

THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SRI LANKANS IN THE UK (APSL)

England & Wales · Charity number 1145786

Details

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Activities

Objects: THE ASSOCIATION'S CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES ARE: TO FURTHER SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN SRI LANKA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM AS THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (AS CHARITY TRUSTEES) SEE FIT FROM TIME TO TIME IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT LIMITED TO: (A) ADVANCING EDUCATION AND TRAINING (IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE EDUCATION, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROFESSIONALS OR THOSE JOINING A PROFESSION (A "PROFESSION" IN THIS INSTANCE BEING A VOCATION FOUNDED UPON SPECIALISED EDUCATIONAL TRAINING)); (B) PROMOTING CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND RECONCILIATION IN PARTICULAR AMONG TAMIL AND SINHALESE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND MUSLIM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE OF SRI LANKAN ORIGIN; (C) RELIEVING THOSE IN FINANCIAL NEED, HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS; (D) PROMOTING RACIAL HARMONY; (E) PROMOTING EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT; AND BY (F) PROMOTING THE SOCIAL INCLUSION OF SRI LANKAN MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY BY PREVENTING THEM FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THEIR NEEDS AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.

Activities: APSL works with the Sri Lankan community here in the UK and also in Sri Lanka to bring about links within the community to promote peace, education and economic upliftment. It also acts as a network among professionals of the Sri Lankan community to ensure they are world-class.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UK, EUROPE AND SRI LANKA
- Sri Lanka

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£45,671	£48,626	-	-
2024-03-31	£32,684	£29,277	-	-
2023-03-31	£46,178	£44,360	-	-
2022-03-31	£29,699	£30,576	-	-
2021-03-31	£26,447	£30,140	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CHARLES ROHAN DE ALWIS	Chair	2011-09-16
SURAJ WIJENDRA		2011-09-16
Thushara Madurasinghe optional		2011-09-16

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Accounts



Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK

Trustees Annual Report for year 2024-2025

Year 2024-25 was a productive period for APSL (Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK). This report provides a summary of the key activities carried out during the year.

Executive Committee Meetings

Three executive committee meetings were held during the past year via Microsoft Office Teams.

1. The first executive committee meeting was held on Sunday 08th of December 2024. A review of APSL current project portfolio took place and committee focused on developing a Strategic plan to promote APSL to youngsters as part of succession planning.
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3. The third executive committee meeting was held on Sunday 18th of May 2025. The progress of all existing projects reviewed, and new targets set for fundraising efforts and events. Office bearers for the year 2025-2026 was also discussed and agreed.

In addition to executive committee meetings, regular sub-committee meetings were held during the year.

Projects and Events

1. 20th Annual General Meeting

The 20th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Saturday 25 May 2024 at the Windsor/ Heathrow Marriott Hotel

Mr. Aruna Fernando, Minister (Consular), of the Sri Lanka High Commission in the United Kingdom, joined the occasion. The AGM was also attended by the APSL Executive Committee, APSL members and representatives of other Sri Lankan associations. At the AGM, a new Executive Committee was elected for the year 2024-2025.

In the absence of any other nominations in response to the AGM notice circulated prior to the meeting, the list of office bearers nominated by the outgoing committee was elected unopposed and served effectively throughout the year.

2. APSL Florence De Silva Memorial Trust Fund for children

APSL launched the APSL Florence De Silva memorial trust for children in 2019 to help children in Sri Lanka. Since its inception, APSL has spent 6 million rupees towards 22 projects in Sri Lanka.

During the past year, there were 2 projects completed successfully. Rs 1,619 300 (1.6 million) were funded including renovations of the roof of a library at Imbulpitiya Maha Vidyalaya in Matale, and funding a third chemotherapy cycle for Sithuli Damsandi, a 4-year-old diagnosed with Leukemia in collaboration with APSL Cancer Relief Fund.

Sum of £50,000 was invested in a Fixed deposit from the Late Florence De Silva's legacy, for a further year in Redwood Bank as agreed by the committee and Accrued interest £2,210.34 will be utilised exclusively to benefit more children under scholarship Scheme.

During the past 5 years, funds were used to improve facilities and resources in schools, providing school essentials and providing medicine and equipment for paediatric units during medical emergency situations in various hospitals. At present a £1,000 budget allocation per quarter is in place in line with the proposed long-term allocations plan.

Our appreciation goes to Mrs Aruni De Alwis, the executor of the will of the late Florence Cecilia De Silva for her kind and thoughtful consideration to enhance the well-being of the less fortunate children in Sri Lanka

3. APSL Scholarship Scheme

Launched in 2014, the APSL Scholarship Scheme provides financial assistance to gifted schoolchildren from poor and disadvantaged families in Sri Lanka - especially for those from rural areas to gain access to a good education.

The APSL scholarship scheme provides Sri Lankans around the world, with a simple and effective channel for 'giving something back' to their motherland. Also, for our non-Sri Lankan friends and well-wishers, it offers an efficient and reliable vehicle for helping Sri Lanka and be part of this life changing initiative.

Scholarship Scheme celebrated its 10th Anniversary in June 2024 and Mr. Mervyn Siva who functioned as the first coordinator of the scholarship scheme stepped down. Mrs Gayani Senaratne was appointed as the new co-ordinator.

Since its inauguration, scholarship programme has continued as a beacon of hope for these families. The Scholarship Scheme has grown during last 10 years increasing the total number of beneficiaries (aged between 9 to 18). Over the years the scholarship scheme has funded a total of 160 students, out of which 37 have completed and left the scheme so far. Therefore, currently APSL funds 123 students. who are spread across the island, with funds donated by sponsors - based in UK, Sri Lanka, Singapore, and Australia. Some of the students obtained excellent GCE Advance level results in 2025.

Dr Suman Fernando a longstanding member of APSL sadly passed away during the year 2024-25. He was a renowned psychiatrist and academic and an esteemed member of British Psychological Society. Despite spending most of his life in the United Kingdom, he remained deeply connected to Sri Lanka, offering continuous support to various institutions. Through partnership between APSL Scholarship Scheme and People's Rural Development Association (PRDA), he helped many disadvantaged school children in Puttalam District. APSL extends its heartfelt condolences to his wife, Frances and his daughter Siri.

4. APSL Cancer Relief Project

The APSL Cancer Relief Fund (CRF) was launched in September 2017. We formed our first partnership in 2019 with Kurunegala General Hospital, followed by Batticaloa Teaching Hospital and Anuradhapura Hospital in 2020, and most recently, with Kandy Hospital in 2025.

Over the past 7 years and 8 months, we have spent 9.52 million Sri Lankan rupees (as of the end of May 2025) through this scheme, supporting: Medication, Financial assistance, Facility renovations, and Awareness campaigns.

So far, we have provided:

- 1,360 financial aid payments of Rs. 3,000 each (Rs. 2,500 until December 2023),
- 116 payments of Rs. 20,000 each towards medications,
- Donations worth Rs. 150,000 for breakfasts and refreshments on clinic days,
- Rs. 2.6 million in various one-off donations, and
- Rs. 200,000 worth of building renovations.

Our newest partnership is with the Palliative Care Unit at Kandy Hospital, where 10 patients will begin receiving Rs. 3,000 each month, starting from 27th June 2025.

A special thank you goes to our main sponsors of the programme: Luminii Consulting, Mrs Lushani Kodithuwakku, Managing Director of Luminii Consulting, and Mr Lloyd

Abeywickrama, Director of LA & EA Consultants Ltd, along with their team, for their continued and generous support towards the programme.

We also extend our gratitude to Mrs Aruni De Alwis, Executor of the APSL Florence De Silva Trust, for supporting our work with paediatric cancer patients in Sri Lanka.

We would like to thank all the medical and administrative staff involved in the programme in Sri Lanka, including the Wayamba Cancer Society, Cancer Society Batticaloa, Cancer Society Anuradhapura, and the Palliative Care Unit in Kandy, for their continued dedication and support.

We sincerely thank all our donors in the UK and overseas for their regular and one-off contributions, which make it possible for us to support these deserving patients across Sri Lanka.

5. Solar Village Projects

In December 2024, APSL completed the 3rd Solar Village which was established Mediyawa, Sri Lanka Previously APSL successfully completed Solar Villages in Nochchiya & Puthiya Nagar respectively.

Mediyawa is a small, remote village situated in the Ambanpola AGA Division of Sri Lanka's North Central Province, located between Maho and Galgamuwa off the Kurunegala Road. The village consists of approximately 119 houses and is home to around 410 families. Due to its remoteness, Mediyawa lacked organised community development structures and many households, as well as the village hall, were not connected to the national electricity grid. The local economy relies primarily on *chena* and paddy cultivation, with water for irrigation sourced from the Mediyawa Wewa.

The project was funded through an online raffle fundraiser, which raised approximately £1,100, supplemented by a generous donation from Mr. Gamini Jayasinghe and his family, along with additional support from APSL's donors.

As part of this initiative, a 5kW solar panel system was installed on the roof of the village hall and connected to the national grid, providing the community with much-needed access to sustainable energy. In addition to the installation, APSL facilitated the formation of a village development committee and assisted the villagers in opening a community bank account to manage funds and maintain the system sustainably.

This project has not only provided clean energy but has also empowered the villagers to take charge of their own development, fostering leadership and financial accountability within the community. The Mediyawa Solar Village Project stands as a testament to APSL's commitment to uplifting rural communities in Sri Lanka through sustainable and impactful initiatives.

6. APSL We Sri Lanka 2024-25,

APSL's **WE SRI LANKA programme** was launched to support reconciliation and strengthen bonds between the different communities within the Sri Lankan diaspora, as well as to support post-conflict re-building and relief work in Sri Lanka. The **WE SRI LANKA Solar Village** in Puthiya Nagar generates renewable energy to illuminate and electrify the Community Centre as well as to provide an alternative source of income for the villagers resettled there after the previous conflict. Savings from this income are now being utilised to build a kitchen for the Community Centre so nutritious meals can be provided to pre-school children who receive education at these premises. More recently, the **WE SRI LANKA TALKS Series** was launched to build thought leadership and promote awareness about ESG themes such as Sustainability, Social Inclusivity and Governance.

Marking International Women's Day 2025 and the 15th anniversary of the WE SRI LANKA programme, the Association of Professional Sri Lankans (APSL) UK in partnership with Sri Lankan Societies at UCL, Imperial College London, Queen Mary's London, and Kingston, Brunel and Cardiff universities convened **WE SRI LANKA 2025**. The event was held at the Royal School of Mines, Imperial College London from 1-6pm on Saturday, 15th March 2025 under the theme "**Unlocking Women's Ingenuity for the Advancement and Wellbeing of Humanity.**" Acting High Commissioner Mrs Manorie Mallikaratchy was the Chief Guest, and Mrs Hiruni Rajapakse, Minister Counsellor was the Guest of Honour at this occasion.

WE SRI LANKA 2025 featured very informative and interesting talks from:

- Dr Radhika Coomaraswamy, former UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, and former Chairperson, Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka
- Professor Maheshi Ramasamy of the Oxford Vaccine Group that pioneered the development of the vaccine against Covid-19, and
- Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran, former President of the British Medical Association.

A panel discussion on the theme "**Ingenuity into Action: Leading the charge on women's empowerment**" was also held where several accomplished women from a wide range of professions such as architecture, business, consulting, economic policy, education, hospitality, information technology, medicine and responsible sourcing spoke about how they successfully navigated gender-based challenges to achieve both their career and family related aspirations.

A celebration of Sri Lankan culture through artistic performances of Kandyan and Bharatha Natyam dancing added beauty, colour and musical variety to the occasion. Nearly 80 people from the Sinhala and Tamil communities, both experienced professionals and younger generation British Sri Lankans, attended this highly informative and engaging event.

7. VOCATIONAL TRAINING AUTHORITY (VTA) SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2024/2025

During the year 2024-2025, APSL UK offered 14 scholarships to fourteen vocational training students for the following courses after discussions and agreement with the Vocational Training Authority in Sri Lanka and APSL UK. in February 2024.

The courses are as follows.

- Welder
- Mechanic
- Agriculture Field Assistant
- Solar PV Technician
- Aluminium Fabricator
- Agriculture Equipment Mechanic

The students were selected from the following districts.

- Colombo
- Galle
- Kegalle
- Ampara
- Kilinochchi
- Trincomalee
- Galle
- Badulla
- Ratnapura
- Batticaloa

The Total Cost for 14 Scholarships = Rs. 157,000 and the scholarship programme was completed in September 2024.

Although the original plan was to offer scholarships only for one year, due to the very high demand for skilled trades in Sri Lanka, the Executive Committee has agreed to continue this programme for the year 2025, offering scholarships to **15 students**.

Accordingly, APSL UK has written to the VTA regarding the above decision and the VTA has responded that due to changes in their administration system, the two parties are now required to enter into a MOU document. APSL has replied that subject to the conditions in the MOU document, APSL UK is willing to sign a MOU agreement to fulfil this programme.

Currently we are awaiting the proposed MOU document from the VTA in Colombo.

9. Other Activities

APSL 20th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraising Dinner Dance

APSL proudly celebrated its 20th anniversary by organising a Fundraising Dinner Dance at the Windsor Marriott Hotel, Heathrow. The High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in the UK, His Excellency Mr. Rohitha Bogolagama, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and, in his address, commended APSL for its dedicated service and invaluable contributions over the past two decades.

The evening featured various fundraising activities and provided an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the remarkable achievements of APSL and its members over the past 20 years. All funds raised from the event were allocated to support young adults through APSL's Vocational Training Scholarship Programme, furthering the organisation's commitment to empowering the next generation.

Bedford festival 2024

APSL collaborated with the High Commission of Sri Lanka for the 2nd consecutive occasion to enable the High Commission to host a Sri Lanka Stand featuring Ceylon tea and handcrafts at the Bedford River Festival on 20th & 21st of July 2024. Bedford festival usually attracts over 250,000 visitors.

Community event to commemorate the 77th Anniversary of Sri Lanka's Independence

The President of APSL, Dr. Mohan Siriwardena was one of the four community leaders to speak at the reception organised by the High Commission of Sri Lanka on 09th February 2025 in London to commemorate the 77th Anniversary of Sri Lanka's Independence

The dedication and hard work by the respective project and event leaders, and the support given by the executive committee and members, was vital for the success of all the above projects and events.

Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK (APSL)
2024 -2025



The Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK

UK Registered Charity No: 1145786

Summary 01 Apr 2024 - 31 Mar 2025

Description	Currency Rs.	Exchange rate	Income £	Expense £	Surplus / (Deficit) £
Cancer Relief HSBC payments				(10,590.00)	
Cancer Relief BOC remaining balance	1,714,577	380		4,512.04	
Cancer Relief Fund income and Expenditure			7,577.73	(6,077.96)	1,499.77
Scholarship Event - Bolton			1,705.00	(2,998.51)	(1,293.51)
Membership			105.00		105.00
General Expenses				(2,422.74)	(2,422.74)
Donations/interests			414.39		414.39
Scholarship Scheme			18,873.37	(18,917.00)	(43.63)
Emergency Response Fund			0.00	0.00	0.00
20th Anniversary - Dinner Dance			10,475.00	(9,201.14)	1,273.86
Walk4Lanka			0.00	0.00	0.00
20 th AGM			180.00	(1,010.00)	(830.00)
Florence de Silva Trust Fund for Children			489.34	(4,213.42)	(3,724.08)
FDS Redwood Bank Accrued Interest			1,916.67		
Solar Villages			111.87	(2,990.28)	(2,878.41)
We Sri Lanka			660.00	(795.19)	(135.19)
Sub total			42,508.37	(48,626.24)	
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the period				(6,117.87)	
Paypal Balance 31/3/2025 (<i>Donations received for CRF, Solar Villages & Scholarships projects</i>)			3,163.00		
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the period 01 April 2024 - 31st March 2025				(2,954.87)	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SRI LANKANS IN THE UK (APSL)

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2025

Charity no (if any)

1145786

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of 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 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Financial Accountants(IFA).

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination.

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.

Signed:

R. D. Abeyawickrama

Date:

05/12/2025

Name:

Roshan Abeyawickrama

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In addition to executive committee meetings, regular sub-committee meetings were held during the year for the APSL Scholarship Scheme, APSL Solar Power Projects, APSL Media team and APSL We Sri Lanka and for other event coordination.

Projects and Events

1. 19th Annual General Meeting

The 19th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Saturday 27 May 2023 at the Windsor/ Heathrow Marriott Hotel

Mr. Sameera Dayasekara, Second Secretary, of the Sri Lanka High Commission in the United Kingdom, joined the occasion. The AGM was also attended by the APSL Executive

Committee, APSL members and representatives of other Sri Lankan associations. At the AGM, a new Executive Committee was elected for the year 2023-2024.

In the absence of any nominations for the AGM notice circulated prior to the AGM, the list of office bearers, nominated by the outgoing committee was elected and accordingly, Dr. Mohan Siriwardena was elected as the President of APSL.

2. APSL Florence De Silva Memorial Trust Fund for children

APSL launched the APSL Florence De Silva memorial trust for children in 2019 to help children in Sri Lanka. Since its inception, APSL has spent four million rupees towards 20 projects in Sri Lanka.

During the past year, there were 2 projects completed successfully totalling £2,197.00 (Rs 837,462) were funded including school essential Packs for Kandaketiya Vidyalaya, Donation for pairs of shoes to 53 needy children in Yatiyana Primary School Nittabuwa and testing kits for children of HIV-positive mothers in Sri Lanka organised through The Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine-.

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Our appreciation goes to Mrs Aruni De Alwis, the executor of the will of the late Florence Cecilia De Silva for her kind and thoughtful consideration to enhance the well-being of the less fortunate children in Sri Lanka.

3. APSL Scholarship Scheme

Launched in 2014, the APSL Scholarship Scheme provides financial assistance to gifted schoolchildren from poor and disadvantaged families in Sri Lanka - especially for those from rural areas to gain access to a good education.

We in APSL believe that if a child's true potential is left undiscovered and their dreams unrealised, their ambition would get blunted and their self-esteem lowered. This could result in them under-achieving - settling for unskilled low-paid jobs; or turning to drugs or crime. This in turn, perpetuates poverty, denies the country of a skilled workforce it needs to become a developed, prosperous nation.

The APSL scholarship scheme provides Sri Lankans around the world, with a simple and effective channel for 'giving something back' to their motherland. Also, for our non-Sri Lankan friends and well-wishers, it offers an efficient and reliable vehicle for helping Sri Lanka and be part of this life changing initiative.

As the programme is run by volunteers working from home, via a virtual offices, keeping the overheads to an minimum, allows almost all the donations go to the recipients. As a UK registered charity, APSL claims Gift Aid for donations from UK taxpayers which further increases the value of your giving. This makes our scheme one of the most efficient ways of helping Sri Lanka.

Unlike other charities, we haven't set aside a marketing budget to promote our services and we don't publicise the scheme too widely to avoid creating a big demand and disappointing children. Most of our funding applications and donors hear about us through word of mouth and personal recommendations.

Since it's inauguration, scholarship programme has continued as a beacon of hope for these families. Despite the disruptions, the Scholarship Scheme has grown during last year increasing the total number of beneficiaries (aged between 9 to 18). Over the years the scholarship scheme as funded a total of 153 students, out of which 25 have completed and left the scheme so far. Therefore, currently we are funding 128 students. who are spread across the island, with funds donated by 72 sponsors - based in UK, Sri Lanka, Singapore, and Australia

The two online spoken English classes that started in November 2021 and , have continued weekly under Mrs. Gayani Senaratne and Mrs. Janet Silva . Adding the third class, Mrs Grace Gunaratne conducted them since 2022. These classes are popular among the children who are showing an improved grasp of English language and a greater self-confidence as a result. As there is a big demand for English, we are looking for more volunteers, willing to give a couple of hours a week to teach a small group of children via Microsoft Teams.

During last year, we managed to send another lot of used IT equipment - laptops and smart phones, received from UK donors to Sri Lanka. This has helped several children who attend our online classes who have been struggling without suitable equipment.

We had some excellent GCE O level and A/L results in 2023,

We also celebrated world children's day in November 2023, by conducting an online workshop by Professor Chis Nester.

In addition, we also managed to help many students in several areas and schools in the following ways during this period:

With the help of Rakitha L. Dias, The Founder/Managing Director of Terias Consulting, a London-based IT company with a branch in Sri Lanka, has donated 125 school bags and 100 pair of shoes to needy children in 5 schools across the island.

Ways you could help:

- Sponsor one or more children at £20 per month per child.
- Donate for education, school meals or books and shoes.
- Leave a legacy.
- Become a voluntary teacher

4. Walk4Lanka Fund

APSL fundraising walk, Walk4lanka raised £9,700 to provide food and medicine for the most vulnerable in Sri Lanka in 2022.

The funds were allocated to a school meal programme and APSL joined the Student Food Programme initiated in Anuradhapura by a group of doctors led by Dr. Kiloshini Hendhavitharana to provide meals for over 100 schools from disadvantage backgrounds.

APSL has provided funds to two primary schools for 5 days a week from November 2022 to August 2023 - Moraththegama Primary school (61 children) Dewahuwa and Mudalidu Rathnayake primary school (73 Children) in Mkichchawa Seepukulama. At present meals are provided 3 days a week. The meals are prepared by parents and managed by the principal and teachers.

Under school food programme, Siddhartha College-Ampitiya Kandy received £650 towards their school meal programmes.

As a part of school food programme, funds were allocated to use to disseminate good practice and educate and immerse some sustainable habits among the future generation.

As a part of this, Sri Dheerananda School Boosa was rewarded £100 for their ongoing school allotment project.

Approximately £3,000 worth of medicine including plasters and suturing material were provided to Panadura Base Hospital.

5. APSL Cancer Relief Project

APSL Cancer Relief Fund (CRF) was launched in September 2017. We formed partnerships with in 2019 with Kurunegala General Hospital and, Batticaloa Teaching Hospital, and Anuradhapura Hospital in 2020.

Over six years and eight months, we have spent **5.32 million rupees** through the scheme to provide **medication, financial help, facility renovations and awareness campaigns**. We provided 510 financial aid payments of 3000 rupees each (2500 rupees until December 2023) to Kurunegala Hospital, 310 financial aid payments to Batticaloa, and 205 financial aid payments to Anuradhapura Hospital. We are planning to expand the scheme further to other parts of Sri Lanka, where we have identified urgent needs. The team is currently working on it.

We especially want to mention the service rendered by Dr. Dassanayake, the late president of the Wayamba Cancer Society, Sri Lanka who passed away peacefully last year due to terminal cancer. He was instrumental in establishing APSL Cancer Relief Fund's relationship with Sri Lanka, and we sincerely offer our condolences to Dr. Dassanayake's family, friends, and the Wayamba Cancer Society on behalf of APSL.

We also want to thank all the medical and admin staff linked to the program in Sri Lanka, including the Wayamba Cancer Society, Cancer Society Batticaloa, Cancer Society Anuradhapura, and Cancer Society Karapitiya, for their continued support.

A special thank you goes to our main sponsors of the program: Luminii Consulting, Mrs Lushani Kodithuwakku, Managing Director of Luminii Consulting, and the Director of LA & EA Consultants Ltd, Mr Lloyd Abeywickrama, and their team for supporting APSL.

Finally, we would like to thank all our donors in the UK and overseas for their regular and one-off payments to help deserving patients in Sri Lanka.

6. APSL Emergency Relief Fund

APSL launched the Emergency Relief Fund ("ERF") on 25th March 2020 to support vulnerable people and deserving families in Sri Lanka. During three years and two months, we have spent over **13 million** rupees through the scheme to provide dry rations for 1650 families covering all nine provinces in 2020, Medical equipment and PPEs for hospitals on 16 occasions in 2021, medical aids worth 8.2 million rupees on 37 occasions to 33 hospitals across the island in 2022.

A special thank goes to the Association of Hela Sarana, Heal Sri Lanka UK team, The Aspire Community Foundation - Sri Lanka, Medical staff and the friends of APSL who contributed, helped and facilitated these donations. Importantly our sincere thank goes to all our donors for their continuous support.

7. Solar Village Projects

Currently there are five Solar villages established in Sri Lanka by APSL-UK and Helasarana under the guidance of Prof Dharmadasa and the team. These are situated in Kaduruwewa, Pulmudai, Puthiya Nagar, Nochchiya, and Monaragala for the sustainable development of these areas. These were completed through generous personal donations, corporate

funding, and support from charity organisations such as APSL, Helasarana and the Foundation of Goodness.

Prof Dharmadasa initiated and provided all the necessary technical guidance to the Monaragala Solar Village project established by Helasarana to mark the 25th anniversary of the charity. Mr. Leslie Dep is coordinating this project on behalf of the Helasarana charity.

Mr Gihantha Jayasinghe is liaising with the Foundation of Goodness about how income from solar energy generation can be re-invested for the sustainable development of the Solar Village in Puthiya Nagar.**in Mullaitivu District, Sri Lanka**

Mr Gihantha Jayasinghe, Programme Lead, APSL WE SRI LANKA visited the WE SRI LANKA Solar Village in Puthiya Nagar in February 2024 along with Mr Arnold Jenoson of the Foundation of Goodness (FOG), Sri Lanka. During the time of this visit women in the village were receiving education on prevention of cervical cancer at the Community Centre from a mid-wife of the local health system. Afterwards, Mr Jayasinghe consulted the VDC Chairman and members present about how income generated from the solar roof could be reinvested. During the productive conversations that followed, village needs were identified for evaluation and costing by FOG., they will continue to assist APSL in liaising with the VDC for the sustainable development of the village.

There are four more villages currently under formation with interested parties within Sri Lanka. With the initiation by Ms Paola Bethmage, a “Go Fund Me” programme was established to raise funds to develop future solar villages. Adequate funds have been raised through this programme and a raffle organised by Dr Anuradha Samarasinghe. The APSL is in the process of establishing the 6th solar village in Mediyawa at present. Dr Anuradha Samarasinghe is coordinating this project on behalf of the APSL charity. The 7th solar village is also currently establishing in Sobithagama village cluster with generous donations from a UK family.

Electricity tariff in Sri Lanka has gone up drastically in the recent past. As a response to these high electricity bills, the village committee in Medagama/Galgamuwa has decided to discontinue their two water pumping systems using 3-phase electricity, and now working to install solar water pumping systems with their own available funds. Prof Dharmadasa is working with this VDC to apply solar village concepts to accelerate their sustainable development. This will be the 8th Solar Village in Sri Lanka and is a good example for solar village replication using “Crowd Funding” in the country, going away from the personal donations and charity funding.

8. APSL We Sri Lanka Project,

APSL’S We Sri Lanka Programme aims to build thought leadership and raise awareness for topics on Sustainability, Inclusivity, and Governance. During 2023-24, the We Sri Lanka programme undertook the following activities in relation to talks,

WE SRI LANKA TALK with Dr Indrajit Coomaraswamy, Economist and Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka form 2016-19

In a very insightful talk delivered in December 2023, Dr Indrajit Coomaraswamy talked about contributory factors that led to Sri Lanka's economic woes over time. He also spoke about steps taken by the current government to stabilise the economy, policy reforms undertaken to put the economy on a growth trajectory, and progress made in attracting foreign investment into the country. He also pointed out the significant challenges that lay ahead in alleviating worsening poverty and human suffering because of the recent economic debacle.

WE SRI LANKA 2024, Nunn Hall, University College London (UCL)

During March 2024 APSL WE SRI LANKA in collaboration with Sri Lankan Societies at leading universities in the UK presented a WE SRI LANKA TALKS event on the theme 'Transcending the Climate Crisis and creating a Sustainable Green Growth Economy'.

Professor Mohan Munasinghe, Vice Chair, UN IPCC that shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, and Chairman, Presidential Expert Committee, Sustainable Sri Lanka 2030 Vision, presented a wide ranging and informative keynote address on "Climate change and balanced inclusive green growth (BIGG) in Sri Lanka, in a multipolar world." Next, Professor Emeritus IM Dharmadasa delivered an engaging talk on the theme "Solar Villages: Harnessing renewable energy to alleviate poverty and create sustainable livelihoods in rural Sri Lanka." The event concluded with a panel discussion on Practices, Technologies and Opportunities of the Green Growth Net Zero Economy with sustainability champions in academia, business and consulting. While Sri Lankan cultural dance performances showcased the rich cultural heritage of Sri Lanka, this event successfully brought together professionals and students via in-person and online participation, focusing on both existing climate challenges as well as the promise of the emerging green growth net zero economy in Sri Lanka, and in the UK.

9. Other Activities

APSL has also continued the knowledge sharing forum for the benefit of Ex Co members led by Mr. Mervyn Silva and Mr. Rohan de Alwis.

During November 2023 organised APSL Scholarship Event in celebration of UN Childrens Day. Together with scholarship scheme funded children from Sri Lanka

Feb 2024 - Young Professionals networking session at UCL

This was a collaboration with the university students organised by David Gunawardana under the theme Link to Lanka. Some of our Exco members shared their life experience of career progression and gave advice and mentoring to students at form various UK universities.

April 2024 - ASK THE EXPERT SERIES had a "Ask the Lawyer event discussing Last Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney event presented by Miss Sayuri Serasinghe and moderated by

Rohan De Alwis giving advice on setting up wills and Trusts. This was well received by the audience with a large number of positive feedback to be very useful and vital knowledge for everyone.

The dedication and hard work by the respective project and event leaders, and the support given by the executive committee and members, was vital for the success of all the above projects and events.

On behalf of APSL, I would like to thank our Patron His Excellency, the High Commissioner for Sri Lanka, Mr. Rohitha Bogollagama, together with the Deputy High Commissioner Mrs. Manorie Mallikaratchy, and the High Commission staff for the support given to the association in numerous ways.

My sincere thanks go to the representative of other Sri Lankan associations in the UK, to name a few, Hela Sarana, SLMDA, COSMOS and in Sri Lanka, Wayamba Cancer Society, Sri Lanka Cancer Society, Batticaloa branch, and Red Cross for working hand in hand with APSL delivering collaborative projects.

My thanks also extended to our media outlets, Sathyajith Creations, BBC Sinhala Service, Ceylon Mirror, and Sri Lankans in the UK Facebook community platforms for providing publicity for our activities. APSL is also grateful to the various organisations and individuals who provided sponsorships for our events throughout the year.

My sincere thanks goes to the President Dr. Mohan Siriwardena and the Executive Committee for their commitment and professionalism shown in fulfilling the objectives of the Association during the past two years. It was a pleasure to work with such a committed Team, which in turn made my task much easier and enjoyable.

I would also like to thank our family members for the enormous support that they have given us throughout the years.

Finally, I would like to extend my best wishes to the incoming new Executive Committee. I look forward to working with you all during the coming year.

Thank you.

Mr. Sanjaya C. Kodituwakku
General Secretary
Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK (APSL)
2023 -2024

APSL Income and Expenditure Statement

	<u>Y/E 31st March</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Y/E 31st March</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Y/E 31st</u> <u>March 2022</u>
		£	£
<u>Income Membership/Gift Aid</u>			
Membership Fees	165	402	383
Other Donations, Gift Aid and Interest	915	476	2,239
		-	-
<u>Project /Event Income</u>			
Social Events - Dinner Dance/AGM	644	5,125	-
Scholarship	20,395	17,726	17,381
Cancer Relief Project	5,464	1,105	-
Cancer Relief Project/ERF	-	9,968	9,446
Walk4 lanka	777	9,699	-
Donations Received in Sri Lanka	-	-	-
Rehabilitation Center for the Communication Impaired	-	-	-
Solar Village / WeSL	4,324	-	-
Megumi Wedding Donations	-	1,677	-
SLMDA Donation	-	-	250
Total Income	32,684	46,178	29,699
<u>Event Expenditure</u>			
Dinner dance expenditure	-	4,821	-
Administration & Other expenses	- 1,295	2,205	2,082
Annual General Meeting	- 1,362	320	-
Total Event Expenditure	-2,657	7,346	2,082
<u>Donations to Charities and Community Development Projects</u>			
Sri Lanka Community Relief Projects - COVID 19	-	-	2,738
Walk4 Lanka Projects	- 4,869	5,615	-
Scholarship Scheme payments	- 17,186	15,207	15,910
Florence De Silva Scholarships/projects	-	2,000	3,714
Emmergency Response Fund Projects	-	8,622	-
Florence De Silva - Scholarships	-	600	-
Cancer Relief Fund	- 4,017	4,970	5,382
Foundation of Goodness Partnership	-	-	-
Rehabilitation Center for the Communication Impaired	-	-	-
Solar Village / We SL	- 548	-	-
Donation to IDH through Helasarana	-	-	-
Donation to Temple	-	-	-
Donation to SLMDA	-	-	750
Total Donations	-26,620	37,014	28,494
Total Expenditure for the period	-29,277	44,360	30,576
Net Surplus/ (loss) for the period	3,406	1,818	-877
<u>Bank Reconciliation</u>			
	£	£	£
HSBC Account	7,463	10,898	13,382
Florence De Silva Trust	71,583	73,484	69,182
Bank Balance as at 31st March	79,046	84,382	82,564



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SRI LANKANS IN THE UK (APSL)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST MARCH 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1145786

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of 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 Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Financial Accountants(IFA).

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

15/11/2024

Name:

Roshan Abeyawickrama

**Relevant professional
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(if any):**

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THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SRI LANKANS IN THE UK (APSL)

England & Wales - Charity number 1145786

Accounts



Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK

Annual Report for year 2022-2023

Year 2022-23 was a productive period for APSL (Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK). In addition to delivering ongoing projects, APSL supported many projects to alleviate the pain caused by the economic crisis in Sri Lanka and organised several successful events. This report provides a summary of the key activities carried out during the year 2022-2023.

Executive Committee Meetings

Three executive committee meetings were held during the past year via Microsoft Office Teams platform.

1. The first executive committee meeting was held on Sunday 26th of June 2022. A review of APSL current project portfolio took place and committee decided to organise a charity dinner dance to raise funds.
2. The second executive committee meeting was held on Sunday 5th of November 2022. Feedback on walk4Lanka and progress of the fundraising dinner dance took centre stage amongst discussions and updates from ongoing projects.
3. The third executive committee meeting was held on Sunday 26th March 2023. The progress of all existing projects reviewed, and new targets set for fundraising efforts and events. Office bearers for the year 2023-2024 was also discussed and agreed.

In addition to executive committee meetings, regular sub-committee meetings were held during the year for the APSL Scholarship Scheme, Walk4Lanka, APSL Media team and We Sri Lanka team attended by the project and event sub-committees.

Projects and Events

1. 18th Annual General Meeting

The 18th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Saturday 21 May 2022 at the Windsor/ Heathrow Marriott Hotel

Deputy High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in the United Kingdom, Mr. Samantha Pathirana joined the occasion. The AGM was also attended by the APSL Executive

Committee, APSL members and representatives of other Sri Lankan associations. At the AGM, a new Executive Committee was elected for the year 2022-2023.

In the absence of any nominations for the AGM notice circulated prior to the AGM, the list of office bearers, nominated by the outgoing committee was elected and accordingly, Mr. Thushara Madurasinghe was re-elected as the President of APSL.

2. APSL Florence De Silva Memorial Trust Fund for children

APSL Florence De Silva Memorial Trust Fund for Children was launched in May 2019 to help children in Sri Lanka.

During the past year, there were 3 projects completed successfully totalling £2,197 (Rs 837,462) were funded including school essential Packs for Kandaketiya Vidyalaya, Donation for pairs of shoes to 53 needy children in Yatiyana Primary School Nittabuwa, and testing kits for children of HIV-positive mothers in Sri Lanka organised through The Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine.

The agreed investment plan of about £50,000 from the Late Florence De Silva's legacy, in order to grow the capital and make funds last a few more years than otherwise expected, exclusively to benefit more children has been paused due to the current global economic crisis.

At present £1,000.00 budget allocation per quarter is in place in line with the proposed long-term allocations plan.

Our appreciation goes to Mrs Aruni De Alwis, the executor of the will of the late Ms Florence Cecilia De Silva ("Florence De Silva") for her kind and thoughtful consideration to enhance the well-being of the less fortunate children in Sri Lanka.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=795754745104696>

3. APSL Scholarship Scheme

Launched in 2014, the APSL Scholarship Scheme provides financial assistance to gifted schoolchildren from poor and disadvantaged families in Sri Lanka - especially for those from rural areas to gain access to a good education.

We in APSL believe that if a child's true potential is left undiscovered and their dreams unrealised, their ambition would get blunted and their self-esteem lowered. This could result in them under-achieving - settling for unskilled low-paid jobs; or turning to drugs or crime. This in turn, perpetuates poverty, denies the country of a skilled workforce it needs to become a developed, prosperous nation.

The APSL scholarship scheme provides Sri Lankans around the world, with a simple and effective channel for 'giving something back' to their motherland. Also, for our non-Sri Lankan friends and well-wishers, it offers an efficient and reliable vehicle for helping Sri Lanka and be part of this life changing initiative.

As the programme is run by volunteers working from home, via a virtual office, there are no overheads which allows almost all the donations go to the recipients. As a UK registered charity, APSL claims Gift Aid for donations from UK taxpayers which further increases the value of your giving. This makes our scheme one of the most efficient ways of helping Sri Lanka.

Unlike other charities, we haven't set aside a marketing budget to promote our services and we don't publicise the scheme too widely to avoid creating a big demand and disappointing children. Most of our funding applications and donors hear about us through word of mouth and personal recommendations.

The covid pandemic and the economic and political crises have dealt a double whammy to Sri Lanka. Children in Sri Lanka have been the most affected and borne the brunt of this crisis - as confirmed by international aid agencies. Amid it all these the scholarship programme has continued as a beacon of hope for these families. Despite the disruptions, the Scholarship Scheme has grown during last year increasing the total number of beneficiaries (aged between 9 to 18) to 140 who are spread across the island, with funds donated by 70 sponsors - based in UK, Sri Lanka, Singapore, and Australia.

The two online spoken English classes that started in November 2021, have continued weekly under Mrs. Gayani Senaratne and Mrs. Janet Silva who were joined last year by Mrs Grace Gunaratne adding a 3rd weekly class. These classes are popular among the children who are showing an improved grasp of English language and a greater self-confidence as a result. As there is a big demand for English, we are looking for more volunteers, willing to give a couple of hours a week to teach a small group of children via Zoom.

During last year, we managed to send another lot of used IT equipment - laptops and smart phones, received from UK donors to Sri Lanka. This has helped several children who attend our online classes who have been struggling without suitable equipment.

We had some excellent GCE O level and AL results in 2022, despite the school closure and many disruptions children had to suffer during past 2 years.

On December 11th, 2022, through an online Carol concert, children demonstrated their talent for music and dance and thanked and wished their sponsors.

In addition, we also managed to help many students in several areas and schools in the following ways during this period:

School	No. of beneficiaries	Type of aid	Source of support	Amount
Siddhartha Maha Vidyalaya, Ampitiya, Kandy	643 children	School meals	Walk4Lanka - Enthuse fundraising page +	Rs250,000.00

Kandakuliya Mune Primary School, Kalpitiya	81 children	Return to school packs	Florence de Silva Fund	Rs225,000.00
Kalpitiya	12 (9 children and 3 adults)	Dry rations and return to school packs to a family	Mr & Mrs Tariq Salih - Zakat al-Fitr	Rs45,000.00
Nagoda Gallassa Primary School, Dodangoda	250 children	School meals	Megumi Yamamoto & Joss Wilkinson Wedding gifts - Enthuse fundraising page	Rs600,000.00
Millaniya Divisional Secretariat, Kalutara	14 schools 499 (427 +72) needy children	Return to school packs	Prof Terence Fernando - Enthuse fundraising page	Rs957,110.00

Ways you could help:

- Sponsor one or more children at £20 per month / child.
- Donate for education, school meals or books and shoes.
- Leave a legacy.
- Voluntary teacher

Contact

Scholarship Scheme Coordinator
scholarships@apsl.org.uk

4. Walk4Lanka

APSL organised a fundraising walk under the slogan 'Walk4lanka' on the 25th September 2022. The event was well attended by over 100 members and well-wishers. Amongst the dignitaries who graced this event were Sri Lankan High Commissioner H.E. Mrs Saroja Sirisena, Lord Mayor of Oxford, Mr James Fry, Chief Executive of Oxfordshire County Council, Ms. Susanna Pressel and former Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. Kapila Goonasekera.

The picturesque site consisting of two adjoining reservoirs ensured all walkers enjoyed the day and make it a memorable event for all participants.

The walk managed to raise just over. £9700. We wish to thank all donors who have contributed to this worthy cause, to provide our humanitarian assistance to Sri Lanka.

Projects funded

1. Donation of suturing materials, plasters, and other materials to Panadura eye hospital- 1,239,735 (approximate £3200)

Food Program -(school meals)

2. Sidhartha College Ampitiya- Kandy RS 250,000.00 (£658.00 approximately)

Ongoing Projects from November 2022

3 *Mudalindu Rathnayaka Vuduhala, Ranpathwil, Kahatagasdigiliya. 64 children 5 meals a week*

So far spend Rs 488,482.00 (£1,224.50)

4. *Moroththegama Primary School Dhewahuwa Palagala Anuradhpura- 68 Children*

So far spend Rs 464,345.00 (£1,159.50)

We wish to thank the 'APSL Walk4lanka committee' in particular our member Mrs. Nilimini Roelans for initiating this project and promoting this for APSL

5. APSL Cancer Relief Project

APSL Cancer Relief Fund (CRF) was launched in September 2017. We formed partnerships with Kurunegala General Hospital in 2019, Batticaloa Teaching Hospital in 2019 and Anuradhapura Hospital in 2020.

During five years and eight months, we have spent **4.39 million** rupees through the scheme and provided 435 financial help payments of 2500 rupees each to Kurunegala Hospital, 260 financial help payments to Batticaloa, 155 financial help payments to Anuradhapura Hospital. We are planning to help ten patients per month in Galle through the scheme from June 2023.

We want to thank all the medical staff linked to the programme based in Sri Lanka, Wayamba Cancer Society, Cancer society Batticaloa, and Cancer society Anuradhapura, Cancer society Karapitiya for their continued support.

Also, a special thanks goes to our main sponsors of the programme, Luminii Consulting Ltd, Mrs Lushani Kodithuwakku, Managing Director of Luminii Consulting Ltd and LA & EA Consultants Ltd, Mr Lloyd Abeywickrama, Director of LA & EA Consultants Ltd and the team for considering APSL. Finally, we would like to thank all our donors based in the UK and overseas for their regular and one off payments towards the scheme help the deserving patients in Sri Lanka.

Cardiff - CRF Event

Special mention must be made of the third successful charity event organised in Cardiff by Dr. Anuradha Samarasinghe held on the 1st of April 2023 to raise funds towards the APSL Cancer Relief programme. The team raised closer to £2500 towards the scheme, and we would like to thank the community in Cardiff for their continued support since the beginning. Our special thanks go out to Dr. Anuradha and Mrs Arjuna Samarasinghe and their team for their commitment to making these events a great success.

6. Solar Village Projects

Currently there are five Solar villages established in Sri Lanka by APSL-UK and Hela Sarana under the guidance of Prof Dharmadasa. These are situated in Kaduruwewa, Pulmudai, Puthiya Nagar, Nochchiya, and Monaragala for the sustainable development of these areas. These were completed through generous personal donations, corporate funding, and support from both charity organisations APSL and Hela Sarana. Prof Dharmadasa initiated and provided all the necessary technical guidance to the Monaragala Solar Village project established by Hela Sarana to mark the 25th anniversary of the charity.

There are four more villages currently under formation with interested parties within Sri Lanka. With the initiation by Ms Paola Bethmage, a “Go Fund Me” programme has been established to raise funds to develop future solar villages. Adequate funds have been collected through this programme and the APSL is in the process of establishing the 6th solar village in Sri Lanka during the coming year.

Electricity tariff in Sri Lanka has gone up drastically in the recent past. As a response to this sky-high electricity bills, the village committee in Medagama/Galgamuwa has decided to discontinue their two water pumping systems using 3-phase electricity, and now working to install solar water pumping systems with their own available funds. Prof Dharmadasa is working with this Village Development Committee (VDC) to apply solar village concepts to accelerate their sustainable development. This will be the 7th Solar Village in Sri Lanka and is a good example for solar village replication using “Crowd Funding” in the country, going away from the personal donations and charity funding. This is the line, APSL is promoting for the rapid development of the country using safe, indigenous and freely available energy source.

7. APSL We Sri Lanka Project,

APSL We Sri Lanka aims to raise awareness and build thought leadership around the themes of:

- Sustainable growth
- Inclusivity and togetherness
- Professionalism and good governance

Since 2021, the **APSL We Sri Lanka Webinar Series** has featured informative and thought-provoking talks by eminent speakers to a global audience. They include George R Willy on ‘An Anatomy of a Sri Lankan Reconciliation,’ Ravi P Silva CBE on ‘A Route to a Sustainable Future through Renewable Energy,’ Prashan De Visser on ‘A Youth Movement for Hope and Reconciliation in Sri Lanka,’ and most recently Priyantha Wijayatunga on the ‘Crucial Role of Renewable Energy to overcome the Climate Change and Energy Crisis’ in June 2022.

We also continue to engage with the Foundation of Goodness in Sri Lanka to monitor progress of the **APSL We Sri Lanka Solar Village** in Puthiya Nagar in northeast Sri Lanka. Re-settled with refugees from the previous conflict and further developed through collaboration between APSL and the Foundation of Goodness, a 5-kW solar roof connected via 3-phase electricity to the National Grid under the Sri Lankan government’s Net Plus scheme is generating

renewable solar energy to power the Community Centre, while providing supplementary income of ~ Rs 12,000 per month for community development.

8. Emergency Relief Fund

APSL launched the Emergency Relief Fund (“ERF”) on 25th March 2020 to support vulnerable people and deserving families in Sri Lanka. During three years and two months, we have spent over **13 million** rupees through the scheme to provide dry rations for 1650 families covering all nine provinces in 2020, Medical equipment and PPEs for hospitals on 16 occasions in 2021, medical aids worth 8.2 million rupees on 37 occasions to 33 hospitals across the island in 2022.

A special thanks goes to the Association of Hela Sarana, Heal Sri Lanka UK team, The Aspire Community Foundation - Sri Lanka, Medical staff and the friends of APSL who contributed, helped and facilitated these donations. Importantly our sincere thank goes to all our donors for their continuous support.

9. Other Activities

APSL has also continued the knowledge sharing forum for the benefit of Ex Co members led by Mr. Mervyn Silva and Mr. Rohan de Alwis.

The dedication and hard work by the respective project and event leaders, and the support given by the executive committee and members, was vital for the success of all the above projects and events.

General Secretary (on behalf of Trustees)

Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK (APSL)

2022 -2023

<u>APSL Income and Expenditure Statement</u>		<u>Y/E 31st March 2023</u>	<u>Y/E 31st March 2022</u>	<u>22/23 vs 21/22 Variance</u>
		£	£	-
<u>Income Membership/Gift Aid</u>		-		
	Membership Fees	402	383	5%
	Other Donations, Gift Aid and Interest	476	2,239	-79%
		-	-	
<u>Project /Event Income</u>				
	Social Events - Dinner Dance	5,125	-	
	Scholarship	17,726	17,381	2%
	Cancer Relief Project	1,105	-	
	Cancer Relief Project/ERF	9,968	9,446	
	Walk4 lanka	9,699	-	
	Donations Received in Sri Lanka	-	-	
	Rehabilitation Center for the Communication Impaired	-	-	
	Megumi Wedding Donations	1,677	-	
	SLMDA Donation		250	
	Total Income	46,178	29,699	55%
<u>Event Expenditure</u>				
	Dinner dance expenditure	4,821	-	
	Administration & Other expenses	2,205	2,082	6%
	Annual General Meeting	320	-	
	Total Event Expenditure	7,346	2,082	253%
<u>Donations to Charities and Community Development Projects</u>				
	Sri Lanka Community Relief Projects - COVID 19		2,738	
	Walk4 Lanka Projects	5,615	-	
	Scholarship Scheme payments	15,207	15,910	-4%
	Florence De Silva Scholarships/projects	2,000	3,714	
	Emergency Response Fund Projects	8,622	-	
	Florence De Silva - Scholarships	600	-	
	Cancer Relief Fund	4,970	5,382	
	Foundation of Goodness Partnership		-	
	Rehabilitation Center for the Communication Impaired		-	
	Donation to IDH through Helasarana		-	
	Donation to Temple		-	
	Donation to SLMDA		750	
	Total Donations	37,014	28,494	30%

	Total Expenditure for the period	44,360	30,576	45%
	Net Surplus/ (loss) for the period	1,818	-877	-307%
	<u>Bank Reconciliation</u>	£	£	
	HSBC Main Account	1,820	1,547	
	Scholarship Account	1,410	3,661	
	Solar Village/ We Sri Lanka Account	1,058	418	
	Cancer Relief Account	4,946	7,756	
	Foundation of Goodness Account	1,664	-	
	Donations in Sri Lanka	-	-	
	Florence De Silva Trust	73,484	69,182	
	Bank Balance as at 31st March	84,382	82,564	2%



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SRI LANKANS IN THE UK
(APSL)

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST MARCH 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1145786

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of 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 Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

30/01/2024

Name:

ROSHAN KOMBALA VITHARANAGE

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

[Empty box for disclosure details]

**THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SRI LANKANS IN THE UK(APSL)
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH**

<u>Income and Expenditure Statement</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
<u>Income Membership/Gift Aid</u>		
Membership Fees	402	383
Other Donations, Gift Aid and Interest	476	2,239
Project /Event Income		
Social Events - Dinner Dance	5,125	-
Scholarship	17,726	17,381
Cancer Relief Project	1,105	-
Cancer Relief Project/ERF	9,968	9,446
Walk4 lanka	9,699	-
Megumi Wedding Donations	1,677	-
SLMDA Donation	-	250
Total Income	<u>46,178</u>	<u>29,699</u>
Event Expenditure		
Dinner dance expenditure	4,821	0
Administration & Other expenses	2,205	2,082
Annual General Meeting	320	-
<u>Donations to Charities and Community Development Projects</u>		
Eastern Value Seminar Series/ Shoe Donation		
Sri Lanka Community Relief Projects - COVID 1	-	2,738
Walk4 Lanka Projects	5,615	-
Scholarship Scheme payments	15,207	15,910
Florence De Silva Scholarships/projects	2,000	3,714
Emmergency Response Fund Projects	8,622	-
Florence De Silva - Scholarships	600	-
Cancer Relief Fund	4,970	5,382
Donation to SLMDA	-	750
Total Expenditure for the period	<u>44,360</u>	<u>30,576</u>
Net Surplus/ (loss) for the period	<u>1,818</u>	<u>(877)</u>

**THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SRI LANKANS IN THE UK(APSL)
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH**

<u>Bank Reconciliation</u>	£	£
HSBC Main Account	1,820	1,547
Scholarship Account	1,410	3,661
Solar Village/ We Sri Lanka Account	1,058	418
Cancer Relief Account	4,946	7,756
Foundation of Goodness Account	1,664	-
Donations in Sri Lanka	-	-
Florence De Silva Trust	73,484	69,182
Bank Balance as at 31st March	<u>84,382</u>	<u>82,564</u>

THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SRI LANKANS IN THE UK (APSL)

England & Wales - Charity number 1145786

Accounts



Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK

Annual Report for year 2021-2022

Despite the covid -19 Pandemic, this year was a productive year for APSL (Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK). In addition to delivering ongoing projects, APSL supported Sri Lankans affected by the pandemic and the economic crisis, organised several successful online events. This report provides a summary of the key activities carried out during the year 2021-2022.

Executive Committee Meetings

Three executive committee meetings were held during the past year via Microsoft Office Teams platform due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

1. The first virtual executive committee meeting was held on Saturday 03rd July 2021. A review of APSL current project portfolio took place and due to pandemic situation committee decided to continue with the We Sri Lanka webinar series and Virtual Research Symposium.
2. The second virtual executive committee meeting was held on Saturday 27 November 2021. Progress on We Sri Lanka Webinar series and progress and setting up of Florence De Silva fund and feedback on new membership scheme all current APSL projects was discussed.
3. The third virtual executive committee meeting was held on Saturday 05 March 2022. The progress of all existing projects reviewed and new targets set for fundraising efforts and events. Office bearers for the year 2022-2023 was also discussed and agreed.

In addition to executive committee meetings, regular virtual sub-committee meetings were held during the year for the APSL Scholarship Scheme, Florence De Silva fund, APSL Media team and We Sri Lanka team attended by the project and event sub-committees.

Projects and Events

1. 17th Annual General Meeting

The 17th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Saturday 15th May 2021. Due to the Covid-19 safety measures this year's meeting was held online using the Zoom video conferencing facility.

Deputy High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in the United Kingdom, Mr. Samantha Pathirana joined the occasion. The AGM was also attended by the APSL Executive Committee, APSL members and representatives of other Sri Lankan associations. At the AGM, a new Executive Committee was elected for the year 2021-2022.

In the absence of any nominations for the AGM notice circulated prior to the AGM, the list of office bearers, nominated by the outgoing committee was elected and accordingly, Mr. Thushara Madurasinghe was elected as the new president of APSL.

Final session of the day was the webinar on "A route to a sustainable future in Sri Lanka through renewable energy" by Prof. Ravi Silva.

2. APSL Florence De Silva memorial trust for children

APSL Florence De Silva memorial trust Fund for children was launched in May 2019 to help children in Sri Lanka.

During the past year, there projects totalling of £3714 were funded including Renovating the Science room of Kalugala Kanishta Vidyalaya, providing meals for pre-school children, providing School band Musical equipments for Karagawela Sri Premamanada Vidhyalaya Bandarawela, Badulla, Renovation of Girls Children home Uppuveli, Trincomalee and Providing IT equipment for IT Room- St. Marys school Maggona . During current medical emergency situation in i Sri Lanka £3000 were allocated to provide medicine and equipment for paediatric unit In various hospitals.

Executive committee also agreed to invest about £50000 from the Late Florence De Silva's legacy, in order to grow the capital and make funds last a few more years than otherwise expected, exclusively to benefit more children. It was agreed to set up an Investment Management Company consisting of APSL Charity Trustees (nominated by APSL Charity) and then draw upon the expertise of certain APSL members with investment and personal exposure through the investment sub-committee.

At present £1000.00 budget allocation per quarter in place in line with proposed long term investment plan.

Our appreciation goes to Mrs Aruni De Alwis, the executor of the will of late Florence Cecilia De Silva ("Florence De Silva") for the kind and thoughtful consideration to enhance the well-being of the less fortunate children in Sri Lanka.

3. APSL Scholarship Scheme

The Scholarship Scheme was launched in 2014, to provide financial assistance to gifted but underprivileged schoolchildren in Sri Lanka, under the leadership of Mr Mervyn Silva and Prof Terrance Fernando. Despite the many disruptions caused

by the pandemic, the Scholarship Scheme has continued make good progress during the last year reaching the total number of beneficiaries to 112 children.

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The Earth Shot Prize – Repairing Our Planet is a competition held by the Royal Foundation, UK, headed by Prince William. It awards prize money of £1million each to 5 winners annually between 2021 -2030. There was a 5-part TV series covering the 5 goals under which the prizes are offered: Protect & Restore Nature, Fix Our Climate, Clean Our Air, Revive Our Oceans and Build a Waste-Free World. Starting from the end of October, we shared this series with our scholarship children via Zoom, one part every month until the end of February. The final part - Prize Ceremony, when Prince William announced the five winners for the year 2021 was held at the Alexandra Palace on 17th October. We screened this episode for our children on Saturday 26th March bringing the series to end

In response to a request by children, a scheme to develop their spoken English skills was started on November 12th, via zoom, with 13 children, aged between 9 years and 12 years. This programme has been running as a pilot by Mrs. Gayani Senaratne and Mrs. Janet Silva, both qualified teachers, with the children divided into two groups according to their perceived ability. Initially it was suggested that the programme would continue for about 10 weeks, but as Gayani, Janet, Mervyn and Inoka (in Sri Lanka) meet online each week enabling ongoing assessment of the children’s interactions and progress. Children look forward to these lessons held every Friday and are beginning to show real progress. As a result, it was agreed that the lessons should continue at least until June or July with the same children. We are also learning about the family situations of the children, some of whom are in much more need than others and seem to really look forward to the lessons and having the contact they create.

As there is a big demand for English – we are looking for more volunteers who could give couple of hours a week to teach a small group of children via Zoom. Donation of used equipment: Last year we received several requests for IT equipment to help children stuck at home to take part in online learning. We also noticed a number of children attending our spoken English classes struggling without suitable equipment. In response we sent out an appeal for used IT equipment. In January, during Mervyn Silva’s visit to Sri Lanka, he managed to hand over 4 laptops and 5 smart phones donated by members of a West Yorkshire church to these children.

4. APSL Cancer Relief Project

APSL Cancer Relief Fund (CRF) was launched in September 2017. We formed partnerships with Kurunegala General Hospital in 2019, Batticaloa Teaching Hospital in 2019 and Anuradhapura Hospital in 2020.

During four years and seven months, we have spent 2.9 million rupees through the scheme and provided 345 financial help payments of 2500 rupees each to

Kurunegala Hospital, 200 financial help payments to Batticaloa 95 financial help payments to Anuradhapura Hospital. We have formed a partnership with Jaffna Teaching Hospital in 2022 and planning to provide financial help for ten patients in Jaffna per month through the scheme.

We want to thank all the medical staff linked to the programme based in Sri Lanka, Wayamba Cancer Society, Cancer society Batticaloa, and Cancer society Anuradhapura for their continued support. Also, a special thank goes to our main sponsor of the programme, Luminii consulting, Ms Lushani Kodithuwakku, MD of Luminii consulting and the team for considering APSL. Also, thank goes to Capital Twin Peaks and to all our sponsors for their continued support.

5. Solar Village Projects and APSL We Sri Lanka

Currently there are four Solar villages established in Sri Lanka by APSL-UK under the guidance of Prof Dharmadasa. These are situated in Kaduruwewa, Pulmudai, Puthiya Nagar and Nochchiya, (APSL- Hela Sarana UK Joint Venture) for the sustainable development of these areas. These were completed through generous personal donations, corporate funding, and support from both charity organisations APSL and Helasrana. In addition, Prof Dharmadasa initiated and provided all the necessary technical guidance to the Monaragala Solar Village project built by Hela Sarana to mark the 25th anniversary of the charity. There are four more villages currently under formation with interested parties within Sri Lanka. With the initiation by Ms Paola Bethmage, a “Go Fund Me” programme has been established to collect funds to develop future solar villages, but wide publicity for this initiative has been postponed due to current situation in Sri Lanka.

APSL We Sri Lanka aims to raise awareness about,

- Sustainable development, renewable energy and environmental protection
- A shared and inclusive future for all Sri Lankans, and
- Stronger institutional capacity for good governance

During the 2021-22 period, APSL We Sri Lanka held two well attended webinars.

Award-winning scientist **Ravi Silva CBE**, presented a very insightful talk on **‘A Route to a Sustainable Future through Renewable Energy.’** He spoke about the critical importance of a carbon neutral economy to avert disastrous global warming, sufficiency of renewable energy, especially solar power to fulfil the world’s energy requirements, and how hydro power generation in the hill country of Sri Lanka and solar power can work together to boost renewable energy production.

Youth leader and conflict transformation specialist, **Prashan De Visser**, presented an inspiring talk about **‘Motivating young people to nurture inclusivity, and sustain racial and religious harmony in Sri Lanka.’** Prashan is Founder President of Sri Lanka Unites and Global Unites which form an international movement for transforming conflict in 13 countries, engaging nearly half a million youth every year.

Finally, Thushara Madurasinghe, APSL President and Gihantha Jayasinghe, We Sri Lanka Lead attended the UN COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow. They had a valuable opportunity to observe the plenary discussions for the finalisation of the COP26 Glasgow Climate Pact as well as attend Sri Lanka's side event for COP26 on sustainable nitrogen management

6 APSL Research Symposium

The 'SLHC and APSL Research Symposium 2021' organised by the Sri Lanka High Commission in the UK and Association of Professional Sri Lankans (APSL) in the UK was held virtually on 01 September 2021 with representations of 25 universities in Sri Lanka and the UK. The main objective of the Research Symposium was to provide a platform for Sri Lankan researchers (PhD/MPhil) to showcase their research work to academics of the two countries and vice versa and to provide an opportunity for the researchers to interact with experts in their respective fields of study.

The Keynote speech of the event was delivered by Professor Nishan Canagarajah, Vice-Chancellor, University of Leicester, UK and Professor Sudantha Liyanage, Vice-Chancellor, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, delivered the Guest Speech. The symposium comprised 12 academic presentations by researchers from universities in Sri Lanka and the UK under four sessions.

7. APSL Webinar Series -We Sri Lanka

APSL webinar series launched to support Sri Lankans living in the UK and in Sri Lanka affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic in early 2020.

APSL We Sri Lanka team led by Mr. Gihantha Jayasinghe launched a webinar series with the aim of fostering peaceful co-existence, an inclusive identity, and a shared destiny, and promoting the sustainable development of Sri Lanka.

8. Emergency Relief Fund

APSL launched the Emergency Relief Fund ("ERF") on 25th March 2020 to support vulnerable people and deserving families in Sri Lanka. During two years and two months, we have spent 7.1 million rupees through the scheme to provide dry rations for 1650 families covering all nine provinces in 2020, Medical equipment and PPEs for hospitals on 16 occasions in 2021.

A special thank goes to the Association of Hela Sarana, Heal Sri Lanka UK team, The Aspire Community Foundation - Sri Lanka, Medical staff and the friends of APSL who contributed, helped and facilitated these donations. Importantly our sincere thank goes to all our donors for their continuous support.

9. Other Activities

APSL has also continued the knowledge sharing forum for the benefit of Ex Co members led by Mr. Mervyn Silva and Mr. Rohan de Alwis.

APSL took part in Sri Lanka Invest Forum 2021 organized by SLASSCOM is partnering with the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, and Colombo Stock Exchange.

APSL also partnered with SLASSCOM Sri Lanka to promote IT BPM trade and investment event in October 2021.

After attending an inauguration meeting organized by Sri Lanka Foundation USA to discuss 2021 Sri Lanka Day Expo & Parade-Virtual Event in August 2021 APSL took part having a virtual booth at the event..we were able to present APSL with digital materials for future events and how we can engage with SLF to collaborate for future projects.

The dedication and hard work by the respective project and event leaders, and the support given by the executive committee and members, was vital for the success of all the above projects and events.



The Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK

UK Registered Charity No: 1145786

Annual Statement of Accounts 2021 -22

APSL Income and Expenditure Statement	V/E 31st March 2022	V/E 31st March 2021	Variance % (2022 - 2021)
	£	£	
Income			
Membership/Gift Aid			
Membership Fees	-	644	-41%
Other Donations, Gift Aid and Interest	2,239	2,223	1%
Florence De Silva Trust Donation	-	-	-
Project/Event Income			
Social Events - Dinner Dance	-	-	-
Scholarship	17,381	13,910	25%
Solar Project/ We Sri Lanka Project	-	-	-
Cancer Relief Project/ERF	9,446	8,290	-
Foundation of Goodness Partnership	-	560	-
Donations Received in Sri Lanka	-	-	-
Rehabilitation Center for the Communication Impaired	-	320	-
CAF Donation	-	500	-
SLMDA Donation	250	-	-
Total Income	20,806	20,447	12%
Event Expenditure			
Festival of Cricket expenses	-	-	-
Administration & Other expenses	2,002	1,607	80%
Annual General Meeting	-	-	-
Total Event Expenditure	2,002	1,607	80%
Donations to Charities and Community Development Projects			
Sri Lanka Community Relief Projects - COVID 19	2,738	7,576	-
Solar Project	-	103	-
Scholarship Scheme payments	15,910	8,991	77%
Florence De Silva Scholarships/projects	3,714	6,374	-
Florence De Silva Immigrant Response Fund	-	-	-
Florence De Silva - Scholarships	-	-	-
Cancer Relief Fund	5,382	1,881	-
Foundation of Goodness Partnership	-	2,938	-
Rehabilitation Center for the Communication Impaired	-	320	-
Donation to IDH through Helasarana	-	250	-
Donation to Temple	-	100	-
Donation to SLMDA	250	-	-
Total Donations	20,404	20,533	0%
Total Expenditure for the period	30,676	30,140	1%
Net Surplus / (loss) for the period	(8,770)	(9,693)	-76%
Bank Reconciliation			
HSBC Main Account	1,547	943	-
Scholarship Account	3,661	6,576	-
Solar Village/ We Sri Lanka Account	418	418	-
Cancer Relief Account	7,756	2,616	-
Foundation of Goodness Account	-	-	-
Donations in Sri Lanka	-	-	-
Florence De Silva Trust	89,182	72,388	-
Bank Balance as at 31st March	82,564	83,441	-1%
	Rs.	Rs.	
APSL Sri Lanka Bank Account (Rs.)	1,471,569	1,100,874	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SRI LANKANS IN THE UK
(APSL)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST MARCH 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1145786

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

30/01/2023

Name:

ROSHAN KOMBALA VITHARANAGE

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THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SRI LANKANS IN THE UK (APSL)

England & Wales - Charity number 1145786

Accounts

ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SRI LANKANS IN THE UK - ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

April 17, 2020

The Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK ("APSL") (UK Registered Charity No: 1145786) launched an Emergency Relief Fund ("ERF") on 24th March 2020 to support vulnerable people & deserving families in Sri Lanka as they started to face many hardships due to the current Corona (Covid-19) pandemic.

May 3, 2020

APSL in collaboration with Hela Sarana donated 300 KN 95 respirator Masks to the National Institute of Infectious Diseases (NIID), Colombo (aka the IDH). This was jointly funded by Hela Sarana and the kind donations of Sri Lankans living in the UK and around the world through the APSL- Emergency Response Fund (APSL-ERF).

May 30, 2020

APSL launched the Emergency Relief Fund on 25th March 2020 to support needy families and hospitals in Sri Lanka affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. This week we completed the programme having provided Rs. 3.2 million worth of assistance to 1650 families and nine key Hospitals

July 15, 2020

[APSL 16th Annual General Meeting](#)

The 16th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK (APSL), was held on Saturday 30th May 2020. Due to the Covid-19 safety measures this year's meeting was held online using the Zoom video conferencing facility. Her

Excellency Mrs Saroja Sirisena, High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in the United Kingdom

July 15, 2020

[COVID-19 - Tests, Treatments and Vaccines](#)

The first joint webinar by the APSL and the Sri Lankan Professionals Association in the United Arab Emirates (SLPA-UAE) for the benefit of Sri Lankan community in the UK, UAE and Sri Lanka was held on Saturday 25h July.

September 24, 2020

[Living in the UK' - Discussion Series "Eastern and Western values"](#)

A special online programme was held on Sunday 27th September at 5PM for young and adults to share the professional knowledge and life experiences on eastern and western values. This is a great opportunity for your children to enhance their horizons.

December 7, 2020

[Renovation of the Paediatric ward extension - Anuradhapura General Hospital](#)

APSL Florence De Silva Fund supported renovation of the Paediatric ward extension of Anuradhapura General Hospital. On behalf of APSL, we would like to thank Dr Udaya De Silva, Consultant paediatrician and Dr Pramil Rajakrishna, Consultant Nephrologist for their kind coordination and dedication towards the projec

December 11, 2020

[SLASSCOM's Global Referral Program opens up business opportunities in UK](#)

Sri Lanka Association for Software Services Companies (SLASSCOM) in collaboration with the Sri Lanka High Commission in UK and the Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK (APSL UK) launched the program globally in the UK

December 20, 2020

[APSL Florence De Silva Fund - Donation to Maliyadhdha Primary School, Udupussellawa](#)

APSL donated library furniture, books, musical instruments and sports equipment to Maliyadhdha Primary School, Meepanawa, Udupussellawa through the Florence De Silva Fund. On behalf of APSL, we would like to thank Dr Kaveesha Gunathilaka, Medical officer in charge, Primary care unit, Rupha, Nuwaraeliya for her kind coordination and dedication towards the project.

February 18, 2021

APSL We Sri Lanka launched a new webinar series. The inaugural webinar was held on Sat, 30th January, featuring eminent US lawyer **George R Willy**, titled '**An Anatomy of a Sri Lankan Reconciliation**'.

14 March 2021

APSL Living in the UK discussion series - Sri Lankan Religious Festivals and their significance. Organised in collaboration with the Letchworth Dhamma Nikethanaya Buddhist Centre.



The Association of Professional Sri Lankans in the UK

UK Registered Charity No: 1145786

APSL Income and Expenditure Statement	Y/E 31st March	Y/E 31st March	20/21 vs
	2021	2020	19/20
	£	£	Variance
<u>Income Membership/Gift Aid</u>			
Membership Fees	644	479	34%
Other Donations, Gift Aid and Interest	2,223	869	156%
Florence De Silva Trust Donation	-	85,000	
<u>Project /Event Income</u>			
Social Events - Dinner Dance	-	9,210	
Scholarship	13,910	17,977	-23%
Solar Project/ We Sri Lanka Project	-	-	
Cancer Relief Project/ERF	8,290	-	
Foundation of Goodness Partnership	560	17,552	
Donations Received in Sri Lanka	-	-	
Rehabilitation Centre for the Communication Impaired	320	-	
CAF Donation	500	-	
Donation to cover AGM cost	-	940	
Total Income	26,447	132,027	-80%
<u>Event Expenditure</u>			
Social Event - Dinner Dance	-	9,608	
Northern Event	-	-	
Festival of Cricket expenses	-	425	
Administration & Other expenses	1,607	1,147	40%
Purchase of a Laptop	-	950	
Annual General Meeting	-	1,001	
Total Event Expenditure	1,607	13,131	-88%
<u>Donations to Charities and Community Development Projects</u>			
Sri Lanka Community Relief Projects - COVID 19	7,576	3,484	
Solar Project	103	497	
Scholarship Scheme payments	8,991	18,750	-52%
Florence De Silva Scholarships/projects	6,374	5,876	
Cancer Relief Fund	1,881	230	
Foundation of Goodness Partnership	2,938	18,045	-84%
Rehabilitation Centre for the Communication Impaired	320	-	
Donation to IDH through Hela Sarana	250	-	
Donation to Temple	100	-	
Total Donations	28,533	46,882	-39%
Total Expenditure for the period	30,140	60,013	-50%
Net Surplus/ (loss) for the period	(3,693)	72,014	-105%
<u>Bank Reconciliation</u>			
	£	£	
HSBC Main Account	943	1,328	
Scholarship Account	6,576	4,367	
Solar Village/ We Sri Lanka Account	418	4	
Cancer Relief Account	2,616	2,078	
Foundation of Goodness Account	-	94	
Donations in Sri Lanka	-	-	
Florence De Silva Trust	72,888	79,262	
Bank Balance as at 31st March	83,440	87,134	-4%
	Rs.	Rs.	
APSL Sri Lanka Bank Account (Rs.)	1,100,874	2,060,293	-47%

Dr. Mahesh De Silva
President – APSL

Mrs. Gayani Senaratne
General Secretary -APSL

Ms. Buddhini Liyanage
Treasurer - APSL



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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**On accounts for the year
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31ST MARCH 2021

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