

**FREEDOM NETWORK INTERNATIONAL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR
31 DECEMBER 2021**

**Company Number 6256996
Charity Number 1122937**

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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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
Mr Josh D'Souza (Appointed 24 March 2022)

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FREEDOM NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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 2021. 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 2020.

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 £848,079 (2020 - £697,094) which came entirely from donations and grants including Gift Aid tax reclaimed..

Total expenditure was £844,439 (2020 - £675,988). The main area of expenditure was grants to charities in India totalling £655,908 (2020 - £505,649).

This left a surplus of £3,640 for the year (2020 - £21,106). At the year-end the charity held reserves of £79,845 of which £1 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. At the year-end the unrestricted reserves were £79,844.

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 on14 September 2022..... 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 2021, 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.

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L M Howson MAAT

Dated:

Finansure Limited, 2 Sheppard Street, Brymbo, Wrexham, LL11 5FF

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

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2021 £	Totals 2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations & grants	3	82,020	766,059	848,079	697,061
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities:</i>					
Literature and other sales		-	-	-	33
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>82,020</u>	<u>766,059</u>	<u>848,079</u>	<u>697,094</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i>					
Advancement of human rights education	4	188,531	655,908	844,439	675,988
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>188,531</u>	<u>655,908</u>	<u>844,439</u>	<u>675,988</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR		(106,511)	110,151	3,640	21,106
Transfers between funds		115,550	(115,550)	-	-
Net movement in funds		9,039	(5,399)	3,640	21,106
Balances brought forward		70,805	5,400	76,205	55,099
Balances carried forward		<u>79,844</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>79,845</u>	<u>76,205</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 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	1	1
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	14,261	17,271
Cash at bank and in hand		105,581	187,704
Total Current Assets		119,842	204,975
LIABILITIES			
Creditors falling due within one year	10	(39,998)	(128,771)
Net Current Assets		79,844	76,204
Net Assets	11	79,845	76,205
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	12	79,844	70,805
Restricted funds	12	1	5,400
Total Funds		79,845	76,205

For the year ended 31 December 2021, 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.

These financial statements were approved by the directors on 14 September 2022, 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 2021

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.

Restricted funds relate to the activities of Dignity Freedom Network UK (DFN UK).

3. DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Unrestricted		
Grants from India	-	12,200
JRS grants	6,200	10,226
Other grants	26,550	12,121
UK work – general donations	45,990	32,445
Gift Aid tax recoverable	3,280	3,669
Total unrestricted	82,020	70,661
Restricted		
Donations:		
- Appeal funds	308,656	145,211
- Education	301,763	317,896
- Trafficking prevention	31,722	19,440
- Slum projects	36,000	25,000
- Healthcare	18,867	67,906
- Economic empowerment	9,740	504
Gift Aid tax recoverable	59,311	50,443
Total restricted	766,059	626,400
Total donations and grants	848,079	697,061

4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Unrestricted		
Employment costs (see note 6)	60,995	49,094
Management costs	66,193	65,368
Marketing & communications	20,361	19,247
Travel & accommodation	3,994	5,744
Administration costs	17,137	11,924
Governance costs	11,759	12,242
Sponsorship development	7,367	6,020
Independent examiner's fee	725	700
Total unrestricted	188,531	170,339

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4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (continued)

Restricted		
Grants paid/expended (see note 5)	655,908	505,649
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total charitable activities expenditure	844,439	675,988
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5. ANALYSIS OF RESTRICTED GRANTS PAID/EXPENDED

	2021 £	2020 £
Appeal funds (India)	303,494	126,330
Education costs (India)	268,559	280,472
Slum projects (India)	31,150	20,750
Trafficking prevention (India)	28,791	17,523
Healthcare (India)	16,117	60,139
Economic empowerment (India)	7,797	435
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	655,908	505,649
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6. EMPLOYMENT COSTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries and wages	60,877	50,856
Employer's pension contributions	118	2,025
Employer's NIC contributions	-	(3,787)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	60,995	49,094
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employee received remuneration in excess of £60,000 during the year.

The average number of employees during the year was six (2020 – six). The average number of full-time equivalent employees was three (2020 – three).

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7. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS AND RELATED PARTIES

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

The directors made donations totalling £410 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:

	2021 £	2020 £
Operation Mercy India Foundation	655,908	428,402
Good Shepherd Church of India	-	10,462

Mr Martin Young is a director of Rising Brook Baptist Church, a co-operating charity which donated £5,500 to the charity during the year. The charity made payments to Rising Brook Baptist Church for services provided totalling £43,377 during the year.

Mr Paul Sands is a trustee of Russell Park Baptist Church, a co-operating charity which donated £4,425 to the charity during the year.

Mr Santosh Rai is a director of Wellside Business Ltd, a limited company which donated £200 to the charity during the year.

8. FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 January 2021	724	724
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2021	<u>724</u>	<u>724</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2021	723	723
Charge for year	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2021	<u>723</u>	<u>723</u>
Net book value		
At 31 December 2021	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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9. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Income tax recoverable	12,246	13,251
Prepayments	<u>2,015</u>	<u>4,020</u>
	<u>14,261</u>	<u>17,271</u>

10. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	38,810	129,338
Other creditors	<u>1,188</u>	<u>(567)</u>
	<u>39,998</u>	<u>128,771</u>

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
Funds at 31 December 2021			
represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	-	1	1
Current assets	1	119,841	119,842
Current liabilities	-	(39,998)	(39,998)
	<u>1</u>	<u>79,844</u>	<u>79,845</u>

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12. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	At 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General reserve	70,805	82,020	(188,531)	115,550	79,844
Restricted funds:					
DFN UK	5,400	766,059	(655,908)	(115,550)	1
Total funds	76,025	848,079	(844,439)	-	79,845

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.

