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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1129479

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020
FOR
PRAXIS UK
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable objects

The charitable objects, as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Praxis UK are to benefit the general public through developing the skills of poor and marginalised sections of society in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs, and to participate more fully in society particularly through involvement in democratic and participatory processes. Such objects are to be advanced directly through action in the community and through the promotion of the efficiency and effectiveness of charities working to provide such benefits to such sections of society.

Strategic Directions

Praxis UK has developed a Strategy paper for 2008-2010. This strategy continues to guide the work of Praxis even in 2019-20. The organisation's vision is a world in which every person has a right to participate in decisions, which affect their lives. Praxis UK's Mission is to enable excluded people to have an active and influential say in their own equitable and sustainable development.

To achieve our aims, four strategic directions inspire us and give us guidance. They are based on the needs identified by our stakeholders and recent trends in participatory development. They are:

1. Build the technical and organisational capacity of communities, civil society, the private sector and government to enable excluded people to have an active and influential say in their own equitable and sustainable development.
2. Develop partnerships and strengthen mechanisms for effective and efficient communication and collaboration between communities, civil society, the private sector and governments.
3. Advocate for appropriate participatory laws, procedures and policies for a more equitable and sustainable development to occur.
4. Scale up the use of participatory approaches for a more equitable and sustainable development.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

In 2019-20, Praxis UK was able to carry out activities aligned with its strategic objective and to further its charitable objects for public benefit. This was largely in the form of consultancy contracts for development support services and capacity enhancement.

Praxis UK continued to work on issue of bonded labour and trafficking through Pathways, a digital case management system for survivors of human trafficking in collaboration with the UK Home Department. A new issue that Praxis took up in the year is on creating people powered digital narratives - and creating ways for children and adolescents living in peri urban and rural areas to understand more about digital platforms and story telling and training them to create content for the same based on their lived realities. The narratives unpack the themes of air quality, health and secondary education for girls. Praxis also facilitated capacity building workshops for academic researchers and practitioners across the world.

The year 2019-20 saw the unprecedented effects of the Covid-19 pandemic which brought life to a grinding halt across the globe. Praxis continues to manage with limited staff and the high dependency volunteers with support for operational matters being provided remotely, from Praxis India.

Civil society globally is grappling with the pandemic, related lockdowns and their impact which have set back the work of decades by several paces. The pandemic has highlighted the disproportionate impact of a disaster on people on the margins of society, those excluded because of their caste, gender, religion, ability, occupation and age - groups that Praxis UK works closely with. The lockdown threatened to reverse the progress made in the spheres of child rights, women empowerment and workers' rights made by generations of activism. Such a bleak time reiterates that civil society cannot afford to lose hope. It is a time when the clarion call is for action to reclaim the lost progress.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial review

Praxis UK made a net surplus of £415,156 in the year ended 31 August 2020 (2019: £12,834).

The results for the year to 31 August 2020 are laid out in the Statement of Financial Activities and its state of affairs in the Balance Sheet. The trustees consider the state of affairs satisfactory.

Reserves policy

It has been and remains the intention of Praxis UK's trustees to pursue its charitable objectives in partnership with Praxis India, which has significant expertise and insights in this area. Support is anticipated to be through grants either to Praxis India itself or directly to projects it has identified.

For some time it has not been possible to take this intention forward; the reason is that Praxis India has taken the Indian Tax Authorities to Tax Tribunal over the Tax Authorities' attempts to apply income tax on temporary cash flow surpluses on deficit funded grants - and more generally on the surplus of charitable trading. While the cases are still being taken through the due legal procedures, Praxis India has been advised to exercise caution in accepting funds from the UK.

In consequence the Trustees reserves policy is to accumulate funds until the Indian tax issue has been resolved. Accumulated reserves totalled £620,188 at year end. Once that has been resolved, the intention will be to release funds to Praxis India over a period of time until the funds remaining in the UK charity reduce to £7,500 or such other amount that the Trustees decide, at that time, is necessary to protect the charity's capacity to fulfil its charitable objects.

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FUTURE PLANS

In the next year, Praxis UK will be seeking more volunteers to represent it at forums and see some changes in its leadership. It hopes to engage with more UK based stakeholders and to generate enough opportunities to stay in business given the tough economic climate. Praxis UK plans to continue to fulfill its charitable objects through pursuing new partnerships and maximization of its income from current streams. The trustees acknowledge brief periods of uncertainty and change in plans and operations and hope to tide over these with minimal interruption to the core charitable work of the organisation. Praxis UK has planned to increase its geographical reach as well as diversity in the nature of tasks that it has done.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 2 April 2007 and Praxis UK was registered as a charity on 6 May 2009. It is the intention of the Trustees to formally register it as a charity in the near future. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association. In the event of a winding up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment, appointment, induction and training of new trustees

Trustees are appointed at the Board meetings or co-opted. On appointment, all trustees are provided with copies of constitutional documents.

There is a separate class of membership known as Guardian Membership. A new Guardian Member can be appointed only with the approval of existing Guardian Members who shall consult with the Board of Praxis India prior to making any new appointment. In the event there are no existing Guardian Trustees then Praxis India has the right to determine two new Guardian Members.

Organisational structure

All major operating decisions are made by the Chair of the Board of Trustees in consultation with other board members.

Praxis India

Praxis UK was incorporated with the intention of bringing the experience and expertise of Praxis India to the North. Praxis India has been providing services to the development sector for many years and is considered a pioneering institute in the field of participatory research and training. Praxis India is not the parent company of Praxis UK but it is considered to be a related party. A separate class of Guardian Membership exists through which Praxis India has the ability to intervene in Praxis UK in exceptional circumstances.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on19/05/2021..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
T Thomas - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PRAXIS UK (REGISTERED NUMBER: 06195961)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Praxis UK ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2020.

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:20/05/2021.....

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

		2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Charitable activities	4		
Activities to advance core objectives		528,810	26,695
Investment income	3	951	897
Total		529,761	27,592
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	5		
Activities to advance core objectives		114,605	14,758
 NET INCOME		415,156	12,834
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		205,032	192,198
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		620,188	205,032

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2020

		2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS	Notes		
Tangible assets	10	31	41
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	8,780	-
Cash at bank and in hand		897,029	509,309
		905,809	509,309
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(285,652)	(304,318)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		620,157	204,991
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		620,188	205,032
NET ASSETS		620,188	205,032
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		620,188	205,032
TOTAL FUNDS		620,188	205,032

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 AUGUST 2020

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on19/05/2021..... and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
T Thomas - Trustee

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

		2020	2019
	Notes	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	387,720	30,164
Net cash provided by operating activities		387,720	30,164
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		387,720	30,164
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		509,309	479,145
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		897,029	509,309

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	415,156	12,834
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	10	14
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(8,780)	152
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(18,666)	17,164
Net cash provided by operations	387,720	30,164

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.19	Cash flow	At 31.8.20
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	509,309	387,720	897,029
	509,309	387,720	897,029
Total	509,309	387,720	897,029

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Praxis UK is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Reference and Administrative Details page.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Donated Income is income 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 recognised 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.

Incoming resources from charitable activities 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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery - 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Transactions with Praxis India are normally conducted in sterling and so exchange differences do not arise unless specifically charged by Praxis India.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Interest receivable	951	897
	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2020	2019
	Activity	£	£
Consultancy and workshops	Activities to advance core objectives	528,258	26,126
Other income	Activities to advance core objectives	552	569
		<u><u>528,810</u></u>	<u><u>26,695</u></u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6)	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
Activities to advance core objectives	112,717	1,888	114,605
	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Subcontractor charges	<u>112,717</u>	<u>12,843</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Office costs £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Activities to advance core objectives	<u>48</u>	<u>1,840</u>	<u>1,888</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Office costs

	2020	2019
	Activities to advance core objectives £	Total activities £
Bank charges	38	61
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	10	14
	<u>48</u>	<u>75</u>

Governance costs

	2020	2019
	Activities to advance core objectives £	Total activities £
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>1,840</u>	<u>1,840</u>

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2020 nor for the year ended 31 August 2019.

Trustees' expenses

During the year to 31 August 2020, trustees' expenses of £95 (2019: £Nil) were paid to one trustee in respect of travel expenses.

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £
COST	
At 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020	749
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 September 2019	708
Charge for year	10
At 31 August 2020	718
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2020	31
At 31 August 2019	41

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Prepayments and accrued income	8,780	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	282,716	291,533
Other creditors	1,106	1,106
Accruals and deferred income	1,830	11,679
	<u>285,652</u>	<u>304,318</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	205,032	415,156	620,188
	<u>205,032</u>	<u>415,156</u>	<u>620,188</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>205,032</u>	<u>415,156</u>	<u>620,188</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	529,761	(114,605)	415,156
	<u>529,761</u>	<u>(114,605)</u>	<u>415,156</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>529,761</u>	<u>(114,605)</u>	<u>415,156</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	192,198	12,834	205,032
	<u>192,198</u>	<u>12,834</u>	<u>205,032</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>192,198</u>	<u>12,834</u>	<u>205,032</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	27,592	(14,758)	12,834
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>27,592</u>	<u>(14,758)</u>	<u>12,834</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	192,198	427,990	620,188
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>192,198</u>	<u>427,990</u>	<u>620,188</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	557,353	(129,363)	427,990
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>557,353</u>	<u>(129,363)</u>	<u>427,990</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Praxis India is considered to be a related party of Praxis UK as it is able to intervene in the decision making process of Praxis UK in exceptional circumstances through the special category of Guardian Membership. In the year ended 31 August 2020 Praxis India charged Praxis UK £1,000 (2019: £12,483) for its services as subcontractor. This was below market rates.

Praxis UK recovered expenses of £9,818 (2019: £5,528) during the year ended 31 August 2020 that were payable to Praxis India.

At 31 August 2020 Praxis UK owed Praxis India £282,716 (2019: £291,533).

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Investment income		
Interest receivable	951	897
Charitable activities		
Consultancy and workshops	528,258	26,126
Other income	552	569
	<u>528,810</u>	<u>26,695</u>
Total incoming resources	529,761	27,592
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Subcontractor charges	112,717	12,843
Support costs		
Office costs		
Bank charges	38	61
Plant and machinery	10	-
Motor vehicles	-	14
	<u>48</u>	<u>75</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,840	1,840
Total resources expended	114,605	14,758
Net income	415,156	12,834