

**THE PAIS PROJECT**  
**Charity Number 1120891**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

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**Reference and administrative details**

Trustees	D Baker K Coomber (Chair) R Farrington (Resigned 23/08/2021) S O'Rourke M Woodward (Resigned 19/05/2020)
National Directors	P & B Baker
Registered office	Life Church 30 Sycamore Avenue Burnley BB12 6QP
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc
Independent Examiner	M Heaton FCCA FCIE DChA KM 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Block C The Wharf Manchester Road Burnley Lancashire BB11 1JG

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#### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

- To seek the advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the statement of faith.
- The relief of persons who are unemployed in particular by the provision of advice, education and training opportunities.
- To advance the education of children, young persons and adults in accordance with Christian principles.

We seek to achieve the objectives of the charity by the following activities:

Providing free training to young adults in youth and schools ministry.

Working in partnership with local church throughout the UK to share the Gospel by:

- Delivering assemblies, RE lessons and clubs in schools providing opportunities to explore the Christian faith.
- Delivering mentoring and training opportunities for young people to develop in their Christian walk.
- Providing classroom-based training and mentoring for ministers and lay leaders in elements of outreach ministry.

In regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, we carry out these activities:

- Increased volunteerism among young people, which creates more confident, healthy and well-rounded members of society.
- Strengthened work of local churches who add benefit to their communities through spiritual support, as well as other supports to the community, for example poverty relief.

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- Supported work of schools in their provision of SMSC (spiritual, moral, social and cultural development). SMSC provision is believed to increase academic standards and increase aspirations of children, giving opportunity to practise empathy, compassion, forgiveness and deepen spirituality.
- Increased positive Christian role models in young people, developing leadership and communication skills, giving them greater future opportunities and aspirations.

A significant proportion of the work with The Pais Project in 2020-21 was carried out by full-time volunteers.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Charitable activities**

During the year, there has been a demonstration of the Christian faith in action by serving the community. We can report that we have delivered:

- 6 community and schools projects: representing 6 communities across England where the benefits have been felt.
- Training for 16 volunteers: giving skills, confidence and experience that will benefit society in future endeavours.
- Educational and extracurricular support to 30 schools: adding to the SMSC provision and resulting benefits, as detailed above.
- Local mission outreach projects of which 217 young people have engaged: developing a sense of empathy and compassion in young people for the world around them, resulting in better mental health and aspirations.
- An effective mentoring programme which 40 young people have participated in: developing skills, confidence and character in young people, resulting in better mental health and aspirations.
- Training in reading and understanding the Bible in 10 small groups reaching 111 young people: developing communication, interpretation and leadership skills in young people, who can then provide spiritual support for those around them.
- Outreach ministry through Masterclasses and mentoring to 16 individuals or organisations: upskilling ministers and lay leaders to advance the Christian religion.



The wider benefits of these achievements to society are detailed above.

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#### **Effects of Covid-19 Pandemic**

The Covid-19 pandemic affected the work of The Pais Project in a number of ways.

Due to the Covid-19 lockdowns in November 2020 and January-July 2021, the majority of the work with children and young people took place online. The teams of volunteers continued to deliver creative ministry to schools and churches in a digital format.

The effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on our partner churches meant a number of churches were unable to sustain a team financially or support volunteers regarding accommodation requirements, resulting in a decrease from 17 teams in 2019-20 to 6 teams in 2020-21, this significantly impacted the income of the charity over this period. Expenditure was reduced in line with the decrease in income and managed closely to secure the small surplus outlined below.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

Receipts for the year were £59,561 (2020: £124,251)

Payments for the year amounted to £64,296 (2020: £117,647)

This resulted in an excess of payments over receipts for the year of the general funds of £4,735 (2020: surplus £6,604).

The principal funding sources are partner churches and individual regular donors.

The Trustees continue to commend the staff team for their exceptional performance and service, without which The Pais Project could not have achieved the growth and stability that has come into being. Overheads continue to be kept lean, reserves are being built and much continues to be achieved from a very modest operational budget.

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### TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Pais Project reserves policy states that reserves should fund three months of operating costs in the event that The Pais Project ceases to operate. At year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August, this amounts to £15,000. At year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August, £41,433 were held in bank balances.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

**Governing document :** Declaration of Trust dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2006

The Trustees were pleased to strengthen the working relationships amongst the board and with the key staff. The trustees continue to review board composition.

New Trustees are nominated by current members of the Board and then appointed at a Trustees meeting, where the decision is voted upon and minuted.

The Board regularly reviews its statutory obligations with Health & Safety, Safeguarding and Data Protection requirements, receiving regular oversight and scrutiny.

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year. We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

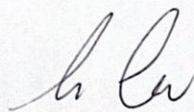
We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud and any other irregularities.

#### Risk Review

At biannual meetings, the Trustees discuss business risks and implement systems to mitigate these risks.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on

2022 and signed on its behalf by:



18/3/22

K Coomber – Chair of Trustees

**Independent Examiners Report**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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DATE 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022



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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Last year £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Church contribution	28,733	73,575
Giving and donations	15,762	16,922
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	2,501	2,444
Fundraising and other income	12,565	27,916
Grants	-	3,394
Agency collections		
Total receipts	59,561	124,251
<b>Payments</b>		
Staff costs	32,894	66,277
Charitable activity costs	30,802	48,069
Legal fees	-	2,701
Independent examination	600	600
Total payments	64,296	117,647
Net of receipts/(payments)	(4,735)	6,604
Cash funds last year end	46,168	39,564
Cash funds this year end	41,433	46,168



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**Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year**

		Unrestricted funds £ 2021	Unrestricted funds £ 2020
Cash funds	General Fund	41,433	46,168
		<div>41,433</div>	<div>46,168</div>
Debtor	HMRC SMP claim	4,706	-

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on

2022 by:



18/3/22.

K Coomber - Trustee