth workers leading Club Class sessions, an accountancy firm, and a Trusts fundraiser, plus specialists in HR and data protection whose services we use on an ad hoc basis. Our Programme Manager Helen Tirebuck manages the three freelance youth workers for Club Class and is responsible for liaising with our Club Class partners.

Risk management

The Trustees limit expenditure to the funds available to them from time to time. It has no present intention to borrow any monies. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Key risks are recorded on our risk register and discussed at Management Committee and Board meetings.

Under our Safeguarding Policy, all trustees, staff and senior volunteers are required to hold a DBS certificate which must be updated every three years. Our youth workers and other members likely to work with children have an 'enhanced' DBS check. We have ensured that our policy and any associated procedures/training comply with statutory requirements.

Our policy reflects available guidance on good practice in safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, and that safeguarding arrangements are proportionate to the risks involved. We have committed to addressing safeguarding throughout our work, through the three pillars of prevention, reporting and response.

During the year we began a thorough review of our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and related procedures, to be completed in 2025-26. We have also drafted a Social Media Policy to be finalised in the new financial year.

The organisational risk register is updated by the Chief Executive and is reviewed and interrogated regularly by the Management Committee and the Board of Trustees.

Public benefit

The Trustees, having considered Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006, have satisfied themselves that they have complied with the duty to have regard to the Public Benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The Trustees seek to benefit primarily those separated children within the UK, wherever they reside. The activities and achievements of The Separated Child Foundation outlined in this report demonstrate that The Separated Child Foundation is providing public benefit and meeting its charitable objectives.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

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- › Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- › Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and,
- › Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that company will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other regularities.

Independent Examiners

Under the Charities Act 2006, an exemption is provided for an audit, since the annual turnover of The Separated Child Foundation is less than £500,000. Accordingly, in interests of cash flow preservation, the Trustees have not appointed an auditor but have appointed an Independent Examiner.

Godfrey Wilson Limited was re-appointed as Independent Examiner to the charitable company during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Elizabeth Henegan (Treasurer)

Date: 24 November 2025

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

The Separated Child Foundation

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Separated Child Foundation (the charitable company) for the year ended 30 June 2025, which are set out on pages 25 to 36.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

Godfrey Wilson Limited also provides bookkeeping and payroll services to the charitable company. I confirm that as a member of the ICAEW I am subject to the FRC's Revised Ethical Standard 2024, which I have applied with respect to this engagement.

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 charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

The Separated Child Foundation

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.

Dougal Howard

Date: 24 November 2025

Dougal Howard ACA

Member of the ICAEW

For and on behalf of:

Godfrey Wilson Limited

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors

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Statement of financial activities *(incorporating an income and expenditure account)*

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	80,515	158,075	238,590	199,625
Charitable activities	4	-	11,406	11,406	-
Investments		-	2,011	2,011	2,848
Total income		<u>80,515</u>	<u>171,492</u>	<u>252,007</u>	<u>202,473</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	10,641	10,641	13,715
Charitable activities		<u>74,332</u>	<u>147,222</u>	<u>221,554</u>	<u>276,330</u>
Total expenditure	5	<u>74,332</u>	<u>157,863</u>	<u>232,195</u>	<u>290,045</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds	6	<u>6,183</u>	<u>13,629</u>	<u>19,812</u>	<u>(87,572)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>25,203</u>	<u>66,891</u>	<u>92,094</u>	<u>179,666</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>31,386</u></u>	<u><u>80,520</u></u>	<u><u>111,906</u></u>	<u><u>92,094</u></u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 12 to the accounts.

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Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets				
Debtors	9	704		247
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>125,708</u>		<u>101,124</u>
		126,412		101,371
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	10	<u>(14,506)</u>		<u>(9,277)</u>
Net assets	11		<u>111,906</u>	<u>92,094</u>
Funds	12			
Restricted funds			31,386	25,203
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			<u>80,520</u>	<u>66,891</u>
Total charity funds			<u>111,906</u>	<u>92,094</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the Company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act; and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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

Approved by the trustees on 24 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Fathiaa Abdalla - Chair of Trustees

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2025

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The Separated Child Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. The registered office address is 84 Cromwell Road, London, SW19 8NA.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Separated Child Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

c) Income

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

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

f) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

f) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

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

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

g) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities based on cost as follows:

	2025	2024
Raising funds	4.6%	4.7%
Charitable activities	95.4%	95.3%

h) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

i) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

j) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

k) Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

l) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

m) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2024 Total
	£	£	£
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	72,137	127,488	199,625
Investments	-	2,848	2,848
Total income	<u>72,137</u>	<u>130,336</u>	<u>202,473</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	13,715	13,715
Charitable activities	60,265	216,065	276,330
Total expenditure	<u>60,265</u>	<u>229,780</u>	<u>290,045</u>
Net income / (expenditure) and net movements in funds	<u>11,872</u>	<u>(99,444)</u>	<u>(87,572)</u>

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Trusts / NLCF	80,515	62,550	143,065
Donations	-	95,525	95,525
Total income from donations and legacies	80,515	158,075	238,590

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Trusts / NLCF	46,934	59,700	106,634
Donations	25,203	67,788	92,991
Total income from donations and legacies	72,137	127,488	199,625

Donations income includes gifts in kind of £650 for IT support (2024: £nil).

4. Income from charitable activities

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Corporate packing sessions	11,406	-

All income from corporate packing sessions was unrestricted.

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5. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support costs £	2025 Total £
Staff costs (note 7)	-	56,980	14,567	71,547
Fundraising costs	9,417	-	-	9,417
Arrival and sleep packs	-	115,814	-	115,814
Club class	-	20,723	-	20,723
Operational costs	-	2,550	9,504	12,054
Independent examination fees	-	-	2,640	2,640
Sub-total	9,417	196,067	26,711	232,195
Allocation of support and governance costs	1,224	25,487	(26,711)	-
Total expenditure	10,641	221,554	-	232,195

Total governance costs were £2,640 (2024: £2,460).

Prior period comparative	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support costs £	2024 Total £
Staff costs (note 7)	-	91,522	27,014	118,536
Fundraising costs	11,757	-	-	11,757
Arrival and sleep packs	-	112,733	-	112,733
Club class	-	22,947	-	22,947
Operational costs	-	9,680	11,932	21,612
Independent examination fees	-	-	2,460	2,460
Sub-total	11,757	236,882	41,406	290,045
Allocation of support and governance costs	1,958	39,448	(41,406)	-
Total expenditure	13,715	276,330	-	290,045

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6. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	22	334
Independent examiners' remuneration (excluding VAT):		
▪ Independent examination	2,200	2,050
▪ Other services	<u>4,695</u>	<u>4,238</u>

One trustee was reimbursed for DBS check costs (£22) during the current year. In the previous year, two trustee were reimbursed for travel costs and subsistence costs (£334).

7. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages	68,091	111,903
Social security costs	1,866	4,373
Pension costs	<u>1,590</u>	<u>2,260</u>
	<u>71,547</u>	<u>118,536</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the current or prior year.

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the Chief Executive Officer, Hannah Williams. (2024: Chief Executive Officer, Richard Hammond and Hannah Williams). The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £48,559 (2024: £47,644).

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Average head count	<u>2.4</u>	<u>5.0</u>

8. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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9. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments	<u>704</u>	<u>247</u>

10. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	11,446	6,204
Accruals	<u>3,060</u>	<u>3,073</u>
	<u>14,506</u>	<u>9,277</u>

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	31,386	95,026	126,412
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,506)</u>	<u>(14,506)</u>
Net assets at 30 June 2025	<u>31,386</u>	<u>80,520</u>	<u>111,906</u>

Prior period comparative

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	25,203	76,168	101,371
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,227)</u>	<u>(9,277)</u>
Net assets at 30 June 2024	<u>25,203</u>	<u>66,941</u>	<u>92,094</u>

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12. Movements in funds

	At 1 July 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30 June 2025 £
Restricted funds				
Baron Davenport's Charity	-	1,250	(1,250)	-
Bournemouth Club Class	-	27,265	(21,082)	6,183
Croydon Club Class	-	9,000	(9,000)	-
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Evan Cornish Foundation	-	4,000	(4,000)	-
Green Hall Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Lawson Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Leri Charitable Trust	-	11,500	(11,500)	-
London Churches Refugee Fund	-	500	(500)	-
Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Sobell Foundation	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Stanley Grundy Charitable Foundation Limited	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
The Ester Gluck Award	25,203	-	-	25,203
Tula Trust Limited	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Total restricted funds	25,203	80,515	(74,332)	31,386
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	66,891	171,492	(157,863)	80,520
Total unrestricted funds	66,891	171,492	(157,863)	80,520
Total funds	92,094	252,007	(232,195)	111,906

Purposes of restricted funds

Baron Davenport's Charity	Funding for arrival and sleep packs including management and distribution.
Bournemouth Club Class	Funding for delivering Club Class in Bournemouth. Made up of grants from NLCF Awards for All (£18,635), Asda Foundation (£1,000), Bauer media (£2,190), Ironmongers' Company (£2,940) and St James's Place Foundation (£2,500).
Croydon Club Class	Funding for Club Class in London. Made up of grants from: City Bridge Foundation (£5,000) and Vinters' Foundation (£4,000).
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	Grant to provide 30 separated children with an arrival pack and sleep pack.
Evan Cornish Foundation	Grant to provide arrival and sleep packs to 59 children living in Northern regions (North East, North West and Yorkshire).

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Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Green Hall Foundation	Grant to provide 232 separated children with an essentials pack.
Lawson Trust	Grant to provide 233 children with an essentials pack.
Leri Charitable Trust	Grant to provide 168 children with an arrival and sleep pack each.
London Churches Refugee Fund	Providing separated children with an essentials pack.
Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity	Funding for arrival and sleep packs including management and distribution.
Sobell Foundation	Funding for arrival and sleep packs including management and distribution.
Stanley Grundy Charitable Foundation Limited	Funding for arrival and sleep packs including management and distribution.
The Ester Gluck Award	The funds raised for the Ester Gluck Awards will be used to fund prizes and certificates for the award winners.
Tula Trust Limited	Funding for arrival and sleep packs including management and distribution.

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12. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior period comparative	At 1 July 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30 June 2024 £
Restricted funds				
7 Stars Foundation	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
Baron davenport's Charity	-	1,035	(1,035)	-
City Bridge Foundation	-	1,250	(1,250)	-
Croydon Relief In Need Charity	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Diocese of Southwark (via Croydon Minster)	-	2,649	(2,649)	-
February Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
George Oliver Foundation	4,053	-	(4,053)	-
Leri Charitable Trust	-	11,500	(11,500)	-
NLCF - Awards for All	8,528	-	(8,528)	-
Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Sobell Foundation	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Stanley Grundy Charitable Foundation Limited	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
The Ester Gluck Award	-	25,203	-	25,203
Truemark Trust	750	-	(750)	-
Tula Trust Limited	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Underwood Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Total restricted funds	13,331	72,137	(60,265)	25,203
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	166,335	130,336	(229,780)	66,891
Total unrestricted funds	166,335	130,336	(229,780)	66,891
Total funds	179,666	202,473	(290,045)	92,094

13. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the current or prior period.

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(A Charity, founded in 2007, and a company limited by guarantee)



From a Club Class session on compassion (summer 2023)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES 2023-24

The Trustees present their report and independently examined financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP) issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name:	The Separated Child Foundation
Charity registration number:	1120669
Company registration number:	06270575
Registered Office:	84 Cromwell Road, London, SW19 8NA

Trustees

Fathiaa Abdalla	Chair (Appointed as Trustee in July 2023 and as Chair in January 2024)
Angela Gluck	Lifetime Trustee (Acting Chair from January 2022 to January 2024)
Arnaud Vervoitte	Deputy Chair
Alison Hylton-Potts	Honorary Treasurer
Michael Donnelly	Chair of Management Committee
Hannah Ward	Chair of Influencing Committee (Resigned in September 2023)
Gloria Abramoff	
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Christina Moore	
Lauren Murray	
Rabia Nasimi	
Alemu Tebeje	
Matthew Lam Joar	(Appointed in January 2024)

Company Secretary

Hannah Williams

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PATRONS



Lord (Alfred) Dubs has held key positions in local and national government, and in several influential organisations. He was Labour MP (1979-87), Director of the Refugee Council (1988-95) and since 1994 a Labour life peer, Baron Dubs of Battersea. A child refugee fleeing Nazism, he champions the rights of separated children; he successfully introduced an amendment to the Immigration Act 2016 to offer them safe passage to Britain during the refugee crisis.



Dr Anthony Julius is a prominent British lawyer and academic, whose doctorate is in English literature. A highly regarded litigation lawyer, he has acted for many high-profile clients. He is a partner in the prestigious London law firm Mishcon de Reya, Chairs the economics consultancy, Oxera, and holds the chair in Law and Arts in the Faculty of Laws at University College London.



The Baroness Neuberger DBE is a rabbi and social reformer, and in the period 1997-2004 she was Chief Executive of the King's Fund. Julia Neuberger was created a life peer in 2004 and in 2007 Chaired the Commission on the Future of Volunteering. Her publications include *The Moral State We're In* (2005). She served as Senior Rabbi of West London Synagogue 2011-20.



Jonathan Ross OBE is a film critic, chat show host and presenter of television and radio. His Queen's Birthday Honour in 2005 was given for services to broadcasting. He has received BAFTAs three times for television entertainment performance and, in 2008, the Sony Gold Award 'Music Radio Personality of the Year'.

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CHAIR'S REVIEW

I am honoured to have been appointed as Chair of Trustees (January 2024) for The Separated Child Foundation, with the mandate of offering practical, emotional, and social support to separated children and young people who seek asylum in the UK.

The demand for our work remains high as over 3,400 separated children claimed asylum here in 2023. These children arrive mostly with nothing, having fled their homelands because of war or persecution, travelling alone because their parents have been killed or were unable to leave.

Separated children routinely take the dangerous journey across the Channel, travelling in small boats like dinghies, which are completely unfit for the rough seas they may face, and arriving on our shores in Dover, Kent. They take these routes to seek safety and protection in the UK.

Since 2007 our main work has been providing welcome packs: giving comfort with clothes, toiletries and essential items to children who arrive with nothing but the threadbare clothes they stand up in. Whilst arrivals by small boat reduced last year compared to the prior year, demand remains high for our essentials packs that are solely distributed by our partners in Dover.

If we add these together with the arrival and sleep packs, last year we distributed almost 6,200 packs to children. This could not have been achieved without our 50 regular volunteer 'Purple Packers'. Last year's packing sessions were assisted by volunteers from our corporate partners like esynergy and community groups like Croydon Minster. We are immensely grateful – thank you!

During the year – after a thorough research and consultation process – we also launched vital resources for foster carers in the form of an animated video to help them better prepare for the emotional, sociological, and physical needs of separated children.

Our two Club Classes – our weekly after school educational, social and cultural programme for children aged 14-21 – in London and Bournemouth, went from strength to strength. In our evaluation 89% of children attending both Club Classes said they had improved their English, and 100% reported making new friends and learning more about UK life to help them integrate, because of Club Class.

We remain proud to be active members of three campaigning groups – 'Together with Refugees', 'Refugee Migrant Children's Consortium' and 'Families Together': co-signing demands to the government such as ending to the practice of placing children into hotels whilst they await their asylum decisions.

In February, Richard Hammond – our CEO and first staff member – retired and he has been replaced by Hannah Williams, our former Operations Manager. Hannah now leads our team, which comprises our Programme Manager and our Project Co-ordinator for packs, supported by 12 passionate Trustees and our superb team of regular volunteers.

This year was characterised by socioeconomic and political challenges that had an impact on many vulnerable groups. After a challenging year for funding, we reviewed and adapted our strategy and we have lowered our forecast for the next year, aiming to spend £275k. Free reserves at year end were £67k or three months of our budgeted expenditure in the next financial year, in line with the Trustees' Reserves Policy.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my appreciation to our team and volunteers who work tirelessly to address the needs of separated children, as well as to our partners, and donors – Trusts, companies, and all those individuals who support our work. Our success in making a difference in the lives of separated children would not have been possible without your generous support.

Fathiaa Abdalla

Chair of Trustees

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Background

The Separated Child Foundation was set up in memory of Ester Gluck (see right) who was born in 1982 and who died in 2006 at the age of 24. Compassionate and creative, Ester was deeply committed to working for the benefit of refugees and people seeking asylum.

In particular, she cared about the needs of young refugees, especially those who have become separated from their parents and close family.



Charitable objectives and aims

The Separated Child Foundation has two aims:

- › To offer emotional, social, financial and physical support to separated children and young people, either directly or indirectly through their carers; and,
- › To engage in educational activities that raise awareness of the needs of separated children and young people, and of refugees and people seeking asylum more generally, and that encourage positive responses to them.

Welcome packs

The need for our work remains high, with over 3,400 separated children (also known as unaccompanied minors) claiming asylum here in 2023. They flee their homes in Afghanistan, Sudan, Syria and other war zones and / or places of persecution in search of safety. They travel alone because their parents have been killed or are unable to leave; they have faced traumatic events and are extremely brave.

When separated children and young people arrive in our country, it is almost always at the end of a difficult, demanding and dangerous journey. Some separated children have even experienced traumatic events such as seeing their travel companions, sometimes their brothers and sisters, being killed by smugglers, or dying in the sea or during a sandstorm.

Invariably they arrive exhausted, lacking even the most basic necessities of life, after walking in groups at night, sleeping during the day and taking turns to keep watch.

The packs project is our main work, accounting for around half of our budget. Last year we distributed nearly 6,200 packs to children. Our packs are given to children at different points, on arrival into the UK, and / or on arrival to the location that the government decides to disperse them to via the National Transfer Scheme (NTS).

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Arrival packs (see right) are tailored for boys / girls and different sizes with toiletries, a towel, flip flops, three pairs of socks / t-shirts / underwear, unisex sweatpants, hoodie or warm jumper, a weatherproof jacket, notepad and pen, a hat, gloves and scarf.



Sleep packs (see left) are pouches containing everything needed to restore restful and refreshing sleep to children after their horrendous journeys: a night shirt, night light, lavender bag, ear plugs, eye mask, stress ball, a 'sweet dreams card' and text free leaflet explaining how to use the pack items. Below we have set out how partners use them as a tool to restore refreshing sleep cycles.

Most partners distribute both packs, but some areas just take arrival or sleep packs.

Essentials packs (see right) have been developed to be distributed solely by our Dover partners the Refugee Council who are responsible for looking after separated children who have arrived by boat.

The Refugee Council have a unit in Dover where children stay for 24 hours before they are sent to their allocated local authority area as part of the government's national transfer scheme. Essential packs contain toiletries, three changes of underwear, socks and t-shirts as well as a towel as this complements the track suit provided by the border force to the children on arrival.



Feedback from children

"I really liked the light. It's dim and I can sleep with it. I smelt this [the lavender bag] and the first night I slept like never before."

"I have clean clothes! I had only the ones I was wearing, now I have a choice, thank you!"

"I get scared at night and I can't sleep, the little light helps me to see."

"The squeeze ball helps me when I am stressed."

"I love the lavender!"

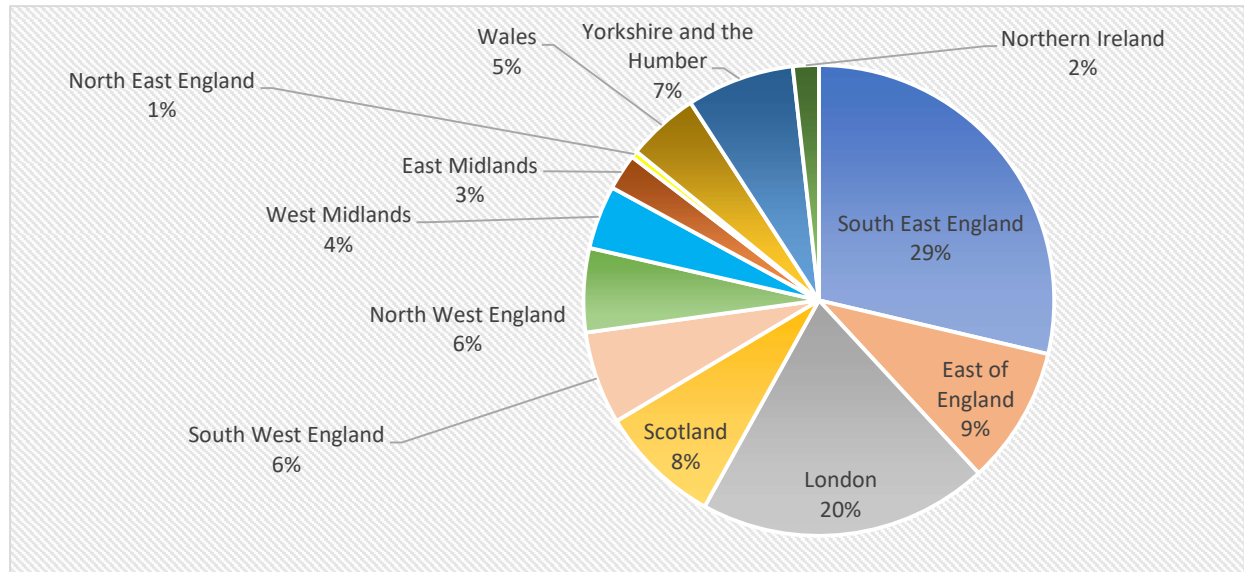
"This was very good, I come with nothing and was scared. This make me happy and make me know there are good people."

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Packs distribution network

As can be seen from the graph below, we are growing our distribution network for arrival and sleep packs. Some partners collect packs (49%) and for others, delivery is made using Parcelforce (47%) or arranged by hiring a driver (4%).

We have worked hard to expand distribution outside of our South East heartland and last year worked with partners as far afield as Plymouth, Liverpool, Kent, Gateshead, Glasgow and Northern Ireland. The chart below shows the distribution of arrival and sleep packs over the last year.



Our partners

Packs are distributed to children by our partners: charities, local authorities, and NHS services that are in direct contact with children and young people across England, Scotland and Wales.

We have both national and local partners, including well known charities such as Barnardo's, The Children's Society, Freedom from Torture, Refugee Council, Centrepoin, Migrant Help, Guardianship Scotland and British Red Cross.

Locally we work with charities like Portsmouth Hive, BACA - Loughborough, Bedford Open Door, Young London, Young Roots, Birmingham Children's Trust, Hillingdon Refugee Support Group, International Care Network in Bournemouth, Fareham CAB, The Harbour Project and Love146.

Last year we gained new partners like Roc Solid, Hummingbird Refugee Project, Changing Lives, Bedspace Resource, YMCA Sussex, Children's Family Trust, Guardianship Scotland and the Fostering Foundation.

Impact and feedback from partners

The reports shared by partners in the quarterly evaluation forms indicated that the packs have three main positive impacts on their work with separated asylum-seeking children:

1. They help to build and strengthen the relationship between frontline professionals and children. Whether social workers, nurses, doctors, or youth workers, the packs play a role in facilitating the human interaction that is often hindered by language and culture barriers.

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2. They make children and young people smile. Unfortunately, a smile is not a given gesture for many children who have experienced traumatic events, violence and neglect. Many partners reported how this smile was a strong symbolic signal that meant a lot when packs were given out.
3. In a broader sense, being able to give our packs to children contributes to a welcoming environment. Partners have varied capacity to be able provide that environment, so the packs can play a unique role in showing care and protection.

In 2024 a sleep pack evaluation was conducted with young people and partners which concluded that:

- › Our sleep packs are generally given to a young person during a wider conversation about their mental health and/or wellbeing, and specifically how they are sleeping. The person giving the pack (usually a social worker or NHS practitioner such as a mental health nurse) will explain what's in the pack and how the young person can use the contents to get a better night's sleep.
- › Some children are embarrassed to say that they have issues with sleep and won't take the packs when first offered (although will often accept them at a later stage).
- › There is a correlation between giving a sleep pack and young people feeling safe enough to disclose issues (sleep-related or otherwise) that may be troubling them.

Our partners have reported that the physical act of handing a sleep pack to a young person often opens up a conversation. As the contents of the packs are being discussed, the professional supporting the young person can speak more broadly about sleep challenges, which can be a stigmatised topic.

As noted by Guardianship Scotland: *"The young person's initial response on receiving the pack is a mix of curiosity and excitement but sleep might be a sensitive topic, and we have found that adolescent boys may feel ashamed to report being scared or having problems with sleep. By giving a sleep pack alongside a conversation or supporting guidance, it is possible to offer support even if the children and young people themselves haven't yet disclosed a particular issue."*

Feedback from partners:

"These have been a game changer for our young people. We are now taking spontaneous arrivals and most come with absolutely nothing - so thank you. You can tell this made them feel safe."

Bristol City Council

"We are very grateful for the sleep packs, it has been a great resource and helpful for initiating conversations with young people about sleep hygiene and mental health more broadly."

1625 Independent People

"Staff and volunteers were very impressed with the quality and contents of the welcome packs. They felt it was great to be able to give our younger service users something special."

St Chad's Sanctuary

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"Very helpful support for our work around managing trauma symptoms, psychoeducational and sleep hygiene. Thank you for your contribution."

South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust

"The young people appreciated the packs as this allowed us time to spend with young people rather than have to go out and source items when a young person presents to us, allowing us time to alleviate their anxieties and distress."

North Somerset Council

"We find the packs a really helpful, efficient and fair way to give a 'full set' of essential items to recently arrived young people we work with."

Young Roots

"Being able to give out the packs alongside other work that a therapist will do at our upcoming therapy days, will be a really helpful way of providing practical assistance to help consolidate the emotional and mental health support we will be giving."

Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (GARAS)

Our packing team and 'Purple Packers'

During the year 50 volunteers came together regularly to assemble pack items into the duffle bags and pouches in 'Purple Packing' sessions, including two volunteers who came to the UK as refugees. Big Yellow Self Storage provide most of our storage facilities and a pack preparation area, for free.

The goods making up the packs come from trusted suppliers, including a charity that 'rescues' unwanted goods from disposal and destruction, and makes them available at a low price. We have developed relationships with companies who can donate pack items and regularly receive gifts in kind of toiletries from Lush.

We have developed several volunteer roles to support the delivery of the packing project. As of June 2024 we had nine 'Pack Leaders' – all of whom hold DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks and First Aid qualifications, and who have completed NSPCC safeguarding and child protection training. They can run packing sessions independently, liaising with the Project Co-ordinator to ensure orders for packs can be fulfilled. Another volunteer is responsible for sending out evaluation forms to partners on a quarterly basis; the findings are analysed by the staff team with any suggestions from the partners incorporated into project development. We have a Volunteer Coordinator who is the first point of contact for new volunteers and manages the rota for packing sessions. Two former staff members have recently returned to us as volunteers.

We encourage young volunteers to participate via The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and other schemes, giving them experience to help future employment prospects, working alongside ongoing committed volunteers.

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Over the last year teams from AXA XL, Quintain Living, SCOPE, Vanguard and Vodafone, as well as CBRE (pictured left), and GlobalLogic (pictured right), and community groups like local Scouts and church groups, volunteered to join our packing sessions.



Our Project Co-ordinator is responsible for managing our volunteers, co-ordinating packing sessions and for monitoring data and producing reports.

Sessions have been held in community locations such as churches. *See right for Croydon Minster packing day with members of their congregation. See left for a batch of essential packs ready for Dover.*



Feedback from corporate volunteering sessions

"We arrived not really knowing what to expect but were warmly welcomed by Hannah and her team to help them create welcome packs for separated children. The powerful point was to hear some of the stories and the positive impact the packs have on the wellbeing and mental health of the children, very humbling." **Quintain Living**

"We all enjoyed it, and it has been a great experience for us." **CBRE**

"It was a moving display of team spirit and a reminder that refugees are mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and children." **Vanguard**

"The plight of these children and the incredible work you do brought tears to our eyes, thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this important cause and give these young people some comfort through the sleep packs. The team really enjoyed working with you." **Vodafone**

The profile of children helped

Whilst events in Ukraine and latterly in Afghanistan and Sudan have dominated recent news cycles, children receiving packs have fled from wars and conflict all over the world. This is exemplified in our profiling of where children have fled from at least 27 different countries and regions: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Iran, Iraq, Kurdistan Region, Kuwait, Libya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Vietnam and Yemen. The majority of the children we helped were aged between 12 and 18 years old (95%), with 37.5% between 12 and 16 and 57.5% were 17 or 18 years old.

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Club Class

Club Class is a cross between a club and a class: an educational, social, and cultural programme for separated children aged 14-21 which runs every week after school including during school holidays.

We run it in partnership in London and Bournemouth with the Refugee Council and International Care Network respectively. Partnering enables us – together - to offer a holistic service to children as our partners are already providing other services e.g. accommodation, as well as support at immigration appointments, and art and music therapy.

Club Class is a great place for children to meet peers, make friends, have fun, build confidence and improve their English, in a safe environment. Sessions help children develop social and life skills, providing information about UK systems and processes affecting them. After sessions children have time to relax, play games and eat together which helps them form bonds and build a network. Care is taken to source food that they would have eaten in their countries of origin.

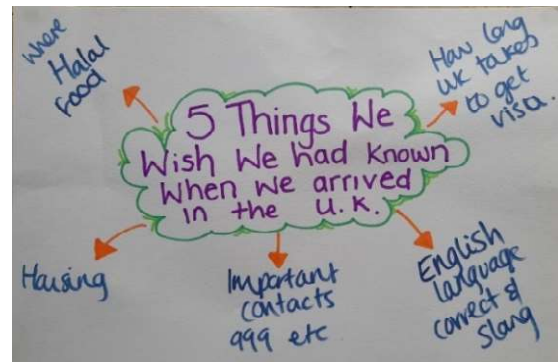
Over the last year, we helped around 150 children, with an average of 17 attending each session. Most children are regular attendees, with others coming a handful of times to find their feet on first arriving or whilst awaiting relocation elsewhere in the UK.

Throughout the year sessions explored UK culture, customs and traditions, mental, physical, and emotional health, studying and future careers, managing money and building relationships.

Since 2023 in response to the children's feedback we have incorporated additional days out – with a social and educational purpose - during school holidays. Activities last year included a kayaking / raft building trip, bowling, Christmas ice skating and more recently Crazy Golf.

For specialist topics guest facilitators are invited to lead sessions, for instance last year included Sexual Health Dorset, Off the Record and Babylon Migrants Project on sexual health and consent, mental health and stress, and creative expression respectively.

In a recent session (see right), we encouraged children to think back to their arrival here. They explored the 'top 5' things they wished they'd known when they first arrived which would have helped them.



This has helped to inform session design for the rest of 2024.

Outcomes

The three outcomes we track formally are that attendees report that they have:

1. Made new friends.
2. Practiced their spoken English so as to improve it.
3. Improved knowledge / understanding of UK life (culture, customs, living independently, staying safe etc.).

Last year's evaluation found that:

- > 100% of children attending said they had made friends.
- > 89% reported their English had improved; and,
- > 100% reported that we helped them learn about UK life.

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Feedback from children

"From coming to Club Class I have learnt many things and met lots of new people /new friends."

"I like all the topics to help me understand the culture of England. I come if I need help or to ask questions, sometimes to play games."

"I feel like I am part of the society. All staff are amazing with their help."

Training for foster carers

Over the last two years we have identified a need for the foster carers of separated children to be better prepared for the emotional, sociological and physical needs which separated children uniquely present with. Our ambition is that every foster carer who cares for (or is planning on caring for) a separated child is aware of, and has access to, pertinent and high-quality information to better help them prepare ahead of their young person arriving, enabling the best possible outcome for both child and carer.

In autumn 2023, we launched a new resource for foster carers in the form of an animated video. Our Programme Manager identified and consulted with appropriate professionals and agencies to create the content and ultimately promote the video in order to maximise access amongst foster carers, this included foster carers, fostering agencies, local authority fostering teams, social workers and academics, as well as peer agencies who work front line with professionals supporting separated children. The video was featured in the Foster Talk December issue e-magazine with a circulation of 19,000 foster carers (*FosterTalk is an independent, non-profit support provider for the fostering sector across the UK, established in 2004*).

Since being launched online, the video has been viewed 533 times on YouTube. As well as being watched by individuals, some local authorities have been using the video as a training tool. Blackpool Local Authority reported that the video was used in their 'learning circles' between December 2023 to March 2024; the learning circle training was delivered to all their social workers and children's services staff to raise awareness of the specific complexities of working with separated children.

Feedback on the video

*"Very good for families about to look after a separated young person." **Foster carer***

*"Very informative." **Scottish Border Local Authority***

*"After caring for our first separated young person, your video helped me think and reflect on how to do it better. Thanks." **Foster carer***

*"Excellent resource." **Lead nurse for unaccompanied asylum seeking children***

Through discussions with contacts and recipients of the video, sleep hygiene / disrupted sleep was raised as an important topic for which there are few high-quality resources available. The Separated Child Foundation is exploring possible future projects around 'sleep' including a collaboration with a national charity which is one of the leading, independent expert voices on sleep issues in the UK.

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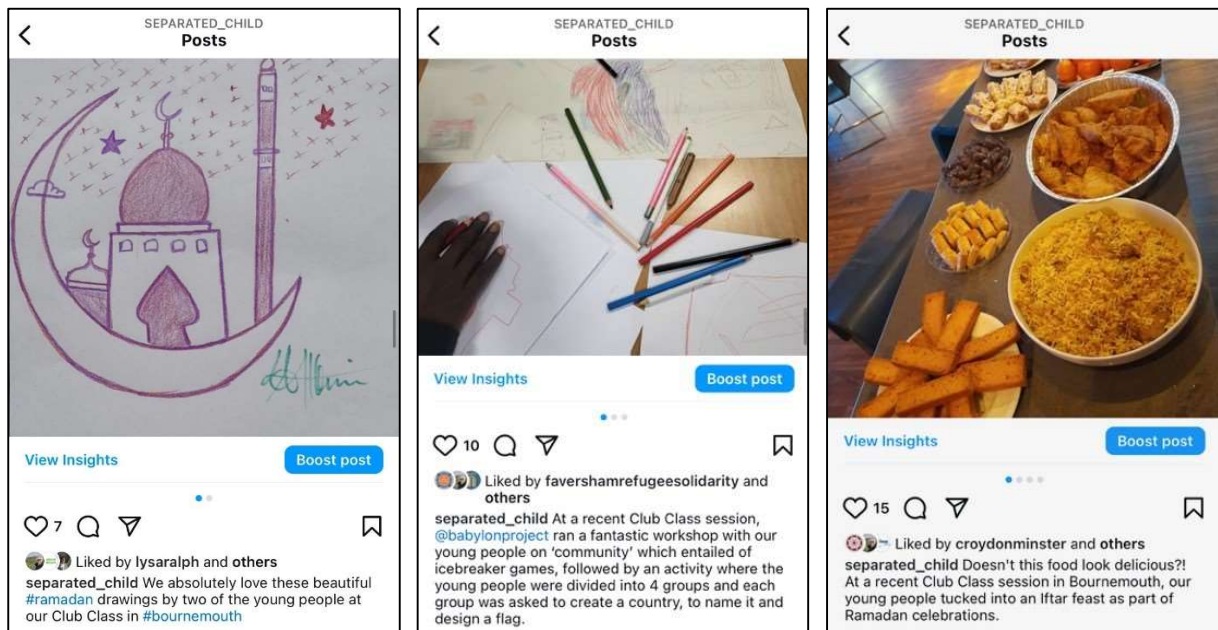
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Giving children a voice

We use digital communications to tell the children's stories, sharing their needs and hopes and raising awareness of the challenges they face to encourage compassionate responses to them in wider society.

During the year we have shared pictures of Club Class activities and days out to demonstrate the importance of varied social and cultural experiences for the children we support.

We protect the dignity and safety of the children we work with by not showing their faces in photos, anonymising their feedback and comments, and asking their permission before sharing their words.



Instagram posts showing Club Class activities and experiences throughout the year

Influencing

We have continued as members of three campaigning groups this year - 'Together with Refugees', 'Refugee Migrant Children's Consortium' and 'Families Together'. We have co-signed letters on issues such as demanding an end to the practise of placing children into hotels whilst they await their decisions. We have also participated in selected coalition-led campaigns to change government policy, empowering our social media followers and email subscribers to advocate on behalf of separated children.

In spring 2024 we signed the Fair Begins Here Promise, calling on the government for a fair new plan for refugees which includes protection for people fleeing war and persecution, a proper strategy for welcoming refugees, and stronger global cooperation.

Joining celebrities and campaigners in Parliament Square Gardens (see right) on World Refugee Day 2024



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The Ester Gluck Awards

We launched the Ester Gluck Awards in 2022, to celebrate separated children who have delivered or initiated a project which promoted positive social change. These awards suitably recognise Ester as the inspiration for the establishment of the Foundation and honour her life and memory.

The winner of the 2024 Award was Ali Ghaderi, Founder of Babylon Migrants Project.

Recognition of our work



Whilst the feedback from our partners and beneficiaries is the most valuable assessment of our work, we were delighted to receive recognition in the form of The Mitzvah Day Beneficiary Charity Award in April this year.

This award is testament to the compassionate ambition that connects our volunteers, Trustees and staff.

Chair of The Separated Child Foundation, Fathiaa Abdalla, receiving the Beneficiary Charity Award from Mitzvah Day CEO, Stuart Diamond, in April 2024 (see left)

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - FUTURE PLANS

The coming year is the second of our five-year strategy 2023-28.

The packs project will continue to be our main work, taking up over half of our spend. Given the challenging funding environment, we have lowered our forecasts for the next two years, aiming to spend around £275k per annum, funding dependent. We will develop proposals and apply for funding for new initiatives such as training videos and a third Club Class.

Priority areas remain as below:

Welcome packs: we aim to maintain numbers distributed, whilst continuing to balance distribution by engaging new partners outside of our South East heartland. We have increased our budget to £50 per arrival pack, £10 per sleep pack and £21.50 per essential pack to reflect the increased cost of the items in each pack.

We spoke to children at Club Class last year on how we could improve the packs. Funding dependent we aim to implement their ideas which ranged from simple adjustments like swapping flip flops for sliders, to more costly ideas like including trainers, shoulder bags and more waterproof outerwear.

We aim to engage more partners further North, encourage more gifts in kind, build our volunteer base and increase income from companies who join us for corporate packing sessions. We will continue to try and engage companies to donate pack items to us to reduce cash spend.

Club Class: we will continue to develop our weekly Club Class programmes in London and Bournemouth with additional activities such as trips out. Funding dependent we aim to develop a third Club Class, using feedback from children and evaluation data to improve the Club Class offer.

Evaluation: we will continue to seek feedback on our work from children attending our Club Class, so that separated children have a lead role in informing the direction of our work.

Training for foster carers: we intend to develop training resources around sleep hygiene for foster carers as this affects so many separated children after their unimaginable journeys. This would link to our sleep packs and we are currently exploring a collaboration with a national charity, which is one of the leading, independent expert voices on sleep issues in the UK.

Giving children a voice: we will continue to empower separated children to tell their stories and reflect on their experiences, needs and hopes in a safe and dignified way.

Influencing: we will use our direct experience with children to add weight to our authority and influencing work. We will advocate and influence nationally via our membership of long-established campaigning groups.

Infrastructure: we aim to continue to retain low overheads; using resources efficiently. We will monitor the staffing structure and roles to ensure they are appropriate for our developing needs, and to optimise the opportunities offered through volunteers.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity has limited assets and receives no statutory funding. Our main source of funding is voluntary income through donations from individuals, companies, Trusts, the National Lottery Community Fund, and gifts in kind (items for the Packs and pro bono support).

The Income and Expenditure Account shows total incoming resources for the year ending 30 June 2024 (YE24) of £202k (YE23 - £268k). Resources expended amount to £290k (YE23 - £281k), which left a net deficit of £88k.

Total net assets at the year-end amounted to £92k (YE23 - £180k) of which £25k were restricted funds (YE23 - £13k).

Excluding fundraising costs, 94p of each £1 invested reached separated children. Fundraising costs as a ratio of income raised were 7%.

Reserves policy and position

Our YE24 free reserves amounted to £67k. The Trustees' policy is to hold three to six months of the coming year expenditure in free liquid reserves. This will mitigate the risk of reducing our services to separated children should income drop unexpectedly.

We have estimated that our YE25 plans will cost £275k and our free reserves equate to three months of this expenditure, therefore falling in line with the Trustees' policy.

Income generation

Whilst fundraising last year was challenging, we secured £199.6k in total from our generous donors and succeeded in diversifying our income sources so as to be less reliant on one source, with:

- › 53% (c.£107k) of funding from Trusts/ Lottery (63% in YE23)
- › 28% (c.£57k) of funding was from individuals and community (26% in YE23)
- › 18% (c.£36k) was from companies (11% in YE23)

We also generated £2.8k from our investments and secured a relationship with Lush, who now gift us toiletries for our packs.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of our Trusts and Foundation supporters (acknowledged below) whose grants help us lever funds from other donors.

We receive regular donations from connections of the Trustees and volunteers, which has assured us of a regular baseline of income. Investment into digital campaigns has raised public awareness of our charity and increased our email subscribers. We have been converting some of these into regular donors but at a slower rate than hoped for.

We are grateful that last year many of our supporters elected to raise funds for us. These community fundraising events included an afternoon tea, a carol concert, a sponsored bike ride and sponsored walk, as well as a football tournament and toiletry collections organised by our corporate volunteer groups to support our work.

Corporate income has come from regular supporters, some of whom also support us with packing sessions, and one with our IT and database systems.

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Towards the end of the year we began to generate charitable activities income from charging a fee for companies to join our packing sessions, using them as team building events.

We are incredibly grateful to the individuals, and organisations who donate money and gifts in kind to us, and the individuals who volunteer their time. Without them, we simply could not survive. We would like in particular to thank esynergy, Empiric, the NLCF Awards for All programme; and the following Trusts and Foundations:

7 Stars Foundation, Alchemy Foundation, Archer Trust, Baron Davenport's Charity, City Bridge Foundation, Croydon Relief in Need Charity, Diocese of Southwark and Croydon Minster, February Foundation, Fulmer Charitable Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, J &H Orlander Trust; Lady More Charitable Trust, Leigh Trust, Leri Charitable Trust, Marsh Charitable Trust, Mbili Charitable Trust, Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity, Society of the Holy Child Jesus, Souter Charitable Trust, Stanley Grundy Charitable Foundation Limited, Tula Trust Limited, and The Underwood Trust.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Foundation is a charity, and a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6 June 2007 and registered as a charity on 24 August 2007. The charity was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established its objects and powers, and how it is governed. In the event of it being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Governance structure – Board of Trustees

During 23-24, the Board expanded to a total of 12 members, including people with lived experience of the issues experienced by our beneficiaries.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the strategic policy and direction of the charity and meets six times a year. The Board is also supported by a Management Committee (comprising Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer and CEO) meeting six times a year, and an Influencing Committee. The charity's policies and procedures are all approved by the Board of Trustees and reviewed every 1-3 years.

Last year we gained a new Chair, Fathiaa Abdalla, whose extensive experience includes UNHCR representative to Kenya and Afghanistan, and senior leadership positions in UNHCR, UNICEF, Save the Children, OXFAM and MSF. Our Co-Founder, Angela Gluck, remains on our Board as a lifetime Trustee. We were joined by a new Trustee, Lam Joar, former Refugee Olympic Team member and MSc Refugee & Forced Migration Graduate (University of Oxford).

All Trustees are required to complete the NSPCC Introduction to Child Protection safeguarding training as part of their induction and they are expected to undertake their own research into the challenges faced by children and young adults in the UK asylum system, as well as having an understanding of the trauma and difficulties faced by separated children before they even leave their homelands.

Leadership and our staff team

In February, Richard Hammond, our CEO and first staff member, retired and has been replaced by Hannah Williams, our former Operations Manager. Hannah now leads our team (1.7FTE in total) with our Programme Manager, Helen Tirebuck, and our Project Co-ordinator for the packing project. During the year, Augusto Lepre de Souza was replaced by Benedetta Mocci as Project Co-ordinator.

The team is supported by external specialists including three youth workers leading Club Class sessions, an accountancy firm, and a Trusts fundraiser, plus specialists in HR, data protection and digital whose services we use on an ad hoc basis. Helen Tirebuck manages our three freelance youth workers for Club Class.

Risk management

The Trustees limit expenditure to the funds available to them from time to time. It has no present intention to borrow any monies. Internal control risks are minimized by the implementation of procedures for authorization of all transactions and projects. Key risks are regularly reviewed, recorded on our risk register and discussed at Board Meetings.

Under our Safeguarding Policy, all trustees, staff and senior volunteers are required to hold a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) certificate which they get updated every three years. Our front-facing

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staff who are likely to work with children have an 'enhanced' DBS check. We have ensured that our policy and any associated procedures /training comply with statutory requirements.

Our policy reflects available guidance on good practice in safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, and that safeguarding arrangements are proportionate to the risks involved. We have committed to addressing safeguarding throughout our work, through the three pillars of prevention, reporting and response.

During the year we also developed and / or updated the following policies: Data Protection Policy and associated Privacy Notices, Health and Safety Policy, Pay Policy and Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy.

The organisational risk register is updated by the CEO and reviewed and interrogated regularly by the Management Committee and the Board of Trustees.

Public benefit

The Trustees, having considered section 4 of the Charities Act 2006, have satisfied themselves that they have complied with the duty to have regard to the Public Benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The Activities and Achievements of The Separated Child Foundation are outlined in this Report and the Trustees believe, demonstrate that The Separated Child Foundation is providing public benefit. The Trustees seek to benefit primarily those separated children within the UK, wherever they reside.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- › Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- › Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and,
- › Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that company will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other regularities.

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Audit

Under the Charities Act 2006, an exemption is provided for an audit, since the annual turnover of The Separated Child Foundation is less than £1,000,000. Accordingly, in interests of cash flow preservation, the Trustees have not appointed an auditor but have appointed an Independent Examiner.

Approved by the Trustees on 14 November 2024, and signed on their behalf by:

Alison Hylton-Potts

Mrs Alison Hylton-Potts (Honorary Treasurer)

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

The Separated Child Foundation

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Separated Child Foundation (the charitable company) for the year ended 30 June 2024, which are set out on pages 23 to 35.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Godfrey Wilson Limited also provides bookkeeping and payroll services to the charitable company. I confirm that as a member of the ICAEW I am subject to the FRC's Revised Ethical Standard 2016, which I have applied with respect to this engagement.

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 charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

The Separated Child Foundation

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.

Dougal Howard

Date: 14 November 2024

Dougal Howard ACA

Member of the ICAEW

For and on behalf of:

Godfrey Wilson Limited

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

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	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	72,137	127,488	199,625	266,866
Investments		-	2,848	2,848	1,308
Total income		<u>72,137</u>	<u>130,336</u>	<u>202,473</u>	<u>268,174</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	13,715	13,715	11,797
Charitable activities		<u>60,265</u>	<u>216,065</u>	<u>276,330</u>	<u>269,082</u>
Total expenditure	4	<u>60,265</u>	<u>229,780</u>	<u>290,045</u>	<u>280,879</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		11,872	(99,444)	(87,572)	(12,705)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>13,331</u>	<u>166,335</u>	<u>179,666</u>	<u>192,371</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>25,203</u></u>	<u><u>66,891</u></u>	<u><u>92,094</u></u>	<u><u>179,666</u></u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in Note 11 to the accounts.

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Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets				
Debtors	8	247		132
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>101,124</u>		<u>188,618</u>
		101,371		188,750
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	9	<u>(9,277)</u>		<u>(9,084)</u>
Net assets	10		<u>92,094</u>	<u>179,666</u>
Funds	11			
Restricted funds			25,203	13,331
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			<u>66,891</u>	<u>166,335</u>
Total charity funds			<u>92,094</u>	<u>179,666</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477(2), and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the Company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act; and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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

Approved by the trustees on 14 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Fathiaa Abdalla

Fathiaa Abdalla - Chair of Trustees

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The Separated Child Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. The registered office address is 84 Cromwell Road, London, SW19 8NA.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Separated Child Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

c) Income

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

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

f) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

f) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

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

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

g) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities based on cost as follows:

	2024	2023
Raising funds	4.7%	4.2%
Charitable activities	95.3%	95.8%

h) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

i) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

j) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

k) Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

l) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

m) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2023 Total
	£	£	£
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	76,138	190,728	266,866
Investments	-	1,308	1,308
Total income	<u>76,138</u>	<u>192,036</u>	<u>268,174</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	11,797	11,797
Charitable activities	68,429	200,653	269,082
Total expenditure	<u>68,429</u>	<u>212,450</u>	<u>280,879</u>
Net income / (expenditure) and net movements in funds	<u>7,709</u>	<u>(20,414)</u>	<u>(12,705)</u>

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Trusts / NLCF	46,934	59,700	106,634
Donations	<u>25,203</u>	<u>67,788</u>	<u>92,991</u>
Total income from donations and legacies	<u>72,137</u>	<u>127,488</u>	<u>199,625</u>
Prior period comparative:			
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £
Trusts / NLCF	76,138	93,294	169,432
Donations	<u>-</u>	<u>97,434</u>	<u>97,434</u>
Total income from donations and legacies	<u>76,138</u>	<u>190,728</u>	<u>266,866</u>

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4. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support costs £	2024 Total £
Staff costs (note 6)	-	91,522	27,015	118,536
Fundraising costs	11,757	-	-	11,757
Arrival and sleep packs	-	112,733	-	112,733
Club class	-	22,947	-	22,947
Operational costs	-	9,680	11,932	21,612
Independent examination fees	-	-	2,460	2,460
Sub-total	11,757	236,882	41,407	290,045
Allocation of support and governance costs	1,958	39,448	(41,407)	-
Total expenditure	13,715	276,330	-	290,045

Total governance costs were £2,460 (2023: £2,868).

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4. Total expenditure (continued)
Prior period comparative

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support costs £	2023 Total £
Staff costs (note 6)	-	76,108	25,913	102,021
Fundraising costs	10,260	-	-	10,260
Arrival and sleep packs	-	124,074	-	124,074
Club class	-	26,040	-	26,040
Operational costs	-	7,812	7,804	15,616
Independent examination fees	-	-	2,340	2,340
Legal fees	-	-	528	528
Sub-total	10,260	234,034	36,585	280,879
Allocation of support and governance costs	1,537	35,048	(36,585)	-
Total expenditure	<u>11,797</u>	<u>269,082</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>280,879</u>

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5. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2024 £	2023 £
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	334	142
Independent examiners' remuneration (excluding VAT):		
▪ Independent examination	2,050	1,950
▪ Other services	4,238	1,287

Two trustees were reimbursed for travel and subsistence costs (£334) during the current year. In the previous year, two trustee were reimbursed for travel costs (£106) and DBS checks (£36).

6. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries and wages	111,903	97,679
Social security costs	4,373	2,458
Pension costs	2,260	1,884
	<u>118,536</u>	<u>102,021</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the current or prior year.

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the Chief Executive Officer, Richard Hammond (resigned February 2024), and Hannah Williams (appointed February 2024). The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £47,644 (2023: £39,444).

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Average head count	<u>5.00</u>	<u>4.83</u>

7. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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8. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	<u>247</u>	<u>132</u>

9. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	6,204	4,152
Accruals	3,073	4,037
Other taxation and social security	<u>-</u>	<u>895</u>
	<u>9,277</u>	<u>9,084</u>

10. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	25,203	76,168	101,371
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,277)</u>	<u>(9,277)</u>
Net assets at 30 June 2024	<u>25,203</u>	<u>66,891</u>	<u>92,094</u>

Prior period comparative

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	13,331	175,419	188,750
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,084)</u>	<u>(9,084)</u>
Net assets at 30 June 2023	<u>13,331</u>	<u>166,335</u>	<u>179,666</u>

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11. Movements in funds

	At 1 July 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30 June 2024 £
Restricted funds				
7 Stars Foundation	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
Baron Davenport's Charity	-	1,035	(1,035)	-
City Bridge Foundation	-	1,250	(1,250)	-
Croydon Relief In Need Charity	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Diocese of Southwark (via Croydon Minster)	-	2,649	(2,649)	-
The Ester Gluck Award	-	25,203	-	25,203
February Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
George Oliver Foundation	4,053	-	(4,053)	-
Leri Charitable Trust	-	11,500	(11,500)	-
NLCF - Awards for All	8,528	-	(8,528)	-
Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Sobell Foundation	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Stanley Grundy Charitable Foundation Limited	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Truemark Trust	750	-	(750)	-
Tula Trust Limited	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Underwood Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Total restricted funds	13,331	72,137	(60,265)	25,203
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	166,335	130,336	(229,780)	66,891
Total unrestricted funds	166,335	130,336	(229,780)	66,891
Total funds	179,666	202,473	(290,045)	92,094

Purposes of restricted funds

7 Stars Foundation	Funding for arrival and sleep packs including management and distribution.
Baron Davenport's Charity	Funding for arrival and sleep packs including management and distribution.
City Bridge Foundation	Funding for Club Class.
Croydon Relief In Need Charity	Funding for arrival and sleep packs including management and distribution.
Diocese of Southwark	Funding for essential packs.

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11. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

The Ester Gluck Award	The funds raised for the Ester Gluck Awards will be used to fund prizes and experiences for the Junior Award and Senior Award winners.
February Foundation	Funding for arrival and sleep packs including management and distribution.
George Oliver Foundation	Funding for Club Class.
Leri Charitable Trust	Funding for arrival and sleep packs including management and distribution.
NLCF - Awards for ALL	Funding for Club Class.
Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity	Funding for arrival and sleep packs including management and distribution.
Sobell Foundation	Funding for arrival and sleep packs including management and distribution.
Stanley Grundy Charitable Foundation	Funding for arrival and sleep packs including management and distribution.
Truemark Trust	Funding for essential packs including management and distribution.
Tula Trust Limited	Funding for arrival and sleep packs including management and distribution.
Underwood Trust	Funding for essential packs including management and distribution.

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11. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior period comparative	At 1 July 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30 June 2023 £
Restricted funds				
AXA Foundation	-	11,638	(11,638)	-
Carmela and Ronnie Pignatelli Foundation	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
Croydon Relief In Need Charity	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Edith Maud Ellis 1985 Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
George Oliver Foundation	-	5,000	(947)	4,053
Green Hall Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Lawson Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Leri Charitable Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
NLCF - Awards for All	5,622	10,000	(7,094)	8,528
Sobell Foundation	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Truemark Trust	-	3,000	(2,250)	750
Underwood Trust	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
Total restricted funds	5,622	76,138	(68,429)	13,331
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	186,749	192,036	(212,450)	166,335
Total unrestricted funds	186,749	192,036	(212,450)	166,335
Total funds	192,371	268,174	(280,879)	179,666

12. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the current or prior period.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1120669

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(A Charity, founded in 2007, and a company limited by guarantee)



Eid celebrations at Club Class, May 2023

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES 2022/23

The Trustees present their report and independently examined financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP) issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name:	The Separated Child Foundation
Charity registration number:	1120669
Company registration number:	6270575
Registered Office:	84 Cromwell Road, London, SW19 8NA

Trustees

Angela Gluck	Acting Chair
Fathiaa Abdalla	Chair-Elect (appointed as Trustee in July 2023)
Arnaud Vervoitte	Deputy Chair (and Chair of Management Committee to April 2023)
Alison Hylton-Potts	Honorary Treasurer
Gloria Abramoff FRSA	Chair of Influencing Committee (to November 2022)
Michael Donnelly	(Appointed January 2023) Chair of Management Committee (from April 2023)
Laura Hughston	(Appointed January 2023)
Christina Moore	
Lauren Murray	(Appointed January 2023)
Rabia Nasimi	
Alexandra Taliadoros	(To September 2022)
Alemu Tebeje Ayele	(Appointed June 2023)
Hannah Ward	Chair of Influencing Committee (resigned September 2023)

Secretary

Hannah Williams	Appointed September 2022
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PATRONS



Lord (Alfred) Dubs has held key positions in local and national government, and in several influential organisations. He was Labour MP (1979-87), Director of the Refugee Council (1988-95) and since 1994 a Labour life peer, Baron Dubs of Battersea. A child refugee fleeing Nazism, he champions the rights of separated children; he successfully introduced an amendment to the Immigration Act 2016 to offer them safe passage to Britain during the refugee crisis.



Ama Ata Aidoo, a playwright, poet, and novelist, has won many literary awards, including the 1992 Commonwealth Writers Prize for her novel *Changes*. Her writing focuses on the tension between Western and African world views. Many of her protagonists are women who defy stereotypical female roles.



Dr Anthony Julius is a prominent British lawyer and academic, whose doctorate is in English literature. A highly regarded litigation lawyer, he has acted for many high-profile clients. He is a partner in the prestigious London law firm Mishcon de Reya, Chairs the economics consultancy Oxera, and holds the chair in Law and Arts in the Faculty of Laws at University College London.



The Baroness Neuberger DBE is a rabbi and social reformer, and in the period 1997-2004 she was chief executive of the King's Fund. Julia Neuberger was created a life peer in 2004 and in 2007 Chaired the Commission on the Future of Volunteering. Her publications include *The Moral State We're In* (2005). She served as Senior Rabbi of West London Synagogue 2011—2020.



Jonathan Ross OBE is a film critic, chat show host and presenter of television and radio. His Queen's Birthday Honour in 2005 was given for services to broadcasting. He has received BAFTAs three times for television entertainment performance and, in 2008, the Sony Gold Award 'Music Radio Personality of the Year'.

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CHAIR'S REVIEW

The Separated Child Foundation exists to offer practical, emotional, and social support to separated children and young people who seek asylum in our country.

The demand for our work remains high as over 5,200 separated children claimed asylum here in the year to June 2023. These children arrive alone with nothing, having fled their homelands because of war or persecution, travelling alone because their parents have been killed or were unable to leave.

The pandemic restricted migration routes via freight and rail. Separated children now routinely take the dangerous journey across the Channel, travelling in small boats like dinghies - completely unfit for the rough seas they may face - mainly arriving on our shores in Dover, Kent.

Since 2007 we have provided 30,000 welcome packs: giving comfort with clothes, toiletries and essential items to children who arrive with nothing but the threadbare clothes they stand up in. The increase in arrivals into Dover continues to place pressure on our partners there. Consequently, demand has remained high for the 'essentials pack' that we supply to them, containing underwear, tops, toiletries, and a towel, to complement the tracksuit provided to the children by the Border Force on arrival.

If we add these together with the arrival and sleep packs, last year we distributed almost 6,200 packs to children - 16% more than the prior year. This could not have been achieved without our 50 regular volunteer 'Purple Packers'. Last year's packing sessions were assisted by volunteers from esynergy, AXA XL, Cisco, ITV, and Croydon Minster. We are immensely grateful – thank you!

During the year we developed training resources to help foster carers better prepare for the emotional, sociological, and physical needs of separated children. We also initiated a second Club Class – our weekly after school educational, social and cultural programme for children aged 14-18 – with partner International Care Network in Bournemouth. In our evaluation 96% of children attending both Club Classes said they had improved their English, and 92% reported making new friends because of Club Class.

We are proud to be active members of three campaigning groups - 'Together with Refugees', 'Refugee Migrant Children's Consortium' and 'Families Together': co-signing demands to the government to end the practise of placing children into hotels whilst they await their decisions.

Underpinning these developments we grew our staff team to six people, with the addition of an Operations Manager role to help our CEO manage the organisation's growing infrastructure, and a Logistics Coordinator to manage day-to-day logistics at our packing base. We retained low overheads by working with 100+ partners in locations as far afield as Plymouth, Cardiff, Kent and Glasgow. We are grateful to Big Yellow Self Storage for continuing to facilitate our packing sessions through the generous provision of packing and storage spaces. We are also thankful for our partnership with Croydon Minster where congregants come together to share their energy and commitment in packing essentials packs in the church hall.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to meet the targets we had set to fund our plans. With the increase in costs, the year ahead looks challenging, but we aim to continue growth in our programmes to meet demand.

On behalf of the Board, to all our partners, and donors – Trusts, Companies, individuals and volunteers – thank you. Our success would not have been possible without your support.

Angela Gluck

Acting Chair of Trustees

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CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Background



The Separated Child Foundation was set up in memory of Ester Gluck who was born in 1982 and who died in 2006 at the age of 24.

Compassionate and creative, Ester was deeply committed to working for the benefit of refugees and people seeking asylum. In particular, she cared about the needs of young refugees, especially those who have become separated from their parents and close family.

Charitable objectives and aims

The Separated Child Foundation has two aims:

- › to offer emotional, social, financial and physical support to separated children and young people, either directly or indirectly through their carers; and,
- › to engage in educational activities that raise awareness of the needs of separated children and young people, and of refugees and people seeking asylum more generally, and that encourage positive responses to them.

Welcome packs

As outlined by our Acting Chair above, the need for our work remains high, with over 5,200 separated children (also known as unaccompanied minors) claiming asylum here in the year to June 2023. They flee their homes in Afghanistan, Sudan, Syria and other war zones and / or places of persecution in search of safety. They travel alone because their parents have been killed or are otherwise unable to leave; traumatised but immensely brave.

When separated children and young people arrive in our country, it is almost always at the end of a difficult, demanding and dangerous journey. Invariably they arrive exhausted, lacking even the most basic necessities of life, after walking in groups at night, sleeping during the day and taking turns to keep watch.

The packs project is our main work, accounting for over half of our budget. Packs are distributed to children by our partners: charities, local authorities, and NHS services that are in direct contact with children across England, Scotland and Wales.

Arrival packs - tailored for girls and boys and for different sizes these are duffle bags containing toiletries, a towel, 3 pairs of socks / tops / underwear, a pair of slippers, sweatpants and hoodie, weatherproof jacket, hat, gloves, scarf, a notepad and pen.

Sleep Packs - contain a lavender pouch, ear plugs, a nightlight, a night shirt, a stress ball and a 'Sweet Dreams' card. Our partners use the packs as part of their work with children to get them settled back into 'normal' sleep routines, as many suffer from terrible insomnia and / or nightmares from the trauma they have witnessed and experienced.

The packs are given to children at different points in their time here i.e., on arrival into the UK, and / or on arrival to the location that the government decides to disperse them to via the national transfer scheme. They give children the comfort and welcome they need; practical items for living and to help

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them to get clean, warm, and dry. Most partners distribute both packs, but some areas just take arrival or sleep packs.

Essentials packs: these are specially created for our Dover partners who have borne the brunt of the increase in arrivals of separated children by boat. They contain a full wash bag (as in the arrival pack), a towel, and 3 sets of underwear, t-shirts, and socks to complement the track suit provided by the Border Force to the children on arrival.

If we add these together with the arrival and sleep packs, we distributed over 6,200 packs to separated children between July 2022 and June 2023, 16% more than during the previous year.

Feedback from children

"I really liked the light. It's dim and I can sleep with it. I smelt this [the lavender bag] and the first night I slept like never before."

"I have clean clothes! I had only the ones I was wearing, now I have a choice, thank you!"

"I get scared at night and I can't sleep, the little light helps me to see."

"The squeeze ball helps me when I am stressed."

"I love the lavender!"

"This was very good, I come with nothing and was scared. This make me happy and make me know there are good people."

The below 'wordcloud' is based on direct quotes from children found in 46 evaluation reports from partners.



Our partners

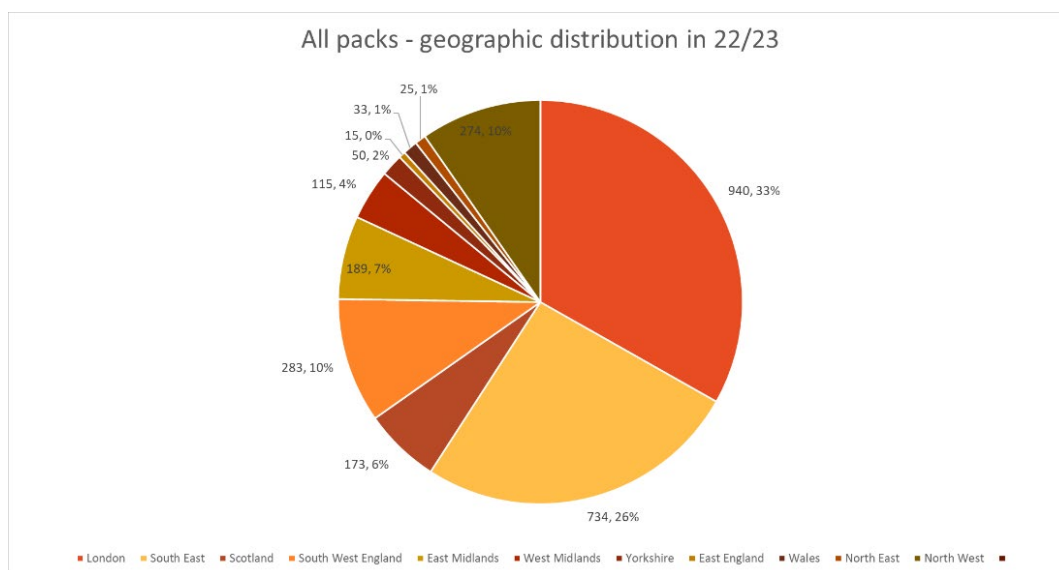


Whilst much of our work is Southeast based (with a big focus on Dover) we work with partners in locations as far afield as Plymouth, Cardiff, Liverpool, Kent and Glasgow. The furthest our packs travelled in 2022-2023 was to Angus in Scotland, 491 miles from London.

Last year we gained new partners such as Newport Council (Wales), East Ayrshire Council (Scotland), Somerset NHS Foundation Trust (South East England), the Phoenix Community Care (London) and the Manchester Local Care Organisation.

Photograph shows collection by Newport Council in June 2023

As can be seen from the graph below, we are growing our distribution network for arrival and sleep packs. Some partners collect packs (49%) and for others, delivery is arranged by either hiring a driver (36%) or using Parcelforce (15%).



Feedback from partners

The reports shared by partners in the quarterly evaluation forms indicated that the packs have three main positive impacts on their work with separated asylum-seeking children:-

1. The packs make children and young people smile. Unfortunately, a smile is not a given gesture for many children who have experienced trauma, violence and neglect. Many partners reported how this smile was a strong symbolic signal that meant a lot when packs were given out.

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2. The packs help to build and strengthen the relationship between frontline professionals and children. Whether social workers, nurses, doctors, or youth workers, the packs play a role in facilitating the human interaction that is often hindered by language and culture barriers.
3. In a broader sense, being able to give our packs to children contributes to a welcoming environment. Partners have varied capacity to be able provide that environment, so the packs can play a unique role in showing care and protection.

"Young people are reported as looking visibly happy when receiving a pack and taking an interest in what is inside them. Staff have felt the packs are a really valuable resource to provide to young people upon entering Durham's care as it is not always clear as to how well young people have been sleeping in previous Home Office accommodation or throughout their journey. Care and housing providers have fed back that they feel this is a great idea and also a nice welcoming touch for young people."

North East and North Cumbria ICB – NHS

"We think they are great, they cover all the essentials needed for when a child first arrives and makes children feel warm and welcomed. Thank you for putting them together."

Hampshire County Council

"Young people attend asleep groups via our Wellbeing Project at Guardianship Scotland This is a set of three workshops to help promote sleep hygiene, learn coping strategies and reduce trauma symptoms. We give young people a sleep pack from The Separated Child Foundation which is always well recieved and the contents complement the work we do."

Guardianship Scotland

"It was really helpful to provide young people who present to our service with a welcome pack, it was a personal service that helped them to feel valued and thought of especially given their journey and experiences during their journey, thank you."

North Somerset Council

"A lot of the young people we see often arrive with few to no belongings. It makes a difference for them to have access to care items/ sleep packs at a time when they are still building a life from the start. The packs are very well-put together with a lot of care and considerations. In a time when this country becomes more and more hostile to the most vulnerable people in need of safety, it means a lot to show young separated children that they are not alone, they are cared for and welcomed."

South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust

"As a team we rely on these. They enable us to set up a room for a new arriving young person really well. We often lay out the clothing etc on the bed for the newly arriving young person to create a welcoming and homely look to where they will stay. They are also ready and available which helps us when we receive arrivals late at night with short notice."

The Baca Charity

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"The packs have been very well received, the children love the packs and have been extremely grateful to The Separated Child Foundation. As workers it's been a really nice part of our job to be able to deliver these packs and reassures us that they have the necessary items that they need until we can complete their assessments."

Devon County Council

Our packing team and logistics



During the year, teams of dedicated volunteers regularly assembled pack items in spaces provided free or at a vastly reduced rate by Big Yellow Self Storage in Staples Corner, and we purchased pack items from reputable suppliers including other charities.

Photograph shows a group from Israeli Scouts Western Europe at the Big Yellow in March 2023

We had 40 different volunteer 'Purple Packers' coming to sessions at the Big Yellow in 2022-2023 and during the year we built on our Pack Leader programme to help us manage this growing programme of work. As at June 2023 we had five Pack Leaders and a Volunteer Coordinator.



Photographs from L-R: Pack Leader Naji and another regular volunteer creating essentials packs, Volunteer Coordinator Carrie with completed packs (both January 2023) and a group of young volunteers preparing for their Bat Mitzvahs by packing sleep packs (May 2023)



Last year's packing sessions were assisted by volunteers from esynergy, AXA XL, Cisco, ITV and Israeli Scouts Western Europe. We also held community packing sessions for 60 local volunteers at Croydon Minster's church hall in October 2022 and March 2023.

In May 2023 we contributed to a successful bid by Croydon Minster for funds to enable them to continue hosting community packing sessions throughout summer and autumn 2023, which will have a hugely positive impact on our ability to supply packs to Dover.

Photograph shows Pack Leader Ari at a community packing session at Croydon Minster in October 2022

Our Project Manager works three days a week, and is responsible for looking after our volunteers, co-ordinating packing sessions, ordering and co-ordinating stock and orders with partners; and for monitoring data and producing reports.

In May 2023 we appointed a Logistics Coordinator working 7 hours a week to assist the Project Manager with the ordering and co-ordination of stock, and managing some deliveries and collections at the Big Yellow.

The profile of children helped

Whilst events in Ukraine and latterly in Afghanistan and Sudan have dominated recent news cycles, children receiving packs have fled from wars and conflict all over the world. This is exemplified in our profiling of where children have fled from at least 27 different countries and regions: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Iran, Iraq, Kurdistan Region, Kuwait, Libya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Vietnam and Yemen. The majority of the children we helped were aged between 12 and 18 years old (95%), where 37.5% were between 12 and 16 and 57.5% were between 17 and 18.

Club Class

'Club Class' is a cross between a club and a class: an educational, social and cultural programme for children aged between 14-18 which runs every week after school including during school holidays. We run it in partnership, in Croydon with the Refugee Council, and – new for last year - in Bournemouth with the International Care Network.

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The group is a great place for children to meet other peers, make friends, have fun, build confidence, and improve their English, in a fun and safe environment. It focuses on developing their social and life skills, and providing information about UK systems and processes that affect them. After the sessions the children have time to relax, play games, eat together and socialise.

Our Bournemouth Club Class has up to 15 children attending regularly. Topics have included: navigating feelings and managing emotions, budgeting, paying bills, healthy eating and cooking on a budget (as part of discussions around Leaving Care and Adulthood).

Photograph shows Ramadan crafts created by young people at our Club Class in Bournemouth

In December an outing to the Miracle Café was scheduled to compliment Club Class sessions around religious holidays around the world and how they are celebrated. The young people enjoyed a traditional British Christmas dinner, played parlour games and were given small gifts (donated by the local Foodbank).

Outcomes

Last year we introduced an evaluation process and initially asked attendees of Club Class “Why do you come to Club Class”?

- ✓ 97% told us they wanted to: ‘Practice speaking English’; ‘Make friends / be with other people’; and, ‘Have fun / play games’.
- ✓ 90% wanted to ‘Learn about the UK (laws, culture, traditions)’. 86% told us they wanted to: ‘Get help with asylum application / UK status / papers & their school / college work.’
- ✓ 72% wanted to go on trips.
- ✓ Other reasons included: ‘trying new food, knowing about other cultures, improve confidence, try new things, and dancing’.



By engaging children in this way, we identified topics and activities meaningful to them, which guided the session planning by youth workers from early 2023. It also enabled us to evaluate progress against the top reasons that children told us they come to Club Class for.

The first set of results included that 96% of children reported that they had improved their English, and 92% reported making new friends because of Club Class.

Photograph shows young people exploring their aspirations as part of a ‘Future Me’ workshop designed to encourage the participants to think positively about their futures (May 2023)

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Feedback from a Club Class partner

"When I was with 'M' last week using an interpreter, I asked how good he was with his money and he said that he could budget now as he learnt about it at Club Class!"

The Club Class team

The team is made up of freelance youth workers, managed by our Programme Manager who is responsible for developing and managing new Club Classes with partners. There are currently three youth workers – two for Bournemouth and one in Croydon. Sessions are also attended by at least one member of staff from our partner organisations to support our young people on a one-on-one basis, allowing our youth workers to facilitate the group discussions, activities and games.



Photograph shows a mural created by participants from Club Class as part of a youth day with other refugee youth groups in May 2023

Training for foster carers

Last year we identified a need for the foster carers of separated children to be better prepared for the emotional, sociological and physical needs which separated children uniquely present with. Our ambition is that every foster-carer who cares for (or is planning on caring for) a separated child is aware of, and has access to, pertinent and high-quality information to better help them prepare ahead of their young person arriving, enabling the best possible outcome for both child and carer.

During the year our Programme Manager developed a new training resource for foster carers in the form of an animated video. She identified and consulted with appropriate professionals and agencies to create the content and ultimately promote the video in order to maximise access amongst foster carers. This consultation included foster carers, fostering agencies, local authority fostering teams, social workers and academics. This video was successfully launched in early autumn 2023.

Giving children a voice

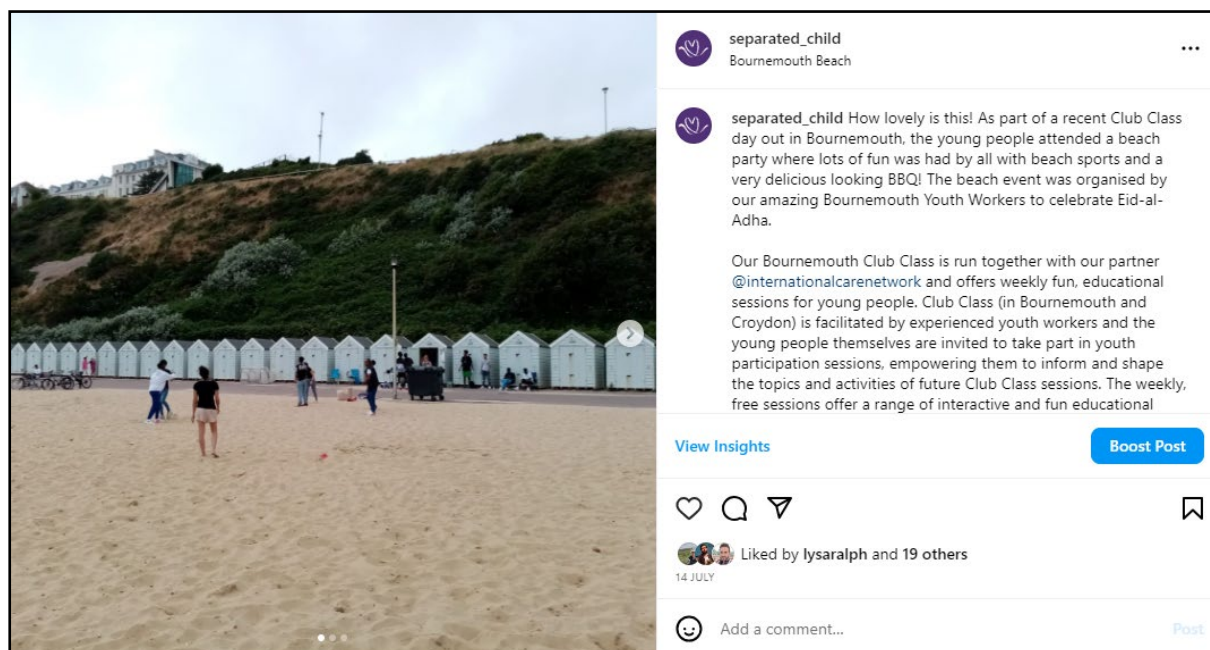
We use digital communications to tell the children's stories, sharing their needs and hopes and raising awareness of the challenges they face to encourage compassionate responses to them in wider society.

At the end of 2022 we launched an Instagram account in order to be able to connect with a wider audience via social media. For the first time and following our safeguarding policy in terms of images

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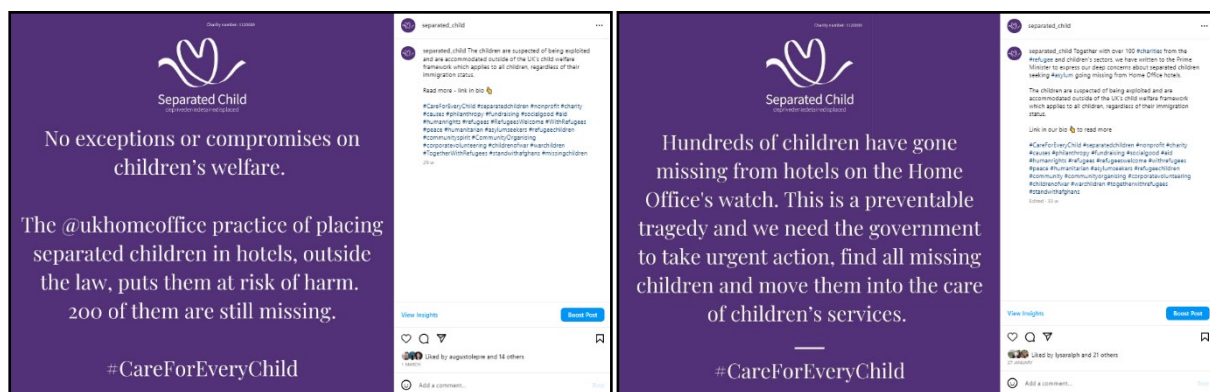
of children, we have shared pictures of Club Class activities and days out to demonstrate the importance of varied social and cultural experiences for the children we support.



Instagram post about a Club Class trip to Bournemouth beach to celebrate Eid at the end of June 2023

Influencing

We have continued as members of three campaigning groups this year - 'Together with Refugees', 'Refugee Migrant Children's Consortium' and 'Families Together'. We have co-signed letters on issues such as demanding an end to the practice of placing children into hotels whilst they await their decisions. We have also participated in selected coalition-led campaigns, empowering our social media followers and email subscribers to advocate on behalf of separated children.



Instagram posts from spring 2023 as part of the #CareForEveryChild campaign

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The Ester Gluck Awards

We launched the Ester Gluck Awards in 2022, to celebrate separated children who have delivered or initiated a project which promoted positive social change. These awards suitably recognise Ester as the inspiration for the establishment of the Foundation and honour her life and memory. We short-listed our first winner at the end of this financial year and will be relaunching the programme at the end of 2023.

Recognition of our work



Whilst the feedback from our partners and beneficiaries is the most valuable assessment of our work, we were delighted to receive recognition from two external organisations in 2022-2023.

In January we were named as one of Big Issue's 100 Changemakers for 2023 and in March our Project Manager Augusto Lepre-de-Souza was proud to accept The Mitzvah Day Beneficiary Charity Award on behalf of The Separated Child Foundation.



These awards are testament to our growing profile in the UK, and the compassionate ambition that connects our volunteers, Trustees and staff.

Top image: 100 Changemakers for 2023 logo

Bottom image: Project Manager Augusto with the Mitzvah Day Award (March 2023)

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CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - FUTURE PLANS

The coming year is the first of our five-year strategy 2023-2028 with priority areas as below:

Welcome packs: we aim to grow numbers distributed, targeting new partner recruitment in line with distribution of children via the government's national transfer scheme. To support this we are exploring the establishment of stock satellite sites to reduce distribution costs in the North of England, North Wales, and Scotland. We will work with separated children to explore the need for and develop new types of packs e.g., sports / study packs; and with companies to secure donated goods to reduce the cost of our overall project.

Youth Forum: we aim to establish a Forum made up of separated children, either through established Club Classes or through the development of a separate entity. Its purpose will be to give separated children a lead role in informing the direction of our work and supporting them to advocate for themselves and their rights.

Club Class: we will continue to develop our weekly Club Class in London and Bournemouth with additional activities such as trips out. We will explore avenues to develop new Club Classes in other areas, using feedback from the Youth Forum and evaluation data to improve the Club Class offer for further expansion.

Training for foster carers: we successfully finalised and distributed training resources in the form of an online video in early autumn 2023. Longer term we will continue to develop materials to support foster carers who care for separated children and work with appropriate agencies to promote the materials to maximise access amongst foster carers.

Giving children a voice: we wish to grow our role in empowering separated children to tell their stories and reflect on their experiences, needs and hopes. This raises awareness of their needs in wider society, and changes attitudes towards them.

Influencing: we will increase our campaigning work, using our direct experience with children to add weight to our authority and advocacy work. We will advocate and influence nationally on behalf of separated children to improve their lives; empowering our supporters to act as agents of change.

New programmes: we will continue to develop new work to give more separated children the opportunity to take part in activities that will enhance their lives and enable them to fulfil their potential.

Infrastructure: we aim to continue to retain low overheads; using resources efficiently. We will monitor the staffing structure and roles to ensure they are appropriate for our developing needs, and optimise the opportunities offered through volunteers and the use of interns.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity has limited assets and receives no statutory funding. Our principal sources of funding are voluntary through donations from individuals, companies, Trusts, the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF), and gifts in kind (items for the Packs and pro bono support).

The Income and Expenditure Account shows total incoming resources for the year ending 30th June 2023 (YE23) of £268,174 (YE22 - £334k). Resources expended amount to £280,879 (YE22 - £243k), which left a net deficit of -£12,705 which was planned following our YE22 surplus of £91k. The YE22 surplus was due to an exceptionally high donor gift late in YE22 which led to our plan to spend down some of these reserves during YE23.

Total net assets at the year-end amounted to £179,666 (YE22 - £192k) of which £13,331 was restricted funds (YE22 - £6k).

Excluding fundraising and governance costs, 96p of each £1 invested reached separated children. Fundraising costs as a ratio of income raised were 4%.

Reserves policy and position

Our YE23 free reserves amounted to £166,335 (excluding restricted funds which are to be carried forward for spend in YE24). The Trustees have agreed a policy of holding three to six months of the coming year annual expenditure by way of cash reserve.

The Trustees' policy – reviewed annually - is to hold three to six months of the coming year expenditure in free reserves. This will mitigate the risk of reducing our services to separated children should income drop unexpectedly.

We have estimated that our YE24 plans will cost around £340k and our free reserves equates to less than six months of this expenditure, therefore falling in line with our Trustees policy.

Income generation

We raised around £267k in total from our generous donors. 63% of this (c. £169k) was given by Trusts and the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF). 28% (c. £75k) was raised from individual donors and community fundraising. The balance (9% / £23k) was given by corporate partners.

Our investment into Trust fundraising continued to reap dividends, with new grants from the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) and Trusts supporting our Club Class expansion and training video for foster carers, respectively.

We receive regular donations from connections of the Trustees and volunteers and during the year many of our supporters elected to raise funds for us. Community fundraising events included a walk along the full length of Hadrian's Wall, a packing session for a young person's Bat Mitzvah, a carol concert hosted by The London Chorus in support of our work and a cycle ride organised by colleagues at AXA XL.

Engaging new supporters via digital campaigns is a key area for us. In YE23 we grew our email subscribers to over 13,000 and our individual monthly donors to over 60. In December 2022 we launched our Instagram account to build engagement with a new audience. We focus heavily on 'behind the scenes' content such as our volunteer packing sessions, although we continue to use all of our social media platforms to tell children's stories as a way of giving them a voice. Our plans for 2023-2024 include increasing our Twitter followers to 1,500 and our Instagram followers to 500, as well as utilising Facebook campaigns to grow the number of engaged email subscribers to 15,000.

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We gained a substantial grant from AXA XL during the year and their employees raised funds for us alongside joining our packing sessions. Our partnerships with esynergy, Empiric and FinderMonkey continued with regular monthly donations. During the year we trialled charging a fee for companies to join our packing sessions, using them as team building events. We aim to build on this in 2023-2024. We are incredibly grateful to the individuals and organisations who donate money and gifts in kind to us, and the individuals who volunteer their time. Without them, we simply could not survive. We would like in particular to thank esynergy, Impiric, AXA XL, RelativeConnections, the NLCF Awards for All programme, the New North London Synagogue; and the following Trusts and Foundations:

Alchemy Foundation; Archer Trust; AXA Foundation; Carmela and Ronnie Pignatelli Foundation; Croydon Relief in Need Charity; Edith Maud Ellis 1985 Trust; Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust; Forrester Family Trust; Fulmer Charitable Trust; George Oliver Foundation; Gladys Wightwick Charitable Trust; Green Hall Foundation; J & H Orlander Trust; Lawson Trust; Lady More Charitable Trust; Leach Fourteenth Trust; Leigh Trust; Leri Charitable Trust; Mbili Charitable Trust; Ostrich Charitable Trust; Pears Family Charitable Foundation; Sir James Roll Charitable Trust; Souter Charitable Trust; Truemark Trust; and the Underwood Trust.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a charity and a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6 June 2007 and registered as a charity on 24 August 2007. The charity was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established its objects and powers, and how it is governed. In the event of it being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Governance structure – Board of Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for the strategic policy and direction of the charity. A scheme of delegation to an individual Trustee is implemented when individual charity policies are implemented.

Trustees are recruited in a variety of ways:-

- Via the 'Board opportunities' page on our website
- Through free advertising platforms such as Reach Volunteering
- As a result of connections made at networking events

Each prospective Trustee must submit a CV, the details for two referees, and a letter detailing the skills and experience they can offer the charity, and their reasons for wishing to do so. Short-listed candidates are offered a meeting, usually on Zoom, with two or three members of the existing Board. Subject to the latter's recommendation, the prospective Trustee is invited to join a Board meeting as an observer before the Board votes on whether or not the candidate may join as a Trustee.

During 2022-2023, the Board expanded to a total of 11 members, including the Acting Chair and Deputy Chair. Due to the expansion of the Board it was agreed that two new Committees would be established (in addition to the existing Influencing Committee) to best manage the charity's future growth, namely a Management Committee focused on staffing, finance and risk amongst other things, and a Development Committee which would include our Programme Manager. As a result of the formation of these Committees, the number of full Board meetings has been reduced to six per year.

Between July 2022 and June 2023, the Management Committee – comprising Acting Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, CEO and Operations Manager – held five meetings. The Development Committee is currently paused whilst the Board focuses on other pressing matters.

Angela Gluck, our co-Founder, continued in the role of Acting Chair of Trustees throughout the financial year. Angela is an author who has worked as a teacher, lecturer, teacher-trainer, school inspector and curriculum creator. The appointment of a new Chair will be a key focus in 2023-2024 as Angela redirects her energies to support the Foundation in other ways e.g. speaking engagements.

Our Deputy Chair is Arnaud Vervoitte, INQUEST's Operations Director, who previously held senior roles at the Refugee Council, and Just for Kids Law. Our Treasurer is Alison Hylton-Potts – a midwife, and Chartered Accountant, she was previously Finance Director at Autotrader.

New Trustees joining us were:

- › Professor Mike Donnelly PhD - a semi-retired academic who has acted as an expert and special adviser to senior UK politicians.
- › Laura Hughston - a programme quality expert with extensive expertise in international development.
- › Lauren Murray - Humanitarian Child Protection Lead for Save the Children.

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› Alemu Tebeje Ayele - a journalist, teacher, poet, community activist and website campaigner.

Trustees continuing from previous years were: Gloria Abramoff FRSA (Managing Director of Tonic Productions, and previously Creative Director of Children In Need); Christina Moore (Chief Content Officer for Curio and founder of Don't Skip Media, whose experience includes judge for The British Podcast Awards and Audio Production Awards); Rabia Nasimi (Head of ESM Research for the UK Covid-19 enquiry); and, Hannah Ward (Director of Policy, Advocacy and Communications at International Alert).

All Trustees are required to complete the NSPCC Introduction to Child Protection safeguarding training as part of their induction and to undertake a DBS check. Trustees are expected to be fully apprised of the challenges that children and young adults in the UK asylum system experience, to demonstrate a sensitive understanding of the trauma and difficulties faced by separated children before they even flee their homelands, and to keep abreast of current events and political initiatives that affect refugees and asylum seekers - especially separated children and young people.

Management structure

The charity is managed under the leadership of its Chief Executive Officer, Richard Hammond, supported by Hannah Williams as Operations Manager, Augusto Lepre-de-Souza as Project Manager (packing project) and Helen Tirebuck as Programme Manager. In November 2022, Samantha Bowden joined the charity as its first Administrator, and in May 2023 we appointed our first Logistics Coordinator for the packing project, Karolin Lehmann. All six members of staff work part time. Helen Tirebuck manages our three freelance youth workers for Club Class.

Alongside supporting the CEO and the team, Hannah and Samantha manage the charity's digital fundraising, communications, and website. A freelance fundraiser supports the charity with its Trusts and Lottery fundraising.

During the year we took on a new consultancy in the form of a monthly retainer, with R Human Resources, who advise on all aspects of employment including contracts, policies and procedures, and staff wellbeing.

In July 2022 we appointed a small external accountancy firm to look after our bookkeeping and payroll functions. In April 2023 we moved these functions to the care of Godfrey Wilson. Godfrey Wilson also prepare our monthly management accounts.

We continue to appoint other consultants on a short-term basis as appropriate e.g. Sarah Crowhurst, who advises us on lead generation and other digital marketing campaigns.

Risk management

The Trustees will limit expenditure to the funds available to them from time to time. It has no present intention to borrow any monies. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Key risks are recorded on our risk register and discussed at Board Meetings.

Under our Safeguarding Policy, all Trustees, staff and senior volunteers are required to hold a DBS certificate which they get updated every three years. Our CEO and front-facing staff likely to work with children have an 'enhanced' DBS check. We have ensured that our policy and any associated procedures / training comply with statutory requirements.

Our policy reflects available guidance on good practice in safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, and that safeguarding arrangements are proportionate to the risks involved. We

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have committed to addressing safeguarding throughout our work, through the three pillars of prevention, reporting and response. During the year we also developed and / or updated the following policies: Reserves Policy, Volunteer Policy and associated procedure documents, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy, Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy.

The organisational risk register is updated by the CEO and reviewed and interrogated regularly by the Management Committee and the Board of Trustees.

Public benefit

The Trustees, having considered section 4 of the Charities Act 2006, have satisfied themselves that they have complied with the duty to have regard to the Public Benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The Activities and Achievements of The Separated Child Foundation are outlined in this Report and the Trustees believe these demonstrate that The Separated Child Foundation is providing public benefit. The Trustees seek to benefit primarily those separated children within the UK, wherever they reside.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £nil to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The Trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only

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to voting rights. The Trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Independent examiners

Godfrey Wilson Limited were appointed as independent examiners to the charitable company during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the Trustees on 9th November 2023 and signed on their behalf by



Mrs Alison Hylton-Potts (Treasurer)

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

The Separated Child Foundation

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Separated Child Foundation (the charitable company) for the year ended 30 June 2023, which are set out on pages 24 to 35.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

Godfrey Wilson Limited also provides bookkeeping and payroll services to the charitable company. I confirm that as a member of the ICAEW I am subject to the FRC's Revised Ethical Standard 2016, which I have applied with respect to this engagement.

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 charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

The Separated Child Foundation

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.

Rob Wilson

Date: 9 November 2023

Rob Wilson FCA

Member of the ICAEW

For and on behalf of:

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Chartered accountants and statutory auditors

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £	Restated 2022 Total £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	76,138	190,728	266,866	333,867
Investments		-	1,308	1,308	86
Total income		<u>76,138</u>	<u>192,036</u>	<u>268,174</u>	<u>333,953</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	11,797	11,797	12,288
Charitable activities		<u>68,429</u>	<u>200,653</u>	<u>269,082</u>	<u>230,896</u>
Total expenditure	4	<u>68,429</u>	<u>212,450</u>	<u>280,879</u>	<u>243,184</u>
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		7,709	(20,414)	(12,705)	90,769
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>5,622</u>	<u>186,749</u>	<u>192,371</u>	<u>101,602</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>13,331</u></u>	<u><u>166,335</u></u>	<u><u>179,666</u></u>	<u><u>192,371</u></u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in Note 11 to the accounts.

Prior period expenditure have been reclassified to reflect the requirements of the Charities SORP (FRS 102) and to be comparable with the current year. The restatements are purely reclassifications of expenditure and do not affect net income.

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Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets				
Debtors	8	132		27,100
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>188,618</u>		<u>168,929</u>
		188,750		196,029
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	9	<u>(9,084)</u>		<u>(3,658)</u>
Net assets	10		<u>179,666</u>	<u>192,371</u>
Funds	11			
Restricted funds			13,331	5,622
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			<u>166,335</u>	<u>186,749</u>
Total charity funds			<u>179,666</u>	<u>192,371</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477(2), and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the Company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act; and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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

Approved by the trustees on 9 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Angela Gluck

Angela Gluck - Acting Chair of Trustees

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2023

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Separated Child Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

c) Income

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

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

f) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

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

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities based on cost as follows:

	2023	2022
Raising funds	4.2%	5.1%
Charitable activities	95.8%	94.9%

i) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

k) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

l) Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

m) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

n) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restated 2022 Total
	£	£	£
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	67,245	266,622	333,867
Investments	-	86	86
Total income	<u>67,245</u>	<u>266,708</u>	<u>333,953</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	12,288	12,288
Charitable activities	86,798	144,098	230,896
Total expenditure	<u>86,798</u>	<u>156,386</u>	<u>243,184</u>
Net income / (expenditure) and net movements in funds	<u>(19,553)</u>	<u>110,322</u>	<u>90,769</u>

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £
Trusts / NLCF	76,138	93,294	169,432
Donations	-	97,434	97,434
Total income from donations and legacies	76,138	190,728	266,866
Prior period comparative:			
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2022 Total £
Trusts / NLCF	67,245	134,158	201,403
Donations	-	132,464	132,464
Total income from donations and legacies	67,245	266,622	333,867

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4. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support costs £	2023 Total £
Staff costs (note 6)	-	76,108	25,913	102,021
Fundraising costs	10,260	-	-	10,260
Arrival and sleep packs	-	124,074	-	124,074
Club class	-	26,040	-	26,040
Operational costs	-	7,812	7,804	15,616
Independent examination fees	-	-	2,340	2,340
Legal fees	-	-	528	528
Sub-total	10,260	234,034	36,585	280,879
Allocation of support and governance costs	1,537	35,048	(36,585)	-
Total expenditure	11,797	269,082	-	280,879

Total governance costs were £2,868 (2022: £3,036)

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4. Total expenditure (continued)
Prior period comparative

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support costs £	Restated 2022 Total £
Staff costs (note 6)	-	49,362	16,806	66,168
Fundraising costs	10,992	-	-	10,992
Arrival and sleep packs	-	151,118	-	151,118
Club class	-	3,900	-	3,900
Operational costs	-	2,162	5,808	7,970
Independent examination fees	-	-	1,740	1,740
Legal fees	-	-	1,296	1,296
Sub-total	10,992	206,542	25,650	243,184
Allocation of support and governance costs	1,296	24,354	(25,650)	-
Total expenditure	12,288	230,896	-	243,184

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5. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	142	67
Independent examiners' remuneration:		
▪ Independent examination (including VAT)	2,340	1,740
▪ Other services (including VAT)	<u>1,544</u>	<u>-</u>

Two Trustees were reimbursed for travel costs (£106) and DBS checks (£36) during the current year. In the previous year, one Trustee was reimbursed for travel costs (£67).

6. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries and wages	97,679	64,607
Social security costs	2,458	260
Pension costs	<u>1,884</u>	<u>1,301</u>
	<u>102,021</u>	<u>66,168</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the Chief Executive Officer, Richard Hammond. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £39,444 (2022: £36,082).

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Average head count	<u>4.83</u>	<u>4.00</u>

7. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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8. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	-	26,950
Prepayments	<u>132</u>	<u>150</u>
	<u>132</u>	<u>27,100</u>

9. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,152	221
Accruals	4,037	3,233
Other taxation and social security	895	-
Other creditors	<u>-</u>	<u>204</u>
	<u>9,084</u>	<u>3,658</u>

10. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	13,331	175,419	188,750
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,084)</u>	<u>(9,084)</u>
Net assets at 30 June 2023	<u>13,331</u>	<u>166,335</u>	<u>179,666</u>

Prior period comparative

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	5,622	190,407	196,029
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,658)</u>	<u>(3,658)</u>
Net assets at 30 June 2022	<u>5,622</u>	<u>186,749</u>	<u>192,371</u>

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11. Movements in funds

	At 1 July 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30 June 2023 £
Restricted funds				
AXA Foundation	-	11,638	(11,638)	-
Carmela and Ronnie Pignatelli Foundation	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
Croydon Relief In Need Charity	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Edith Maud Ellis 1985 Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
George Oliver Foundation	-	5,000	(947)	4,053
Green Hall Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Lawson Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Leri Charitable Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
NLCF - Awards for All	5,622	10,000	(7,094)	8,528
Sobell Foundation	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Truemark Trust	-	3,000	(2,250)	750
Underwood Trust	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
Total restricted funds	5,622	76,138	(68,429)	13,331
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	186,749	192,036	(212,450)	166,335
Total unrestricted funds	186,749	192,036	(212,450)	166,335
Total funds	192,371	268,174	(280,879)	179,666

Purposes of restricted funds

AXA Foundation	Funding towards arrival and sleep packs.
Carmela and Ronnie Pignatelli Foundation	Funding towards essentials packs (including management).
Croydon Relief In Need Charity	Funding towards arrival and sleep packs.
Edith Maud Ellis 1985 Trust	Funding towards video training for foster carers.
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust	Funding towards arrival and sleep packs.

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11. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

George Oliver Foundation	Funding towards Club Class.
Green Hall Foundation	Funding towards arrival and sleep packs.
Lawson Trust	Funding towards essentials packs.
Leri Charitable Trust	Funding towards arrival and sleep packs.
NLCF - Awards for All	Funding towards Club Class and youth worker fees.
Sobell Foundation	Funding towards arrival and sleep packs (including management and distribution).
Truemark Trust	Funding towards essentials packs.
Underwood Trust	Funding towards essentials packs (including management).

Prior period comparative	At 1 July 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30 June 2022 £
Restricted funds				
UK Youth	12,000	-	(12,000)	-
Underwood Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
NLCF - Awards for All	5,175	-	(5,175)	-
NLCF - Awards for All	-	9,975	(4,353)	5,622
Stanley Grundy Charitable	-	9,000	(9,000)	-
7 Stars Foundation	-	7,500	(7,500)	-
The Worshipful Company of Grocers	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Green Hall Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
February Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Other restricted funds	8,000	15,770	(23,770)	-
Total restricted funds	25,175	67,245	(86,798)	5,622
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	76,427	266,708	(156,386)	186,749
Total unrestricted funds	76,427	266,708	(156,386)	186,749
Total funds	101,602	333,953	(243,184)	192,371

12. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the current or prior period.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1120669

Accounts

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(A Charity, founded in 2007 - a company limited by guarantee)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES 2021/22

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company) present their report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP) issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name:	The Separated Child Foundation
Charity registration number:	1120669
Company registration number:	06270575
Registered Office:	84 Cromwell Road, London SW19 8NA

Trustees

Angela Gluck	Acting Chair, appointed January 2022
Sarah Galindo – Castro MBE	(Chair, resigned January 2022)
Arnaud Vervoitte	Deputy Chair, appointed January 2022
Michael Marx FCA	(Honorary Treasurer, resigned May 2022)
Alison Hylton-Potts	Appointed January 2022, became Honorary Treasurer in May 2022
Gloria Abramoff FRSA	Chair of Influencing Committee
Christina Moore	
Alexandra Taliadoros	Appointed January 2022, resigned September 2022
Rabia Nasimi	Appointed March 2022
Hannah Ward	Appointed March 2022

Secretary

Hannah Williams

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PATRONS

Lord (Alfred) Dubs has held key positions in local and national government, and in several influential organisations. He was Labour MP (1979-87), Director of the Refugee Council (1988-95) and since 1994 a Labour life peer, Baron Dubs of Battersea. A child refugee fleeing Nazism, he champions the rights of unaccompanied refugee children; he successfully introduced an amendment to the Immigration Act 2016 to offer them safe passage to Britain during the refugee crisis.

Ama Ata Aidoo, a playwright, poet and novelist, has won many literary awards, including the 1992 Commonwealth Writers Prize for her novel *Changes*. Her writing particularly deals with the tension between Western and African world views. Many of her protagonists are women who defy stereotypical female roles. Ama Ata has spent a great deal of time lecturing in Africa, Europe and North America.

Dr Anthony Julius is a prominent British lawyer and academic, whose doctorate is in English literature. A highly regarded litigation lawyer, he has acted for many high profile clients. He is currently Deputy Chair of the prestigious London law firm Mishcon de Reya, Chair of the London Consortium and Vice-President of the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

The Baroness Neuberger DBE is a rabbi and social reformer, and in the period 1997-2004 she was chief executive of the King's Fund. Julia Neuberger was created a life peer in 2004 and in 2007 was appointed chair of the Commission on the Future of Volunteering. Her publications include *The Moral State We're In* (2005).

Jonathan Ross OBE is a film critic, chat show host and presenter of television and radio. His Queen's Birthday Honour in 2005 was given for services to broadcasting and he has also received awards from the entertainment industry, including BAFTA three times for television entertainment performance and, in 2008, the Sony Gold Award 'Music Radio Personality of the Year'

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CHAIR'S REVIEW

The Separated Child Foundation exists to offer practical, emotional and social support to separated children and young people who seek asylum in our country.

The need for our work has increased dramatically: the number of lone refugee children applying for asylum increased by 175% between 2021 and 2022 to almost 4,900. They flee their homes in Afghanistan, Syria and other war zones in search of safety, travelling alone because their parents have been killed, or are otherwise unable to leave; traumatised but immensely brave.

For a range of reasons, normal migration routes (freight and rail) have been restricted and consequently more refugees took the dangerous journey across the Channel than previously, with the main point of entry in Kent. Last year, as lockdown restrictions were lifted, demand for our packs in Kent increased hugely, where our partners were bearing the brunt of the increase in arrivals of separated children.

With limited funds available, in November we made a choice to supply our partners the Refugee Council in Dover with an 'essentials' pack. This consists of a range of items designed to supplement the tracksuit provided by the border force to the children on arrival to support their first few days in the UK.

If we add these together with the arrival and sleep packs, last year we distributed almost 5,500 arrival, sleep and essentials packs to separated children. This was a 35% increase on the previous year. This could not have been achieved without the inputs of our volunteer 'Purple Packers'—30 or more of whom participate regularly—who have been supplemented again by corporate volunteering teams from esynergy and 7Stars Foundation amongst others.

Last year we were able to grow our staff team, creating a Programme Manager role, to take forward next steps from our 2021 research into the unmet needs of separated children. This year we conducted research into the training that foster carers undertake, and alongside growing our programmes, they will develop a formal way of increasing the involvement of children and young people in all aspects of our work.

Due to the pandemic, we were unable to progress our plans to develop a second Club Class outside London. Our London Club Class transitioned back to face to face at the end of the year; having sustained a lifeline of support and connection among a community of young people.

During the year we were able to refocus the work of our Trustee Board, growing the total number to nine, and taking the decision to devolve work to committees. I took on the role of Acting Chair of Trustees, and Alison Hylton-Potts took over the role of Treasurer from Michael Marx. I would like to thank Michael for his unswerving support to our charity from our inception in 2007.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, and the Trustees' investment in digital fundraising we were able to grow our income by 68% compared to the previous year. Whilst the year ahead looks challenging, we will continue to diversify our income streams. This will enable us to explore and implement new programmes that separated children tell us they need.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, to all our partners, and our supporters—Trusts, individuals, volunteers—thank you. Our success would not have been possible without your support.

Ms Angela Gluck

Acting Chair of Trustees

DATED 12/1/2023

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Background

The Separated Child Foundation was set up in memory of Ester Gluck who was born in 1982 and who died in 2006 at the age of 24. Compassionate and creative, Ester was deeply committed to working for the benefit of refugees and people seeking asylum. In particular, she cared about the needs of young refugees, especially those who have become separated from their parents and close family.

Charitable objectives and aims

The Separated Child Foundation has two aims:

- › to offer emotional, social, financial and physical support to separated children and young people, either directly or indirectly through their carers; and,
- › to engage in educational activities that raise awareness of the needs of separated children and young people, and of refugees and people seeking asylum more generally, and that encourage positive responses to them.

Charitable activities 2021/22

As outlined by our Chair above, the need for our work has increased dramatically.

The number of children applying for asylum increased by 175% in the year up to June 2022, to almost 4,900 (Refugee Council). The pandemic restricted normal migration routes (freight and rail) and migrants fleeing persecution increasingly took the dangerous journey across the Channel, with the main point of entry in Kent.

Welcoming children arriving in the UK: arrival, sleep and essentials packs

When separated children and young people arrive in our country, it is almost always at the end of a difficult, demanding and often dangerous journey, and they lack even the most basic necessities of life. Invariably they arrive after a torturous journey, often walking in groups at night, sleeping during the day and taking turns to keep watch.

Our packs are distributed to children as they arrive as part of our partners' wider work. Our male and female arrival packs are duffle bags containing toiletries, face masks, hand sanitiser, a towel, 3 pairs of socks / tops / underwear, sweatpants and hoodie, weatherproof jacket, hat, gloves, scarf, notepad and pen.

Sleep Packs contain a lavender pouch, ear plugs, a nightlight, a night shirt, a stress ball and a 'Sweet Dreams' card. Our partners use the packs as part of their work with children to get them settled back into 'normal' sleep routines, as many suffer from terrible insomnia and / or nightmares from the trauma they have witnessed and experienced. The sleep pack includes a text free explanatory leaflet.

"Alongside talking to a therapist and regular exercise, the sleep pack is very helpful. I use the sensory plug-in light and lavender bag to help me fall asleep at night. I used the stress ball in college and it improved my concentration and memory in class. Thank you!"

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16 year old from Chad

Teams of dedicated volunteers regularly assemble pack items in a space provided by Big Yellow Storage for free and we purchase pack items from reputable suppliers including other charities.

During the year due to rising costs, we undertook a review of pack items with our volunteers, and accordingly increased our budget to £45 per arrival pack, £9.70 per sleep pack and the essentials packs are £15.

We have a part time Project Manager, who works three days a week, responsible for looking after our volunteers, co-ordinating packing sessions, ordering and co-ordinating stock and orders with partners; and for monitoring data and producing reports.

Some local partners collect packs and for others, delivery is arranged. During the year we gained new partners such as Avenis Support, My View Project and South Warwickshire NHS Trust.

Last year, as lockdown restrictions were lifted, demand for our packs in Kent increased hugely, where our partners are bearing the brunt of the increase in arrivals of separated children. With limited funds available, in November we made the decision to supply our Dover partners an 'essentials' pack with a reduced range of items; designed to supplement the tracksuit provided by the border force to the children on arrival.

Our packs project is very effective: for the separated children and young people who have already received one from us, it has made an important difference to their everyday life.

Feedback from children

"I have difficulty sleeping due to nightmares and anxiety so I really appreciated the gesture. I will put lavender next to my pillow." "I had no nightwear so I was really happy to get the T-shirt and will wear it this evening." "I have problems sleeping because of what happened. Thank you." "My favourite items have been the night lights and lavender. The smell relaxes me. I have been using my night light and it helps me sleep."

The profile of children we are helping

Whilst events in Ukraine and latterly in Afghanistan have dominated recent news cycles, children receiving packs have fled from wars and conflict all over the world. This is exemplified in our profiling of where children have fled from: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Chad, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Kuwait, Bidoun, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Romania, Senegal, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, and Vietnam.

The majority of the children we helped were under 16 (10% were under ten).

Feedback from partners

"It is fair to say that these packs have been received positively and with gratitude if at first with some bewilderment as it is often the first 'gift' they have ever received. Typical comments are 'can I keep it?', 'are you sure?', 'I have never been given anything like this before', & 'just for me?'."

"From our perspective it been very positive as part of an initial intervention as a sign that we care about these young people who have so often been denied respect and dignity on their tortuous journey to the UK. It is at this stage of their life as a refugee child that a few basic necessities of life are more important than so-called luxuries."

"It has been useful to ask young people if they are sleeping well. Sometimes they say yes or ok, but some say no which leads to conversations about why that is the case. The giving of a sleep pack in

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itself acknowledges their distress from lack of sleep and invites a conversation about it. One boy had witnessed his parents being shot dead and was terrified of the dark as he heard the echoes of gun shots in his head at night. The night light therefore gave him great comfort: not a cure but enabled him to feel safer. The nightlight has proved popular for this and many other reasons.

"No one given a pack has offered any criticism, only gratitude and although it can be difficult to convey the smiles and the quiet 'thank you's' onto the page. I trust this feedback gives you a sense of how much your work is appreciated."

Child Advisor at the Refugee Council in Birmingham

In the year ending June 2022, we distributed almost 5,500 packs, a 35% increase on 2021 including: 2,657 arrival packs (2021-1,809), 2,449 sleep packs (2020- 1,883), and 380 essentials packs provided just to our partners in Dover. This is a record for our small charity.

Club Class

'Club Class' is a cross between a club and a class: a weekly educational, social and cultural programme for children aged 14-18, which we have run in partnership with the Refugee Council in Croydon for many years.

It focuses on developing their social and life skills, alongside providing children with information about UK systems and processes that affect them. The group is a great place for children to meet other young people in similar situations, make friends, have fun, build confidence, and improve their English, in a fun and safe environment.

Club Class was offered online between April 2020 until the Spring of 2022 – we helped children get online by sourcing laptops where needed. This support sustained a lifeline of mutual support and connections among a community of young people who otherwise would have been left unsupported and alone, as many refugee agencies closed or operated under reduced hours during lockdowns. Feedback includes that the sessions have helped them learn how to keep themselves safe from the virus; to be more independent; and to communicate effectively.

Last year we secured funding for a second club class, which we aim to establish with partners the International Care Network in Bournemouth in the coming year.

Giving children a voice

We use our digital platforms and communications to tell the stories of separated children, sharing their needs and hopes and raising awareness of the challenges they face to encourage compassionate responses to them in wider society.

We have become members of two campaigning groups to help expand our reach in this area - 'Together with Refugees' and 'Families Together'. We have co-signed letters on issues such as: a) support for Ukrainian refugees; and, b) demanding an end to the practise of placing children into hotels whilst they await their asylum application decisions.

Ester Gluck Awards

We launched the Ester Gluck Awards in spring 2022, to celebrate separated children who have delivered or initiated a project which promoted positive social change. These awards suitably recognise Ester as the inspiration for the establishment of the Foundation and honour her life and memory.

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FUTURE PLANS

The coming year is a consolidation year focusing on priority areas as below, whilst we recover from the impacts of the pandemic. We will also develop a long-term five-year strategy 2023-2028. The key workstreams in the strategy will focus on these areas:

1. **Continue** to develop and expand our direct work with separated children and those who support them, including foster carers.
2. **Ensure** that arrival, sleep and essentials packs are available to every separated child wherever they are in the UK.
3. **Develop** our ability to influence on behalf of separated children by using our direct work with them to inform our opinions and speak with authority
4. **Grow** our individual giving fundraising by investing in appropriate marketing to grow our supporter base and expanding our portfolio of fundraising opportunities. Continue to develop our relationships with funders.
5. **Ensure** the efficient utilisation of resources within the organisation. Monitor the staffing structure and roles to ensure they are appropriate for our developing needs. Optimise the opportunities offered through volunteers and the use of interns.

Developing new programmes and input from children

Our 2021 research set out opportunities for our charity to support more separated children via new programme work. With funding from an NLCF Awards for All grant, we have established a programme manager role, which has added expertise, networks, capacity and ideas to our team.

The programme manager is tasked to embed a child-led programme infrastructure and evaluation framework; initially establishing a Youth Forum, with interpreters as needed. The purpose of the forum is two-fold:

- › informing the Foundation's work, helping drive our future direction to ensure that what we deliver meets children's needs; and,
- › offering a platform to help amplify the voices of young people in speaking up about the services and policies which directly affect them.

Foster-carers' training

We have an ambition to work closely with our partners to educate foster-carers on the specific sociological and physical needs of separated children. Initially, we will undertake a research project to identify unmet need to inform our plans.

Income generation

In order to improve the sustainability of our approach, offering a national reach more effectively, we need to diversify and grow income; reducing our reliance on income from Trusts. In today's highly competitive fundraising environment, it is key that we achieve growth in our programme work in a cost-effective way by working in partnership with others, so that our work complements existing support. We will continue to grow our digital presence, our email subscribers, Facebook supporters, and through this engage supporters giving regularly to our work and supporting us in other ways.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity presently has limited financial resources and reserves. We receive no statutory funding and our principal sources of funding are voluntary through donations from individuals, companies, Trusts, the National Lottery Community Fund, and gifts in kind (items for the Packs and pro bono support).

The Income and Expenditure Account shows total incoming resources in the year ending 30th June 2022 amounting to £333,953 (YE 2021 - £199k). Resources expended amount to £243,184 (2021 - £160k), leaving a net surplus of £90,769 (2021 - £39k). Total net assets at the year-end amounted to £192,371 (2021 - £102k). Fundraising costs as a ratio to income raised were 3%. The ratio of funds spent on overhead (including fundraising) was 9% of spend, meaning that 91 pence in every pound donated reaches children.

Reserves policy

Our free reserves as at 30th June 2022 amounted to c. £187k excluding c.£6k restricted funds. The Trustees have agreed a policy of holding three to six months of the coming year annual expenditure by way of cash reserve. This is designed to mitigate the risk of reducing our services to separated children should we find ourselves at risk of a deficit position in the event of another event affecting our ability to raise income, such as the recent pandemic. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees.

We have estimated that our 2022/23 plans will cost around £274k so it is prudent for us to carry over a reserve fund of £187k which equates to just under eight months of 2022/23 expenditure.

Fundraising

In the year ending June 2022 we raised around £334k in total which was 68% more than 2020/21. Donations from individuals and companies made up c. £132k of this and c. £201k (60%) was raised from generous Trusts and the National Lottery Community Fund.

We receive regular donations from connections of the Trustees and volunteers, including this year a large in memoriam gift of £66k. Our partnership with esynergy continued with financial and non-financial support with our IT systems and with HR advice. Increased awareness via our digital campaigns meant an increase in email subscribers to 11,379, and a three-fold increase on the number of individual monthly donors. We also saw the addition of another two monthly corporate donors (Impiric and FinderMonkey).

We are incredibly grateful to the individuals, and organisations who donate money and gifts in kind to us, and the individuals who volunteer their time. Without them, we simply could not survive. We would like in particular to thank esynergy, Impiric, FinderMonkey, the NLCF Awards for All programme; and the following Trusts and Foundations:

7 Stars Foundation; Alchemy Foundation; Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust; Archer Trust; Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust; Baron Davenport's Charity; Croydon Relief in Need Charity; Evan Cornish Foundation; February Foundation; Forrester Family Trust; Fulmer Charitable Trust; Garfield Weston Foundation; Goldsmiths' Company Charity; Grace Trust; Green Hall Foundation; Hugh Symons Charitable Trust; J & H Orlander Trust; Kestrelman Trust; Lady More Charitable Trust; Leach Fourteenth Trust; Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund; Marsh Charitable Trust; Mbili Charitable Trust; MCKS Charitable Foundation UK; Prism Charitable Trust; Schroder Charity Trust; Souter Charitable Trust; Stanley Grundy Charitable Foundation Limited; Tula Trust Limited; The Worshipful Company of Grocers; Underwood Trust; and, UK Youth.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a charity and a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6 June 2007 and registered as a charity on 24 August 2007. The charity was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established its objects and powers, and how it is governed. In the event of it being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Governance structure

The Trustees increased their meetings to monthly during the pandemic, and are responsible for the strategic policy and direction of the charity. The majority of operational decisions are delegated to the Chief Executive, in line with their responsibilities for managing the organisation in accordance with the strategic, planning, budgetary and risk management parameters, as approved by the Board.

During the year we were able to refocus the work of our Trustee Board, growing the total number to eight, including new Trustees - Alexandra Taliadoros, Rabia Nasimi, Hannah Ward and Alison Hylton-Potts. Following the resignation of our previous Chair, Sarah Castro, Angela Gluck took on the role as Acting Chair of Trustees. Alison Hylton-Potts took over the role of Treasurer from Michael Marx. We would like to thank Michael for his dedication and commitment to the Charity since our founding. Alison provided significant support on a pro bono basis as the Charity's bookkeeper for which we thank her.

Arnaud Vervoitte was appointed as our first Deputy Chair.

Our newly refreshed Trustee Board will engage in three Committees – Management, Development, and Influencing – to help steer our Charity's direction.

In terms of induction and training, the Trustees have undertaken research into the asylum system for children and young adults. Certain of the Trustees have attended seminars run by the Refugee Council and all Trustees have attended the NSPCC safeguarding training.

Management structure

The charity is managed under the leadership of its Chief Executive Officer, Richard Hammond, supported by Hannah Williams as his Executive Assistant, Ellen Rafiqi as Packs Manager and Helen Tirebuck as Programme Manager. Helen manages a freelance youth worker for Club Class and during the year Emma Gardiner took over from Egerton Gbonda. Alongside supporting the Treasurer and the team, Hannah manages the charity's digital fundraising, communications and website. A freelance fundraiser supports the Charity with its Trusts and Lottery fundraising.

Risk management

The Trustees will limit expenditure to the funds available to them from time to time. It has no present intention to borrow any monies. Internal control risks are minimized by the implementation of procedures for authorization of all transactions and projects. Key risks are recorded on our risk register and discussed at Board Meetings.

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Under our Safeguarding Policy, all trustees, staff and key volunteers are required to hold a DBS certificate which they get updated every three years. Our CEO and key staff likely to work with children have an 'enhanced' DBS check. We have ensured that our policy and any associated procedures /training comply with statutory requirements. Our policy reflects available guidance on good practice in safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, and that safeguarding arrangements are proportionate to the risks involved. We have committed to addressing safeguarding throughout our work, through the three pillars of prevention, reporting and response. During the year we also developed and / or updated the following policies: Health and Safety Policy including Manual Handling Procedure (update); Reserves Policy (update); and, Whistleblowing Policy (new).

Public benefit

The Trustees, having considered section 4 of the Charities Act 2006, have satisfied themselves that they have complied with the duty to have regard to the Public Benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The Activities and Achievements of The Separated Child Foundation are outlined in this Report and the Trustees believe, demonstrate that The Separated Child Foundation is providing public benefit. The Trustees seek to benefit primarily those separated children within the UK, wherever they reside.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- › select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- › make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and,
- › prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that company will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other regularities. The Trustees who served during the period under review and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

Audit

Under the Charities Act 2011, an audit is required where the turnover exceeds £1,000,000. Accordingly, in interests of cash flow preservation, the Trustees have not appointed an auditor but have appointed an Independent examiner.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs Alison Hylton-Potts (Treasurer)

 12/1/2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEPARATED CHILD FOUNDATION

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the separated Child Foundation ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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:26/1/2023.....

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4	266,622	67,245	333,867	199,300
Investments	5	86	-	86	9
Total		266,708	67,245	333,953	199,309
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	10,992	-	10,992	9,328
Charitable activities	7	145,394	86,798	232,192	150,746
Total		156,386	86,798	243,184	160,074
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income	8	110,322	(19,553)	90,769	39,235
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)		110,322	(19,553)	90,769	39,235
Other gains and losses					
Net movement in funds		110,322	(19,553)	90,769	39,235
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		76,427	25,175	101,602	62,367
Total funds carried forward		186,749	5,622	192,371	101,602

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Balance Sheet
at 30 June 2022

Company No. 06270575	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	27,100	350
Cash at bank and in hand		168,929	103,607
		<u>196,029</u>	<u>103,957</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	12	(3,658)	(2,355)
Net current assets		<u>192,371</u>	<u>101,602</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>192,371</u>	<u>101,602</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>192,371</u>	<u>101,602</u>
Total net assets		<u>192,371</u>	<u>101,602</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	13		
Restricted income funds		5,622	25,175
		<u>5,622</u>	<u>25,175</u>
Unrestricted funds	13		
General funds		186,749	76,427
		<u>186,749</u>	<u>76,427</u>
Reserves	13		
Total funds		<u>192,371</u>	<u>101,602</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

For the year ended 30 June 2022 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

Approved by the board on 12 January 2023

And signed on its behalf by:

A. Hylton-Potts

A.J. Hylton-Potts
Trustee
12 January 2023

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Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 30 June 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and probable to receive - it is more likely than not that the economic benefits associated with the transaction or gift will flow to the charity, and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
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Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
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Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
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Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
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Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
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Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
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Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
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Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
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Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.
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Expenditure	
Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

2 Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

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3 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	96,341	102,959	199,300
Investments	9	-	9
Total	96,350	102,959	199,309
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	17,500	-	17,500
Charitable activities	49,615	92,959	142,574
Total	67,115	92,959	160,074
Net income	29,235	10,000	39,235
Net income before other gains/(losses)	29,235	10,000	39,235
Other gains and losses:			
Net movement in funds	29,235	10,000	39,235
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	47,192	15,175	62,367
Total funds carried forward	76,427	25,175	101,602

4 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Trusts / NLCF	134,158	67,245	201,403	71,000
Donations	132,464	-	132,464	128,300
	266,622	67,245	333,867	199,300

5 Income from investments

Unrestricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
86	86	9
86	86	9

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6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>			
Trusts / NLCF	10,992	10,992	9,328
	<u>10,992</u>	<u>10,992</u>	<u>9,328</u>

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>				
Arrival and sleep packs	76,321	74,798	151,119	78,522
Club class	3,900	-	3,900	5,100
Salaries/wages	54,167	12,000	66,167	48,872
Other management/support costs	7,970	-	7,970	17,262
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Independent examination fees	1,740	-	1,740	990
Legal fees for new articles of association	1,296	-	1,296	-
	<u>145,394</u>	<u>86,798</u>	<u>232,192</u>	<u>150,746</u>

8 Net income before transfers

	2022	2021
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Independent Examiner's fee	1,740	990

9 Trustee remuneration and expenses

One or more of the trustees has been paid expenses in the current or prior periods.

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Number of trustees paid expenses	1	-
The nature of the reimbursed expenses	Travel expenses	
	£	£
Total expenses reimbursed to trustees	67	-

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10 Staff costs

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

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

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Charitable Activities	4	3
	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

11 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other debtors	26,950	-
Prepayments and accrued income	150	350
	<u>27,100</u>	<u>350</u>

12 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	221	-
Other creditors	204	-
Accruals	3,233	2,355
	<u>3,658</u>	<u>2,355</u>

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13 Movement in funds

	At 1 July 2021	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 30 June 2022 £
Restricted funds:				
Restricted income funds:				
UK Youth	12,000	-	(12,000)	-
Underwood Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
NLCF - Awards for All	5,175	-	(5,175)	-
NLCF - Awards for All	-	9,975	(4,353)	5,622
Stanley Grundy Charitable Foundation	-	9,000	(9,000)	-
7 Stars Foundation	-	7,500	(7,500)	-
The Worshipful Company of Grocers	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Green Hall Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
February Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Other restricted funds	8,000	15,770	(23,770)	-
Total	25,175	67,245	(86,798)	5,622
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	76,427	266,708	(156,386)	186,749
Total funds	101,602	333,953	(243,184)	192,371

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

UK Youth	Funding towards CEO salary, governance, and fundraising costs
Underwood Trust	Funding towards arrival and sleep packs
NLCF - Awards for All	Funding towards packs manager salary and packs costs
NLCF - Awards for All	Funding towards Programme manager salary and materials
Stanley Grundy Charitable Foundation	Funding towards arrival and sleep packs
7 Stars Foundation	Funding towards arrival and sleep packs
The Worshipful Company of Grocers	Funding towards arrival and sleep packs
Green Hall Foundation	Funding towards arrival and sleep packs
February Foundation	Funding towards arrival and sleep packs
Other restricted funds	Funding towards arrival and sleep packs

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14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	£	£
Net current assets	192,371	192,371
	<u>192,371</u>	<u>192,371</u>

15 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 July 2021	Cash flows	At 30 June 2022
	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	103,607	65,322	168,929
	<u>103,607</u>	<u>65,322</u>	<u>168,929</u>
Net debt	<u>103,607</u>	<u>65,322</u>	<u>168,929</u>

16 Commitments

Operating lease commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	Land and buildings	Other	Land and buildings	Other
	£	£	£	£

Operating leases with expiry date:

Pension commitments

	2022	2021
	£	£
The pension cost charge to the company amounted to:	<u>1,301</u>	<u>810</u>

17 Related party disclosures

<i>Name of related party</i>	R. Nasimi
<i>Description of relationship between the parties</i>	Trustee
<i>Description of transaction and general amounts involved</i>	The charity paid travel expenses of £49 to R. Nasimi, a trustee in connection with their duties as a trustee.
<i>Controlling party</i>	

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus no single party controls the company.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies				
Trusts / NLCF	134,158	67,245	201,403	71,000
Donations	132,464	-	132,464	128,300
	<u>266,622</u>	<u>67,245</u>	<u>333,867</u>	<u>199,300</u>
Investments				
	86	-	86	9
	<u>86</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>9</u>
Total income and endowments	<u>266,708</u>	<u>67,245</u>	<u>333,953</u>	<u>199,309</u>
Expenditure on:				
Costs of generating donations and legacies				
Trusts / NLCF	10,992	-	10,992	9,328
	<u>10,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,992</u>	<u>9,328</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	<u>10,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,992</u>	<u>9,328</u>
Charitable activities				
Arrival and sleep packs	76,321	74,798	151,119	78,522
Club class	3,900	-	3,900	5,100
Salaries/wages	54,167	12,000	66,167	48,872
Other management/support costs	7,970	-	7,970	17,262
	<u>142,358</u>	<u>86,798</u>	<u>229,156</u>	<u>149,756</u>
Governance costs				
Independent examination fees	1,740	-	1,740	990
Legal fees for new articles of association	1,296	-	1,296	-
	<u>3,036</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,036</u>	<u>990</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	<u>145,394</u>	<u>86,798</u>	<u>232,192</u>	<u>150,746</u>
Total expenditure	<u>156,386</u>	<u>86,798</u>	<u>243,184</u>	<u>160,074</u>
Net gains on investments	-	-	-	-
Net income	<u>110,322</u>	<u>(19,553)</u>	<u>90,769</u>	<u>39,235</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	<u>110,322</u>	<u>(19,553)</u>	<u>90,769</u>	<u>39,235</u>
Other Gains	-	-	-	-

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Net movement in funds	110,322	(19,553)	90,769	39,235
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	76,427	25,175	101,602	62,367
Total funds carried forward	186,749	5,622	192,371	101,602

THE SEPARATED CHILD FOUNDATION

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(A Charity, founded in 2007 - a company limited by guarantee)



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For the year ended 30 June 2021

Charity number 1120669

Company number 6270575

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES 2020/21

The Trustees present their report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP) issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name:	The Separated Child Foundation
Charity registration number:	1120669
Company registration number:	6270575
Registered Office:	84 Cromwell Road, London SW19 8NA

Trustees

Angela Gluck	(Acting Chair)
Arnaud Vervoitte	(Deputy Chair)
Michael Marx FCA	(Honorary Treasurer)
Gloria Abramoff	(Chair of Communications Committee)
Sarah Galindo – Castro MBE	
Christina Moore	
Alison Hylton-Potts	(Appointed 9 th December 2021)
Alexandra Taliadoros	(Appointed 9 th December 2021)
Mark Friend	(Previous Chair - resigned 14 th January 2021)

Honorary Secretary

Rachel Ouseley

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PATRONS



Lord (Alfred) Dubs has held key positions in local and national government, and in several influential organisations. He was Labour MP (1979-87), Director of the Refugee Council (1988-95) and since 1994 a Labour life peer, Baron Dubs of Battersea. A child refugee fleeing Nazism, he champions the rights of unaccompanied refugee children; he successfully introduced an amendment to the Immigration Act 2016 to offer them safe passage to Britain during the refugee crisis.



Ama Ata Aidoo, a playwright, poet and novelist, has won many literary awards, including the 1992 Commonwealth Writers Prize for her novel *Changes*. Her writing particularly deals with the tension between Western and African world views. Many of her protagonists are women who defy stereotypical female roles. Ama Ata has spent a great deal of time lecturing in Africa, Europe and North America.



Anthony Julius is a prominent British lawyer and academic.

He is Deputy Chairman of the law firm Mishcon de Reya.



The Baroness Neuberger DBE is a rabbi and social reformer, engaging in various voluntary and philanthropic roles. She has given advice to national government and local authorities, especially in the field of health and medical care. She was created a life peer in 2004 and in 2007 was appointed chair of the Commission on the Future of Volunteering. She served as Senior Rabbi of West London Synagogue 2011—20.



Jonathan Ross OBE is a film critic, chat show host and presenter of television and radio. His Queen's Birthday Honour in 2005 was given for services to broadcasting and he has also received awards from the entertainment industry, including BAFTA three times for television entertainment performance and, in 2008, the Sony Gold Award 'Music Radio Personality of the Year'.

BANKERS

CAF Bank

25 Kings Hill Avenue

Kings Hill

West Malling

Kent ME19 4JQ

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CHAIR'S REVIEW

The Separated Child Foundation exists to offer practical, emotional and social support to separated children and young people who seek asylum in our country. The children we support arrive here alone, because their parents have been killed, imprisoned or otherwise are unable to leave. They arrive with nothing, having fled their homeland because of war, terror or persecution.

As widely publicised, migrants seeking asylum on our shores by small boat have increased: half way through 2021 the numbers arriving in this way was already double 2020's numbers. These include children taking this dangerous journey across one of the world's busiest shipping lanes.

We conducted research in early 2021, discussing our work and gaps in the sector with refugee and asylum seeker agencies. Our findings evidenced children's most pressing needs to be safe, secure, clothed, accommodated, warm, fed and getting sleep. It identified gaps in provision that our packs project is meeting, and helped to inform our new programme work to meet other gaps.

We continue to work with our partners to minimise the impact of the pandemic on the children we support, and are grateful for their expertise and support. Club Class has been delivered remotely since April 2020; helping children get online by sourcing tablets where needed. This has sustained a lifeline of mutual support and connection among a community of young people.

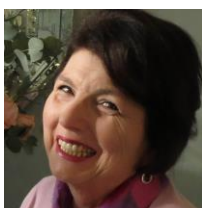
The demand for our packs dipped during lockdown, but soared once partners became operational again, with increased numbers crossing the channel, and with awareness of our work raised by our research. As a result, we distributed over 1,800 arrival packs, and almost 1,900 sleep packs last year, a 43% and 102% increase on last year respectively! We grew our partnerships, and are now distributing packs as far afield as Bristol, Plymouth and Glasgow.

We have benefited hugely from the inputs of our 50 volunteer 'Purple Packers', who have been supplemented this year by corporate volunteering teams from E-Synergy and the 7stars Foundation. We could not run our Packs project without volunteers, and owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

Within our future direction, alongside growing our work, we aim to develop a formal child-led infrastructure, and monitoring and evaluation framework, to increase the involvement of children and young people in all aspects of our work.

It was another challenging year for fundraising, with public events cancelled, but our investment in Trusts and digital fundraising enabled us to grow our income by 54% compared to last year. A new partnership with eSynergy Solutions enabled us to overhaul our IT systems and enhanced our digital marketing plans. We increased our digital fundraising income, growing our income from individuals by 15%. Whilst the year ahead looks challenging we will continue diversifying our income streams, enabling us to explore and implement new projects that separated children tell us they need.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, to all our supporters – Trusts, individuals, volunteers and partner charities – thank you. We truly could not survive without you. In this challenging time, we will keep you updated of our progress. Our success would not have been possible without your generosity.



Angela Gluck
Acting Chair of Trustees

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Background



The Separated Child Foundation was set up in memory of Ester Gluck who was born in 1982 and who died in 2006 at the age of 24.

Compassionate and creative, Ester was deeply committed to working for the benefit of refugees and people seeking asylum. In particular, she cared about the needs of young refugees, especially those who have become separated from their parents and close family.

Charitable objectives and aims

The Separated Child Foundation has two aims:

- to offer emotional, social, financial and physical support to separated children and young people, either directly or indirectly through their carers; and,
- to engage in educational activities that raise awareness of the needs of separated children and young people, and of refugees and people seeking asylum more generally, and that encourage positive responses to them.

Charitable activities 2020/21

Research into separated children's needs

In early 2021, we conducted research with the help of an external consultancy led by Nick Scott-Flynn. The purpose of the research was to ensure that our work was not duplicating existing provision, and to capture perspectives that could be used to inform our future plans. The researchers consulted with 47 stakeholders from organisations that work with separated children across the UK. There were, understandably, variations in emphasis and perspective from such a wide range of stakeholders, however there was consensus on the main findings.

The research evidenced children's most pressing needs to be safe, secure, clothed, accommodated, warm, fed and able to sleep. On arrival, separated children are often years behind English children in education, whilst older than their years through their experiences. Most need support with: navigating our asylum system; nutrition; mental health; integration; learning English; and making friends. Older children can experience homelessness as their age can be subject to dispute by the agencies allocated to give them care and accommodation.

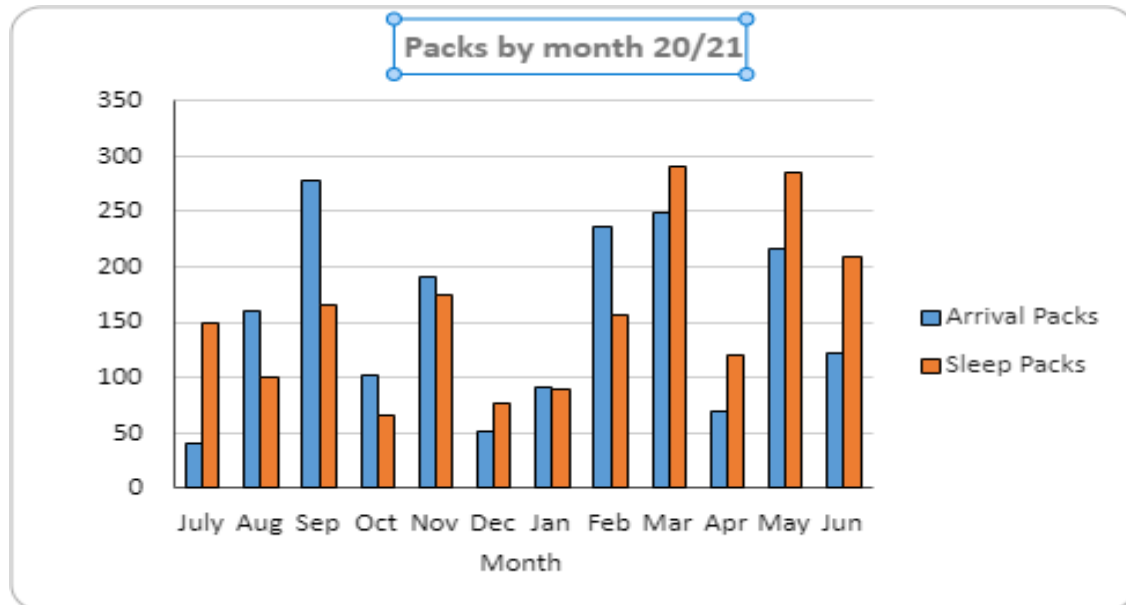
The research identified gaps in provision: whilst children's basic needs are being met within the sector, the researchers concluded that there are very few opportunities for children to engage in experiences helping them develop into rounded individuals. These include meaningful activities with skills training focusing on leadership, communication, team working etc. Experiences that most will not have been able to previously access due to war, flight, isolation, poverty etc.

Trustees agreed a plan to take forward the researcher's recommendations, subject to funding (see future plans below).

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Arrival and Sleep Packs

In the year ending June 2021, we distributed 1,809 arrival packs (2020-1,268) and 1,883 sleep packs (2020- 930), a 43% and 102% increase on 2020 respectively!



Demand for packs was impacted by the pandemic and the closure of most of our partner agency's offices, via whom the packs are distributed. Demand soared once partner's offices opened, and with increased awareness of our work; particularly in Kent, where children were primarily arriving via perilous journeys across the channel in small boats (given freight routes were limited).

When separated children and young people arrive in our country, it is almost always at the end of a difficult, demanding and often dangerous journey, and they lack even the most basic necessities of life. Invariably they arrive after a torturous journey, often walking in groups at night, sleeping during the day and taking turns to keep watch.

'Arrival packs' are duffle bags containing toiletries, a towel, underwear and warm and waterproof clothing. We tailor the packs for boys and girls and in winter we add items such as a hat, scarf and gloves. Post lockdown we added face masks and individual hand sanitisers to the packs as standard items for the foreseeable future. Sleep Packs contain a lavender pouch, a sleep mask, ear plugs, a nightlight and a 'Sweet Dreams' card. Our Packs project is very effective: for the separated children and young people who have already received one from us, it has made an important difference to their everyday life.



We have 50 regular volunteers supporting our packs project. Pre Covid, teams of 15 volunteers would pack together in 'purple packing' sessions.

After the first lockdown in 2020 we agreed protocols enabling us to re initiate Covid-19 safe packing sessions with our fabulous volunteers using strict infection controls. Smaller teams of dedicated volunteers came together to assemble pack items into the duffle bags and pouches.

Some local partners collect packs and for others, delivery is arranged.

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In 2020, we secured funding from the NLCF Awards for All programme to fund our first ever packs co-ordinator, taking over from the Trustee that used to organise the project.

Working two days a week, the co-ordinator is responsible for looking after our volunteers, co-ordinating packing sessions, ordering and co-ordinating stock and orders with partners; and for monitoring data and producing reports.



"Thank you so much for the packs. I have had problems with my sleep since I arrived in the UK in Summer 2020. I have tried all the things in my sleep pack and they have helped me to get better sleep. I like the stress ball and ear plugs and the lavender I keep under my pillow. Thank you for the clothes and toiletries also. When I came here I was put in a hotel and was not given any money for clothes just food. I only had one set of clothes with me and had to ask other people where I live if they had any spare clothes."

Boy, age 16 from Eritrea.

Club Class

'Club Class' is a cross between a club and a class: a weekly educational, social and cultural programme for children aged 14-18, which we run in partnership with the Refugee Council.

Throughout the year, it offers a range of activities to teach arts, cultural and life skills. It helps children make new friends, learn about UK culture, improve their English, and simply have fun, helping them become settled in their new life. We ran the sessions through the year remotely, in line with government restrictions; helping children get online by sourcing laptops where needed, sourced through ComputerAid.

Feedback included that the sessions have helped them learn how to keep themselves safe from the virus; to be more independent; and to communicate effectively.

"Thank you to everyone for everything since March; the laptop is amazing. I can connect and see my friends now and studying with video is much better." **16 year old boy from Afghanistan**

"Thank you very much for this laptop. It's much better than using the phone and I can use it to come to classes, research my poetry, and listen to music." **Girl from Sierra Leone**

Promoting issues related to Separated Children

We use our digital platforms and communications to tell the stories of separated children, sharing their needs and hopes and raising awareness of the challenges they face to encourage compassionate responses to them in wider society.

Examples of Twitter posts:-



Separated Child ❤️ @separated_child · Jun 28

"We are a voice for the voiceless. We have high hopes that together we can make a change." Read key recommendations from this group of 26 young people from different backgrounds working together for a better future for young refugees and asylum seekers.

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Separated Child ❤️ @separated_child · Jun 21

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#RefugeeWeek2021 may be over but the fight for a kinder, fairer and more effective approach to supporting #refugees in the UK only becomes more necessary - proud to join 250 amazing organisations in the #togetherwithrefugees coalition #WhoWeAre Join us! bit.ly/3iPxLnK



Separated Child ❤️ @separated_child · May 30

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Congratulations Salman Khan! So inspired by the story of this separated child found by a UK motorway aged just 12, who now plans to use his architecture degree to design schools in Afghanistan... ❤️

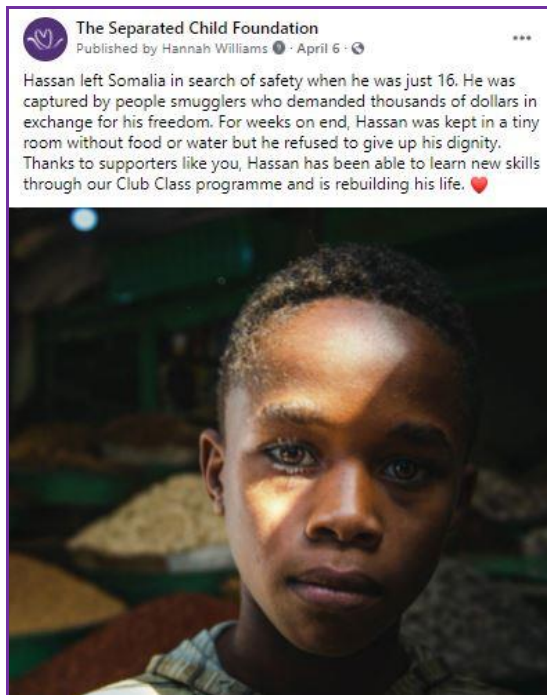


Separated Child ❤️ @separated_child · May 26

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We support the Youth-led Commission on Separated Children in their #DistressSignals campaign with @childrensociety - they're fighting for all unaccompanied and separated children arriving in England and Wales to have a legal guardian act.childrenssociety.org.uk/page/61180/pet...

Examples of Facebook posts:-



FUTURE PLANS

Research recommendations

Our researchers concluded that the **Packs** and **Club Class** work convey a message of welcome and acceptance to children who have experienced hostility, danger and hardship. The value of doing so cannot be overstated and was echoed in the feedback our researchers received from the stakeholders consulted. There was positive feedback on the sleep items, with most stakeholders confirming that separated children have problems with their sleep. They stressed the link between sleep and health and wellbeing; in some instances partners were combining the provision of packs with training.

Existing partners endorsed the continuing need for packs, as no other organisation provides similar packs, and how the packs complement and support them in their work with separated children. What came across strongly was that, as well as having a practical value, the packs provide a mechanism or tool to establish a trusting connection with the young person.

While **Club Class** was less well-known, those stakeholders who did have knowledge of it were complimentary and affirmed its value. Although it is only reaching small numbers the impact on each of them was likely to be significant. The researchers recommended adaptations to the format and a more robust evaluation framework, with a return to the more effective 'in person' format once restrictions allowed. They concluded that Club Class provides a sound model for replication in new partnerships in other areas as a complement to existing activities.

Finally, the researchers explored options for growth into **new programme work**, including influencing and campaigning work. The overwhelming response was to undertake more direct activities with separated children. On the subject of influencing and campaigning, the feedback was that there are many other organisations conducting effective campaigning, with their work informed by direct work with children.

Feedback from refugee and asylum seeker agencies:

"There is an abundance of research but, this often outweighs the action [activities] with young people."

"There are enough people campaigning, but not enough people doing practical things with young people."

"Concentrate on practical work – not advice or campaigning."

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Developing and growing our work with separated children

Our plans are ambitious but realistic: planning decisions will be built on evidence-based research into the needs of separated children and what already exists to meet those needs.

Packs

The researchers highlighted that whilst the need in terms of numbers is finite and quantifiable - as the numbers of children arriving in the UK is likely to be consistent in future years- the need for them would continue, with scope to increase. Funding dependent, we plan to grow numbers distributed annually. We also aim to grow the numbers of new partners in new areas, to reflect the expected wider potential distribution of young people in the next few years via the government's National transfer scheme.

Club Class

We work closely with the Refugee Council in offering our weekly club class to separated children in London. We are currently exploring the development of club class projects in new locations, and have secured £8,000 funding towards this, however restrictions have prevented us from expanding thus far.

Giving children a voice

We aim to continue to grow our presence and social media work, to help change public perceptions and attract new supporters.

New programme work

The research identified gaps in provision which, funding dependent, we aim to meet by developing new work from 2022. Whilst children's basic needs are being met within the sector, there are very few opportunities for children to engage in meaningful activities that help them develop into rounded individuals. These could include workshops focusing on leadership, project management and team building skills, and for this we aim to engage new partners. In order to fulfil this work, we will fundraise for a programme manager position, which we have designed this year.

Child led infrastructure

We aim to develop a formal child-led infrastructure, and monitoring and evaluation framework, to increase the involvement of children and young people in all aspects of our programme planning, delivery, and evaluation.

The Ester Gluck Award

We aim to launch the Ester Gluck Award to celebrate separated children who have delivered or initiated a project which promoted positive social change. This award will suitably recognise Ester as the inspiration for the setting up of the Foundation and honour her life and memory.

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Carers' training

We have an ambition to work closely with our partners to educate foster-carers on the specific sociological and physical needs of separated children. Initially, we will undertake a research project to identify unmet need to inform our plans.

Income generation

In order to improve the sustainability of our approach, offering a national reach more effectively, we need to diversify and grow income; reducing our reliance on income from Trusts. In today's highly competitive fundraising environment, it is key that we achieve growth in our programme work in a cost-effective way by working in partnership with others, so that our work complements existing support. We will continue to grow our digital presence, our email subscribers, Facebook supporters, and through this engage supporters giving regularly to our work and supporting us in other ways.

Feedback from partners

"The support SCF gave us when we needed it when lockdown began was great – they responded within a day. Our normal systems were strained, and their help was so valuable. It was an example of something that worked when everything else was going wrong."

"We are truly and greatly appreciative of the Separated Child Foundation. The donated sleep packs really do make a big difference in the therapeutic work we offer young people. Sleep hygiene has been a major part of our work so far as sleep is a major theme and difficulty for young people who have been through immensely traumatising experiences. We have been using SCF sleep packs as very important tools to support young people with exploring and experiencing safety and calmness and as reminders of self-care".

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity presently has limited financial resources and reserves. We receive no statutory funding and our principal sources of funding are voluntary through individual donations, grants from Trusts, the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF), and gifts in kind (items for the Packs and pro bono support).

The Income and Expenditure Account shows total incoming resources during the year amounting to £199,309 (2019/20 - £129,340). Resources expended amount to £160,074 (2019/20 - £128,631), leaving a net surplus of £39,235 (2019/20 net surplus - £709). Total net assets at the year-end amounted to £101,602 (2019/20 - £62,367).

Reserves policy

Our cash reserves as at 30th June 2021 amounted to £101,602 including restricted income of £25,175. The Trustees have agreed a policy of holding three to six months of the coming year annual expenditure by way of cash reserve. This is designed to mitigate the risk of reducing our services to separated children should we find ourselves at risk of a deficit position. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees.

We have estimated that our 2021/22 plans will cost £229k so it is prudent for us to carry over a reserve fund of £101,602 (including restricted income of £25,175) into the new financial year, which equates broadly to five months' expenditure.

Fundraising

In the year ending June 2021 we raised around £199,309 in total which was 54% more than 2019/20. Around £69,000 was given in individual and company donations, and over £130,000 was raised from generous Trusts and the NLCF.

Trustees who are invited to speak and / or broadcast regularly donate their fee to us, and we receive regular donations from connections of the Trustees and our 50 volunteers, including on occasion bigger in memory gifts. In 2020 we secured a partnership with an IT company including pro bono secondment of their specialists, to overhaul our IT systems and enhance our digital marketing plans. This helped increase our digital fundraising income, growing our income from individuals by 15%. Increased awareness via our digital campaigns, meant an increase in email subscribers to around 3,300 people, and donations from companies.

We are incredibly grateful to the individuals, and organisations who donate money and gifts in kind to us, and the individuals who volunteer their time. Without them, we simply could not survive. We would like in particular to thank eSynergy Solutions, the NLCF Awards for All programme; and the following Trusts and Foundations: UK Youth; Goldsmiths' Company Charity; Sobell Foundation; Barrow Cadbury Trust; Forrester Family Trust; Underwood Trust; Britford Bridge Trust; Leri Charitable Trust;; MCKS Charitable Foundation UK; Croydon Relief in Need Fund; City Bridge Trust; J &H Orlander Trust; Alchemy Foundation; Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund; Lawson Trust; Archer Trust; Grace Trust; Mbili Charitable Trust; Sir James Roll Charitable Trust; Ostrich Charitable Trust; Lennox Hannay Charitable Trust; Fulmer Charitable Trust; Leach Fourteenth Trust; Marsh Charitable Trust; Schroder Charity Trust; Talbot Trust; Souter Charitable Trust; Mrs Iris Noreen Setchell Charitable Trust; Baron Davenport's Charity; Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust; James Wise Charitable Trust; Hasluck Charitable Trust; Peter Storrs Trust; Dullatur Foundation; Truemark Trust; Dentons UKMEA LLP Charitable Trust and, the Leigh Trust.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a charity and a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6 June 2007 and registered as a charity on 24 August 2007. The charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established its objects and powers, and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of it being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Trustees induction and training

The Trustees have undertaken background research with regard to the subject of the asylum system as far as it pertains to children and young adults. Certain of the Trustees have attended seminars run by the Refugee Council. All trustees have attended the NSPCC safeguarding training.

Risk management

The Trustees will limit expenditure to the funds available to them from time to time. It has no present intention to borrow any monies. Internal control risks are minimized by the implementation of procedures for authorization of all transactions and projects. Key risks are recorded on our risk register and discussed at Board Meetings.

Organisational structure

The Trustees increased their meetings to monthly during the pandemic, and are responsible for the strategic policy and direction of the charity. The Secretary also attends these meetings but has no voting rights. A scheme of delegation to an individual Trustee is implemented when individual charity policies are implemented.

Public benefit

The Trustees, having considered section 4 of the Charities Act 2006, have satisfied themselves that they have complied with the duty to have regard to the Public Benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The Activities and Achievements of The Separated Child Foundation are outlined in this Report and the Trustees believe, demonstrate that The Separated Child Foundation is providing public benefit. The Trustees seek to benefit primarily those separated children within the UK, wherever they reside.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

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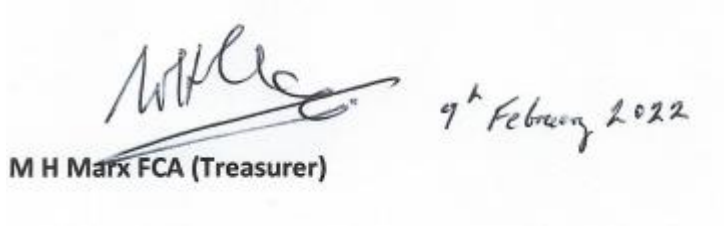
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that company will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other regularities. The Trustees who served during the period under review and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

Audit

Under the Charities Act 2006, an exemption is provided for an audit, since the annual turnover of The Separated Child Foundation is less than £500,000. Accordingly, in interests of cash flow preservation, the Trustees have not appointed an auditor but have appointed an Independent examiner.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



M H Marx FCA (Treasurer)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT
CHARITABLE COMPANY

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Separated Child Foundation

I report to the trustees (who are also Directors for the purpose of company law) on my examination of the financial statements of The Separated Child Foundation ('the charitable company') for the year ended 30th June 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of charitable company you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

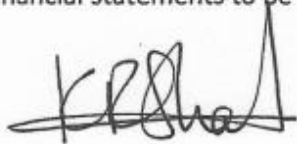
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

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- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.



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8th February 2022

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Income and Expenditure Account

		Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds:-					
Voluntary income	7	102,959	96,341	199,300	129,276
Investment income	7	-	9	9	64
Total incoming resources		102,959	96,350	199,309	129,340
Resources expended					
Cost of generating voluntary income:-					
Fundraising activities		-	17,500	17,500	17,500
Charitable activities	5	92,959	49,615	142,574	111,131
Total resources expended		92,959	67,115	160,074	128,631
Net Inflow (outflow) movement in funds		10,000	29,235	39,235	709
Funds brought forward		15,175	47,192	62,367	61,658
Funds carried forward		25,175	76,427	101,602	62,367

Continuing Operations

All of the incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Total Recognised Gains and Losses

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the above movement in funds for the above financial year.

The notes on pages 19-21 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2021

	Note	£ 2021	£ 2020
Current Assets			
Cash at bank		103,607	66,247
Prepayments		350	180
Total current assets		<u>103,957</u>	<u>66,427</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors – within 1 year	4	<u>2,355</u>	<u>4,060</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>2,355</u>	<u>4,060</u>
Total net assets		<u>101,602</u>	<u>62,367</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds	6	76,427	47,192
Restricted funds		25,175	15,175
Total Funds		<u>101,602</u>	<u>62,367</u>

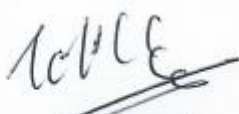
These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

For the year ended 30 June 2020, the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for:

- 1) Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with the Companies Act 2006;
- 2) Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and its profit or loss in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, and which have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by:


M H Marx FCA, (Treasurer)

9th February 2022

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Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

1. Accounting Policies

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

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

(b) Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees and directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
- Designated funds, where appropriate, are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees and directors for particular purposes.
- Restricted funds, where appropriate, are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

(c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied, when appropriate, to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognized when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.
- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

(d) Resources expended

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

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- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

2. Trustees' Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

No Trustees received any remuneration during the year.

No Trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the period.

3. Restricted Funds

There were £15,175 of Restricted Funds at the beginning of the year. At the end of the year there were Restricted Funds of £25,174.96.

4. Creditors	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals	2,355	4,060

5. Charitable Activities

The expenditure for the year relates to costs in connection with the Arrival Packs, Sleep Packs, Club Class and sundry costs.

Charitable activities	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£
Arrival and sleep packs	112,564	87,962
Club class	8,565	4,834
Other management/support costs	21,445	18,635
Total charitable activities	142,574	111,131

6. Net Assets by Funds

	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£
Current assets	103,957	66,427
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(2,355)	(4,060)
Net Assets	101,602	62,367

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7. Incoming Resources

Incoming resources from generated funds	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Voluntary income		
Trusts / NLCF	71,000	77,236
Donations	128,300	52,040
	<u>199,300</u>	<u>129,276</u>
Investment income		
Interest	9	64
	<u>199,309</u>	<u>129,340</u>

8. Analysis of Funds

	At 30 June 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	At 30 June 2021 £
Unrestricted Income Fund	47,192	96,350	67,115	76,427
Restricted Funds	15,175	102,959	92,959	25,175

Restricted funds detail:-

Schroder Charity Trust		4,000	4,000	0
MCKS Charitable Foundation UK		2,500	2,500	0
Lawson Trust		2,000	2,000	0
Barrow Cadbury Trust		9,950	9,950	0
Baron Davenport's Charity		550	550	0
Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust		3,000	3,000	0
City Bridge Trust		4,657	4,657	0
UK Youth		26,000	14,000	12,000
NLCF – Awards for All	7,175	9,306	11,306	5,175
Croydon Relief in Need Charity		4,666	4,666	0
Underwood Trust		10,000	10,000	0
Sobell Foundation		3,000	3,000	0
Truemark Trust		5,000	5,000	0
Britford Bridge Trust		10,000	10,000	0
Leri Charitable Trust		8,000	8,000	0
Unnamed		330	330	0
Julian Manuel Charitable Trust	8,000			8,000