

FREEDOM NETWORK INTERNATIONAL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR
31 DECEMBER 2020

Company Number 6256996
Charity Number 1122937

FINANSURE LTD

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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FREEDOM NETWORK INTERNATIONAL**CHARITY INFORMATION**

Company number	6256996
Charity number	1122937
Registered working names	DFN UK Freedom Network South Asia Freedom Network UK Dignity Freedom Network
Directors	Mr Gary Sloan (Chairman) Dr Joseph D'Souza Mr Paul Sands Mr Martin Young Mr Kumar Swami Mrs Santosh Rai
Registered office	8 Hearn Court Stafford Staffordshire ST17 9QN
Independent Examiner	Mr L Howson MAAT
Accountants	Finansure Limited 2 Sheppard Street Brymbo Wrexham LL11 5FF
Bankers	Nat West Bank Shrewsbury Corporate Office Suite 5, Prospect House Belle Vue Road Shrewsbury SY3 7NR
Solicitors	Wrigleys 19 Cookridge Street Leeds LS2 3AG

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DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Directors

The following were members of the Board of Directors during the whole of the period unless stated otherwise:

Mr Gary Sloan (Chairman)
Mr Joseph D'Souza
Mr Paul Sands
Mr Kumar Swamy
Mr Martin Young
Mrs Santosh Rai

The Directors, who are also Trustees for the purposes of Charity Law, present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020. These financial statements comply with statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS 102) effective January 2019.

Currently we have seven experienced and committed Directors, and we are actively seeking to recruit new ones to ensure that we have the right balance of skills. Only the Members have power to appoint new Directors.

Constitution

Freedom Network International is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charitable objects of the company are:

- to promote for the public benefit the enforcement of human rights and the sound administration of human rights law and practice throughout the world in accordance with the relevant legal jurisdiction(s);
- to advance education about human rights and to cultivate a public sentiment in favour of human rights;
- to promote racial and religious harmony, equality and diversity by providing educational resources and information to promote better awareness of the causes and consequences of a world where racial and religious harmony, equality and diversity do not exist;
- to advance education throughout the world;
- to relieve poverty and sickness, particularly amongst victims of natural or other kinds of disaster, particularly by the provision of funds or equipment to individuals or organisations who are themselves or work with those in need.

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Principal Activities Undertaken

The principal activities carried out by Freedom Network International are:

- (1) Raising the awareness of human rights and justice issues by educating the public and lobbying Government and other agencies.
- (2) Supporting a number of other issues where justice and human rights issues are involved:
 - (a) education projects amongst the most needy
 - (b) support for social and community infrastructure.
- (3) The promotion and support of projects involved with the care, upbringing and establishment in life of young people.

The Directors confirm that they have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charitable objectives and aims of Freedom Network International, as well as in planning future activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE AND FUTURE PLANS

Refer to the separate directors' report which was submitted to Charity Commission along with these financial statements.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial results are shown in the SOFA on page 6. Total income for the year was £697,094 (2019 - £594,542). The main source of income was donations and grants along with Gift Aid reclaimed totalling £697,061 (2019 - £593,850).

Total expenditure was £675,988 (2019 - £602,838). The main area of expenditure was grants to charities in India totalling £505,649 (2019 - £397,406).

This left a surplus of £21,106 for the year (2019 – deficit of £8,296). At the year-end the charity held reserves of £76,205 of which £5,400 were restricted.

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Reserves

It is the policy of the Board to build up reserves which are sufficient to enable smooth running of the day-to-day activities of the charity, which is approximately £60,000.

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies' regime under the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board on **31st August 2021** and is signed on its behalf by



Gary Sloan
Chairman & Director

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner

The charity's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's directors 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 report

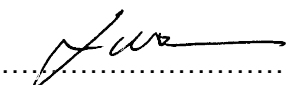
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as directors 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have 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.



 L M Howson MAAT

Dated: ..2nd September 2021.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2020 £	Totals 2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations & grants	3	70,661	626,400	697,061	593,850
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities:</i>					
Literature and other sales		33	-	33	692
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>70,694</u>	<u>626,400</u>	<u>697,094</u>	<u>594,542</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i>					
Advancement of human rights education	4	170,339	505,649	675,988	602,838
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>170,339</u>	<u>505,649</u>	<u>675,988</u>	<u>602,838</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR		(99,645)	120,751	21,106	(8,296)
Transfers between funds		118,233	(118,233)	-	-
Net movement in funds		18,588	2,518	21,106	(8,296)
Balances brought forward		52,217	2,882	55,099	63,395
Balances carried forward		<u>70,805</u>	<u>5,400</u>	<u>76,205</u>	<u>55,099</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	1	1
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	17,271	16,030
Cash at bank and in hand		187,704	113,600
Total Current Assets		204,975	129,630
LIABILITIES			
Creditors falling due within one year	11	(128,771)	(74,532)
Net Current Assets		76,204	55,098
Net Assets	12	76,205	55,099
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	13	70,805	52,217
Restricted funds	13	5,400	2,882
Total Funds		76,205	55,099

For the year ended 31 December 2020, the company was entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the accounts for the year by virtue of section 477, and no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- (i) complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts, and
- (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of its net incoming or outgoing resources for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charity.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for companies subject to the small companies' regime, and with the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

31st August 2021

These financial statements were approved by the directors on, and are signed on their behalf by:



Gary Sloan
Chairman & Director

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP), FRS 102 effective January 2019, applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006. The particular accounting policies adopted by the Directors are described below:

(a) Fund accounting

- **Unrestricted funds** are available for use at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
- **Designated funds** are unrestricted funds that the Directors have set aside for specific purposes.
- **Restricted funds** are subject to restrictions on their use, either imposed by the donor or included in the terms of an appeal.

(b) Incoming resources

Grants and donations received are accounted for when the charity is entitled to it and as soon as it is prudent and practicable to do so, generally the earlier of the date of notification or receipt. Grants that are specified for use in a later accounting period are deferred to that period.

(c) Resources expended

This includes costs of charitable activities, fundraising and governance expenditure.

- **Fundraising costs** are costs incurred in motivating individuals and other organisations to donate to the work of the charity.
- **Direct charitable expenditure** includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity.
- **Governance** comprises expenditure incurred in the management of the charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(d) Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets with a cost over £300 are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided in order to write-down the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives, using the following rates:

Computer equipment	33% reducing balance
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2. UNRESTRICTED AND RESTRICTED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Unrestricted funds relate to the general activities of the charity, including the hospitality house. Restricted funds relate to the activities of Dignity Freedom Network UK (DFN UK).

3. DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	2020 £	2019 £
<i>Unrestricted – FNI General</i>		
Grants from India	12,200	36,600
JRS grants	10,226	-
Other grants	12,121	-
UK work – general donations	32,445	63,055
Gift Aid tax recoverable	3,669	12,945
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Total unrestricted	70,661	112,600
<i>Restricted – DFN UK</i>		
Donations:		
- Education	317,896	305,614
- Trafficking prevention	19,440	24,469
- Slum projects	25,000	25,000
- Appeal funds	145,211	29,174
- Healthcare	67,906	19,195
- Economic empowerment	504	45,243
Gift Aid tax recoverable	50,443	32,555
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Total restricted	626,400	481,250
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Total donations and grants	697,061	593,850
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4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2020 £	2019 £
<i>Unrestricted – FNI General</i>		
Employment costs (see note 6)	49,094	36,317
Management costs	65,368	93,902
Marketing & communications	19,247	24,923
Travel & accommodation	5,744	23,615
Administration costs	11,924	6,710
Governance costs	12,242	14,141
Sponsorship development	6,020	4,883
Independent examiner's fee	700	700
Depreciation	-	241
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Total unrestricted	170,339	205,432

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4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (continued)

Restricted – DFN UK

Grants paid/expended (see note 5)	505,649	397,406
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Total charitable activities expenditure	675,988	602,838
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5. ANALYSIS OF RESTRICTED GRANTS PAID/EXPENDED

	2020	2019
	£	£
Education costs (India)	280,472	269,464
Trafficking prevention (India)	17,523	21,211
Slum projects (India)	20,750	21,250
Appeal funds (India)	126,330	27,587
Healthcare (India)	60,139	17,258
Economic empowerment (India)	435	40,636
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	505,649	397,406
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6. EMPLOYMENT COSTS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Salaries and wages	50,856	34,397
Employer's pension contributions	2,025	1,920
Employer's NIC contributions	(3,787)	-
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Total	49,094	36,317
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No employee received remuneration in excess of £60,000 during the year.

The average number of employees during the year was six (2019 – four). The average number of full-time equivalent employees was three (2019 – two).

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7. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS AND RELATED PARTIES

No directors received remuneration during the year or were reimbursed for expenses incurred.

No directors made donations to the charity during the year.

The charity works closely with two partner charities in India which have one director in common – Dr Joseph D'Souza. Grants were made to these charities during the year as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Operation Mercy India Foundation	428,402	373,789
Good Shepherd Church of India	10,462	-

8. FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 January 2020	724	724
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2020	724	724
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2020	723	723
Charge for year	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2020	723	723
Net book value		
At 31 December 2020	1	1
At 31 December 2019	1	1

9. DEBTORS

	2020 £	2019 £
Income tax recoverable	13,251	14,691
Prepayments	4,020	1,339
	17,271	16,030

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10. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Publicity and exhibitions	-	10,250
Accruals	129,338	63,332
Other creditors	(567)	950
	<u>128,771</u>	<u>74,532</u>

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
Funds at 31 December 2020 represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	-	1	1
Current assets	130,269	74,706	204,975
Current liabilities	(124,869)	(3,902)	(128,771)
	<u>5,400</u>	<u>70,805</u>	<u>76,205</u>

12. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	At 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2020 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General reserve	52,217	70,694	(170,339)	118,233	70,805
	<u>52,217</u>	<u>70,694</u>	<u>(170,339)</u>	<u>118,233</u>	<u>70,805</u>
Restricted funds:					
DFN UK	2,882	626,400	(505,649)	(118,233)	5,400
	<u>2,882</u>	<u>626,400</u>	<u>(505,649)</u>	<u>(118,233)</u>	<u>5,400</u>
Total funds	<u>55,099</u>	<u>697,094</u>	<u>(675,988)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,205</u>

DFN UK represents funds donated for the Dignity Freedom Network projects.

The transfer of funds out of DFN UK into the general reserve represents management fees on all gifts for India.