# UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION - UK

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## Details

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| **Other names** | UNA-UK |
| **Status** | Registered |
| **Legal form** | Charitable company |
| **Company number** | 07824306 |
| **Registered** | 2012-02-21 |
| **Register** | View on the Charity Commission register |

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## Activities

**Objects:** THE CHARITABLE OBJECTS OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION- UK (UNA-UK) ARE AS FOLLOWS:-(1) THE FURTHERANCE OF SUCH PURPOSES AS FOR THE TIME BEING AND FROM TIME TO TIME ARE CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION DETERMINE.(2) WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING THE APPLICATION OF THE INCOME AND CAPITAL OF THE CHARITY IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD IN FURTHERANCE OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES PROVIDED THAT NO MONIES SHALL BE APPLIED FOR ANY PURPOSE WHICH IS NOT CHARITABLE AS AFORESAID:A)THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF POVERTY, HUNGER AND DISTRESS AND THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGEB)THE ADVANCEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND RECONCILIATION AND THE PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS OR RACIAL HARMONY OR EQUALITY AND DIVERSITYC)THE RAISING OF AWARENESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AND SECURING THE ENFORCEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS LAWD)THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE STUDY OF AND RESEARCH INTO INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AND INSTITUTIONS WITH A VIEW TO THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE DISSEMINATION OF THE RESULTS OF SUCH STUDY AND RESEARCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING SUCH RELIEF AS AFORESAIDE)THE ADVANCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IMPROVEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENTF)THE PROMOTION OF VOLUNTEERING AND GOOD CITIZENSHIPG)THE SUPPORT GENERALLY, WITHIN THE POWERS HEREBY CONFERRED, OF THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION OR OF ANY OF ITS RELATED ASSOCIATE AGENCIES INSOFAR AS SUCH WORK PROMOTES ALL OR ANY OF THE OBJECTS MENTIONED IN (A) TO (F) ABOVE.

**Activities:** UNA-UK supports the aims of the United Nations: poverty eradication, conflict resolution, sustainable development and human rights for all. As the country's leading source of independent information on the UN, we seek to build a better understanding of the challenges facing the world and how to address them, through research, public information, educational resources, and outreach.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WORLDWIDE
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

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## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
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| 2025-06-30 | £479,989 | £732,307 | - | - |
| 2024-06-30 | £1,118,319 | £865,596 | £2,967,758 | 9 |
| 2023-06-30 | £1,822,395 | £791,931 | £2,715,035 | 10 |
| 2022-06-30 | £597,301 | £703,441 | £1,684,571 | 8 |
| 2021-06-30 | £682,128 | £454,569 | £1,850,937 | 9 |

## Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---|---|---|
| **Ian Martin** | Chair | 2024-12-18 |
| ANGELA GAIL SEAY | | 2024-12-18 |
| Andrew Gilmour | | 2024-12-18 |
| Besma Kasmi | | 2025-12-10 |
| Carol Michelle Shutkever | | 2024-04-29 |
| Dali Lalit Ten Hove | | 2023-03-29 |
| Hana Shono | | 2025-06-18 |
| Oluwatobi Emmanuel Aigbogun | | 2023-03-29 |
| Pamela Shearing | | 2023-06-28 |
| Stephen Dominic Hicks | | 2025-03-26 |
| Theodora Clarke | | 2024-12-18 |
| Tim Jarman | | 2023-03-29 |

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# Accounts

United Nations Association – UK

# ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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# Chair's foreword

*Ian Martin*

I am proud to have joined UNA-UK as Chair in its 80th anniversary year. It is a deeply significant year for the UN system as a whole.

The United Nations, multilateralism, international law and human rights are under unprecedented threat. Yet we need them more than ever. In the face of growing global challenges, international cooperation through the UN is the only serious and realistic way to fix the problems.

The number of wars around the world is growing. Multiple UN bodies have detailed horrific violations of international humanitarian law in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Myanmar and elsewhere.

Humanitarian needs were already far outpacing funding well before this year's collapse. Today and tomorrow, more people are dying and will die in extreme poverty. Less than a fifth of the Sustainable Development Goals are on track. Climate change menaces all our futures.

Many people look at this depressing picture and feel helpless and overwhelmed. But all of these manmade problems have manmade solutions too – if we work together. Our experience of one pandemic warns us that international action is essential to prevent or mitigate others that surely lie ahead. Rising tensions between nuclear weapon states make it urgent to breathe new life into talks among them, and to strengthen the UN's disarmament and non-proliferation architecture.

New and emerging technologies, including AI - artificial intelligence, demand cooperation to manage very great risks, as well as to share opportunities for "AI for good". In war zones and poor countries, the commitment and bravery of humanitarian workers shines through.

As I said at a UN Day event organised by our brilliant volunteers at Canterbury Cathedral, our mood on this 80th anniversary must be one of reaffirmation, of reform, of renewal.

Born as a people's movement to support the formation of the UN in 1945, UNA-UK has a unique and essential role to play in bringing people together to help the UN navigate a period of deep turmoil and change.



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In my time inside and around the UN, I've seen firsthand the high regard in which UNA-UK is held. It is respected for its policy insight and expert network - and its ability to bring them together with grassroots volunteers, students and young people.

Future support for the UN will depend not just on inter-state relations, but the recognition of the connections between the work of the UN and its impact on local communities and everyday life. UNA-UK is proud to work both locally and globally to advance the principles that have inspired the UN for eighty years – and counting.



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# CEO's note

*Jane Kinninmont*

Since joining UNA-UK in June 2025, I have worked with the Trustees, staff, members, UNA Groups, expert advisers and policymakers to assess the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing the organisation, and to devise a new strategy that responds to the severe headwinds now facing the multilateral system.

The UN is currently facing a crisis of funding and support, even as it seeks to grapple with multiple external crises in global geopolitics, wars, climate and humanitarian emergencies. Yet if the UN didn't exist today, we would need to invent a system for bringing the countries and peoples of the world together to address the challenges that no country can address alone. We believe that there are many people and countries around the world who are dismayed by the current direction of travel in global politics, and who want to come together to stand up for a fair international system that makes progress on collective interests and human security.

UNA-UK has done fantastic work on key issue areas in recent years, most notably on nuclear disarmament, campaigning for a global treaty to govern lethal autonomous weapons, and shining a spotlight on senior appointments at the UN, while providing regular updates on key UN conferences and processes. We now need to have a stronger voice on the bigger picture: the case for international cooperation, human rights and international law, and a vision for what that looks like in times of deep systemic change.

The key changes we will make with our new strategy are to:

- Respond to the current international and domestic context with a vision for the UN in a changed international political landscape.
- Increase engagement with the UK government, bringing to the table a clear and purpose-driven vision for the UN and the UK's role there.
- Reclaim our role as a voice for multilateralism with a systemic, big-picture and forward-looking approach, which will tie our various campaigns together and place more emphasis on the UN role in addressing climate change and other planetary risks.
- Ensure members and supporters, community-building and future generations are at the centre of UNA-UK's work and identity, linking the grassroots and the global.



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- Re-energise the UNA-UK premises in Whitehall Court as a hub for connecting and invigorating changemakers united by a desire to strengthen multilateralism, international law and human rights.
- Develop our fundraising to ensure that the Charity has a more sustainable financial position, while keeping our costs under close review. Our income generation strategy will focus on foundation grants, appeals to members and supporters, and greater use of the London premises for events and desk space.

Our strategy for 2026-30 can be found here.

I look forward to having much more to share in next year's Annual Report.



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# Reference and Administrative Information

List of Trustees who were in Office during this reporting period:

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| Ian Martin (Chair) | Appointed 18 December 2024 |
| Theodora Clarke (Vice Chair) | Appointed 18 December 2024 |
| Carol Shutkever (Honorary Treasurer) | |
| Nimisha Agarwal | Resigned 18 December 2024 |
| Oluwatobi Aigbogun | |
| Frances Chambers | Resigned 18 December 2024 |
| Dorothea Christiana | |
| Marissa Conway | Resigned 17 July 2024 |
| Andrew Gilmour | Appointed 18 December 2024 |
| Stephen Hicks | Appointed 26 March 2025 |
| Tim Jarman | |
| Arash Nassouri | Appointment ceased 13 November 2024 |
| Amna Nazir | Resigned 2 August 2025 |
| Angela Seay | Appointed 18 December 2024 |
| Pamela Shearing | |
| Hana Shono | Appointed 18 June 2025 |
| Dali Ten Hove | |
| Shamima Yasmine | Resigned 18 December 2024 |



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# Administrative information

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| Chair | Chair Ian Martin - Appointed 18 December 2024 |
| Chief Executive Officer<br>Interim CEO | Jane Kinninmont - Appointed 12 June 2025<br>Angie Pankhania - 17 July 2024 to 11 June 2025 |
| Company Secretary | Angie Pankhania, Chief Operating Officer |
| Principal Offices and Registered Address: | 3 Whitehall Court, London, SW1A 2EL |
| Charity Registration Number: | 1146016 |
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| Investment Managers: | CCLA<br>85 Queen Victoria Street<br>London EC4V 4ET |
| Bankers: | Lloyds Bank Plc<br>39 Piccadilly<br>Mayfair<br>London W1V 0AA |
| Bankers: | HSBC Bank Plc<br>28 Borough High Street<br>Southwark<br>London SE1 1YB |

The Trustees, who are also directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Act, and trustees for charity law purposes, present their combined directors' report and annual report and financial statements for the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.



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# Constitution

The United Nations Association – UK (UNA-UK) is a company limited by guarantee (company registration number 7824306) and a registered charity (1146016).

The United Nations Association – UK was established as a company on 26 October 2011 and gained charitable status approval from the Charity Commission on 21 February 2012. The charity is governed by Articles of Association last amended in January 2025.

UNA-UK has a related party relationship with the UNA Trust (charity number 256236) which is no longer active.

Suite 98 Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of UNA-UK that owns the sub-lease for UNA-UK offices at 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL.

# Public Benefit

The Board has considered the guidance published by the Charity Commission and concluded that the charity's core activities as described in the following pages, satisfactorily address the principles of public benefit and demonstrate that the charity has fulfilled the public benefit requirement under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

Photo: the first meeting of the UN General Assembly at Methodist Central Hall in London, 1946. Credit: UN Photo/Marcel Bolomey.



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# Vision, Mission and Values

The Charity's 2023-25 strategy state that its vision, mission and values are:

## Vision

A global community connected in its pursuit of equality, sustainability, and peace.

## Mission

To build movements for systemic transformation at the UN; and to advocate for UK action for global cooperation.

## Values

- Boldness. Creative, constructive, disruptive. We do what it takes to speak truth to power.
- Accountability. Decisions that affect us all should not be taken behind closed doors. We practice self-reflection, expect transparency, and challenge inequality.
- Intersectionality. We recognise the interconnected nature of oppression and challenge the structures that drive injustice.
- Solidarity. We find power in community around the world and amplify the work of grassroots changemakers.



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# Charity Objects

UNA-UK is the UK's leading source of independent information and analysis on the UN, and a UK-wide grassroots movement.

UNA-UK believes that effective international institutions and systems are essential if we are to build a safer, fairer and more sustainable world. We advocate support for UN programmes that further this objective, and seek to build public knowledge of, and participation in, its initiatives.

We pursue this by:

- Connecting people to the work and values of the UN
- Influencing decision-makers and opinion-shapers to support UN goals
- Explaining how the UN works and what it can realistically achieve
- Stimulating debate and action on how to make the UN more effective
- Equipping our members and supporters to further all of these aims

UNA-UK has a network of members and supporters, and autonomous local member, school and university groups throughout the UK.

UNA-UK's objects, set out in its Articles of Association, are as follows:

- The prevention and relief of poverty, hunger and distress and the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage
- The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution and reconciliation and the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity
- The raising of awareness of human rights issues and securing the enforcement of human rights law
- The advancement of the study of and research into international problems and institutions with a view to the education of the public and the dissemination of the results of such study and research for the purpose of assisting such relief as aforesaid
- The advancement of environmental protection improvement and sustainable development
- The promotion of volunteering and good citizenship
- The support generally, within the powers hereby conferred, of the work of the United Nations or of any of its related associate agencies insofar as such work promotes all or any of the objects mentioned in any of the above.



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# Programme of activities and impact 2024-2025

The 2024-2025 financial year presented a period of change for the organisation, including a significant change in leadership with the appointment of Ian Martin as Chair and Jane Kinninmont as the Chief Executive Officer.The UNA-UK board also appointed a number of new Trustees following the departure of Trustees, including those reaching their maximum 6 year term.

UNA-UK developed its Transformational Index with support from consultants specialising in charity monitoring, evaluation and learning, which is widely used by not-for-profit organisations. This tool is used to monitor progress towards UNA-UK's Strategic Plan and uses five measures which, taken together demonstrate the impact and progress towards our mission: (1) diversity (2) wins board (3) active supporters, (4) campaign milestones and (5) reflection and adaptation. The Transformation Index is updated in real-time and a quarterly report is reviewed during Board meetings.

## Key Programmes during the 2024-25 financial year:

The key programmes that UNA-UK delivered in 2024-25 comprised three thematic workstreams and two programmes of outreach, engagement and convening on cross-cutting themes.

The thematic workstreams were on:

- **Merit Based Appointments**, reflecting the importance of inclusive and transparent recruitment to senior UN positions.
- The coalition-based **Campaign to Stop Killer Robots**, which seeks to address a dangerous gap in international law and arms control, by advocating for an international treaty to regulate lethal autonomous weapons.
- UNA-UK's ongoing and longstanding work on **Nuclear Disarmament**. As part of the latter, we initiated an innovative new project on the legacy of the UK's nuclear tests and its links with colonialism.



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The cross-cutting workstreams were:

- **Parliamentary engagement**, including through the APPG on the UN and cooperation with other APPGs on relevant issues;
- A programme of **UN-focused events and communications**, including the annual Peacekeepers' Day event and memorial, the 2024 UN Day and Sir Brian Urquhart Award, and the biennial Members' Conference, as well as the ongoing provision of resources and briefings on the UN.

## Workstream: Merit Based Appointments

### Objective

Transparent, inclusive recruitment processes for top UN jobs and progress on other 1 for 8 Billion priorities (including single term, multiple candidates and civil society inclusion).

Over the 12-month period, we made good progress with our ongoing campaign to improve the UN Secretary-General selection process with the 1 For 8 Billion coalition (previously 1 for 7 Billion). UNA-UK has been a key coordinating member of the coalition's Steering Committee, helping lead coordination, communications and drive advocacy efforts. We successfully secured six-month funding from Fondation Chanel which enabled us to continue our efforts through January – June 2025.

Following the conclusion of a grant from the Open Society Foundation in September 2024, activities under the Blue Smoke project on other senior UN appointments had to cease due to the lack of further funding. Our final output was to publish a special edition of the Blue Smoke newsletter in October highlighting our ground-breaking report on racial inequality in UN appointments, authored by our partner Plataforma CIPÓ. We also published a timely statement on the appointment of the new UN Emergency Relief Coordinator.

### Advocacy and impact

We produced a briefing for member states ahead of the Ad-hoc Working Group (AHWG) negotiations in February 2025, where the processes of SG election and other executive heads are agreed. This was circulated to all 193 states and we were pleased to see direct references to our recommendations from the ACT coalition (a group of 27 states), including on the call for a woman Secretary-General (SG), on asserting the role of the UN General Assembly in the selection, and on improving transparency on candidates financing.



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Subsequently we have continued to engage directly with member states as they continue negotiations around the text of a draft UN General Assembly resolution on the SG appointment process. We supported the co-facilitators of the AHWG, Romania and South Africa, in shaping the draft resolution and have worked to build a dedicated group of Member States to champion our recommendations – including, for the first time, a clear timeline for the process and informal voting in the Assembly, as well as the Security Council (UNSC).

Following on from our initial comprehensive written briefings we have provided inputs into further consultations with the AHWG co-facilitators, provided a direct briefing to Ambassadors from the ACT Group, and engaged in follow up meetings with individual states to provide feedback and recommendations on initial draft of the resolution. In June, we met with officials from the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Lord Collins, the Minister for the UN, and highlighted our key recommendations regarding this resolution.

## Events and communications

In September 2024, we supported the drafting, design and publication of the campaign's policy platform and led the planning and delivery of the campaign's launch event on the sidelines of UNGA in New York. We brought together an all-star panel of women leaders who joined us to call for a fair, open, inclusive, and transformative Secretary-General selection process. Attendees included representatives of five different member states, leaders from civil society, academics, and funders.

Photo: Panel members of the launch event at UNGA79 (L-R): Susana Malcorra, President and Founder of GWL Voices, H.E Maritza Chan-Valverde, Ambassador of Costa Rica to the UN, Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand and member of the Elders, Shamala Kandiah Thompson, Executive Director of Security Council Report and Natalie Samarasingh, 1 for 8 Billion co-founder. Credit: 1 for 8 Billion.



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Following the publication of the zero draft we provided public commentary on the elements paper as well as in depth analysis on the zero draft. We worked in partnership with Global Network of Women Peacebuilders and NYU to produce and launch a state tracker on statements in support of a woman SG. The launch event in New York took place ahead of the meeting of the Committee on the Status of Women (CSW) and brought together state representatives, funders and civil society. During CSW we hosted a further event on the SG selection process as a transformative opportunity for the future of the UN.

Photo: 1 for 8 Billion side event at CSW69. Credit: 1 for 8 Billion.

We established a social media presence for the campaign on LinkedIn and are working to grow its presence and issue regular mailers and updates to supporters. Ahead of key moments, such as CSW and International Women's Day, we helped place an op-ed from the campaign in Devex, were featured on Forus podcast and delivered presentations to UNA Sweden and FOGGS' Peacemaking Reflection Group of former UN system staff. So far, we have developed a network of over 30 organisations across all UN regions and have provided input and support to the work of partner organisations.



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# Work stream: Campaign to Stop Killer Robots

## Objective

The UK Government supports the creation of an international treaty to regulate lethal autonomous weapons systems, participates in its negotiation, and subsequently joins it.

## Funding

In December 2024, the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust awarded £82,500 in extension funding, to be disbursed quarterly over eighteen months starting January 2025. This vital support ensures continued momentum in our policy, research, and advocacy efforts. Earlier, in November 2024, our work was recognised by the Stop Killer Robots Global Small Grants Programme, which awarded $5,000 in support of our Universities-focused research and events. This funding enables continued scrutiny of the UK's academic links to autonomous weapons systems (AWS).

## **Research:** Universities and AI

The update to the 2022 SKR Universities Report officially began at the end of April 2025, with research led by Tim Street at British Pugwash to be launched in September 2025. This expanded project involves:

- In-depth desk research, Freedom of Information (FOI) requests, and interviews.
- Examination of existing and new UK university research projects involving AWS.
- Analysis of UK government and research council funding relating to AWS development.
- Development of a publicly accessible resource library containing FOI requests and research findings.

The report dissemination will also feature:

- A launch event.
- A letter to the UK Government.
- Two meetings with faculty teams and student groups to expand on findings and advocate for transparency.

This updated research is intended to ensure academic integrity and challenge the militarisation of education in the UK.



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## **Parliamentary Advocacy:** Autonomous Weapons in Focus

In September 2024, the Campaign attended the Labour and Liberal Democrat party conferences. These were successful in both expanding the number of NGOs supporting Stop Killer Robots and engaging with new MPs. Following the party conferences, we sought meetings with new MPs, with eight taking place in Q3/Q4 2024. These included the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Dame Emily Anne Thornberry MP, along with Brendan O'Hara MP, Charlie Maynard MP, Blair McDougall MP, Sam Rushworth MP, Stephen Morgan MP, Luke Pollard MP, and Lord Alton. During this period, the Campaign also attended five parliamentary events, which helped expand our network. These events were organised by the APPG on the United Nations and the APPG on Human Rights.

Photos: Parliamentary roundtable on Autonomous Weapons Systems. Credit: UNA-UK.

Our first parliamentary event in collaboration with the Human Rights APPG and UNA-UK took place in February 2025, marking a key milestone in our engagement with UK policymakers. The roundtable, chaired by MP Melanie Ward, highlighted the urgency of UK support for a new UN treaty on autonomous weapons systems (AWS).

Expert voices included:

- Ambassador Alexander Kmentt (Austria),
- Dr. Alexi Drew (International Committee of the Red Cross), and
- Elizabeth Minor (Article 36).

Speakers emphasised that while International Humanitarian Law (IHL) currently applies to AWS, its interpretation is dangerously permissive. They called for a new legal instrument focused on:

- Meaningful human oversight,
- Preventing algorithmic bias,
- Protecting civilian populations, and
- Addressing the ethical risks of AI-targeted warfare.



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Given the use of AWS in conflicts such as Ukraine, momentum for preventive measures is critical. The UK is in a position to lead globally on the development of a comprehensive regulatory framework.

Our next parliamentary event took place in July 2025 in response to the Strategic Defence Review and National Security Strategy. The Chair was Markus Campbell-Savours MP. The panel included:

- Noah Sylvia (RUSI),
- Andy Bailey (Stop Killer Robots),
- Bonnie Docherty (Harvard/HRW)

The UK Government's Strategic Defence Review and National Security Strategy emphasised Autonomous Weapons Systems (AWS) as key to future military capability, with over £4 billion earmarked for investment. While AWS are presented as offering benefits—such as agility, endurance, and reduced defence costs—they raise urgent concerns: lack of transparency, accountability, civilian protection, and the risk of proliferation.

The panel highlighted gaps in regulation, noting existing UK policies (e.g., JSP 936) falling short, especially on civilian harm. The core issue is meaningful human control, assessed through decision-making, technological and operational criteria. Where risks to civilians are high, stronger control is essential.The panel stressed the need for continued collaboration between military, legal, and humanitarian actors.

## UN General Assembly Meetings

International discussions on LAWS at the UN General Assembly in May 2025 looked ahead to mid-June 2025 consultations. These were the first UN-hosted international meetings specifically addressing LAWS, bringing together 96 states, civil society, academia, and industry.

Key messages from these consultations included:

- Calls by the UN Secretary-General and ICRC President for a legally binding treaty by 2026.
- Recognition of the serious humanitarian and legal risks posed by AWS.
- Support for international consensus on regulation and accountability.

Elizabeth Minor of Article 36 represented the Stop Killer Robots UK Coalition in New York, emphasising our position that the UK must fully engage in this historic opportunity to shape the future of AI in warfare. In support, the UK coalition drafted and co-signed a letter to the Secretary of State, urging meaningful follow-through on the UK's vote for UN Resolution 79/62.



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## Strengthening the Campaign

Efforts have been made to reinforce relationships among members, introduce new policies, and strengthen civil society input. This has included the introduction of regular in person strategy days and knowledge-sharing events. These efforts have led to a significant increase in Campaign engagement from member NGOs. Additionally, five new organisations joined Stop Killer Robots UK.

Photos: Stop Killer Robots Campaign demonstration in New York. Credit: Stop Killer Robots/Richard Koek

# Workstream: Nuclear Disarmament Campaign

## Objective

To encourage the UK government to take responsibility for the impacts of its nuclear testing and to address the ongoing devastation, particularly in Kiribati.

## Funding

The Marmot Trust have provided a grant which started in October 2024, at £75,000 over three years, and UNA-UK is applying for further funds to match this.

The UK's involvement in nuclear testing in Kiribati, largely overlooked in UK parliamentary and media discourse, remains a dark chapter. Between 1957 and 1962, the UK conducted nine nuclear tests and facilitated 24 U.S. tests on the islands. These detonations, totalling 30 megatonnes of explosive power, devastated the landscape and left lasting physical, mental, social, and economic impacts on the population.



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Despite these effects, the UK has never apologised or compensated the victims, and the government's claims that the island was fully cleaned up in the 2000s are disputed by Kiribati's government and survivors.

This multi-year programme will focus on challenging the UK's outlook on nuclear weapons, as a nuclear armed state, by promoting the TPNW and highlighting the illegitimacy and historic injustices of the UK's nuclear testing record. We aim to mobilise our relationships with leading international academics, sympathetic parliamentarians and Kiribati survivors to bring this issue to the attention of the Government.

UNA – UK also began to carry out research at the National Archives at Kew to better understand the decisions involved in past British nuclear testing in the Pacific, which will be used to inform future research reports.

## Parliamentary Event

In April 2025, UNA-UK - in partnership with the Human Rights APPG -, hosted an impactful session to discuss the lasting effects of British nuclear testing in the Pacific. Chaired by Rebecca Long Bailey MP, who has long campaigned on these issues, the briefing provided a critical platform for those directly affected by these tests to share their stories with parliamentarians and explore ways to seek accountability.

The session included powerful testimonies from Brian Unthank, a nuclear veteran who witnessed the nuclear explosions firsthand as part of Operation Grapple; Oli Troen, a Senior Associate at McCue Jury and Partners which advocate for victims rights; and Kaitama Toroto, a community leader from Kiritimati Island, a region deeply affected by British nuclear testing. Together, they highlighted the devastating and ongoing impact of the nuclear tests, calling for the UK government to take responsibility and address these historical wrongs.

Photos: Parliamentary event on nuclear harms co-hosted with the Human Rights APPG. Credit: UNA-UK.



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The event marked a significant step forward in the fight for justice and recognition for those impacted by the UK's nuclear tests. With powerful testimonies, clear proposals, and a united call for action, the session highlighted both the human cost of these tests and the urgent need for accountability. Two of the participating MPs then followed up in Parliament at Prime Minister's Questions on what the Government is doing to support the Nuclear Test Veterans, and were told that the search for medical records was a priority for Government.

## The Third Meeting of States Parties (3MSP) to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)

Half of the world's countries are signatories to the international Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, including the State Party Kiribati, a sovereign country whose land Britain formerly occupied as a Pacific colony. UNA-UK's policy officer and expert consultant attended plenary sessions and side events at the Third Meeting of States Parties to the TPNW in March 2025 to learn more about the lasting impacts of British nuclear testing, speaking with survivors who shared their stories and NGO groups who champion movements for nuclear disarmament across the world. During the 7 days of events, they also interviewed Ambassador Tito from Kiribati, collaborated and signed onto multiple advocacy letters, grew our networks and UNA-UK also wrote a briefing ahead of 3MSP, and signed a joint letter from NGO experts, academics, and Kiribati community advocates urging the government to attend 3MSP.

Photos: Permanent Representative of Kiribati Addresses 79th Session of General Assembly Debate. Credit: UN Photo/Loey Felipe.



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## Work stream: Parliament

### Objective

To encourage support for the UN and multilateralism among UK policymakers.

UNA-UK continued to work as Secretariat of the United Nations All Party Parliamentary Group. Through this group, we work closely with other APPGs such as the All-Party Parliamentary Human Rights Group and the APPG on the Global Goals on co-hosting events in parliament. In December the UN APPG hosted a parliamentary briefing with the Commissioner General of UNRWA Philippe Lazzarini, while in March 2025, the UN APPG hosted Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, to brief parliamentarians on the role of UNHCR and the challenges that the organisation is facing in the current geopolitical climate. Also in March the UN APPG hosted an in-person briefing from the UK Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Dame Barbara Woodward. The Ambassador provided the group with an update reflecting on the UK"s involvement at the UN throughout 2024, and a look ahead at the UN in 2025 and beyond.

## Work stream: Communications and events

### Objective

Host informative and expert events, publish expert, educational materials and provide accurate information on UN issues through media engagement, in order to advance the public understanding of the UN.

In October 2024, UNA-UK partnered with the World Food Programme London Office to host the annual UN Day Reception. The event was an opportunity to reflect on the challenges that the UN faces and consider the future of the organisation. It attracted a diverse group of participants from government, civil society, academia, and the diplomatic community. The highlight of this event each year is the presentation of the Sir Brian Urquhart Award for Distinguished Service to the UN to celebrate and recognise leadership in service to the UN. The 2024 award was present to Sir Charles Petrie, former senior UN official and human rights expert. Sir Charles delivered an honest, insightful and inspiring keynote speech on the challenges that the UN faces, its shortcomings, and how faith in the institution must be matched with action, which has been published on the UNA-UK website and widely disseminated to strengthen the understanding of the UN.



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In May 2025, UNA-UK partnered with the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) to host an expert roundtable, featuring participants from academia, civil society, the military, UK government, and UNA-UK members. It included a briefing on the UN Peacekeeping Ministerial in Berlin, and a discussion on optimising Peacekeeping Operations within Multidimensional Missions. This was followed by our annual Peacekeepers Day Ceremony together with UNA Westminster, commemorating the role of UN peacekeepers. This was well attended by Embassy and High Commission representatives who laid wreaths in tribute to fallen peacekeepers. Programmes were disseminated to a large crowd of public spectators.

In April 2025, UNA-UK held its first hybrid members' conference. The biennial members' conference is a key platform for engaging members in discussion on key policy issues and on the work of UNA-UK, and supports our charitable object of promoting citizenship and volunteering. The agenda included presentations from UNA-UK members on the topics of UN Reform (with a focus on possible ways in which the General Assembly and member states could constrain the use of veto powers at the UN Security Council when these become a barrier to peacemaking), and on the potential role for the UN in global AI governance, as well as a presentation on UNA Groups' activities. There were also UNA-UK Trustee and staff presentations and a Q&A. A report on the conference was presented to the Board of Trustees and is available on the Charity's website.

Photo: Peacekeepers day roundtable in partnership with the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI). Credit: UNA-UK/Ruth Blakey.



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Also in 2025, we launched the UNA-UK Speaker Series chaired by UNA-UK's Chair Ian Martin. The series is a forum to explore the challenges facing the UN of today, including reform, funding crisis, and divisions between member states, as well as opportunities for restoring faith in multilateralism. The first two events, featuring Mark Malloch-Brown and UK climate envoy Rachel Kyte, were hosted in hybrid form, with the third event an in-person only event in partnership with King College London, featuring Thant Myint-U in discussion about his new book on the life of his grandfather, U Thant, the first Asian SG of the UN, which attracted a large student audience alongside former UN officials and UNA members.

Our monthly newsletter currently has over 15,000 subscribers, and provides insight on emerging UN discourse, international affairs and UK foreign policy. We also feature updates on our ongoing campaigns, and highlight the work of UNA Groups and organisations. Our website features regular policy statements on important events which focus in particular on upholding international law and human rights.

Photo: UNA-UK and Kings College London host Thant Myint-U. Credit: UNA-UK/Ruth Blakey.

## Organisational Integrity and Growth

In line with our strategic objectives, we have continued to work internally and collaboratively in a way that upholds the values of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We seek to promote diversity in all its forms, and champion lesser-heard voices, especially from civil society in low and middle income countries.

As a learning organisation we place importance on building in time to reflect on progress and adapt our operations based on quantitative and qualitative data, captured through the Transformational Index reporting.



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# Plans for 2025-2026: a new strategy

Following the appointment of the new Chair and Chief Executive in 2024-25, UNA-UK developed a new five-year strategy in the second half of 2025, to take effect from January 2026. This will include a renewed focus on making the case for multilateralism and international law, at a time when both are being challenged, through public advocacy, grassroots mobilisation and policy briefings for UK, UN and other officials.

Building on the new strategy, we will develop and fundraise for new campaigns and research areas, where we can identify distinct public benefit and added value, alongside continued work on our existing campaigns.

## Funding

Given the current economic climate and an increasingly competitive funding environment, fundraising remains a serious challenge for the Charity, and a major focus of our new strategy. To diversify and increase our funds, we will build relations with new institutional funders (philanthropic foundations), develop funding appeals to members and supporters for individual donations and legacies, and explore opportunities for other sources of funding where appropriate. This will require dedicated time and energy from senior staff as well as active support of Trustees. Members and UNA Groups that have expressed their willingness to help.

We will continue to keep tight control of costs and ensure that we offer value for money. We plan to further develop our fundraising strategy to provide a clearer direction and focus for our programmes and activities. Over the next year we will build detailed plans for all our activities across policy, campaigns and communication, based on our new strategic plan.

## Policy

We will capitalise on the arrival of a record number of new MPs in 2024 to become the go to sources of expert analysis and information for parliamentarians. We will deliver a programme of work that recalibrates UNA-UK's aims for the future of UK foreign policy.



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## Campaigns

We will continue to deliver our funded campaigns, seeking renewals where possible and/or seek new grants to continue our existing campaigns such as UN reform work and expanding our programmes when new opportunities and funding is available.

## Communications

Communications: UNA-UK will set out a clear programme of public communications to support the principles of the UN, while discussing opportunities for reform, renewal and regeneration.We plan to enhance our communication platforms through developing a new website (to be delivered by the end of 2025), publishing more audiovisual content, and refreshing out newsletter. We will also be more active in building the profile and reach of UNA-UK in the media in order to enhance the public understanding of the issues that we work on. As part of our upcoming strategic review, we will seek to effectively improve how we connect with members, supporters, student and youth groups, and a diverse range of stakeholders to advance our charitable objects and strengthen the public benefit that we provide.



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# Governance and Management

## Decision Making

The governance and decision-making of the charity rests with the Board of Directors/Trustees. No current trustees receive any remuneration for their services.

Following an external HR audit, the Board established a Governance Working Group in 2024-25 to take forward recommendations with a focus on enhancing Board effectiveness and ensuring that the charity's governance policies and procedures are appropriate.

The Board of Trustees has delegated responsibility for day to day management of the Charity to the Charity's CEO.

Marissa Conway (previous CEO and Trustee of UNA-UK) resigned as a Trustee on 17 July 2024. In accordance with her employment contract, she was paid her normal salary to 27 October 2024 and then paid maternity pay in line with the Charity's maternity leave policy until her employment contract ended on 19 January 2025.

Our main governance document, the Charity's Articles of Association, was updated in January 2025. In accordance with our updated Articles, the new CEO is not a Trustee or Director of the Charity.

The Chief Executive Officer's remuneration is recommended by the Finance & Governance Committee and approved by the UNA-UK Board.

The Board meets four times a year. It is made up of the Chair, Vice Chair, the Honorary Treasurer, two Trustees elected by members of UNA-UK; one Trustee representing UNA-UK's biennial Conference, and up to eight further Trustees recruited for their skills and expertise.

New trustees are given a copy of 'UNA-UK Trustee induction pack' which includes an overview of their legal obligations as a trustee together with a copy of UNA-UK's Articles of Association and Code of Conduct.

The Board was supported in its work by the Finance and Governance Committee (F&GC).



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The F&GC provided oversight of the finance and governance of UNA-UK including setting staff pay and conditions, risk management processes, internal controls, the integrity of financial statements and the external audit process. The Chair of the committee is the honorary treasurer and a full member of the Board. A minimum of 50% of the Committee members are also members of the UNA-UK Board.

A second sub-committee, the Conference Committee, focuses solely on the organisation of a biennial UNA-UK Conference. The Chair of the Conference Committee is also a member of the Board.

Day-to-day operation has been delegated to the staff of UNA-UK, through the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer attends both Board meetings and F&GC meetings and provides feedback on performance in pursuit of the charity's objectives. The Chair provides supervision and guidance to the Chief Executive Officer.

## Pro bono legal support

The Trustees and staff of UNA-UK continue to be immensely grateful for the pro bono legal support received from Baker McKenzie during the year and in previous years. In line with the SORP, the contribution of pro bono legal advice, which we would otherwise have had to purchase during this year of transition for the Charity, amounted to an estimated £83k (2024: £106k). This amount is included within the financial statements as a donation and a corresponding amount is included in expenditure. We cannot thank Baker McKenzie enough for their valuable support.

## Risk Management

Risk management is the responsibility of the Board, supported by the Finance and Governance Committee. Strategic and operational risks are regularly reviewed by the Committee. Where possible the risks are managed by ensuring adequate internal controls are in place to mitigate and reduce risks where possible and these are reviewed and assessed regularly to establish if any further actions can be taken.

The risk map covers areas such as Reputation, Operational Delivery, Fundraising, People, Governance and IT. For the last few years, the Trustees have assessed the most significant risks to be associated with income generation, in particular the risk of having limited resources and not being able to replace funding to sustain current levels of activity.



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Contingency plans will be developed in the event the Charity is unable to secure sufficient income to sustain its current level of activity.

Strategic and operational risks are reviewed at each F&GC meeting to ensure where possible action is taken to mitigate any risks identified. However, the nature of some of these risks, in particular reputational risks associated with the UN, means that some of these risks are outside the control of the charity and that plans need to focus more on mitigation than prevention.

A variety of risks currently weigh on the global economy including the medium-term effects of new US tariffs and the risk of an AI bubble. There is particular pressure on philanthropic funding as sudden, sharp cuts in international aid from governments and multilaterals have left many NGOs short of funds, with the result that competition for philanthropic funds is intensifying. It is therefore not currently possible to evaluate all the potential implications for the charity's activities, funders, suppliers and the wider economy. Estimates used in the financial statements, particularly with respect to the value of listed investments (see note 10) are subject to a greater degree of uncertainty and volatility.



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# Financial Review

## Income

Total income during 2024-25 was £479,989 (2023-24: £1,027,695), which came from the following sources:

- £231,139 (2023-24: £624,492) from grants of which £181,139 (2023-24: £359,492) were restricted
- £35,907 (2023-24: £161,975) from legacies
- £82,960 (2023-24: £105,861) gift in kind for legal services
- £50,260 (2023-24: £47,763) from membership subscriptions and donations
- £46,395 (2023-24: £53,526 from investment income from Suite 98 Ltd
- £29,738 (2023-24: £29,743) from interest and dividend income from investments
- £3,596 (2023-24: £4,263) income from events and
- £13 (2023-24: £72) other income

## Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2024-25 was £818,148 (2023-24: £865,796), of which 90%, £739,895 (2023-24: 88%, £764,263) was used on charitable activities. There are three broad strands to the charitable activities of UNA-UK, for work towards a safer, fairer and more sustainable world; provision of information; and educational activities.

## Investments

The UNA-UK investment portfolio is invested in CCLA Investments Limited's COIF Charity Ethical Investment Fund. The Fund is managed in accordance with the policy set by the Fund's Board and CCLA's response to the UK Stewardship Code. The Fund's aim is to provide a long-term total return comprising growth in capital and distributions. The Fund's policy is to actively manage a diversified portfolio of assets designed to help protect both present and future beneficiaries from the effects of inflation. The Fund has an emphasis on equities, but will also include property, bonds and other asset classes. The Fund has a wide range of ethical restrictions set by the COIF Board following client consultation and an advisory group that assists in the development of the Fund's client-driven ethical investment policy.



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## Investments Performance *(July 2024 to June 2025)*

The Fund achieved a total return after expenses of -1.32% over one year. Performance across all major asset classes was mixed with some strong performance in the alternative assets offset by weaker returns in equity and infrastructure. Equity performance was negative over the period with much of the weakness in Q1 2025 a result of the uncertainty in financial markets caused by President Trump's tariffs and healthcare sector weakness due to US policy uncertainty . Property performance has been strong and fixed income performance was positive. This compares with a total return of 12.59% in the previous year

## Reserves Policy

Reserves at 30 June 2025 were £2,593,916 (2024: £2,967,758) of which £94,943 (2024: £176,013) were unspent restricted grants, £389,219 (2024: £400,601) relates to John Bright Endowment, £1,523,809 (2024: £1,549,206) represents long term fixed asset investment in Suite 98 Ltd (UNA-UK office premises), and £9,500 (2024: £9,500) in other designated funds - leaving £576,445 (2024: £832,438) in unrestricted general funds at the year-end.

The Trustees have reviewed risks during the year in developing the charity's reserves policy, which is retaining sufficient unrestricted general funds to meet as a minimum six months of the charity's staff costs, currently estimated to be £240,000 (2024: £222,000). As at 30 June 2025, the charity had £576,445 (2024: £832,438) in unrestricted general reserves equivalent to 14 months (2024:44) staff costs. Excess over the reserves policy will help to fund UNA-UK's new strategy from January 2026.

## Year-end deficit and fundraising

During 2024-25 the Charity's income was significantly lower than in prior years. This was primarily due to significant grants coming to an end, including that provided by the Open Society Foundation. At the same time, the number of new grant applications made was extremely limited while the organisation was in a leadership and strategy transition, recruiting its new Chair and CEO and reviewing its strategy. There was also less legacy income than in the previous year. While expenditure was also slightly reduced, the larger reduction in income resulted in a significant year end deficit of £330,571 for the financial year, which had to be met out of the Charity's reserves. A budget deficit is also being forecast for the current financial year.



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As mentioned above, the new strategy that has been developed for 2026 onwards will focus on the essential need to increase and diversify the Charity's income in order to put the Charity on a sustainable footing for future years. UNA-UK will actively seek new grant income whilst also seeking to develop other sustainable income streams, for both restricted and unrestricted core funding for the Charity. This will require senior staff to dedicate more of their time to fundraising and all staff are now being asked in annual appraisals to identify at least one objective that will help deliver on income generation for the Charity.

Like all of our work, our fundraising activities are grounded in the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and we aspire to best practice in terms of transparency. We fundraise solely for our work, using content for which we own the copyright and/or have received permission. Our fundraising materials overwhelmingly use images from our own events and campaigns, and quotes from our members and supporters. We are mindful of accessibility and diversity when producing these materials and work hard to ensure that our objectives and activities are portrayed accurately.

The bulk of these activities are carried out by UNA-UK staff team, from writing funding bids and appeals to processing donations and organising events, with Trustees providing practical support and guidance. We also seek informal advice from our members and supporters, for example, when crafting sensitive appeals such as legacy appeals.

We support staff training and development and have strict policies and processes in place to ensure that our activities comply with regulations as well as with our values as an organisation. The Board has advertised and recruited Trustees with particular skills, knowledge and experience in this area, and will continue to do so.

During the year 3%, or £12,553 (2024: 4%, £42,194), of our income was spent on fundraising. We do not currently use professional fundraisers or commercial agents for our fundraising.

Our UNA groups fundraise separately for their activities, and we have produced guidance documents to assist them in carrying out their activities in a fair, inclusive and transparent manner. These groups are legally and financially autonomous from UNA-UK, but they play a crucial role in furthering the charity's objectives in their local communities. To date, we have not received any fundraising complaints. Should this occur in the future, they would be handled using the same process as for any other complaints.



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In terms of seeking donations from members of the public, this is overwhelmingly limited to email appeals to our existing members and supporters, save for the occasional appeal at UNA-UK public events and social media platforms. All members and supporters can opt out from receiving our approaches at any time. The charity never 'cold calls' anyone, nor do we engage in street fundraising.

As anyone can become a member or supporter of UNA-UK, it is likely that some people who could be described as vulnerable will receive communications from us. We strive to ensure that all of our communications are respectful and sensitive – nobody should ever feel under pressure to make a financial contribution to UNA-UK.

In light the increased financial hardship for many people in the UK, our Board took the decision to reduce membership categories to one category for all individuals and reduce the membership fee to an affordable amount at £10 for an annual subscription, thereby removing financial barriers to membership.

While the public element of our fundraising remains modest, we have not registered with the Fundraising Regulator, but plan to do so should our financial situation change. We already comply with the spirit of the Fundraising Promise.

## Going concern

As set out in the accounting policies under "going concern", the trustees have considered the impact of the current economic environment and have concluded that the charity has sufficient reserves to continue preparing its Financial Statements on the going concern basis.



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# Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of United Nations Association – UK for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the Trustees confirm that:

- so far as the Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and



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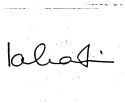
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Trustees on 1 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Ian Martin
Chair



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# Independent Auditor's report to the members of United Nations Association - UK

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of United Nations Association - UK (the 'parent company') and its subsidiary ('the group') for the year ended 30 June 2025 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's affairs as at 30 June 2025 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



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## Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's and the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report and financial statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



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## Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

## Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



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In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or parent company or to ceaseoperations, or have no realistic alternative but to doso.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2019), in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) applicable to smaller entities, the Companies Act 2006.
- We understood how United Nations Association – UK is complying with those frameworks via communication with those charged with governance, together with the review of the group's and parent company's documented policies and procedures. United Nations Association – UK is required to comply with both company law and charity law and based on our knowledge of its activities, we identified that the legal requirement to accurately account for restricted funds was of key significance.
- The audit team, which is experienced in the audit of charities, considered the charity's susceptibility to material misstatement and how fraud may occur. Our considerations included the risk of management override and allocation of costs to charitable activities and restricted funds.



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- Our approach was to check that the income from grants, donations and investment returns were properly identified and accurately disclosed, that expenditure complied with the control procedures and was appropriately charged. We also reviewed major journal adjustments along with unusual transactions and considered the identification and disclosure of related party transactions.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## Use of our report

This report is made solely to the parent company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken, so that we might state to the parent company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the parent company and the parent company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

Shoaib Arshad (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of:
**Knox Cropper LLP**
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
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London
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Date 18 December 2025



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# Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

## Consolidated Incorporating and Income and Expenditure Account

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Group 2024-25 | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | UNA-UK 2023-24 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME** | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations and Legacies | (2) | 169,127 | - | - | 169,127 | 315,599 | - | - | 315,599 |
| Income from Charitable Activites | (3) | 53,589 | 181,140 | - | 234,729 | 269,335 | 359,492 | - | 628,827 |
| Investment Income | (4) | 29,738 | - | - | 29,738 | 29,743 | - | - | 29,743 |
| **Total Income - Charity UNA-UK** | | 252,454 | 181,140 | - | 433,594 | 614,677 | 359,492 | - | 974,169 |
| Investment in Subsidiary | (4) | 46,395 | - | - | 46,395 | 53,526 | - | - | 53,526 |
| **Total Income - Group** | | 298,849 | 181,140 | - | 479,989 | 668,203 | 359,492 | - | 1,027,695 |
| **EXPENDITURE** | | | | | | | | | |
| Raising funds | (5) | 12,553 | - | - | 12,553 | 42,194 | - | - | 42,194 |
| Charitable activities | (6) | 446,161 | 262,210 | 11,382 | 719,754 | 411,556 | 341,648 | 11,059 | 764,263 |
| **Total Expenditure - Charity UNA-UK** | | 458,714 | 262,210 | 11,382 | 732,307 | 453,750 | 341,648 | 11,059 | 806,457 |
| Investment in Subsidiary | (6) | 78,253 | - | - | 78,253 | 59,139 | - | - | 59,139 |
| **Total Expenditure - Group** | | 536,967 | 262,210 | 11,382 | 810,560 | 512,889 | 341,648 | 11,059 | 865,596 |
| **Net (expenditure)/income before (losses)/gains on investments** | | (238,118) | (81,070) | (11,382) | (330,571) | 155,314 | 17,844 | (11,059) | 162,099 |
| Net unreaslised (losses)/gains on Investments | (10) | (43,271) | - | - | (43,271) | 56,201 | - | 34,672 | 90,873 |
| Net Reaslised (losses)/gains on Investments | (10) | - | - | - | - | (249) | - | - | (249) |
| Transfers to/from unrestricted funds | (13) | - | - | - | - | 34,672 | - | (34,672) | - |
| **Net (expenditure)/income and movement in funds** | | (281,390) | (81,070) | (11,382) | (373,842) | 245,938 | 17,844 | (11,059) | 252,723 |
| **Reconciliation of Funds** | | | | | | | | | |
| Funds Brought Forward | | 2,391,144 | 176,013 | 400,601 | 2,967,758 | 2,145,206 | 158,169 | 411,660 | 2,715,035 |
| Funds carried forward | | 2,109,754 | 94,943 | 389,219 | 2,593,916 | 2,391,144 | 176,013 | 400,601 | 2,967,758 |

All income and expenditure during each financial year was in respect of continuing activities.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the above Statement of Financial Activities



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# Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2025

| | Note | 30 June 2025 Charity UNA-UK | 30 June 2025 GROUP | 30 June 2024 Charity UNA-UK | 30 June 2024 GROUP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | | £ |
| Fixed Assets | | | | | |
| Intangible Fixed Assets | | - | | | |
| Tangible Fixed Assets | | | 1,523,809 | | 1,549,206 |
| Fixed asset investments | (10) | 1,003,800 | 1,003,800 | 1,047,071 | 1,047,071 |
| Total Fixed Assets | | 1,003,800 | 2,527,609 | 1,047,071 | 2,596,277 |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | (11) | 7,227 | 7,677 | 1,068 | 6,098 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | | 82,874 | 115,847 | 370,758 | 420,516 |
| Creditors | | | | | |
| Creditors amount falling due within one year | (12) | (47,334) | (57,217) | (54,330) | (55,133) |
| Net Current Assets | | 42,767 | 66,307 | 317,496 | 371,481 |
| Total Net Assets | | 1,046,567 | 2,593,916 | 1,364,567 | 2,967,758 |
| The Funds of the Charity | | | | | |
| Endowment | (13) | 389,219 | 389,219 | 400,601 | 400,601 |
| Restricted | (14) | 94,943 | 94,943 | 176,013 | 176,013 |
| Unrestricted Designated Funds | (15) | 9,500 | 1,533,309 | 9,500 | 1,558,706 |
| Unrestricted General Funds | | 552,905 | 576,445 | 778,453 | 832,438 |
| Total Charity Funds | | 1,046,567 | 2,593,916 | 1,364,567 | 2,967,758 |

The notes on pages 44-56 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by Trustees of UNA-UK at a meeting held on 1 October 2025 and were signed on their behalf by:

Ian Martin
Chair

Carol Shutkever
Chair Finance & Governance Committee

Companies House Registered Number: 07824306
Charity Commission Registered Number: 1146016



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# Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2025

| | | 30 June 2025 | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| **Net cash provided by operating activities** | A | (334,407) | 219,613 |
| **Cash flows from investing activities** | B | 29,738 | 29,743 |
| **Change in Cash and cash equivalents in the year** | | (304,669) | 249,356 |
| **Add cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year** | C | 420,516 | 171,160 |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year** | | 115,847 | 420,516 |

| **Table A** | 30 June 2025 | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| **Cash flows (used in)/from operating activities** | | |
| Net (expenditure)/income as per the Statement of Financial Activities | (373,842) | 252,723 |
| Adjustments: | | |
| Dividends and interest income | (29,738) | (29,743) |
| Sale of investments | - | 50,000 |
| Unrealised loss/(gain) on investments | 43,271 | (90,873) |
| Realised loss/(gain) on investments | - | (249) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in debtors | (1,579) | (4,426) |
| Increase/(Decrease) in creditors | 2,084 | 16,784 |
| Depreciation - Suite 98 Ltd | 25,397 | 25,397 |
| **Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities** | (334,407) | 219,613 |

| **Table B** | 30 June 2025 | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| **Cash flows from investing activities** | | |
| Dividend and Interest income | 29,738 | 29,743 |
| **Net cash provided by investing activities** | 29,738 | 29,743 |

| **Table C** | 30 June 2025 | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| **Analysis of cash and cash equivalents** | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 115,847 | 420,516 |
| **Total cash and cash equivalents** | 115,847 | 420,516 |

No separate reconciliation of net debt has been prepared as there is no difference between the net cash (debt) of the charitable company and the cash and cash equivalents.



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# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 1. Accounting policies

### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.The financial statements are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

### Group financial statements

These financial statements consolidate the results of the Charity and its wholly owned subsidiary, Suite 98 Limited, on a line by line basis. A separate Statement of Financial Activities for the Charity itself is not presented because the Charity has taken advantage of the exemptions afforded by the Companies Act 2006 and SORP 2019.

### Going Concern

The Financial Statements are prepared on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The Trustees have approved the charity's budgets and projections to June 2026 and concluded that the charity has adequate resources to fund its activities for at least twelve months from the date of the signing of these financial statements.



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The trustees acknowledge and recognise the potential impact of the wider economic and political situation and have concluded that although there may be some negative consequences, due to wider uncertainty and economic impact with a likely reduction in income streams, such as donations, premises income and investment income, it is still appropriate for the charity to continue to prepare its financial statements on the going concern basis as the Charity's 2023-2025 Strategic Plan is fully funded, the trustees are confident that the charity has sufficient resources to meet its liabilities for the next 12 months.

## Judgements and Estimates

In the opinion of the Trustees, judgements made that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and any key assumptions or estimates used which might cause a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period include:

- Estimating the useful economic lives of intangible fixed assets for the purpose of determining the annual amortisation charge;
- Valuing the investment in Suite 98 Ltd;
- Valuing the gift in kind legal advice;
- Allocating support costs; and
- Impact from risk assessments relating to current wider economic crisis

## Income Recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises membership subscriptions, donations, grants, legacies, investment income and other income.

Membership subscriptions and donations, received under Gift Aid or deed of covenant, are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Gifts of professional services, if material, are recognised as income when:



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- the charity has received the service,
- any conditions associated with the gift have been met and
- the economic receipt of the benefit can be measured reliably.

The value as a gift to the charity is the amount the charity would have paid to obtain the services; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure for the same accounting period.

In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 volunteer time is not recognised.

Legacies are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the legacy, the executors have established that there are sufficient surplus assets in the estate to pay the legacy, and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity.

Entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably, and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title of the asset having being transferred to the charity.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

## Grants

Income from charitable activities includes any grant income received. This income may be classed as restricted or unrestricted dependent on any grant conditions attached to the income by the donor.



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Grants for which the funder has agreed the charity's entitlement to income is based on satisfactory progress reports for the delivery of the agreed project/activities are treated as performance related grants and the income is recognised in accordance with the underlying activity as agreed with the funder.

Where there are no conditions attached to the grant, the income is credited to the statement of financial activities in the year in which the charity is entitled to the income in accordance with the with the funding agreement.

## Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs. All expenses, including support costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. The classification between activities is as follows:

- Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure associated with raising funds for the charity. This includes investment management fees, staff costs associated with fundraising, and an allocation of support costs.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs associated with furthering the charitable purposes of the charity through the provision of its charitable activities. Such costs include direct staff costs, direct project costs and allocation of indirect support costs and overheads including governance costs.
- Staff time is used as a method of allocating indirect costs.
- All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

## Intangible Fixed assets

Intangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. They are amortised at 33% per annum on a straight-line basis.

## Investments

The investment in Suite 98 Limited, which is 100% owned by UNA-UK and holds the premises lease of UNA-UK offices is stated at purchase cost of £1.6m in July 2022 less depreciation over the life of the lease. The lease is due to expire in March 2086. Listed investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals during the year are recognised in the statement of financial activities.



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## Pension Benefits

The company contributes to eligible individuals' personal pension schemes which are independently administered using the salary sacrifice scheme. Pension costs are related to the salary paid and are charged to the accounts as they fall due. Contributions were made in respect of one directors (2024 : one) during the year.

## Funds Structure

Expendable endowment funds represent those assets which the trustee have power to invest and which have been invested to generate investment income and capital gains. Income arising on expendable endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income.
Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering these funds are charged to each individual fund.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the organisation's charitable purposes.
Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for use on specific purposes. The Trustees may transfer them back if there is no longer a requirement for the expenditure to be made.

## Operating leases

Operating lease costs are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period for which they fall due.

## Financial Instruments

UNA-UK has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, together with trade and other debtors. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise trade creditors.

## Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid cash held in bank accounts or on deposit accounts with short term maturity of three months or less.



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### Debtors and Prepayments

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered.

### Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

## 2. Income from donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2025 | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Membership Subscriptions | 6,140 | - | 6,140 | 5,600 | - | 5,600 |
| Gifts | 82,960 | - | 82,960 | 105,861 | - | 105,861 |
| Donations | 39,043 | - | 39,043 | 37,299 | - | 37,299 |
| Gift Aid | 5,077 | - | 5,077 | 4,864 | - | 4,864 |
| Legacies | 35,907 | - | 35,907 | 161,975 | - | 161,975 |
| | 169,127 | - | 169,127 | 315,599 | - | 315,599 |

The unrestricted gifts include £83k (2024: £106k) pro bono legal support provided during the year. The corresponding expenditure is included within note 8.

## 3. Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2025 | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Grants | | | | | | |
| UNA Trust | 50,000 | - | 50,000 | 265,000 | - | 265,000 |
| Open Society Foundations | - | - | - | - | 294,460 | 294,460 |
| Chanel Foundation | - | 77,869 | 77,869 | - | - | - |
| Global Challenges Foundation | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Campaign to Stop Killer Robots | - | 6,496 | 6,496 | - | 3,032 | 3,032 |
| Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT) | - | 57,500 | 57,500 | - | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| UN House Scotland (JRCT) | - | 10,275 | 10,275 | - | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Marmot Trust | - | 25,000 | 25,000 | - | - | - |
| Other small grants | - | 4,000 | 4,000 | - | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Income from Events | 3,576 | - | 3,576 | 4,263 | - | 4,263 |
| Other Income | 13 | - | 13 | 72 | - | 72 |
| | 53,589 | 181,140 | 234,729 | 269,335 | 359,492 | 628,827 |



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## 4. Income from investments

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2025 | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Interest and Dividend Income received during the year | 29,738 | - | 29,738 | 29,743 | - | 29,743 |
| **Income - Charity UNA-UK** | **29,738** | **-** | **29,738** | **29,743** | **-** | **29,743** |
| Subsidiary - Suite 98 Ltd | 46,395 | - | 46,395 | 53,526 | - | 53,526 |
| **Income - Group** | **76,133** | **-** | **76,133** | **83,269** | **-** | **83,269** |

## 5. Expenditure on raising funds

| | 30 June 2025 | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Staff Costs | 12,553 | 42,194 |
| Total expenditure on raising funds | 12,553 | 42,194 |

## 6. Analysis of the expenditure on charitable activities and raising funds

*The expenditure on charitable activities is after allocation of general overheads. Direct costs and the allocation of support costs including the bases used for allocation are shown below.*

| | | Allocation of Overheads | | | | | Allocation of Overheads | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Direct Costs | Staff Costs | Office Overheads | Governance | 30 June 2025 | Direct Costs | Staff Costs | Office Overheads | Governance | 30 June 2024 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Charitable Activities | | | | | | | | | | |
| Global Citizens | 48,544 | 216,334 | 3,893 | 55,263 | 324,035 | 33,512 | 133,160 | 9,660 | 52,360 | 228,692 |
| Global Solutions | 35,407 | 104,125 | 5,806 | 31,658 | 176,996 | 55,451 | 100,510 | 2,515 | 49,451 | 207,928 |
| Global Leadership | 55,918 | 121,236 | 6,375 | 35,194 | 218,723 | 142,532 | 138,955 | 2,523 | 43,633 | 327,643 |
| Total Charitable Activities | 139,869 | 441,695 | 16,074 | 122,116 | 719,754 | 231,495 | 372,625 | 14,699 | 145,444 | 764,263 |
| Expenditure on raising funds | - | 12,553 | - | - | 12,553 | - | 42,194 | - | - | 42,194 |
| **Total - Charity UNA-UK** | **139,869** | **454,248** | **16,074** | **122,116** | **732,307** | **231,495** | **414,819** | **14,699** | **145,444** | **806,457** |
| Subsidiary - Suite 98 Ltd | - | - | 78,253 | - | 78,253 | - | - | 59,139 | - | 59,139 |
| **Total - Group** | **139,869** | **454,248** | **94,327** | **122,116** | **810,560** | **231,495** | **414,819** | **73,838** | **145,444** | **865,596** |
| Method of allocation | Direct | Staff time | | | | Direct | Staff time | | | |



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## 7. Net (expenditure)/income and movement in funds

The following amounts have been charged to the statement of financial activities:

| | 30 June 2025 | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Audit Fees | 7,680 | 6,540 |
| Staff Costs (note 9) | 12,553 | 42,194 |
| | 20,233 | 48,734 |

## 8. Governance Costs

| | 30 June 2025 | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Insurances | 1,451 | 1,581 |
| Professional charges | 84,563 | 108,142 |
| Audit fees | 7,680 | 6,540 |
| Subscriptions | 3,048 | 375 |
| Trustee expenses | 144 | 56 |
| Staff costs | 25,230 | 28,750 |
| | 122,116 | 145,444 |

Professional charges includes unrestricted expenses of £83k (2024: £106k) for pro bono legal support provided during the year.

## 9. Analysis of Staff Costs

The following table analyses the staff costs of UNA-UK.

| | 30 June 2025 | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Staff numbers | | |
| Average staff | 8.2 | 9.8 |
| Staff Costs | £ | £ |
| Salary costs | 390,616 | 387,592 |
| National Insurance Contributions | 29,578 | 19,913 |
| Pension Contributions | 24,689 | 27,432 |
| Other staff related expenditure | 34,595 | 8,632 |
| | 479,478 | 443,569 |



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Two employees (2024: 2) received remuneration (excluding employer pension contributions) of more than £60,000 (2024: £60,000).

The key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis comprise the Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operating Officer. The total remuneration (including taxable benefits and employer pension contributions and employer's national insurance contributions) of the key management personnel for the year was £160,134 (2024: £171,545).

During the year UNA-UK continued to benefit from a number of volunteers, mainly across its network of UNA Groups. The length of the volunteering period varies amongst UNA Groups. Volunteers are unpaid and may receive daily travel and lunch allowance depending on the policy of individual UNA Groups.

In accordance with the agreement between the charity and the previous CEO dated 17 July 2024,the previous CEO's employment contract was terminated on 19 January 2025. She was paid her normal salary to 27 October, and then paid maternity pay in accordance with charity's maternity leave policy until her contract ended on 19 January 2025.

## 10. Tangible Fixed Assets

The parent charity does not have any fixed assets. Sub-lease for UNA-UK offices at 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL are the property assets for Suite 98 Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary, and represent the group assets (see note 11).

| | Property Suite 98 Ltd | Total |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Cost | | |
| At 1 July 2024 | 1,600,000 | 1,600,000 |
| At 30 June 2025 | 1,600,000 | 1,600,000 |
| Depreciation | | |
| At 1 July 2024 | 50,794 | 50,794 |
| Charge for the year | 25,397 | 25,397 |
| At 30 June 2025 | 76,191 | 76,191 |
| Net Book Value | | |
| At 30 June 2024 | 1,549,206 | 1,549,206 |
| At 30 June 2025 | 1,523,809 | 1,523,809 |



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# 11. Fixed Asset Investments

| | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Investment in Subsidiary | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Listed investments | 1,003,800 | 1,003,800 | 1,047,071 | 1,047,071 |
| | 1,003,801 | 1,003,800 | 1,047,072 | 1,047,071 |

## 11a. Investment in a Subsidiary

The charity owns 100% of Suite 98 Limited that owns the premises lease for UNA-UK offices.

| **Summary Financial Statements** | 30 June 2025 | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Suite 98 Limited | Charity UNA-UK | Charity UNA-UK |
| Turnover | 88,395 | 87,726 |
| Other income | - | - |
| Trading expenditure | (90,253) | (71,139) |
| | (1,858) | 16,586 |
| Interest income | - | - |
| Gift aid donations to Charity | (41,983) | (40,547) |
| Loss for the year | (43,841) | (23,961) |
| Tangible fixed assets | 1,523,810 | 1,549,206 |
| Current assets | 25,577 | 54,788 |
| | 1,549,387 | 1,603,994 |
| Liabilities | (1,609,883) | (1,612,803) |
| | (60,496) | (8,809) |
| Share capital | 1 | 1 |
| Other reserves | (60,497) | (8,810) |
| Capital and reserves | (60,496) | (8,809) |



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## 11b. Listed Investments

Listed investment are the units acquired in COIF Investment Fund held by CCLA Investment Limited.

| | 30 June 2025 | 30 June 2025 | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Market value** | | | | |
| At 1 July | 1,047,071 | 1,047,071 | 1,006,447 | 1,047,071 |
| Gains / (losses) on investments | (43,271) | (43,271) | 90,624 | 90,624 |
| Additions | - | - | - | - |
| Disposals | - | - | (50,000) | (50,000) |
| | | | | - |
| At 30 June | 1,003,800 | 1,003,800 | 1,047,071 | 1,087,695 |
| Historical cost | 850,000 | 850,000 | 850,000 | 850,000 |

## 12. Debtors

| | 30 June 2025 | 30 June 2025 | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP |
| | £ | | | £ |
| Amounts falling due within one year | | | | |
| Prepayments | 7,227 | 7,227 | 1,068 | 5,373 |
| Trade debtors | - | 450 | - | 725 |
| | 7,227 | 7,677 | 1,068 | 6,098 |

## 13. Creditors

| | 30 June 2025 | 30 June 2025 | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP |
| | £ | | | £ |
| Amounts falling due within one year | | | | |
| Accruals | 31,511 | 32,558 | 7,440 | 7,440 |
| Payroll creditors | 12,666 | 12,666 | 16,835 | 16,835 |
| Trade creditors | 3,157 | 4,147 | 30,055 | 30,858 |
| Deferred Tax | - | 7,846 | - | - |
| | 47,334 | 57,217 | 54,330 | 55,133 |



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## 14. Endowment Fund

The John Bright Appeal Fund was set up as a restricted fund by UNA Trust following a public appeal launched on 29 February 1988.On 3rd May 1991 the target capital required of £300k was reached and in consultation with the Charity Commission the funds raised were classed as a permanent John Bright Appeal Endowment.

In June 2012, UNA Trust received permission from the Charity Commission to spend the grant without replacement under section 282 of the Charities Act 2011. On 27 January 2015 UNA Trust transferred the endowment funds to UNA-UK.

The transfer of funds from the endowment to unrestricted funds is the unrecognised gain on investments relating to the endowment funds invested with CCLA as at 30 June 2025.

## 15. Restricted Funds

| | 30 June 2023 | Income | Expenditure | 30 June 2024 | Income | Expenditure | 30 June 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| UNA-UK Conferences | 7,945 | - | - | 7,945 | - | (1,127) | 6,818 |
| Brighton & Hove Branch | 1,625 | - | - | 1,625 | - | - | 1,625 |
| Open Society Foundations | 45,572 | 294,460 | (253,589) | 86,443 | - | (86,443) | - |
| Chanel Foundation | - | - | - | - | 77,869 | (71,369) | 6,500 |
| Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust | 9,131 | 50,000 | (59,131) | - | 57,500 | (57,500) | - |
| UN House Scotland | - | 10,000 | (10,000) | - | 10,275 | (10,275) | - |
| Marmot Trust | 6,248 | - | (6,248) | - | 25,000 | (25,000) | - |
| Global Challenges Foundation | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Campaign to Stop Killer Robots | - | 3,032 | (3,032) | - | 6,496 | (6,496) | - |
| Small Grants | - | 2,000 | (2,000) | - | 4,000 | (4,000) | - |
| MacKeith Legacy | 87,648 | - | (7,648) | 80,000 | - | - | 80,000 |
| | 158,169 | 359,492 | (341,648) | 176,013 | 181,140 | (262,210) | 94,943 |

### Fund Objectives

- UNA-UK Conferences: funds held by UNA-UK for future UNA-UK members Conferences.
- Brighton & Hove Branch: to support the activities of the branch
- Open Society Foundations to support Transparency with UNSG selection process
- Chanel Foundation to support UN Reform and Transparency with UN Appointments
- Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT): to support Arms Control work
- UNA House Scotland: to support Arms Control work
- Marmot Trust: to support Arms Control work



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- Global Challenges Foundation: to support UNA-UK's global governance work - "Together First" campaign
- Campaign to Stop Killer Robots: to support UNA-UK's work on Killer Robots
- MacKeith Legacy: £120k left to The UNA Trust with £80k restricted to UNA-UK's activities for diversity and inclusion and £20k to support local projects in Bangladesh to advance women's rights and education.

## 16. Designated Funds

| | 30 June 2023 | New Designations | Utilitsation | 30 June 2024 | New Designations | Utilitsation | 30 June 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Suite 98 Limited | 1,574,603 | - | (25,397) | 1,549,206 | - | (25,397) | 1,523,809 |
| Margaret Collins Legacy | 9,500 | - | - | 9,500 | - | - | 9,500 |
| | 1,584,103 | - | (25,397) | 1,558,706 | - | (25,397) | 1,533,309 |

Investment in Suited 98 Limited and share of long-term investment in property lease at UNA-UK offices, Suite 98, 3 Whitehall Court, London. Funds are not available for day-to-day operations of the charity.

Margaret Collins Legacy was left to Southampton UNA and is held by UNA-UK on their behalf.

Newbury UNA closed it's bank account, UNA-UK is holding the funds until a new account has been opened

## 17. Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted Funds 2025 | Restricted Funds 2025 | Endowment Funds 2025 | Total Funds 2025 | Unrestricted Funds 2024 | Restricted Funds 2024 | Endowment Funds 2024 | Total Funds 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed Asset Investment | 1,523,809 | - | - | 1,523,809 | 1,549,206 | - | - | 1,549,206 |
| Investments | 585,945 | 28,636 | 389,219 | 1,003,800 | 470,457 | 176,013 | 400,601 | 1,047,071 |
| Net Current Assets | - | 66,307 | - | 66,307 | 371,481 | - | - | 371,481 |
| Total Net Assets | 2,109,754 | 94,943 | 389,219 | 2,593,916 | 2,391,144 | 176,013 | 400,601 | 2,967,758 |



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## 18. Related parties

UNA-UK has a related party relationship with the UNA Trust (charity number 256236). The Chair and the Honorary Treasurer of UNA-UK are also a trustee of the UNA Trust. The UNA Trust is no longer active. UNA-UK received a grant of £50,000 (2024: £265,000) from the UNA Trust. There were no amounts owed to or from the UNA Trust as at 30 June 2025 or 30 June 2024.

UNA-UK owns 100% share of Suite 98 Limited, that owns the sub-lease for UNA-UK offices at 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL (note 10 above). At the year end the Suite 98 Ltd owed £0 (2024:13) to UNA-UK, this is included in other debtors (note 11).

UNA-UK Trustees donated a total of £30 (2024: £350) to the charity during the year.

## 19. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the trustees received any remuneration for their services except for the previous CEO receiving remuneration (in the form of her staff salary) for the two week period from 1-17 July 2024 when she was also a Trustee. The CEO no longer serves as a Trustee.

The Trustees have delegated the following scrutiny and authorisation of staff remuneration to the Finance & Governance Committee:

- Scrutinising and authorising changes to the organisation's remuneration structure
- Reviewing and authorising annual pay increases for all staff including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operating Officer

During the year no Trustees received reimbursements for travel expenses (2024: Nil).

In accordance with the agreement dated 17 July 2024 between the charity and the previous CEO (who was also a Trustee),the previous CEO's employment contract was terminated on 19 January 2025 (see note 9).



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**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION - UK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1146016

# Accounts

# UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION - UK

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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## Reference and Administrative Information

List of Trustees who were in Office during this reporting period:

| | |
|---|---|
| Baroness Anelay of St Johns (Chair) | Resigned 29 March 2024 |
| Nimisha Agarwal | |
| Oluwatobi Aigbogun | |
| Christina Bache | Resigned 20 May 2024 |
| Colombe Cahen-Salvador | Resigned 29 April 2024 |
| Frances Chambers (Interim Chair) | |
| Dorothea Christiana | |
| Marissa Conway (CEO) | Resigned 17 July 2024 |
| Tim Jarman | |
| Arash Nassouri | |
| Amna Nazir | |
| Pamela Shearing | |
| Carol Shutkever | Appointed 29 April 2024 |
| Dali Ten Hove | |
| Shamima Yasmine | |

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|---|---|
| Officers of UNA-UK | |
| Chair | Baroness Anelay of St Johns - Resigned 28 March 2024 |
| Interim Chair | Frances Chambers – Appointed 29 April 2024 |
| Chief Executive Officer | Marissa Conway to 17 July 2024 |
| Interim CEO | Angie Pankhania– Appointed 17 July 2024 |
| Company Secretary | Angie Pankhania, Chief Operating Officer |
| Principal Offices and Registered Address: | 3 Whitehall Court, London, SW1A 2EL |
| Charity Registration Number: | 1146016 |
| Auditors: | Knox Cropper LLP<br>65-68 Leadenhall Street<br>London EC3A 2AD |
| Investment Managers: | CCLA<br>85 Queen Victoria Street<br>London EC4V 4ET |
| Bankers: | Lloyds Bank Plc<br>39 Piccadilly<br>Mayfair<br>London W1V 0AA |
| | HSBC Bank Plc<br>28 Borough High Street<br>Southwark<br>London SE1 1YB |



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# Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees, who are also directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Act, and trustees for charity law purposes, present their combined directors' report and annual report and financial statements for the charity for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

## Constitution

The United Nations Association – UK (UNA-UK) is a company limited by guarantee (company registration number 7824306) and a registered charity (1146016).

The United Nations Association – UK was established as a company on 26 October 2011 and gained charitable status approval from the Charity Commission on 21 February 2012. The charity is governed by Articles of Association last amended on 20 October 2016.

UNA-UK has a related party relationship with the UNA Trust (charity number 256236) which is no longer active.

UNA-UK registered a new company, Suite 98 Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary, with Companies House on 17 May 2022.

UNA-UK owns 100% of Suite 98 Limited that owns the sub-lease for UNA-UK offices at 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL having acquired the remaining 50% share of the LLP in July 2022 and transferred all assets of 98 Whitehall Court LLP to Suite 98 Limited in July 2022. 98 Whitehall Court LLP is no longer active.

## Public Benefit

The Board has considered the guidance published by the Charity Commission and concluded that the charity's core activities as described in the following pages, satisfactorily address the principles of public benefit and demonstrate that the charity has fulfilled the public benefit requirement under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

## Vision

A global community connected in its pursuit of equality, sustainability, and peace.

## Mission

*To build movements for systemic transformation at the UN; and to advocate for UK action for global cooperation.*

## Our Values

- ***Boldness.*** *Creative, constructive, disruptive. We do what it takes to speak truth to power.*
- ***Accountability.*** *Decisions that affect us all should not be taken behind closed doors. We practice self-reflection, expect transparency, and challenge inequality.*
- ***Intersectionality.*** *We recognise the interconnected nature of oppression and challenge the structures that drive injustice.*
- ***Solidarity****. We find power in community around the world and amplify the work of grassroots changemakers.*



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## Charity Objects

UNA-UK is the UK's leading source of independent information and analysis on the UN, and a UK-wide grassroots movement.

UNA-UK believes that effective international institutions and systems are essential if we are to build a safer, fairer and more sustainable world. We advocate support for UN programmes that further this objective, and seek to build public knowledge of, and participation in, its initiatives.

We pursue this by:

- Connecting people to the work and values of the UN
- Influencing decision-makers and opinion-shapers to support UN goals
- Explaining how the UN works and what it can realistically achieve
- Stimulating debate and action on how to make the UN more effective
- Equipping our members and supporters to further all of these aims

UNA-UK has a network of members and supporters, and autonomous local member, school and university groups throughout the UK.

UNA-UK's objects are as follows:

- The prevention and relief of poverty, hunger and distress and the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage
- The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution and reconciliation and the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity
- The raising of awareness of human rights issues and securing the enforcement of human rights law
- The advancement of the study of and research into international problems and institutions with a view to the education of the public and the dissemination of the results of such study and research for the purpose of assisting such relief as aforesaid
- The advancement of environmental protection improvement and sustainable development
- The promotion of volunteering and good citizenship
- The support generally, within the powers hereby conferred, of the work of the United Nations or of any of its related associate agencies insofar as such work promotes all or any of the objects mentioned in any of the above.

## Programme activities and impact 2023-2024

The 2023-2024 year presented another period of change for the organisation with a significant change in personnel, with longstanding and senior staff members departing, including the Chair of the Board and the Head of Campaigns, as well as key junior staff moving on, including key administrative and communications staff.

A new 2023 - 2025 strategy was approved with the aim of guiding the programmes and growth of the organisation. This document updated the core vision, mission and values of the Charity.

in 2019-2020 UNA-UK with support from consultants specialising in charity monitoring, evaluation and learning developed the Transformational Index, which is widely used by not-for-profit organisations. This tool was developed to help us monitor our progress towards UNA-UK's Strategic Plan. This is the third year we have measured our impacts using the Transformational Index which uses five measures which, taken together demonstrate our impact and progress towards our mission: (1) diversity (2) wins board (3) active supporters, (4) campaign milestones and (5) reflection and adaptation. The Transformation Index is updated in real-time and a quarterly report presented and reviewed at every Finance and Governance Committee and Board meetings.



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## Programmes:

### Workstream: Merit Based Appointments

**Objective:** Transparent, inclusive recruitment processes for top UN jobs and progress on other 1 for 8 Billion priorities (including single term, multiple candidates and civil society inclusion).

We have made good progress with our ongoing campaign to improve the transparency and accountability of senior appointment processes at the UN. Our Blue Smoke campaign continues to go from strength to strength: our monthly newsletter published in partnership with Passblue continues to serve as the visible calling card for our wider programme of work, striking a chord with a large swathe of the UN and UN-watching community and winning us allies throughout the system. As evidenced in the TI report we continue to receive testimonies from diplomats and other stakeholders that our coverage and expert analysis is useful and well regarded.

Ahead of the zero draft of the Pact for the Future we worked with states to submit language, as well as making our own direct submissions to the co-facilitators. We are confident this contributed to the inclusion in the Zero Draft of Paragraph 118 "We stress the need for the selection and appointment process of the Secretary-General and other executive heads to be guided by the principles of transparency and inclusiveness". Crucially, this establishes Blue Smoke's area of policy focus as part of the turf of Pact negotiations. We worked to try to strengthen and informally heard from four states spanning three UN regions that they will be supporting Blue Smoke's language suggestions during the ongoing Pact for the Future negotiations. Three of these states are in the ACT group and Blue Smoke's language was adopted as a common position for the 28-state group.

We led a focused campaign to ensure that the appointment of the next head of the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) is meritocratic. This role is of particular significance to UNA-UK and Blue Smoke given it is one of the top jobs at the UN "ringfenced" for a member of the P5, in this case the UK. We published a timely statement on the UNA-UK website; coordinated an advocacy letter to the UN Secretary-General with over 60 high-level signatories; covered the appointment in the Blue Smoke newsletter; designed media materials widely circulated on Blue Smoke's newly launched social media Instagram and LinkedIn; wrote an op-ed for Devex; and produced a private briefing for then foreign secretary David Lammy urging Labour to back merit-based appointments while also privately engaging with advisors and member states.

As part of this year's work on Blue Smoke, we have continued to help reinvigorate the nascent 1 for 8 Billion campaign. We have continued to support the coordination of an informal network of supporters for the campaign, as well as providing support for the development of key campaign materials, including campaign structure and funding proposal, as well as onboarding initial members of the new steering committee. On the occasion of UN CSW in March we supported the dissemination of an open letter calling for member states to appoint a woman Secretary-General.



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### Work stream: Campaign to Stop Killer Robots

**Objective:** The UK Government supports the creation of such a treaty, participates in its negotiation and subsequently joins it.

The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots UK appointed Andrew Bailey as the new coordinator in April. He brings extensive experience from working with coalitions and the UK Parliament, along with a solid grasp of UN operations. With the new coordinator the coalition collectively developed a values policy and a statement policy. The coalition addressed an open letter to the Secretary of State for Defence regarding the UN Secretary General's report on Autonomous Weapons Systems. On its website, the group published an article about the Seoul summit for the second ministerial conference on AI safety, which notably did not cover AI weaponry. Several members of the UK campaign attended "Humanity at the Crossroads," a high-level meeting on autonomous weapons organised by the Austrian government. This event, the largest of its kind outside the United Nations, drew 144 states and over 1,000 participants. The attendees engaged in two days of panel discussions featuring state officials, civil society, industry, and academia. The coalition has arranged an in-person strategy day looking at priorities, activities, and key events in the short and mid-term. The CSKR has been invited by its existing grantee JRCT, to apply for an extension of the grant for 18 months in December 2024.

### Work stream: Nuclear Disarmament

**Objectives:** The UK Government adopts a constructive and cooperative approach to the TPNW and its supporters

UNA-UK has been working on developing a new programme building on previous anti-nuclear work looking at Britain's relationship with nuclear testing working with the new political environment and will be applying for grant funding for the programme in July 2024.

UNA-UK has a strong track record working on the legacy of Britain's nuclear testing. Through our former programme we released reports with leading international academics, partnered with a field-researcher to understand and publish perspectives of those who have suffered from Britain's nuclear testing first hand, worked closely with diplomats at the UN to help shape the TPNW's programme of work and built strong links with parliamentarians willing to pursue this issue, several of whom remain MPs. We also connected Kiribati civil society with UK civil society to advocate for the UK to change its approach. We made good progress in creating a network of experts in the UK who we can discuss nuclear issues with and whom signed a UNA-UK letter to the government urging them to attend 2MSP, at the end of 2023. UNA-UK wrote questions that MP Bell Ribeiro-Addy asked the government, and although the responses were disappointing, we were able to augment the attention to this issue across parliament, which is something we hope to build on going forward.

In the new stream of work, we will mobilise our relationships with leading international academics, sympathetic MPs and Kiribati survivors to bring this issue to the attention of the Labour Government. Central to this will be ensuring that the perspectives of survivors be brought directly to the attention of MPs and Ministers through meetings, parliamentary questions and advocacy letters. To support this we will undertake a series of joint initiatives with young civil society leaders from the UK and Kiribati, geared towards advocating for the UK to attend the upcoming meeting of the TPNW, scheduled for March of 2025 in New York. Furthermore, UNA-UK will partner with experts to comb through the national archives, the Atomic Weapons Establishment archives at Aldermaston and use FOI requests to publish a list of the documents that the Kiribati Government, civil society and the international scientific community are currently denied access to. By raising awareness to



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this injustice we will mobilise pressure on the UK Government to stop impeding work on environmental remediation and victim assistance and transition to a more constructive relationship with work taking place under the TPNW.

### Work stream: Parliament

**Objective:** To encourage support for the UN and multilateralism among UK lawmakers

UNA-UK continued to work as Secretariat of the United Nations All Party Parliamentary Group. Through this group, we work closely with other APPGs such as the All-Party Parliamentary Human Rights Group and the APPG on the Global Goals on co-hosting events in parliament. In March, the UN APPG hosted a briefing by the UK Permanent Representative to the UN in New York, Dame Barbara Woodward who addressed members of the group and other parliamentarians in attendance about the UK's involvement at the UN and spoke of the many issues and challenges currently facing the UN and the international community.

In the run up to the election we created a UNA-UK general election strategy which includes an analysis of the manifestos of all parties which have an MP (to be loaded onto the website) and a statement from UNA-UK about our UN/Foreign policy focused recommendations for the next government. We created a 'welcome' email ready to contact each new MP informing them about our work and an offer to meet face to face and will continue to build on our relationships in Parliament.

### Work stream: Communications and events

**Objective:** Host informative and expert event, publish expert, educational materials and provide accurate information on UN issues through media engagement

UNA-UK, together with the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) and United Nations Association - Westminster Branch, held its annual Peacekeepers Day Conference and Ceremony. The Conference had a high attendance, selling out well before the date, and involved engaging discussions from world leading speakers. Topics covered included women in peacekeeping, support for peacekeepers, UNFICYP at 60 years and effective communication methods. The memorial ceremony was also well attended, with representatives of over 80 Embassies from across London laying wreaths in memory of fallen peacekeepers. At the start of Refugee Week UNA-UK co-hosted a breakfast briefing with International Organization for Migration (IOM) looking at the work of IOM's vital 'The Missing Migrants Project.

Blue Smoke commentary has been picked up to or been platformed by multiple media outlets, including Blue Smoke namechecked in Devex's UNGA coverage, analysis on a female SG via CNN, opportunities presented by SOTF via Devex. And we launched social media channels on LinkedIn and Instagram.



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## Organisational Integrity and Growth

In line with our strategic objectives, we have continued to work internally and collaboratively in a way that upholds the values of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We have done so by ensuring our organisation, networks, events and publications reflect diversity in all its forms and champion lesser-heard voices.

We have actively taken step not to participate in any all-male panels while engaging in public events and have continued to walk the talk on inclusion and diversity as well as championing the voices of civil society in Low and Middle Income Countries.

As a learning organisation we place importance on building in time to reflect on progress and adapt our operations based on quantitative and qualitative data. The ongoing reporting through the Transformational Index allows us to continue to collect robust data on our actions towards these commitments.

## Plans for 2024-2025

Following changes in personnel and leadership, next year will be an opportunity to learn and refocus on the strategic aims of the organisation.

Given the current economic climate, fundraising remains a challenge for the Charity. We plan to further develop our fundraising strategy to provide a clearer direction and focus for our programmes and activities. Over the next year we will build detailed plans for all our activities across policy, campaigns and communication. Our aim is to develop a new strategic plan that will helps us make progress towards all our activities being fully resourced.

**Policy:** we will capitalise on the arrival of a record number of new MPs to become the go to sources of expert analysis and information for parliamentarians. We will deliver a programme of work that recalibrates UNA-UK's aims for the future of UK foreign policy.

**Campaigns:** we will continue to deliver our funded campaigns, seeking renewals where possible and/or seek new grants to continue our existing campaigns such as UN reform work and expanding our programmes when new opportunities and funding is available.

**Communications:** we plan to review how we use our communications tools such as our website and social media platforms to improve and establish consistent and effective external communications. We will refresh our digital communications strategy to ensure that we are able to effectively improve our offer and ensure our communications channels are mutually reinforcing, relevant and reliable assets that support our aims.



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## Governance and Management

### Decision Making

The governance and decision-making of the charity rests with the Board of Directors/Trustees; these are the charity's key management personnel and include the Chief Executive Officer (job title changed from Executive Director). No other trustees receive any remuneration for their services.

The Chief Executive Officer's remuneration policy is stipulated in UNA-UK's Articles. The Chief Executive Officer's remuneration is recommended by the Finance & Governance Committee and approved by the UNA-UK Board. She is also a Trustee and Director of UNA-UK. The Charity and Marissa Conway (CEO and Trustee) agreed on 17 July 2024 that the CEO's employment contract will be terminated on 19 January 2025. Marissa Conway also resigned as Trustee and Director of UNA-UK on 17 July 2024. The UNA-UK Board has agreed for the CEO to take a period of leave prior to taking maternity leave, which will commence on 27 October 2024 (or earlier if her baby is born before this date). The CEO will be paid her normal salary to 27 October in accordance with her employment contract, she will then be paid maternity pay in accordance with charity's maternity leave policy, thereafter statutory maternity pay until her contract is terminated on 19 January 2025.

The outcome of an external HR audit has provided the organisation with invaluable feedback on how to further strengthen our governance and people management. The Board has established a Governance Working Group to take recommended actions forward over the next 12 months, with a focus on enhancing Board effectiveness and ensuring that the charity's governance policies and procedures are appropriate.

The Board meets four times a year. It is made up of the Chair, elected by the Board; the Honorary Treasurer; two Trustees elected by members of UNA-UK; one Trustee representing UNA-UK's biennial Conference, the Chief Executive Officer and up to eight further Trustees recruited for their skills and expertise.

New trustees are given a copy of 'UNA-UK Trustee induction pack' which includes an overview of their legal obligations as a trustee together with a copy of UNA-UK's Articles of Association and Code of Conduct.

The Board was supported in its work by the Finance and Governance Committee (F&GC). The F&GC provided oversight of the finance and governance of UNA-UK including setting staff pay and conditions, risk management processes, internal controls, the integrity of financial statements and the external audit process. The Chair of the committee is the honorary treasurer and a full member of the Board. A minimum of 50% of the Committee members are also members of the UNA-UK Board.

A second sub-committee, the Conference Committee, focuses solely on the organisation of a biennial UNA-UK Conference. The Chair of the Conference Committee is also a member of the Board.

Day-to-day operation has been delegated to the staff of UNA-UK, through the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer is a full member of the Board and attends both Board meetings and other sub-committee meetings and provides feedback on performance in pursuit of the charity's objectives. The Chair provides supervision and guidance to the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operating Officer.



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## Pro bono legal support

The Trustees and staff of UNA-UK continue to be immensely grateful for the pro bono legal support received from Baker McKenzie during the year and in previous years. In line with the SORP, the contribution of pro bono legal advice, which we would otherwise have had to purchase during this year of transition for the Charity, amounted to an estimated £106k (2023 £75k). This amount is included within the financial statements as a donation and a corresponding amount is included in expenditure. We cannot thank Baker McKenzie enough for their valuable support.

## Risk Management

Risk management is the responsibility of the Board, supported by the Finance and Governance Committee. Strategic and operational risks are regularly reviewed by the Committee as presented by the Executive. Each risk identified is managed through a risk map. Where possible the risks are managed by ensuring adequate internal controls are in place to mitigate and reduce risks where possible and these are reviewed and assessed regularly to establish if any further actions can be taken.

The risk map covers areas such as Reputation, Operational Delivery, Fundraising, People, Governance and IT. For the last few years, the Trustees have assessed the most significant risks to be associated with income generation, in particular the risk of having limited resources or not being able to replace funding to sustain current levels of activity. Contingency plans have been developed in the event the Charity is unable to secure sufficient income to sustain its current level of activity. The charity has secured sufficient unrestricted income to fund its current strategy period.

Strategic and operational risks are reviewed at each F&GC meeting to ensure where possible action is taken to mitigate any risks identified. However, the nature of some of these risks, in particular reputational risks associated with the UN, means that majority of these risks are outside the control of the charity. The Trustees believe adequate controls are in place to manage operational risks identified to date.

## Risks relating to current global and economic environment

A combination of successful fundraising, prudent financial management and legacies means the charity's 2023-2025 strategy is fully funded. Current financial risk assessment indicates that there is a risk that the charity will not be able to maintain all its income streams at current levels, however this has been taken into consideration when preparing budgets and cashflows for the following year.

In addition to the above, the full impact of current global and economic crisis due to inflation and the Ukraine/Russia crisis is still unknown. It is therefore not currently possible to evaluate all the potential implications for the charity's activities, funders, suppliers and the wider economy. Estimates used in the financial statements, particularly with respect to the value of listed investments (see note 10) are subject to a greater degree of uncertainty and volatility.

## Going Concern

As set out in the accounting policies under "going concern", the trustees have considered the impact of the current economic environment and have concluded that despite these challenges and although there may be some negative consequences, the charity has sufficient reserves to continue preparing its Financial Statements on the going concern basis.



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## Financial Review

### Income

Total income during 2023-24 was £1,027,695 (2022-23: £1,549,213), which came from the following sources:

- £ 624,393 (2022-23: £1,311,638) from grants of which £359,492 (2022-23: £501,638) were restricted
- £161,975 (2022-23: £0) from legacies
- £105,861 (2022-23: £74,701) gift in kind for legal services
- £42,899 (2022-23: £53,886) from membership subscriptions and donations
- £53,526 (2022-23: £45,139 from investment income from Suite 98 Ltd
- £29,743 (2022-23: £30,681) from interest and dividend income from investments
- £4,263 (2022-23: £3,721) income from events and £72 (2022-23: £800) other income

### Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2023-24 was £ 865,796 (2022-23: £791,931), of which 88%, £764,263 (2022-23: 90%, £709,568) was used on charitable activities. There are three broad strands to the charitable activities of UNA-UK, for work towards a safer, fairer and more sustainable world; provision of information; and educational activities.

### Investments

The UNA-UK investment portfolio is invested in CCLA Investments Limited's COIF Charity Ethical Investment Fund. The Fund is managed in accordance with the policy set by the Fund's Board and CCLA's response to the UK Stewardship Code. The Fund's aim is to provide a long-term total return comprising growth in capital and distributions. The Fund's policy is to actively manage a diversified portfolio of assets designed to help protect both present and future beneficiaries from the effects of inflation. The Fund has an emphasis on equities, but will also include property, bonds and other asset classes. The Fund has a wide range of ethical restrictions set by the COIF Board following client consultation and an advisory group that assists in the development of the Fund's client-driven ethical investment policy.

### Investments Performance

The Fund achieved a total return after expenses of 12.59% over 1 year. Equities in the portfolio have driven performance but returns have been concentrated into a small number of stocks and sectors such as technology, This compares with a return of 5.51% on the previous year.

The trustees are satisfied that the investment aims above have been met. The trustees are hopeful that the performance objective of their investment policy to generate a total return of at least inflation (CPI) plus 3% over the medium term and income or capital appreciation will continue to be achieved in the coming years.

### Reserves Policy

Reserves at 30 June 2024 were £2,967,758 (2023: £2,715,035) of which £176,013 (2023: £158,169) were unspent restricted grants, £ 400,601 (2023: £411,660) relates to John Bright Endowment, £1,549,206 (2023: £1,574,603) represents long term fixed asset investment in Suite 98 Ltd (UNA-UK office premises), and £9,500 (2023: £9,500) in other designated funds - leaving £832,438 (2023: £561,103) in unrestricted general funds at the year-end.

The Trustees have reviewed risks during the year in developing the charity's reserves policy, which is retaining sufficient unrestricted general funds to meet as a minimum six months of the charity's staff costs, currently estimated to be £222,000 (2023: £250,000). As at 30 June 2024, the charity had £832,438 (2023: £561,103) in unrestricted general reserves equivalent to 44 months (2023:13) staff costs. Excess over the reserves policy will help fund UNA-UK's 2023-2025 strategy and has provided the charity with some financial stability over the next couple of years.



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## Fundraising

We have been fortunate, considering the current funding environment which has proved very challenging over a number of years, the charity managed to secure a total of £625k grant funding during the year. UNA-UK will continue to pursue other grant makers whilst also seeking to develop other sustainable income streams, which provide unrestricted core funding for the charity.

Like all of our work, our fundraising activities are grounded in the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and we aspire to best practice in terms of transparency. We fundraise solely for our work, using content for which we own the copyright and/or have received permission. Our fundraising materials overwhelmingly use images from our own events and campaigns, and quotes from our members and supporters. We are mindful of accessibility and diversity when producing these materials and work hard to ensure that our objectives and activities are portrayed accurately.

The bulk of these activities are carried out by UNA-UK staff team, from writing funding bids and appeals to processing donations and organising events, with Trustees providing practical support and guidance. We also seek informal advice from our members and supporters, for example, when crafting sensitive appeals such as legacy appeals.

We support staff training and development and have strict policies and processes in place to ensure that our activities comply with regulations as well as with our values as an organisation. The Board has advertised and recruited Trustees with particular skills, knowledge and experience in this area, and will continue to do so.

During the year 4%, £42,194 (2023: 2%, £29,299) of our income was spent on fundraising. We do not use professional fundraisers or commercial agents for our fundraising.

Our UNA groups fundraise for their activities, we have produced guidance documents to assist them in carrying out their activities in a fair, inclusive and transparent manner. These groups are legally and financially autonomous from UNA-UK, but they play a crucial role in furthering the charity's objectives in their local communities. To date, we have not received any fundraising complaints. Should this occur in the future, they would be handled using the same process as for any other complaints.

In terms of seeking donations from members of the public, this is overwhelmingly limited to email appeals to our existing members and supporters, save for the occasional appeal at UNA-UK public events and social media platforms. All members and supporters can opt out from receiving our approaches at any time. The charity never 'cold calls' anyone, nor do we engage in street fundraising.

As anyone can become a member or supporter of UNA-UK, it is likely that some people who could be described as vulnerable will receive communications from us. We strive to ensure that all of our communications are respectful and sensitive – nobody should ever feel under pressure to make a financial contribution to UNA-UK.

In light the increased financial hardship for many people in the UK, our Board took the decision to reduce membership categories to one category for all individuals and reduce the membership fee to an affordable amount at £10 for an annual subscription, thereby removing financial barriers to membership.

While the public element of our fundraising remains modest, we have not registered with the Fundraising Regulator, but plan to do so should our financial situation change. We already comply with the spirit of the Fundraising Promise.



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# Trustees' Annual Report

## Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of United Nations Association – UK for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the Trustees confirm that:

- so far as the Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Trustees on 8 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Frances Chambers
Chair



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## Independent Auditor's report to the members of United Nations Association - UK

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of United Nations Association - UK (the 'parent company') and its subsidiary ('the group') for the year ended 30 June 2024 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's affairs as at 30 June 2024 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's and the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report and financial statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



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**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

**Responsibilities of trustees**
As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



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Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2019), in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) applicable to smaller entities, the Companies Act 2006.
- We understood how United Nations Association – UK is complying with those frameworks via communication with those charged with governance, together with the review of the group's and parent company's documented policies and procedures. United Nations Association – UK is required to comply with both company law and charity law and based on our knowledge of its activities, we identified that the legal requirement to accurately account for restricted funds was of key significance.
- The audit team, which is experienced in the audit of charities, considered the charity's susceptibility to material misstatement and how fraud may occur. Our considerations included the risk of management override and allocation of costs to charitable activities and restricted funds.
- Our approach was to check that the income from grants, donations and investment returns were properly identified and accurately disclosed, that expenditure complied with the control procedures and was appropriately charged. We also reviewed major journal adjustments along with unusual transactions and considered the identification and disclosure of related party transactions.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: *https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities*. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the parent company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken, so that we might state to the parent company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the parent company and the parent company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

Shoaib Arshad (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of:
**Knox Cropper LLP**
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
65 Leadenhall Street
London
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Date 28 October 2024



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# Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

## Consolidated Incorporating and Income and Expenditure Account

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | **Group 2023-24** | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | **UNA-UK 2022-23** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME** | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations and Legacies | (2) | 315,599 | - | - | 315,599 | 128,587 | - | - | 128,587 |
| Income from Charitable Activites | (3) | 269,335 | 359,492 | - | 628,827 | 814,521 | 501,638 | - | 1,316,159 |
| Investment Income | (4) | 29,743 | - | - | 29,743 | 59,328 | - | - | 59,328 |
| **Total Income - Charity UNA-UK** | | 614,677 | 359,492 | - | 974,169 | 1,002,436 | 501,638 | - | 1,504,074 |
| Investment in Subsidiary | (4) | 53,526 | - | - | 53,526 | 45,139 | - | - | 45,139 |
| **Total Income - Group** | | 668,203 | 359,492 | - | 1,027,695 | 1,047,575 | 501,638 | - | 1,549,213 |
| **EXPENDITURE** | | | | | | | | | |
| Raising funds | (5) | 42,194 | - | - | 42,194 | 29,229 | - | - | 29,229 |
| Charitable activities | (6) | 411,556 | 341,648 | 11,059 | 764,263 | 342,188 | 348,039 | 19,341 | 709,568 |
| **Total Expenditure - Charity UNA-UK** | | 453,750 | 341,648 | 11,059 | 806,457 | 371,417 | 348,039 | 19,341 | 738,797 |
| Investment in Subsidiary | (6) | 59,139 | - | - | 59,139 | 53,134 | - | - | 53,134 |
| **Total Expenditure - Group** | | 512,889 | 341,648 | 11,059 | 865,596 | 424,551 | 348,039 | 19,341 | 791,931 |
| **Net (expenditure)/income before (losses)/gains on investments** | | 155,314 | 17,844 | (11,059) | 162,099 | 623,024 | 153,599 | (19,341) | 757,282 |
| Net unreaslised (losses)/gains on Investments | (10) | 53,806 | - | 37,067 | 90,873 | 13,700 | - | 9,482 | 23,182 |
| Net Reaslised (losses)/gains on Investments | (10) | (249) | - | - | (249) | 250,000 | - | - | 250,000 |
| Transfers to/from unrestricted funds | (13) | 37,067 | - | (37,067) | - | 9,482 | - | (9,482) | - |
| **Net (expenditure)/income and movement in funds** | | 245,938 | 17,844 | (11,059) | 252,723 | 896,206 | 153,599 | (19,341) | 1,030,464 |
| **Reconciliation of Funds** | | | | | | | | | |
| Funds Brought Forward | | 2,145,206 | 158,169 | 411,660 | 2,715,035 | 1,249,000 | 4,570 | 431,001 | 1,684,571 |
| Funds carried forward | | 2,391,144 | 176,013 | 400,601 | 2,967,758 | 2,145,206 | 158,169 | 411,660 | 2,715,035 |

All income and expenditure during each financial year was in respect of continuing activities.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the above Statement of Financial Activities



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# Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

| | Note | 30 June 2024 Charity UNA-UK | 30 June 2024 GROUP | 30 June 2023 Charity UNA-UK | 30 June 2023 GROUP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | | £ |
| Fixed Assets | | | | | |
| Tangible Fixed Assets | | - | 1,549,206 | | 1,574,603 |
| Fixed asset investments | (10) | 1,047,071 | 1,047,071 | 1,006,447 | 1,006,447 |
| Total Fixed Assets | | 1,047,071 | 2,596,277 | 1,006,447 | 2,581,050 |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | (11) | 1,068 | 6,098 | 6,162 | 10,524 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | | 370,758 | 420,516 | 130,832 | 171,160 |
| Creditors | | | | | |
| Creditors amount falling due within one year | (12) | (54,330) | (55,133) | (43,557) | (47,699) |
| Net Current Assets | | 317,496 | 371,481 | 93,437 | 133,985 |
| Total Net Assets | | 1,364,567 | 2,967,758 | 1,099,884 | 2,715,035 |
| The Funds of the Charity | | | | | |
| Endowment | (13) | 400,601 | 400,601 | 411,660 | 411,660 |
| Restricted | (14) | 176,013 | 176,013 | 158,169 | 158,169 |
| Unrestricted Designated Funds | (15) | 9,500 | 1,558,706 | 9,500 | 1,584,103 |
| Unrestricted General Funds | | 778,453 | 832,438 | 520,555 | 561,103 |
| Total Charity Funds | | 1,364,567 | 2,967,758 | 1,099,884 | 2,715,035 |

The notes on pages 19-29 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by Trustees of UNA-UK at a meeting held on 8 October 2024 and were signed on their behalf by:

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Frances Chambers
Chair

Carol Shutkever
Chair Finance & Governance Committee

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# Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2024

| | | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| **Net cash provided by operating activities** | A | 193,966 | 1,069,516 |
| **Cash flows from investing activities** | B | 29,743 | 30,681 |
| **Change in Cash and cash equivalents in the year** | | 223,710 | 1,100,197 |
| **Add cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year** | C | 171,160 | 120,963 |
| **Less cash invested in fixed asset during the year** | | - | (1,050,000) |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year** | | 394,870 | 171,160 |

| **Table A** | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| **Cash flows (used in)/from operating activities** | | |
| Net (expenditure)/income as per the Statement of Financial Activities | 243,528 | 1,030,464 |
| Adjustments for non-cash items: | | |
| Dividends and interest income | (29,743) | (30,681) |
| Sale of investments | 50,000 | - |
| Unrealised loss/(gain) on investments | (90,873) | (23,182) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in debtors | 4,426 | 41,882 |
| Increase/(Decrease) in creditors | 16,629 | 25,636 |
| Depreciation - Suite 98 Ltd | - | 25,397 |
| **Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities** | 193,966 | 1,069,516 |

| **Table B** | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| **Cash flows from investing activities** | | |
| Dividend and Interest income | 29,743 | 30,681 |
| **Net cash provided by investing activities** | 29,743 | 30,681 |

| **Table C** | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| **Analysis of cash and cash equivalents** | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 420,516 | 171,160 |
| **Total cash and cash equivalents** | 420,516 | 171,160 |

No separate reconciliation of net debt has been prepared as there is no difference between the net cash (debt) of the charitable company and the cash and cash equivalents.



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# Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting policies

**(i) Basis of Accounting**
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.The financial statements are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

**Group financial statements**
These financial statements consolidate the results of the Charity and its wholly owned subsidiary, Suite 98 Limited, on a line by line basis. A separate Statement of Financial Activities for the Charity itself is not presented because the Charity has taken advantage of the exemptions afforded by the Companies Act 2006 and SORP 2019.

**(ii) Going Concern**
The Financial Statements are prepared on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The Trustees have approved the charity's budgets and projections to June 2025 and concluded that the charity has adequate resources to fund its activities for at least twelve months from the date of the signing of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge and recognise the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the wider economic situation due to the current inflation and the Ukraine/Russia crisis and have concluded that although there may be some negative consequences, due to wider uncertainty and economic impact with a likely reduction in income streams in future, such as donations, premises income and investment income, it is still appropriate for the charity to continue to prepare its financial statements on the going concern basis as the Charity's 2023-2025 Strategic Plan is fully funded, the trustees are confident that the charity has sufficient resources to meet its liabilities for the next 3-4 years.

**(iii) Judgements and Estimates**
In the opinion of the Trustees, judgements made that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and any key assumptions or estimates used which might cause a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period include:

- Estimating the useful economic lives of intangible fixed assets for the purpose of determining the annual amortisation charge;
- Valuing the investment in Suite 98 Ltd;
- Valuing the gift in kind legal advice;
- Allocating support costs; and
- Impact from risk assessments relating to current wider economic crisis



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**(iv) Income recognition**

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises membership subscriptions, donations, grants, legacies, investment income and other income.

Membership subscriptions and donations, received under Gift Aid or deed of covenant, are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Gifts of professional services, if material, are recognised as income when:

- the charity has received the service,
- any conditions associated with the gift have been met and
- the economic receipt of the benefit can be measured reliably.

The value as a gift to the charity is the amount the charity would have paid to obtain the services; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure for the same accounting period.

In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 volunteer time is not recognised.

Legacies are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the legacy, the executors have established that there are sufficient surplus assets in the estate to pay the legacy, and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity.

Entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably, and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title of the asset having being transferred to the charity.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**(v) Grants**

Income from charitable activities includes any grant income received. This income may be classed as restricted or unrestricted dependent on any grant conditions attached to the income by the donor.

Grants for which the funder has agreed the charity's entitlement to income is based on satisfactory progress reports for the delivery of the agreed project/activities are treated as performance related grants and the income is recognised in accordance with the underlying activity as agreed with the funder.

Where there are no conditions attached to the grant, the income is credited to the statement of financial activities in the year in which the charity is entitled to the income in accordance with the with the funding agreement.



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**(vi) Expenditure recognition**
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs. All expenses, including support costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. The classification between activities is as follows:

- Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure associated with raising funds for the charity. This includes investment management fees, staff costs associated with fundraising, and an allocation of support costs.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs associated with furthering the charitable purposes of the charity through the provision of its charitable activities. Such costs include direct staff costs, direct project costs and allocation of indirect support costs and overheads including governance costs.
- Staff time is used as a method of allocating indirect costs.
- All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**(vii) Intangible Fixed assets**
Intangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. They are amortised at 33% per annum on a straight-line basis.

**(viii) Investments**
The investment in Suite 98 Limited, which is 100% owned by UNA-UK and holds the premises lease of UNA-UK offices is stated at purchase cost of £1.6m in July 2022 less depreciation over the life of the lease. The lease is due to expire in March 2086.

Listed investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals during the year are recognised in the statement of financial activities.

**(ix) Pension Benefits**
The company contributes to eligible individuals' personal pension schemes which are independently administered using the salary sacrifice scheme. Pension costs are related to the salary paid and are charged to the accounts as they fall due. Contributions were made in respect of one directors (2023 : one) during the year.

**(x) Funds Structure**
Expendable endowment funds represent those assets which the trustee have power to invest and which have been invested to generate investment income and capital gains. Income arising on expendable endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering these funds are charged to each individual fund.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the organisation's charitable purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for use on specific purposes. The Trustees may transfer them back if there is no longer a requirement for the expenditure to be made.

**(xi) Operating leases**
Operating lease costs are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period for which they fall due.



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**(xii) Financial Instruments**
UNA-UK has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, together with trade and other debtors. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise trade creditors.

**(xiii) Cash at bank and in hand**
Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid cash held in bank accounts or on deposit accounts with short term maturity of three months or less.

**(xiv) Debtors and Prepayments**
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered.

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

**(xv) Creditors and Provisions**
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

## 2. Income from donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2024 | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Membership Subscriptions | 5,600 | - | 5,600 | 4,090 | - | 4,090 |
| Donations | 37,299 | - | 37,299 | 45,229 | - | 45,229 |
| Gift Aid | 4,864 | - | 4,864 | 4,567 | - | 4,567 |
| Gifts | 105,861 | - | 105,861 | 74,701 | - | 74,701 |
| Legacies | 161,975 | - | 161,975 | - | - | - |
| | 315,599 | - | 315,599 | 128,587 | - | 128,587 |

The unrestricted gifts include £106k (2023: £75k) pro bono legal support provided during the year. The corresponding expenditure is included within note 8.

## 3. Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2024 | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Grants | | | | | | |
| UNA Trust | 265,000 | - | 265,000 | 800,000 | 100,000 | 900,000 |
| Open Society Foundations | | 294,460 | 294,460 | | 257,865 | 257,865 |
| Global Challenges Foundation | - | - | - | - | 56,773 | 56,773 |
| Campaign to Stop Killer Robots | - | 3,032 | 3,032 | - | - | - |
| Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT) | - | 50,000 | 50,000 | 10,000 | 50,000 | 60,000 |
| UN House Scotland (JRCT) | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | - | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Marmot Trust | - | - | - | - | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Other small grants | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | - | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Income from Events | 4,263 | - | 4,263 | 3,721 | - | 3,721 |
| Other Income | 72 | - | 72 | 800 | - | 800 |
| | 269,335 | 359,492 | 628,827 | 814,521 | 501,638 | 1,316,159 |



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## 4. Income from investments

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2024 | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 98 Whitehall Court LLP | | | | | | |
| Interest on loan | - | - | - | 5,500 | - | 5,500 |
| Distribution of Profit | - | - | - | 23,147 | - | 23,147 |
| Interest and Dividend Income received during the year | 29,743 | - | 29,743 | 30,681 | - | 30,681 |
| **Income - Charity UNA-UK** | **29,743** | **-** | **29,743** | **59,328** | **-** | **59,328** |
| Subsidiary - Suite 98 Ltd | 53,526 | - | 53,526 | 45,139 | - | 45,139 |
| **Income - Group** | **83,269** | **-** | **83,269** | **104,467** | **-** | **104,467** |

## 5. Expenditure on raising funds

| | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Staff Costs | 42,194 | 29,229 |
| Total expenditure on raising funds | 42,194 | 29,229 |

## 6. Analysis of the expenditure on charitable activities and raising funds

*The expenditure on charitable activities is after allocation of general overheads. Direct costs and the allocation of support costs including the bases used for allocation are shown below.*

| | | Allocation of Overheads | | | | | Allocation of Overheads | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Direct Costs | Staff Costs | Office Overheads | Governance | 30 June 2024 | Direct Costs | Staff Costs | Office Overheads | Governance | 30 June 2023 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Charitable Activities | | | | | | | | | | |
| Global Citizens | 33,512 | 133,160 | 9,660 | 52,360 | 228,692 | 24,582 | 173,713 | 8,851 | 38,063 | 245,209 |
| Global Solutions | 55,451 | 100,510 | 2,515 | 49,451 | 207,928 | 101,987 | 152,707 | 13,659 | 58,239 | 326,592 |
| Global Leadership | 142,532 | 138,955 | 2,523 | 43,633 | 327,643 | 21,648 | 96,831 | 3,611 | 15,677 | 137,767 |
| Total Charitable Activities | 231,495 | 372,625 | 14,699 | 145,444 | 764,263 | 148,217 | 423,251 | 26,121 | 111,979 | 709,568 |
| Expenditure on raising funds | - | 42,194 | - | - | 42,194 | - | 29,229 | - | - | 29,229 |
| **Total - Charity UNA-UK** | **231,495** | **414,820** | **14,699** | **145,444** | **806,457** | **148,217** | **452,480** | **26,121** | **111,979** | **738,797** |
| Subsidiary - Suite 98 Ltd | - | - | 59,139 | - | 59,139 | - | - | 53,134 | - | 53,134 |
| **Total - Group** | **231,495** | **414,820** | **73,838** | **145,444** | **865,596** | **148,217** | **452,480** | **79,255** | **111,979** | **791,931** |
| Method of allocation | Direct | Staff time | | | | Direct | Staff time | | | |

## 7. Net (expenditure)/income and movement in funds

The following amounts have been charged to the statement of financial activities:

| | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Audit Fees | 6,540 | 7,860 |
| Staff Costs (note 9) | 42,194 | 474,324 |
| | 48,734 | 482,184 |



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## 8. Governance Costs

Professional charges includes unrestricted expenses of £106k (2023: £75k) for pro bono legal support provided during the year.

| | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Insurances | 1,582 | 1,626 |
| Professional charges | 108,142 | 74,788 |
| Audit fees | 6,540 | 7,860 |
| Subscriptions | 375 | 5,273 |
| Trustee expenses | 56 | - |
| Staff costs | 28,750 | 21,844 |
| Premises and office costs | - | 588 |
| | 145,444 | 111,979 |

## 9. Analysis of Staff Costs

The following table analyses the staff costs of UNA-UK.

| | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| Staff numbers | | |
| Average staff | 9.8 | 8.2 |
| Staff Costs | £ | £ |
| Salary costs | 387,592 | 403,563 |
| National Insurance Contributions | 19,913 | 36,554 |
| Pension Contributions | 27,432 | 28,601 |
| Other staff related expenditure | 8,632 | 5,606 |
| | 443,569 | 474,324 |

Two employees (2023: 2) received remuneration (excluding employer pension contributions) of more than £60,000 (2023: £60,000).

The key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis comprise the Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operating Officer. The total remuneration (including taxable benefits and employer pension contributions and employer's national insurance contributions) of the key management personnel for the year was £171,545 (2023: £156,974).

During the year UNA-UK continued to benefit from a number of volunteers, mainly across its network of UNA Groups. The length of the volunteering period varies amongst UNA Groups. Volunteers are unpaid and may receive daily travel and lunch allowance depending on the policy of individual UNA Groups.

The charity and the CEO agreed on 17 July 2024 that the CEO's employment contract will be terminated on 19 January 2025. The UNA-UK Board has agreed for the CEO to take a period of leave prior to taking maternity leave, which will commence on 27 October 2024 (or earlier if her baby is born before this date). The CEO will be paid her normal salary to 27 October in accordance with her employment contract, she will then be paid maternity pay in accordance with charity's maternity leave policy, thereafter statutory maternity pay until her contract is terminated on 19 January 2025.



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## 10. Tangible Fixed Assets

The parent charity does not have any fixed assets. Sub-lease for UNA-UK offices at 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL are the property assets for Suite 98 Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary, and represent the group assets (see note 11).

| | Property Suite 98 Ltd | Total |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Cost | | |
| At 1 July 2023 | 1,600,000 | 1,600,000 |
| At 30 June 2024 | 1,600,000 | 1,600,000 |
| Depreciation | | |
| At 1 July 2023 | 25,397 | 25,397 |
| Charge for the year | 25,397 | 25,397 |
| At 30 June 2024 | 50,794 | 50,794 |
| Net Book Value | | |
| At 30 June 2023 | 1,574,603 | 1,574,603 |
| At 30 June 2024 | 1,549,206 | 1,549,206 |

## 11. Fixed Asset Investments

| | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Investment in Subsidiary | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Listed investments | 1,047,071 | 1,047,071 | 1,006,447 | 1,006,447 |
| At 30 June 2024 | 1,047,072 | 1,047,071 | 1,006,448 | 1,006,447 |

## 11a. Investment in a Subsidiary

The charity owns 100% of Suite 98 Limited that owns the premises lease for UNA-UK offices.

| **Summary Financial Statements** | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| Suite 98 Limited | Charity UNA-UK | Charity UNA-UK |
| Turnover | 87,726 | 45,139 |
| Other income | - | 23,144 |
| Trading expenditure | (71,139) | (53,133) |
| | 16,586 | 15,150 |
| Interest income | - | - |
| Gift aid donations to Charity | (40,547) | - |
| Loss for the year | (23,961) | 15,150 |
| Tangible fixed assets | 1,549,206 | 1,574,603 |
| Current assets | 54,788 | 44,689 |
| | 1,603,994 | 1,619,292 |
| Liabilities | (1,612,803) | (1,604,141) |
| | (8,809) | 15,151 |
| Share capital | 1 | 1 |
| Other reserves | (8,810) | 15,150 |
| Capital and reserves | (8,809) | 15,151 |



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## 11b. Listed Investments

Listed investment are the units acquired in COIF Investment Fund held by CCLA Investment Limited.

| | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Market value** | | | | |
| At 1 July | 1,006,447 | 1,006,447 | 983,265 | 983,265 |
| Gains / (losses) on investments | 90,624 | 90,624 | 23,182 | 23,182 |
| Additions | - | - | - | - |
| Disposals | (50,000) | (50,000) | - | - |
| | | | | - |
| At 30 June | 1,047,071 | 1,047,071 | 1,006,447 | 1,006,447 |
| Historical cost | 850,000 | 850,000 | 900,000 | 900,000 |

## 12. Debtor

| | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Amounts falling due within one year | | | | |
| Prepayments | 1,068 | 5,373 | 2639 | 2,639 |
| Trade debtors | - | 725.00 | 3523 | 7,885 |
| Other debtors | - | - | - | - |
| | 1,068 | 6,098 | 6,162 | 10,524 |

## 13. Creditors

| | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Amounts falling due within one year | | | | |
| Accruals | 7,440 | 7,440 | 19389 | 19,389 |
| Payroll creditors | 16,835 | 16,835 | 16642 | 16,642 |
| Trade creditors | 30,055 | 30,858 | 7526 | 10,233 |
| Other creditors | - | - | - | 1,435 |
| | 54,330 | 55,134 | 43,557 | 47,699 |

## 14. Endowment Fund

The John Bright Appeal Fund was set up as a restricted fund by UNA Trust following a public appeal launched on 29 February 1988. On 3rd May 1991 the target capital required of £300k was reached and in consultation with the Charity Commission the funds raised were classed as a permanent John Bright Appeal Endowment.

In June 2012, UNA Trust received permission from the Charity Commission to spend the grant without replacement under section 282 of the Charities Act 2011. On 27 January 2015 UNA Trust transferred the endowment funds to UNA-UK.

The transfer of funds from the endowment to unrestricted funds is the unrecognised gain on investments relating to the endowment funds invested with CCLA as at 30 June 2024.



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## 15. Restricted Funds

| Fund Objectives | 30 June 2022 | Income | Expenditure | 30 June 2023 | Income | Expenditure | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| UNA-UK Conferences | 7,945 | - | - | 7,945 | - | - | 7,945 |
| Brighton & Hove Branch | 1,625 | - | - | 1,625 | - | - | 1,625 |
| Open Society Foundations | - | 257,865 | (212,293) | 45,572 | 294,460 | (253,589) | 86,443 |
| Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - | - | 50,000 | (40,869) | 9,131 | 50,000 | (59,131) | - |
| UN House Scotland | - | 10,000 | (10,000) | - | 10,000 | (10,000) | - |
| Marmot Trust | - | 25,000 | (18,752) | 6,248 | - | (6,248) | - |
| Global Challenges Foundation | - | 56,773 | (56,773) | - | - | - | - |
| Campaign to Stop Killer Robots | - | - | - | - | 3,032 | (3,032) | - |
| Small Grants | - | 2,000 | (2,000) | - | 2,000 | (2,000) | - |
| MacKeith Legacy | (5,000) | 100,000 | (7,352) | 87,648 | - | (7,648) | 80,000 |
| | 4,570 | 501,638 | (348,039) | 158,169 | 359,492 | (341,648) | 176,013 |

Campaign to Stop Killer Robots: to support UNA-UK's work on Killer Robots

MacKeith Legacy: £120k left to The UNA Trust with £80k restricted to UNA-UK's activities for diversity and inclusion and £20k to support local projects in Bangladesh to advance women's rights and education. £100k legacy was received in the prior year. £15k (2022-23: £5k) was advanced to a local project in Bangladesh.

## 16. Designated Funds

| | 30 June 2022 | New Designations | Utilitsation | 30 June 2023 | New Designations | Utilitsation | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Investment in 98 Whitehall Court LLP | 550,000 | - | (550,000) | - | | - | - |
| Suite 98 Limited | - | 1,600,000 | (25,397) | 1,574,603 | - | (25,397) | 1,549,206 |
| Margaret Collins Legacy | 9,500 | - | - | 9,500 | - | - | 9,500 |
| | 559,500 | 1,600,000 | (575,397) | 1,584,103 | - | (25,397) | 1,558,706 |

Investment in Suited 98 Limited and share of long-term investment in property lease at UNA-UK offices, Suite 98, 3 Whitehall Court, London. Funds are not available for day-to-day operations of the charity.

Margaret Collins Legacy was left to Southampton UNA and is held by UNA-UK on their behalf.

## 17. Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted Funds 2024 | Restricted Funds 2024 | Endowment Funds 2024 | Total Funds 2024 | Unrestricted Funds 2023 | Restricted Funds 2023 | Endowment Funds 2023 | Total Funds 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed Asset Investment | 1,549,206 | - | - | 1,549,206 | 1,574,603 | - | - | 1,574,603 |
| Investments | 470,457 | 176,013 | 400,601 | 1,047,071 | 570,603 | 24,184 | 411,660 | 1,006,447 |
| Net Current Assets | 371,481 | - | - | 371,481 | - | 133,985 | - | 133,985 |
| Total Net Assets | 2,391,144 | 176,013 | 400,601 | 2,967,758 | 2,145,206 | 158,169 | 411,660 | 2,715,035 |

## 18. Related parties

UNA-UK has a related party relationship with the UNA Trust (charity number 256236). The Chair of UNA-UK is also a trustee of the UNA Trust. The UNA Trust is no longer active. UNA-UK received a grant of £265,000 (2023: £900,000) from the UNA Trust. There were no amounts owed to or from the UNA Trust as at 30 June 2024 or 30 June 2023.

UNA-UK owns 100% share of Suite 98 Limited, that owns the sub-lease for UNA-UK offices at 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL (note 10 above). At the year end the Suite 98 Ltd owed £13 to UNA-UK, this is included in other debtors (note 11).

UNA-UK Trustees donated a total of £350 (2023: £80) to the charity during the year.



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In May 2023 UNA-UK and Triarc (a US based entity providing support with website development and a company owned by the brother-in-law of the CEO) signed an agreement for USD 15,750. £6,391.53 (USD7,875.00) was paid to Triarc during the year (2022-23 £6,398.28 (USD 7,875.00) .

## 19. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

The Trustees have delegated the following scrutiny and authorisation of staff remuneration to the Finance & Governance Committee:

- Scrutinising and authorising changes to the organisation's remuneration structure
- Reviewing and authorising annual pay increases for all staff including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operating Officer

The remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer (who is also a trustee) is stipulated in UNA-UK's Articles. The Chief Executive Officer received remuneration of £74,942 (2023: £68,819) and pension contributions of £5,246 (2023: £4,304) were paid by the charity for her role as Chief Executive Office (see also note 9). No other trustee received any remuneration for their services. During the year ended 30 June 2024, During the year two Trustee received gifts totalling £56 from the Charity for special occasions (2023: Nil) and no reimbursements for travel expenses (2023: Nil).



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England & Wales - Charity number 1146016

# Accounts

# UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION - UK

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Charity Number: 1146016

# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 June 2023

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## Reference and Administrative Information

List of Trustees who were in Office throughout this reporting period:

| | |
|---|---|
| Baroness Anelay of St Johns (Chair) | |
| Nimisha Agarwal | |
| Oluwatobi Aigbogun | Appointed 29 March 2023 |
| Christina Bache | Appointed 28 June 2023 |
| Andrew Boakes | Resigned 28 June 2023 |
| Colombe Cahen-Salvador | Appointed 28 June 2023 |
| Frances Chambers (Honorary Treasurer) | |
| Dorothea Christiana | |
| Marissa Conway (CEO) | |
| Tim Jarman | Appointed 14 December 2023 |
| Arash Nassouri | Appointed 28 June 2023 |
| Amna Nazir | Appointed 28 June 2023 |
| Angela Seay | Resigned 14 December 2022 |
| Pamela Shearing | Appointed 28 June 2023 |
| Asher Simpson | Resigned 28 September 2022 |
| Dali Ten Hove | Appointed 29 March 2023 |
| Shamima Yasmine | |

Officers of UNA-UK

| | |
|---|---|
| Chair | Baroness Anelay of St Johns |
| Honorary Treasurer | Frances Chambers |
| Chief Executive Officer | Marissa Conway |
| Company Secretary | Angie Pankhania, Chief Operations Officer |
| Principal Offices and Registered Address: | 3 Whitehall Court, London, SW1A 2EL |
| Charity Registration Number: | 1146016 |
| Auditors: | Knox Cropper LLP<br>65-68 Leadenhall Street<br>London EC3A 2AD |
| Investment Managers: | CCLA<br>85 Queen Victoria Street<br>London EC4V 4ET |
| Bankers: | Lloyds Bank Plc<br>39 Piccadilly<br>Mayfair<br>London W1V 0AA |
| | HSBC Bank Plc<br>28 Borough High Street<br>Southwark<br>London SE1 1YB |



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# Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees, who are also directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Act, and trustees for charity law purposes, present their combined directors' report and annual report and financial statements for the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

## Constitution

The United Nations Association – UK (UNA-UK) is a company limited by guarantee (company registration number 7824306) and a registered charity (1146016).

The United Nations Association – UK was established as a company on 26 October 2011 and gained charitable status approval from the Charity Commission on 21 February 2012. The charity is governed by Articles of Association last amended on 20 October 2016.

UNA-UK has a related party relationship with the UNA Trust (charity number 256236) which is no longer active.

UNA-UK registered a new company, Suite 98 Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary, with Companies House on 17 May 2022.

UNA-UK owned 50% share of 98 Whitehall Court LLP (LLP), that owned the sub-lease for UNA-UK offices at 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL. In July 2022 UNA-UK acquired the remaining 50% share of the LLP and transferred all assets of 98 Whitehall Court LLP (LLP) to Suite 98 Limited also in July 2022. 98 Whitehall Court LLP is no longer active.

## Public Benefit

The Board has considered the guidance published by the Charity Commission and concluded that the charity's core activities as described in the following pages, satisfactorily address the principles of public benefit and demonstrate that the charity has fulfilled the public benefit requirement under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

## Vision

A global community connected in its pursuit of equality, sustainability, and peace.

## Mission

*To build movements for systemic transformation at the UN; and to advocate for UK action for global cooperation.*

## Our Values

- ***Boldness.*** *Creative, constructive, disruptive. We do what it takes to speak truth to power.*
- ***Accountability.*** *Decisions that affect us all should not be taken behind closed doors. We practice self-reflection, expect transparency, and challenge inequality.*
- ***Intersectionality.*** *We recognise the interconnected nature of oppression and challenge the structures that drive injustice.*
- ***Solidarity****. We find power in community around the world and amplify the work of grassroots changemakers.*



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## Charity Objects

UNA-UK is the UK's leading source of independent information and analysis on the UN, and a UK-wide grassroots movement.

UNA-UK believes that effective international institutions and systems are essential if we are to build a safer, fairer and more sustainable world. We advocate support for UN programmes that further this objective, and seek to build public knowledge of, and participation in, its initiatives.

We pursue this by:

- Connecting people to the work and values of the UN
- Influencing decision-makers and opinion-shapers to support UN goals
- Explaining how the UN works and what it can realistically achieve
- Stimulating debate and action on how to make the UN more effective
- Equipping our members and supporters to further all of these aims

UNA-UK has a network of members and supporters, and autonomous local member, school and university groups throughout the UK.

UNA-UK's objects are as follows:

- The prevention and relief of poverty, hunger and distress and the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage
- The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution and reconciliation and the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity
- The raising of awareness of human rights issues and securing the enforcement of human rights law
- The advancement of the study of and research into international problems and institutions with a view to the education of the public and the dissemination of the results of such study and research for the purpose of assisting such relief as aforesaid
- The advancement of environmental protection improvement and sustainable development
- The promotion of volunteering and good citizenship
- The support generally, within the powers hereby conferred, of the work of the United Nations or of any of its related associate agencies insofar as such work promotes all or any of the objects mentioned in any of the above.

## Programme activities and impact 2022-2023

The 2022-2023 year marked another iteration of change for UNA-UK. With a new CEO joining in April 2022 and a new board chair in post from June 2022, the change in leadership marked a change in strategic direction.

During this time, a new strategy was developed and workshopped to reflect the ever changing global landscape that UNA-UK operates in. Whilst this was underway, the 2021-2022 Strategic Plan out strategy was used to guide the charity's work, focusing on three broad programmes:

- **The UN we need** – through research and campaigns, we will generate momentum to make our global institutions more able to achieve this vision, as well as more open, inclusive and accountable to the people they serve
- **The UK's role** – through advocacy and engagement, we will encourage our country to lead by example, making the case for global solidarity and cooperation, at home and abroad, and backing it up with concrete actions
- **The future we want** – through outreach and communications, we will engage people in the UK and beyond in building a better future for all, and empower them to address the challenges we face



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This is the second year we have measured impact using the Transformational Index - a tool developed in 2019 and 2020 through team workshops led by a leading consultant specialising in charity monitoring, evaluation and learning. The Transformational Index is widely used by not-for-profit organisations and our Index has been tailored to report on progress towards UNA-UK's Strategic Plan. The Index is structured by five measures which, taken together, represent a proxy for our impact and progress towards our mission: (1) diversity (2) wins board (3) active supporters, (4) campaign milestones and (5) reflection and adaptation. UNA-UK's full Transformational Index methodology, which explains how and why we chose these 5 measures, can be found **here.**
This report looks at the policy and campaign impact we have had across our programme of work bringing in elements of our five Transformational Index measures to demonstrate our impact and approach.

**The UN we need**
Through research and campaigns, we will generate momentum to make our global institutions more able to achieve this vision, as well as more open, inclusive and accountable to the people they serve.

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| **Workstream:** Ukraine/Russia conflict<br>**Overall objective:** Support for multilateralism and the UN Charter |
| Activities and impact<br>As the war in Ukraine entered into its second year, UNA-UK looked for ways to support UN and civil society activity on Ukraine. We continued engaging on the veto initiative, a General Assembly mechanism to raise the political cost of P5 states wielding a veto in the Security Council. We published a statement on the grain deal to draw attention to the significant diplomatic agreement and critically important step in alleviating catastrophic global food shortages. We linked up Ukrainian civil society organisations with New York contacts to ensure they had a wide and supportive global network through which to conduct their advocacy. |
| **Workstream:** Post UN75 follow-up process<br>**Overall objective:** A transformative follow-up process to the UN's 75th anniversary declaration that will bring us closer to the UN we need |
| This year marked the culmination of our Global Challenges Foundation funded work. The main body of work was a non-public report written by UNA-UK advisor Sam Daws which focused on precedence for Secretary General reform. The language was well received by the Secretary General's office as well as with other diplomats. The principles of this report were echoed in our wider public-facing work, including in our strategic advice and advocacy support to C4UN regarding the Summit of the Future. We attended closed-door consultations with the High Level Advisory Board and supported on the Global People's Forum. One of our staff wrote an article for a C4UN paper series on feminist approaches to Our common Agenda and spoke on a panel about her piece at CSW.<br>Specifically, our campaigning for a civil society champion was promoted to the High Level Advisory Board and at the Global People's Forum. Though this particular campaign aim has been met with pushback, there was some level of traction within the High Level Advisory Board and people within the UN who were briefed by our staff championed this ask.<br><br>Lastly, CIVICUS's State of Civil Society report featured our campaign asks as part of their top proposals and one of our staff members spoke at the launch event. |
| **Workstream: Merit-based UN appointments:**<br>**Overall objective:** Transparent, inclusive recruitment processes for top UN jobs and progress on other 1 for 7 Billion priorities (including single term, multiple candidates and civil society inclusion) |
| This year UNA-UK in partnership with PassBlue and funded by the Open Society Foundation launched the Blue Smoke campaign for transparency around senior appointments at the UN.<br>Progress was made on three issues that Blue Smoke has raised. First, UN member states broke new ground by addressing the issue of transparency in campaign financing. An Assembly resolution invites future candidates to *"voluntarily disclose any funding sources."* This new convention could reveal which candidates are the best funded, where their money's coming from and if there are conflicts of interest between funding sources and their planned policy programme. Second, there is a strong call encouraging states to bear in mind the unbroken chain of male Secretaries-General when nominating candidates for the |



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| next term, 2027-2031. Lastly, states have added a request for a written update *"with details on the process for appointing and electing each of the executive heads."* This means that rather than Blue Smoke having to piece together hearsay and rumour, for the first time the Secretary-General may be compelled to explain how the UN leader decides whom to appoint. |
| **Workstream: Climate action, sustainable development and global health**<br>**Overall objective:** The adoption of a global new deal including pathways for a just transition to zero carbon and environmental protection. |
| As we have no dedicated funding to work on climate action as its own campaign, we built the issue into our current campaigns, including as a thematic element in Blue Smoke. We provide commentary on climate governance issues on occasion, and one of our staff members spoke at the UNDP's Don't Choose Extinction London launch. |

**The UK's role**
Through advocacy and engagement, we will encourage our country to lead by example, making the case for global solidarity and cooperation, at home and abroad, and backing it up with concrete actions.

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| **Workstream:** Campaign to Stop Killer Robots<br>**Overall objective:** The UK Government supports the creation of such a treaty, participates in its negotiation and subsequently joins it. |
| With funding from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust and the global Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, we were able to increase our work on lethal autonomous weapons by engaging our university network and successfully seeing the creation of the UK House of Lords Special Committee on AI in Weapons Systems. The UK Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, whose coordinator is hosted by UNA-UK, published a new report about role of UK universities in the development of autonomous weapons systems and with UNA-UK's support built a new website for the UK campaign. |
| **Workstream:** Nuclear disarmament<br>**Overall objective:** The UK Government adopts a constructive and cooperative approach to the TPNW and its supporters |
| With ongoing funding from JRCT and the Marmot Charitable UNA-UK continued to raise awareness about the harm caused by the UK's tests in Kiribati in the context of new opportunities for recognition and remediation, given Kiribati's role as a state party to the TPNW. Following the publication of the 'Addressing British nuclear tests in Kiribati: a new opportunity for victim assistance + environmental remediation' briefing, UNA-UK raised awareness about the recommendations made within the briefing to the public and to policymakers. |
| **Workstream:** A principled, multilateral UK that supports the UN<br>**Overall objective:** The development of a UK strategy for strengthening the UN backed by a feminist, ethical foreign policy |
| UNA-UK hosted APPG events focused on the Universal Periodic Review and the UK's human rights record, drawing the attention of Parliamentarians to areas of improvement. We provided real time critical analysis that went semi-viral regarding the Illegal Migration Bill which focused on the dissonance between national action and international commitments. We worked with the Atrocity Prevention Working Group on the UK's National Plan for Atrocity Prevention, and gave oral evidence to the international Development Committee on the topic of arms control. We also submitted evidence for the Integrated Review Refresh as well as worked with our partner organisation GAPS on establishing a new UK working group on Feminist Foreign Policy, speaking to the press and at events about the issue. Lastly, in alignment with the Blue Smoke Campaign, we called for commitments to Secretary General selection reform as well as issues surrounding ringfencing of senior level appointments at the UN, specifically calling on the UK to take a stance on these issues. |



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| **Workstream:** UN peacekeeping<br>**Overall objective:** Increased UK support for UN peacekeeping. More effective, people-centred peace operations |
| We delivered a successful UN Peacekeepers Day conference in partnership with RUSI and UNA Westminster which featured the Special Representative Nicholas Haysom, Head of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan and other prominent speakers. The associated ceremony included in which over 80 states, a UK minister and a large contingent of British peacekeepers, which helped to ensure that peacekeeping retains a prominent and respected place within the UK's political and foreign policy ecosystem. |
| **Workstream:** Arms exports<br>**Overall objective:** The UK reviews and strengthens its export controls mechanisms and implements them promptly |
| Without dedicated funding we built on the previous year's work on the Integrated Review. UNA-UK continued its partnership with Rethinking Security and was involved with drafting a submission of evidence to Parliament. |

**The future we want**
Through outreach and communications, we will engage people in the UK and beyond in building a better future for all, and empower them to address the challenges we face.

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| **Outreach and engagement with the public**<br>**Overall objective:** Provide opportunities for young people, community groups and the British public to learn about UN issues, engage with UN initiatives and support priorities such as poverty alleviation and environmental protection |
| We have provided the following opportunities for youth and community engagement:<br>• Continued engagement with university students or recent graduates on our campaign to ban lethal autonomous weapons.<br>• The ability to feed into the Blue Smoke tip line and draw awareness to any senior appointments that needed further spotlighting.<br>• The chance to engage on detailed and specific areas of UN related activity with field-relevant experts. This included the in-depth policy sessions of our annual Peacekeepers Day conference, in which discounted tickets for students and youth were available.<br>• Regular virtual meetings with our network of UNA Groups across the country, providing an opportunity for our members and supporters to engage and provide feedback on the work of UNA-UK and to share best practice and success stories of the work and campaigns UNA Groups across the UK have been involved in<br>• Our staff also took part in a large number of international events and travelled to further our partnership and campaign aims, including a trip to New York to meet with our current funders and current partners ahead of re-generating the 1 for 8 Billion Campaign. |
| **Communications and media**<br>**Overall objective:** Create information and educational materials and provide accurate information on UN issues through media engagement |
| We created a number of information and educational materials during the year to ensure that the public - including those offline - were informed about key UN and UK activities on issues such as pandemic response and climate change. This included:<br>• Briefings and updates on the schedule and priorities for the UN General Assembly, the details of Our Common Agenda, and on inclusive multilateralism.<br>• Briefings and updates on foreign policy, defence policy, development aid and budget, and human rights.<br>• Analysis on global civil society access to the UN and continued communications on the impact of UK nuclear testing in Kiribati.<br>• Resources to support our university groups and campaigns on killer robots, nuclear disarmament and a UN civil society champion.<br>• Opinion pieces from staff members in media outlets, quotes to journalists, and citations of our work in articles and reports from other NGOs.<br>• Positive high-level feedback from UN officials and diplomats about Blue Smoke.<br>Throughout the year, UNA-UK's media work has contributed to public and expert understanding of the UK's role at the UN, the value of multilateral cooperation, and the ongoing importance of UK support for the UN. |



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## Organisational Integrity and Growth

In line with our strategic objectives we have continued to work internally and collaboratively in a way that upholds the values of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We have done so by ensuring our organisation, networks, events and publications reflect diversity in all its forms and champion lesser-heard voices.

We haven't participated in any all-male panels while engaging in public events, and have continued to walk the talk on inclusion and diversity as well as championing the voices of civil society in Low and Middle Income Countries.

As a learning organisation we place importance on building in time to reflect on progress and adapt our operations based on quantitative and qualitative data. The ongoing reporting through the Transformational Index allows us to continue to collect robust data on our actions towards these commitments.

| **Walking the talk: greening UNA-UK** |
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| We continued our commitment to making our office greener and our processes more sustainable. We have transitioned to a paperless office and licencees and UNA-UK staff are encouraged to only print when absolutely necessary and to unsubscribe from printed mail communications. Most of our events were hybrid and so reduced transport emissions by cutting rail, air and car travel.<br>We have also fully transitioned to a hybrid working model, with one mandatory day in office, which reduces unnecessary journeys and limits the services that require the use of polluting vehicles for deliveries or collections to our office.<br>As we have done for several years now, the Sir Brian Urquhart Award did not come in the form of a trophy, but as donations to the Eden Reforestation Projects. |
| **Walking the talk: inclusion** |
| UNA-UK reflects and actively promotes inclusion and diversity in all aspects of its work.<br>The Sir Brian Urquhart Award was awarded to Clare Short, a trailblazing women politician. UNA-UK also underwent an extensive board recruitment process to bring our trustee number to 14, which is full capacity. Diversity of expertise, lived experience, and social categories were at the forefront of this process. |
| **Walking the talk: compassion** |
| UNA-UK leads by example in creating forward-looking, compassionate and flexible working practices.<br>The four day work week was codified into UNA-UK policy, as was a clear and transparent Remuneration Policy to ensure staff pay and benefits were outlined clearly and against industry-wide benchmarks. We also introduced an annual Wellbeing Stipend and designed a Mental Health Action Plan for any employee experiencing mental health issues. |



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## Plans for 2023-24

The new 2023-2025 Strategic Plan is in place. With strategic objectives broadly organised into two categories: 1. The impact we want to have, focusing on our programmatic objectives, and 2. How we achieve impact, focusing on organizational efficiency.

**The Impact We Want to Have: Programme Objectives**
UNA-UK has a long legacy of high impact work and a reputation of excellence within UN and foreign policy circles. The strategic objectives found here will refine our focus and scope of work to ensure coherence and further excellence:
1. Increase the impact of UNA-UK's work.
2. Clarify & revitalise relationships with the wider UNA-UK community.
UNA-UK has a proud legacy of grassroots engagement and UK mobilisation. In order to reach new demographics, including young people roughly defined as 35 and under, the following objectives are set out so that this strategic period is focused on clarifying and revitalising UNA-UK's approach to grassroots engagement.

**How We Achieve Impact: Organisational Objectives**
In order to achieve the above, the following internally focused objectives are set in order to ensure UNA-UK is a sustainable and efficient organisation with sufficient resources to carry out its charitable mission:

3. Improve UNA-UK branding and communications.
4. Improve organisational effectiveness to better deliver on campaign, policy, and outreach work.
5. Develop organisational culture to align UNA-UK with its mission, vision, and values and to ensure staff are supported by UNA-UK.
6. Improve financial sustainability so UNA-UK can successfully achieve its above objectives.

Each strategic objective is broken down into SMART goals, which will be used to track progress.

## Governance and Management

**Decision Making**
The governance and decision-making of the charity rests with the Board of Directors/Trustees; these are the charity's key management personnel and include the Chief Executive Officer (job title changed from Executive Director). No other trustees received any remuneration for their services.

The Chief Executive Officer's remuneration policy is stipulated in UNA-UK's Articles. The Chief Executive Officer's remuneration is recommended by the Finance & Governance Committee and approved by the UNA-UK Board. She is also a Trustee and Director of UNA-UK.

The Board meets four times a year. It is made up of the Chair, elected by the Board; the Honorary Treasurer; two Trustees elected by members of UNA-UK; one Trustee representing UNA-UK's biennial Conference, the Chief Executive Officer and up to eight further Trustees recruited for their skills and expertise.

New trustees are given a copy of 'UNA-UK Trustee induction pack' which includes an overview of their legal obligations as a trustee together with a copy of UNA-UK's Articles of Association and Code of Conduct.

The Board was supported in its work by the Finance and Governance Committee (F&GC). The F&GC provided oversight of the finance and governance of UNA-UK including setting staff pay and conditions, risk management processes, internal controls, the integrity of financial statements and the external audit process. The Chair of the committee is the honorary treasurer and a full member of the Board. A minimum of 50% of the Committee members are also members of the UNA-UK Board.

A second sub-committee, the Conference Committee, focuses solely on the organisation of a biennial UNA-UK Conference. The Chair of the Conference Committee is also a member of the Board.

Day-to-day operation has been delegated to the staff of UNA-UK, through the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer is a full member of the Board and attends both Board meetings and other sub-committee meetings and provides feedback on performance in pursuit of the charity's objectives. The Chair provides supervision and guidance to the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operations Officer.



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**Pro bono legal support**
The Trustees and staff of UNA-UK continue to be immensely grateful for the pro bono legal support received from Baker McKenzie during the year and in previous years. In line with the SORP, the contribution of pro bono legal advice, which we would otherwise have had to purchase during this year of transition for the Charity, amounted to an estimated £75k (2022 £219k). This amount is included within the financial statements as a donation and a corresponding amount is included in expenditure. We cannot thank Baker McKenzie enough for their valuable support.

**Planning**
The charity continued to pursue the overall objectives of the charity as set out in the charity's 2022-2024 strategic plan. The Executive's work is derived from the strategic plan and Board priorities. The Charity uses Transformational Index (TI) as a tool to report on the charity's progress towards its Strategic Plan. The measures were developed in workshops with the staff team led by a leading consultant specialising in charity monitoring, evaluation and learning.

The TI measures are designed to give comparable data which will chronicle progress over the course of our Strategic Plan, with scope to refine and adapt as opportunities arise and campaign priorities change, for example, when new funding is secured. The TI report builds on the previous system of reporting on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). TI reporting includes both qualitative and quantitative information not previously captured by KPIs. TI reporting provides us with tools to report impact more stridently and with greater precision, including measures to increase the organisation's inclusivity and engage a more diverse audience over time.

**Risk Management**
Risk management is the responsibility of the Board, supported by the Finance and Governance Committee. Strategic and operational risks are regularly reviewed by the Committee as presented by the Executive. Each risk identified is managed through a risk map. Where possible the risks are managed by ensuring adequate internal controls are in place to mitigate and reduce risks where possible and these are reviewed and assessed regularly to establish if any further actions can be taken.

The risk map covers areas such as Reputation, Operational Delivery, Fundraising, People, Governance and IT. For the last few years, the Trustees have assessed the most significant risks to be associated with income generation, in particular the risk of having limited resources or not being able to replace funding to sustain current levels of activity. Contingency plans have been developed in the event the Charity is unable to secure sufficient income to sustain its current level of activity. The charity has secured sufficient unrestricted income to fund its current strategy period.

Strategic and operational risks are reviewed at each F&GC meeting to ensure where possible action is taken to mitigate any risks identified. However, the nature of some of these risks, in particular reputational risks associated with the UN, means that majority of these risks are outside the control of the charity. The Trustees believe adequate controls are in place to manage operational risks identified to date.

**Risks relating to current global and economic environment**
As part of the organisation's risk management, risks related to the pandemic on all aspects of the charity's operations were added to the charity's risk register. The charity's drive towards a paperless office helped the charity transition to remote working relatively seamlessly. All staff have successfully been working remotely. Following consultations with the staff and the Finance and Governance Committee and to safeguard the charity's staff and protect their well-being, the charity reviewed and updated its staff benefits and remuneration policy which now includes 4-day working week with a mandatory team day in the office once a week. A combination of successful fundraising, prudent financial management and legacies means the charity's 2022-2024 strategy is fully funded. Current financial risk assessment indicates that there is a risk that the charity will not be able to maintain all its income streams at current levels, however this has been taken into consideration when preparing budgets and cashflows for the following year.

In addition to the above, the full impact of current global and economic crisis due to inflation and the Ukraine/Russia crisis is still unknown. It is therefore not currently possible to evaluate all the potential implications for the charity's activities, funders, suppliers and the wider economy. Estimates used in the financial statements, particularly with respect to the value of listed investments (see note 10) are subject to a greater degree of uncertainty and volatility.



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### Going Concern

As set out in the accounting policies under "going concern", the trustees have considered the impact of the current economic environment and have concluded that despite these challenges and although there may be some negative consequences, the charity has sufficient reserves to continue preparing its Financial Statements on the going concern basis.

## Financial Review

### Income

Total income during 2022-23 was £1,549,213 (2021-22: £597,301), which came from the following sources:

- £1,311,638 (2021-22: £201,175) from grants of which £501,638 (2021-22: £201,175) were restricted
- £74,701 (2021-22: £218,607) gift in kind for legal services
- £53,886 (2021-22: £66,443) from membership subscriptions and donations
- £73,786 (2021-22: £70,997) from Suite 98 Ltd/98 Whitehall Court LLP and Investment Income
- £30,681 (2021-22: £28,004) from interest and dividend income from investments
- £0 (2021-22: £1,000) from legacies
- £4,521 (2021-22: £10,475) other income, £3,721 (2021-22: £2,828) income from events

### Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2022-23 was £791,931 (2021-22: £703,441), of which 90%, £709,568 (2021-22: 97%, £688,614) was used on charitable activities. There are three broad strands to the charitable activities of UNA-UK, namely work towards a safer, fairer and more sustainable world; provision of information; and educational activities.

### Investments

The UNA-UK investment portfolio is invested in CCLA Investments Limited's COIF Charity Ethical Investment Fund. The Fund is managed in accordance with the policy set by the Fund's Board and CCLA's response to the UK Stewardship Code. The Fund's aim is to provide a long-term total return comprising growth in capital and distributions. The Fund's policy is to actively manage a diversified portfolio of assets designed to help protect both present and future beneficiaries from the effects of inflation. The Fund has an emphasis on equities, but will also include property, bonds and other asset classes. The Fund has a wide range of ethical restrictions advised by an ethical advisory group that assists in the development of the Fund's client-driven ethical investment policy.

### Investments Performance

The Fund achieved a total return after expenses of 5.51%* over 1 year. Equities in the portfolio have performed very well over this period, rising over 13% in GBP terms. However, as interest rates have risen, asset values in the alternative and property sectors have declined such as renewable energy assets and REIT's. This compares with a return of -2.93% on the previous year.

The trustees are satisfied that the investment aims above have been met. The trustees are hopeful that the performance objective of their investment policy to generate a total return of at least inflation (CPI) plus 3% over the medium term, as income or capital appreciation will continue to be achieved in the coming years, but recognise that achieving the objective may be challenging against a backdrop of possible increases in interest rates and while stock markets remain potentially volatile in current geopolitical circumstances.

### Reserves Policy

Reserves at 30 June 2023 were £2,715,035 (2022: £1,684,571) of which £158,169 (2022: £4,570) were unspent restricted grants, £411,660 (2022: £431,001) relates to John Bright Endowment, £1,574,603 (2022: £550,000) represents long term fixed asset investment in Suite 98 Ltd (UNA-UK office premises), and £9,500 (2022: £9,500) in other designated funds - leaving £561,103 (2022: £689,500) in unrestricted general funds at the year-end.

The Trustees have reviewed risks during the year in developing the charity's reserves policy, which is retaining sufficient unrestricted general funds to meet as a minimum six months of the charity's staff costs, currently estimated to be £250,000 (2022: £240,000). As at 30 June 2023, the charity had £561,103 (2022: £689,500) in unrestricted general reserves equivalent to 13 (2022:17) months staff costs. Excess over the reserves policy will help fund UNA-UK's 2023-2025 strategy and has provided the charity with some financial stability over the next couple of years.



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**Fundraising**

We have been fortunate, considering the current funding environment which has proved very challenging in a number of areas, the charity managed to secure a total of £1,311,638 grant funding during the year. UNA-UK will continue to pursue other grant makers whilst also seeking to develop other sustainable income streams, which provide unrestricted core funding for the charity.

Like all of our work, our fundraising activities are grounded in the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and we aspire to best practice in terms of transparency. We fundraise solely for our work, using content for which we own the copyright and/or have received permission. Our fundraising materials overwhelmingly use images from our own events and campaigns, and quotes from our members and supporters. We are mindful of accessibility and diversity when producing these materials and work hard to ensure that our objectives and activities are portrayed accurately.

The bulk of these activities are carried out by UNA-UK staff team, from writing funding bids and appeals to processing donations and organising events, with Trustees providing practical support and guidance. We also seek informal advice from our members and supporters, for example, when crafting sensitive appeals such as legacy appeals.

We support staff training and development and have strict policies and processes in place to ensure that our activities comply with regulations as well as with our values as an organisation. The Board has advertised and recruited Trustees with particular skills, knowledge and experience in this area, and will continue to do so.

During the year 2%, £29,299 (2022: 3%, £14,827) of our income was spent on fundraising. We do not use professional fundraisers or commercial agents for our fundraising.

Our UNA groups fundraise for their activities, we have produced guidance documents to assist them in carrying out their activities in a fair, inclusive and transparent manner. These groups are legally and financially autonomous from UNA-UK, but they play a crucial role in furthering the charity's objectives in their local communities. To date, we have not received any fundraising complaints. Should this occur in the future, they would be handled using the same process as for any other complaints. The top-level process is set out in the charity's Articles, with further detail in organisational policies.

In terms of seeking donations from members of the public, this is overwhelmingly limited to email appeals to our existing members and supporters, save for the occasional appeal at UNA-UK public events and social media platforms. All members and supporters can opt out from receiving our approaches at any time. The charity never 'cold calls' anyone, nor do we engage in street fundraising.

As anyone can become a member or supporter of UNA-UK, it is likely that some people who could be described as vulnerable will receive communications from us. We strive to ensure that all of our communications are respectful and sensitive – nobody should ever feel under pressure to make a financial contribution to UNA-UK.

In light the increased financial hardship for many people in the UK, our Board took the decision to reduce membership categories to one category for all individuals and reduce the membership fee to an affordable amount at £10 for an annual subscription, thereby removing financial barriers to membership.

While the public element of our fundraising remains modest, we have not registered with the Fundraising Regulator, but plan to do so should our financial situation change. We already comply with the spirit of the Fundraising Promise.



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## Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of United Nations Association – UK for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the Trustees confirm that:

- so far as the Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Trustees on 20 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Baroness Anelay of St Johns

Baroness Anelay of St Johns
Chair



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## Independent Auditor's report to the members of United Nations Association - UK

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of United Nations Association - UK (the 'parent company') and its subsidiary ('the group') for the year ended 31 June 2023 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's affairs as at 30 June 2023 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's and the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report and financial statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



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**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

**Responsibilities of trustees**
As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2019), in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) applicable to smaller entities, the Companies Act 2006.
- We understood how United Nations Association – UK is complying with those frameworks via communication with those charged with governance, together with the review of the group's and parent company's documented policies and procedures. United Nations Association – UK is required to comply with both company law and charity law and, based on our knowledge of its activities, we identified that the legal requirement to accurately account for restricted funds was of key significance.



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- The audit team, which is experienced in the audit of charities, considered the charity's susceptibility to material misstatement and how fraud may occur. Our considerations included the risk of management override and allocation of costs to charitable activities and restricted funds.
- Our approach was to check that the income from grants, donations and investment returns were properly identified and accurately disclosed, that expenditure complied with the control procedures and was appropriately charged. We also reviewed major journal adjustments along with unusual transactions and considered the identification and disclosure of related party transactions.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: *https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities*. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the parent company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken, so that we might state to the parent company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the parent company and the parent company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

Shoaib Arshad (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of:
**Knox Cropper LLP**
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
65 Leadenhall Street
London
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Date 13 October 2023



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# Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

## Consolidated Incorporating and Income and Expenditure Account

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | **Group 2022-23** | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | **UNA-UK 2021-22** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME** | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations and Legacies | (2) | 128,587 | - | - | 128,587 | 286,050 | - | - | 286,050 |
| Income from Charitable Activites | (3) | 814,521 | 501,638 | - | 1,316,159 | 10,475 | 201,775 | - | 212,250 |
| Investment Income | (4) | 59,328 | - | - | 59,328 | 99,001 | - | - | 99,001 |
| **Total Income - Charity UNA-UK** | | 1,002,436 | 501,638 | - | 1,504,074 | 395,526 | 201,775 | - | 597,301 |
| Subsidiary income | (4) | 45,139 | - | - | 45,139 | - | - | - | - |
| **Total Income - Group** | | 1,047,575 | 501,638 | - | 1,549,213 | 395,526 | 201,775 | - | 597,301 |
| **EXPENDITURE** | | | | | | | | | |
| Raising funds | (5) | 29,229 | - | - | 29,229 | 14,827 | - | - | 14,827 |
| Charitable activities | (6) | 342,188 | 348,039 | 19,341 | 709,568 | 385,847 | 292,306 | 10,461 | 688,614 |
| **Total Expenditure - Charity UNA-UK** | | 371,417 | 348,039 | 19,341 | 738,797 | 400,674 | 292,306 | 10,461 | 703,441 |
| Subsidiary expenditure | (6) | 53,134 | - | - | 53,134 | - | - | - | - |
| **Total Expenditure - Group** | | 424,551 | 348,039 | 19,341 | 791,931 | 400,674 | 292,306 | 10,461 | 703,441 |
| **Net (expenditure)/income before (losses)/gains on investments** | | 623,024 | 153,599 | (19,341) | 757,282 | (5,148) | (90,531) | (10,461) | (106,140) |
| Net unreaslised (losses)/gains on Investments | (10) | 13,700 | - | 9,482 | 23,182 | (34,747) | - | (25,479) | (60,226) |
| Net Reaslised (losses)/gains on Investments | (10) | 250,000 | - | - | 250,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers to/from unrestricted funds | (13) | 9,482 | - | (9,482) | - | (25,479) | - | 25,479 | - |
| **Net (expenditure)/income and movement in funds** | | 896,206 | 153,599 | (19,341) | 1,030,464 | (65,374) | (90,531) | (10,461) | (166,366) |
| **Reconciliation of Funds** | | | | | | | | | |
| Funds Brought Forward | | 1,249,000 | 4,570 | 431,001 | 1,684,571 | 1,314,374 | 95,101 | 441,462 | 1,850,937 |
| Funds carried forward | | 2,145,206 | 158,169 | 411,660 | 2,715,035 | 1,249,000 | 4,570 | 431,001 | 1,684,571 |

All income and expenditure during each financial year was in respect of continuing activities.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the above Statement of Financial Activities



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# Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023

| | Note | 30 June 2023 Charity UNA-UK | 30 June 2023 GROUP | 30 June 2022 Charity UNA-UK |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | |
| Fixed Assets | | | | |
| Tangible Fixed Assets | (10) | - | 1,574,603 | - |
| Fixed asset investments | (11) | 1,006,447 | 1,006,447 | 1,533,265 |
| Total Fixed Assets | | 1,006,447 | 2,581,050 | 1,533,265 |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Debtors | (12) | 6,162 | 10,524 | 52,406 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | | 130,832 | 171,160 | 120,963 |
| Creditors | | | | |
| Creditors amount falling due within one year | (13) | (43,557) | (47,699) | (22,063) |
| Net Current Assets | | 93,437 | 133,985 | 151,306 |
| Total Net Assets | | 1,099,884 | 2,715,035 | 1,684,571 |
| The Funds of the Charity | | | | |
| Endowment | (14) | 411,660 | 411,660 | 431,001 |
| Restricted | (15) | 158,169 | 158,169 | 4,570 |
| Unrestricted Designated Funds | (16) | 9,500 | 1,584,103 | 559,500 |
| Unrestricted General Funds | | 520,555 | 561,103 | 689,500 |
| Total Charity Funds | | 1,099,884 | 2,715,035 | 1,684,571 |

The notes on pages 19-30 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by Trustees of UNA-UK at a meeting held on 20 September 2023 and were signed on their behalf by:

Baroness Anelay of St Johns

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Baroness Anelay of St Johns
Chair

…….
Frances Chambers
Honorary Treasurer

Companies House Registered Number: 07824306
Charity Commission Registered Number: 1146016



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# Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2023

| | | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| **Net cash provided by operating activities** | A | 1,069,516 | (164,841) |
| **Cash flows from investing activities** | B | 30,681 | 28,004 |
| **Change in Cash and cash equivalents in the year** | | 1,100,197 | (136,837) |
| **Add cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year** | C | 120,963 | 257,800 |
| **Less cash invested in fixed asset during the year** | | (1,050,000) | - |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year** | | 171,160 | 120,963 |

| **Table A** | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| **Cash flows (used in)/from operating activities** | | |
| Net (expenditure)/income as per the Statement of Financial Activities | 1,030,464 | (166,366) |
| Adjustments for non-cash items: | | |
| Dividends and interest income | (30,681) | (28,004) |
| Unrealised loss/(gain) on investments | (23,182) | 60,226 |
| (Increase)/Decrease in debtors | 41,882 | (40,255) |
| Increase/(Decrease) in creditors | 25,636 | 9,558 |
| Depreciation - Suite 98 Ltd | 25,397 | - |
| **Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities** | 1,069,516 | (164,841) |

| **Table B** | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| **Cash flows from investing activities** | | |
| Dividend and Interest income | 30,681 | 28,004 |
| **Net cash provided by investing activities** | 30,681 | 28,004 |

| **Table C** | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| **Analysis of cash and cash equivalents** | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 171,160 | 120,963 |
| **Total cash and cash equivalents** | 171,160 | 120,963 |

No separate reconciliation of net debt has been prepared as there is no difference between the net cash (debt) of the charitable company and the cash and cash equivalents.



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# Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting policies

**(i) Basis of Accounting**
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.The financial statements are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

**Group financial statements**
These financial statements consolidate the results of the Charity and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Suite 98 Limited, on a line by line basis. A separate Statement of Financial Activities for the Charity itself is not presented because the Charity has taken advantage of the exemptions afforded by the Companies Act 2006 and SORP 2019.

**(ii) Going Concern**
The Financial Statements are prepared on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The Trustees have approved the charity's budgets and projections to June 2025 and concluded that the charity has adequate resources to fund its activities for at least twelve months from the date of the signing of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge and recognise the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the wider economic situation due to the current inflation and the Ukraine/Russia crisis and have concluded that although there may be some negative consequences, due to wider uncertainty and economic impact with a likely reduction in income streams in future, such as donations, premises income and investment income, it is still appropriate for the charity to continue to prepare its financial statements on the going concern basis as the Charity's 2023-2025 Strategic Plan is fully funded, the trustees are confident that the charity has sufficient resources to meet its liabilities for the next 3-4 years.

**(iii) Judgements and Estimates**
In the opinion of the Trustees, judgements made that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and any key assumptions or estimates used which might cause a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period include:

- Estimating the useful economic lives of intangible fixed assets for the purpose of determining the annual amortisation charge;
- Valuing the investment in Suite 98 Ltd/98 Whitehall Court LLP;
- Valuing the gift in kind legal advice;
- Allocating support costs; and
- Impact from risk assessments relating to current wider economic crisis



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**(iv) Income recognition**

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises membership subscriptions, donations, grants, legacies, investment income and other income.

Membership subscriptions and donations, received under Gift Aid or deed of covenant, are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Gifts of professional services, if material, are recognised as income when:

- the charity has received the service,
- any conditions associated with the gift have been met and
- the economic receipt of the benefit can be measured reliably.

The value as a gift to the charity is the amount the charity would have paid to obtain the services; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure for the same accounting period.

In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 volunteer time is not recognised.

Legacies are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the legacy, the executors have established that there are sufficient surplus assets in the estate to pay the legacy, and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity.

Entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably, and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title of the asset having being transferred to the charity.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**(v) Grants**

Income from charitable activities includes any grant income received. This income may be classed as restricted or unrestricted dependent on any grant conditions attached to the income by the donor.

Grants for which the funder has agreed the charity's entitlement to income is based on satisfactory progress reports for the delivery of the agreed project/activities are treated as performance related grants and the income is recognised in accordance with the underlying activity as agreed with the funder.

Where there are no conditions attached to the grant, the income is credited to the statement of financial activities in the year in which the charity is entitled to the income in accordance with the with the funding agreement.



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**(vi) Expenditure recognition**
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs. All expenses, including support costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. The classification between activities is as follows:

- Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure associated with raising funds for the charity. This includes investment management fees, staff costs associated with fundraising, and an allocation of support costs.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs associated with furthering the charitable purposes of the charity through the provision of its charitable activities. Such costs include direct staff costs, direct project costs and allocation of indirect support costs and overheads including governance costs.
- Staff time is used as a method of allocating indirect costs.
- All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**(vii) Intangible Fixed assets**
Intangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. They are amortised at 33% per annum on a straight-line basis.

**(viii) Investments**
The investment in Suite 98 Limited, which is 100% owned by UNA-UK and holds the premises lease of UNA-UK offices is stated at purchase cost of £1.6m in July 2022 less depreciation over the life of the lease. The lease is due to expire in March 2026.

Listed investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals during the year are recognised in the statement of financial activities.

**(ix) Pension Benefits**
The company contributes to eligible individuals' personal pension schemes which are independently administered using the salary sacrifice scheme. Pension costs are related to the salary paid and are charged to the accounts as they fall due. Contributions were made in respect of two directors (2021: one) during the year.

**(x) Funds Structure**
Expendable endowment funds represent those assets which the trustee have power to invest and which have been invested to generate investment income and capital gains. Income arising on expendable endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering these funds are charged to each individual fund.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the organisation's charitable purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for use on specific purposes. The Trustees may transfer them back if there is no longer a requirement for the expenditure to be made.

**(xi) Operating leases**
Operating lease costs are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period for which they fall due.



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**(xii) Financial Instruments**
UNA-UK has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, together with trade and other debtors. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise trade creditors.

**(xiii) Cash at bank and in hand**
Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid cash held in bank accounts or on deposit accounts with short term maturity of three months or less.

**(xiv) Debtors and Prepayments**
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered.

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

**(xv) Creditors and Provisions**
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

## 2. Income from donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2023 | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Membership Subscriptions | 4,090 | - | 4,090 | 8,530 | - | 8,530 |
| Gifts | 74,701 | - | 74,701 | 218,607 | - | 218,607 |
| Donations | 45,229 | - | 45,229 | 54,040 | - | 54,040 |
| Gift Aid | 4,567 | - | 4,567 | 3,873 | - | 3,873 |
| Legacies | - | - | - | 1,000 | - | 1,000 |
| | 128,587 | - | 128,587 | 286,050 | - | 286,050 |

The unrestricted gifts include £75k (2022: £219k) pro bono legal support provided during the year. The corresponding expenditure is included within note 8.

## 3. Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2023 | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Grants | | | | | | |
| UNA Trust | 800,000 | 100,000 | 900,000 | - | - | - |
| Open Society Foundations | | 257,865 | 257,865 | - | - | - |
| Global Challenges Foundation | - | 56,773 | 56,773 | - | 117,775 | 117,775 |
| Campaign to Stop Killer Robots | - | - | - | - | 12,633 | 12,633 |
| Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT) | 10,000 | 50,000 | 60,000 | - | 36,367 | 36,367 |
| UN House Scotland (JRCT) | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | - | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Marmot Trust | - | 25,000 | 25,000 | - | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Other small grants | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | - | - | - |
| Income from Events | 3,721 | - | 3,721 | 2,828 | - | 2,828 |
| Other Income | 800 | - | 800 | 7,647 | - | 7,647 |
| | 814,521 | 501,638 | 1,316,159 | 10,475 | 201,775 | 212,250 |

## 4. Income from investments



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| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2023 | Unrestricted | Restricted | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 98 Whitehall Court LLP | | | | | | |
| Interest on loan | 5,500 | - | 5,500 | 22,000 | - | 22,000 |
| Distribution of Profit | 23,147 | - | 23,147 | 48,997 | - | 48,997 |
| Interest and Dividend Income received during the year | 30,681 | - | 30,681 | 28,004 | - | 28,004 |
| **Income - Charity UNA-UK** | **59,328** | **-** | **59,328** | **99,001** | **-** | **99,001** |
| Subsidiary - Suite 98 Ltd | 45,139 | - | 45,139 | - | - | - |
| **Income - Group** | **104,467** | **-** | **104,467** | **99,001** | **-** | **99,001** |

## 5. Expenditure on raising funds

| | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Staff Costs | 29,229 | 11,337 |
| Allocated Fundraising costs | - | 3,490 |
| Total expenditure on raising fund | 29,229 | 14,827 |

## 6. Analysis of the expenditure on charitable activities and raising funds

*The expenditure on charitable activities is after allocation of general overheads. Direct costs and the allocation of support costs including the bases used for allocation are shown below.*

| | | Allocation of Overheads | | | | | Allocation of Overheads | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Direct Costs | Staff Costs | Office Overheads | Governance | 30 June 2023 | Direct Costs | Staff Costs | Office Overheads | Governance | 30 June 2022 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Charitable Activities | | | | | | | | | | |
| Global Citizens | 24,582 | 173,713 | 8,851 | 38,063 | 245,209 | 1,350 | 106,998 | 1,812 | 70,672 | 180,832 |
| Global Solutions | 101,987 | 152,707 | 13,659 | 58,239 | 326,592 | 62,662 | 173,202 | 3,287 | 153,051 | 392,202 |
| Global Leadership | 21,648 | 96,831 | 3,611 | 15,677 | 137,767 | 38,229 | 47,302 | 921 | 29,128 | 115,580 |
| Total Charitable Activities | 148,217 | 423,251 | 26,121 | 111,979 | 709,568 | 102,241 | 327,502 | 6,020 | 252,851 | 688,614 |
| Expenditure on raising funds | - | 29,229 | | | 29,229 | - | 11,337 | 3,490 | - | 14,827 |
| **Total - Charity UNA-UK** | **148,217** | **452,480** | **26,121** | **111,979** | **738,797** | **102,241** | **338,839** | **9,510** | **252,851** | **703,441** |
| Subsidiary - Suite 98 Ltd | - | - | 53,134 | - | 53,134 | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Total - Group** | **148,217** | **452,480** | **79,255** | **111,979** | **791,931** | **102,241** | **338,839** | **9,510** | **252,851** | **703,441** |
| Method of allocation | Direct | Staff time | | | | Direct | Staff time | | | |

## 7. Net (expenditure)/income and movement in funds

The following amounts have been charged to the statement of financial activities:

| | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Audit Fees | 7,860 | 6,870 |
| Staff Costs (note 9) | 474,324 | 362,089 |
| | 482,184 | 368,959 |



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## 8. Governance Costs

| | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Insurances | 1,626 | 1,432 |
| Professional charges | 74,788 | 218,655 |
| Audit fees | 7,860 | 6,870 |
| Subscriptions | 5,273 | 2,223 |
| Staff costs | 21,844 | 23,250 |
| Premises and office costs | 588 | 421 |
| | 111,979 | 252,851 |

Professional charges includes unrestricted expenses of £75k (2022: £219k) pro bono legal support provided during the year.

## 9. Analysis of Staff Costs

The following table analyses the staff costs of UNA-UK.

| | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Staff numbers | | |
| Average staff | 9.8 | 8.2 |
| Staff Costs | £ | £ |
| Salary costs | 403,563 | 307,432 |
| National Insurance Contributior | 36,554 | 32,038 |
| Pension Contributions | 28,601 | 17,516 |
| Other staff related expenditure | 5,606 | 5,103 |
| | 474,324 | 362,089 |

Two employees (2022: 1) received remuneration (excluding employer pension contributions) of more than £60,000 (2022: £60,000).

The key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis comprise the Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operations Officer. The total remuneration (including taxable benefits and employer pension contributions and employer's national insurance contributions) of the key management personnel for the year was £156,974 (2022: £141,670).

During the year UNA-UK continued to benefit from a number of volunteers, mainly across its network of UNA Groups. The length of the volunteering period varies amongst UNA Groups. Volunteers are unpaid and may receive daily travel and lunch allowance depending on the policy of individual UNA Groups.

## 10. Tangible Fixed Assets



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The parent charity does not have any fixed assets. Sub-lease for UNA-UK offices at 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL are the property assets for Suite 98 Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary, and represent the group assets (see note 11).

| | Property | Total |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Cost | | |
| At 1 July 2022 | - | - |
| Transfer from Joint Venture | 800,000 | 800,000 |
| Additions | 800,000 | 800,000 |
| Disposals | - | - |
| At 30 June 2023 | 1,600,000 | 1,600,000 |
| | | |
| Depreciation | | |
| At 1 July 2022 | - | - |
| Charge for the year | 25,397 | 25,397 |
| W/back on Disposals | - | - |
| At 30 June 2023 | 25,397 | 25,397 |
| | | |
| Net Book Value | | |
| At 30 June 2022 | - | - |
| At 30 June 2023 | 1,574,603 | 1,574,603 |

## 11. Fixed Asset Investments

| | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP | Charity UNA-UK |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Investment in Joint Venture | - | - | 550,000 |
| Investment in Subsidiary | 1 | - | - |
| Listed investments | 1,006,447 | 1,006,447 | 743,491 |
| | 1,006,448 | 1,006,447 | 1,293,491 |



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### 11.a Investment in Joint Venture

In November 2014 UNA-UK entered into an equal partnership with an individual not related to UNA Trust or UNA-UK and formed 98 Whitehall Court LLP (incorporated in England & Wales). UNA-UK and the individual loaned £550,000 each to the LLP to enable the LLP to purchase the lease on the property 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL for £1,100,000.

| | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| 98 Whitehall Court LLP | Charity UNA-UK | Charity UNA-UK |
| | £ | £ |
| Balance brought forward | 550,000 | 550,000 |
| Share in the gain on disposal of property asset | 250,000 | - |
| Disposal of the joint venture interest | (800,000) | - |
| | - | 550,000 |

The disposal of the joint venture interest for 98 Whitehall Court LLP arose as a result of the acquisition of the share held in this property from the other party to the joint venture (see notes 10 and11.b)

### 11.b Investment in a Subsidiary

The charity registered a new company, Suite 98 Limited, with Companies House on 17 May 2022 In July 2022 UNA-UK purchased the remaining 50% share in 98 Whitehall Court LLP and transferred its main asset, premises lease for UNA-UK offices to Suite 98 Ltd. Suite 98 Limited is 100% owned by UNA-UK.

| **Summary Financial Statements** | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Suite 98 Limited | Charity UNA-UK | Charity UNA-UK |
| Turnover | 45,139 | - |
| Other income | 23,144 | - |
| Trading expenditure (see below) | (53,133) | - |
| | 15,150 | - |
| Interest income | - | - |
| Gift aid donations to Charity | - | - |
| Profit in the year | 15,150 | - |
| Tangible fixed assets | 1,574,603 | - |
| Current assets | 44,689 | - |
| | 1,619,292 | - |
| Liabilities | (1,604,141) | - |
| | 15,151 | - |
| Share capital | 1 | - |
| Other reserves | 15,150 | - |
| Capital and reserves | 15,151 | - |



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## 11.c Listed Investments

Listed investment are the units acquired in COIF Investment Fund held by CCLA Investment Limited.

| | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP | Charity UNA-UK |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| **Market value** | | | |
| At 1 July | 983,265 | 983,265 | 743,491 |
| Gains / (losses) on investments | 23,182 | 23,182 | (60,226) |
| Additions | - | - | 300,000 |
| Disposals | - | - | - |
| | | | - |
| At 30 June | 1,006,447 | 1,006,447 | 983,265 |
| Historical cost | 900,000 | 900,000 | 900,000 |

## 12. Debtors

| | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP | Charity UNA-UK |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Amounts falling due within one year | | | |
| Prepayments | 2,639 | 2,639 | 2,375 |
| Trade debtors | 3,523 | 7,885 | 40,031 |
| Other debtors | - | - | 10,000 |
| | 6,162 | 10,524 | 52,406 |

## 13. Creditors

| | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Charity UNA-UK | GROUP | Charity UNA-UK |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Amounts falling due within one year | | | |
| Accruals | 19,389 | 19,389 | 6,870 |
| Payroll creditors | 16,642 | 16,642 | 4,103 |
| Trade creditors | 7,526 | 10,233 | 11,090 |
| Other Ccreditores | - | 1,435 | - |
| | 43,557 | 47,699 | 22,063 |



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## 14. Endowment Fund

The John Bright Appeal Fund was set up as a restricted fund by UNA Trust following a public appeal launched on 29 February 1988. On 3rd May 1991 the target capital required of £300k was reached and in consultation with the Charity Commission the funds raised were classed as a permanent John Bright Appeal Endowment.

In June 2012, UNA Trust received permission from the Charity Commission to spend the grant without replacement under section 282 of the Charities Act 2011.

On 27 January 2015 UNA Trust transferred the endowment funds to UNA-UK.

The transfer of funds from the endowment to unrestricted funds is the unrecognised loss on investments relating to the endowment funds invested with CCLA as at 30 June 2023.

## 15. Restricted Funds

| | 30 June 2021 | Income | Expenditure | 30 June 2022 | Income | Expenditure | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| UNA-UK Conferences | 17,916 | - | (9,971) | 7,945 | - | (6,000) | 1,945 |
| Brighton & Hove Branch | 1,625 | - | - | 1,625 | - | - | 1,625 |
| Open Society Foundations | - | - | - | - | 257,865 | (206,293) | 51,572 |
| Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust | 10,138 | 36,367 | (46,505) | - | 50,000 | (40,869) | 9,131 |
| UN House Scotland | - | 10,000 | (10,000) | - | 10,000 | (10,000) | - |
| Marmot Trust | - | 25,000 | (25,000) | - | 25,000 | (18,752) | 6,248 |
| Global Challenges Foundation | 60,520 | 117,775 | (178,295) | - | 56,773 | (56,773) | - |
| Campaign to Stop Killer Robots | 4,902 | 12,633 | (17,535) | - | - | - | - |
| Small Grants | - | - | - | - | 2,000 | (2,000) | - |
| MacKeith Legacy | - | - | (5,000) | (5,000) | 100,000 | (7,352) | 87,648 |
| | 95,101 | 201,775 | (292,306) | 4,570 | 501,638 | (348,039) | 158,169 |

**Fund Objectives**

UNA-UK Conferences: funds held by UNA-UK for future UNA-UK members Conferences.

Brighton & Hove Branch: to support the activities of the branch

Open Society Foundations to support UN Reform and Transparency with UN Appointments

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT): to support Arms Control work

UNA House Scotland: to support Arms Control work

Marmot Trust: to support Arms Control work

Global Challenges Foundation: to support UNA-UK's global governance work - "Together First" campaign

Campaign to Stop Killer Robots: to support UNA-UK's work on Killer Robots

MacKeith Legacy: £120,000 left to UNA Trust with £80,000 restricted to UNA-UK's activities for diversity and inclusion and £20,000 to support local projects in Bangladesh to advance women's rights and education. £100,000 legacy was received during the year. £5,000 was advanced to a local project in Bangladesh in the prior year.

## 16. Designated Funds

| | 30 June 2021 | New Designations | Utilitsation | 30 June 2022 | New Designations | Utilitsation | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Investment in 98 Whitehall Court LLP | 550,000 | - | - | 550,000 | | (550,000) | - |
| Suite 98 Limited | - | - | - | - | 1,600,000 | (25,397) | 1,574,603 |
| Margaret Collins Legacy | 9,500 | - | - | 9,500 | - | - | 9,500 |
| | 559,500 | - | - | 559,500 | 1,600,000 | (575,397) | 1,584,103 |

Investment in Suited 98 Limited/98 Whitehall Court LLP: Share of long-term investment in property lease at Suite 98, 3 Whitehall Court, London. Funds are not available for day to day operations of the charity.

Margaret Collins Legacy was left to Southampton UNA and is held by UNA-UK on their behalf.



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## 17. Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted Funds 2023 | Restricted Funds 2023 | Endowment Funds 2023 | Total Funds 2023 | Unrestricted Funds 2022 | Restricted Funds 2022 | Endowment Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed Asset Investment | 1,574,603 | - | - | 1,574,603 | 550,000 | - | - | 550,000 |
| Investments | 570,603 | 24,184 | 411,660 | 1,006,447 | 552,264 | - | 431,001 | 983,265 |
| Net Current Assets | - | 133,985 | - | 133,985 | 146,736 | 4,570 | - | 151,306 |
| Total Net Assets | 2,145,206 | 158,169 | 411,660 | 2,715,035 | 1,249,000 | 4,570 | 431,001 | 1,684,571 |

## 18. Related parties

UNA-UK has a related party relationship with the UNA Trust (charity number 256236). The Chair of UNA-UK is also a trustee of the UNA Trust. The UNA Trust is no longer active. UNA-UK received a donation of £ (2022: £ Nil) from the UNA Trust. There were no amounts owed to or from the UNA Trust as at 30 June 2023 or 30 June 2022.

UNA-UK owns 100% share of Suite 98 Limited, that owns the sub-lease for UNA-UK offices at 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL (note 10 above). At the year end the Suite 98 Ltd owed £13 to UNA-UK, this is included in other debtors (note 11).

UNA-UK Trustees donated a total of £80 (2022: £210) to the charity during the year.

## 19. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

The Trustees have delegated the following scrutiny and authorisation of staff remuneration to the Finance & Governance Committee:

- Scrutinising and authorising changes to the organisation's remuneration structure
- Reviewing and authorising annual pay increases for all staff including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operations Officer

The remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer (who is also a trustee) is stipulated in UNA-UK's Articles. The Chief Executive Officer received remuneration of £68,819 (2022: £38,741) and pension contributions of £ 4,304 (2022: £3,874) were paid by the charity for her role as Chief Executive Officer. No other trustee received any remuneration for their services. During the year ended 30 June 2023, No Trustee (2022: Nil) claimed for the cost of their travel.



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**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION - UK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1146016

# Accounts

# UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION - UK

Company Number: 07824306
Charity Number: 1146016

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 June 2022

## Reference and Administrative Information

List of Trustees who were in Office throughout this reporting period

| | |
|---|---|
| Lord Wood of Anfield (Chair) | Resigned 16 March 2022 |
| Baroness Anelay of St Johns (Chair) | Appointed 16 March 2022 |
| Nimisha Agarwal | |
| Andrew Boakes | |
| Frances Chambers (Honorary Treasurer) | |
| Dorothea Christiana | |
| Marissa Conway (CEO) | Appointed 11 April 2022 |
| Lindsey Noakes | Resigned 22 September 2021 |
| Natalie Samarasinghe | Resigned 15 January 2022 |
| Angela Seay | |
| Asher Simpson | |
| Carl Wright | Resigned 22 June 2022 |
| Shamima Yasmine | |

Officers of UNA-UK

| | |
|---|---|
| Chair | Lord Wood of Anfield (resigned 16 March 2022)<br>Baroness Anelay of St Johns (appointed 16 March 2022) |
| Honorary Treasurer | Frances Chambers |
| Chief Executive Officer | Natalie Samarasinghe (resigned 15 January 2022)<br>Marissa Conway (appointed 11 April 2022) |
| Company Secretary | Angie Pankhania, Chief Operations Officer |
| Principal Offices and Registered Address: | 3 Whitehall Court, London, SW1A 2EL |
| Charity Registration Number: | 1146016 |
| Auditors: | Buzzacott LLP<br>130 Wood Street<br>London EC2V 6DL |
| Investment Managers: | CCLA<br>85 Queen Victoria Street<br>London EC4V 4ET |
| Bankers: | Lloyds Bank Plc<br>39 Piccadilly<br>Mayfair<br>London W1V 0AA<br><br>Scottish Widows Bank Plc<br>PO Box 12757<br>67 Morrison Street<br>Edinburgh EH3 8YJ |
| | HSBC Bank Plc<br>28 Borough High Street<br>Southwark<br>London SE1 1YB |

# Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the charity for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

## Constitution

The United Nations Association – UK (UNA-UK) is a company limited by guarantee (company registration number 7824306) and a registered charity (1146016).

The United Nations Association – UK was established as a company on 26 October 2011 and gained charitable status approval from the Charity Commission on 21 February 2012. The charity is governed by Articles of Association last amended on 20 October 2016.

UNA-UK has a related party relationship with the UNA Trust (charity number 256236) which is no longer active.

UNA-UK owns 50% share of 98 Whitehall Court LLP (LLP), that owns the sub-lease for UNA-UK offices at 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL (see also note 19. Post balance sheet events). UNA-UK registered a new company, Suite 98 Limited, with Companies House on 17 May 2022 with the intention of dissolving 98 Whitehall Court LLP and transferring its assets to Suite 98 Limited. Suite 98 Limited was inactive during 2021-22.

## Public Benefit

The Board has considered the guidance published by the Charity Commission and concluded that the charity's core activities as described in the following pages, satisfactorily address the principles of public benefit and demonstrate that the charity has fulfilled the public benefit requirement under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

## Vision

*(What kind of world are we working toward?)*
A global community connected in its pursuit of equality, sustainability, and peace.

## Mission

*(What specifically will UNA-UK do to create that world?)*
*To build movements for systemic transformation at the UN; and to advocate for UK action for global cooperation.*

## Our Values

*(What are the principles we adhere to as we do our work?)*

- ***Boldness.*** *Creative, constructive, disruptive. We do what it takes to speak truth to power.*
- ***Accountability.*** *Decisions that affect us all should not be taken behind closed doors. We practice self-reflection, expect transparency, and challenge inequality.*
- ***Intersectionality.*** *We recognise the interconnected nature of oppression and challenge the structures that drive injustice.*
- ***Solidarity****. We find power in community around the world and amplify the work of grassroots changemakers.*

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## Charity Objects

UNA-UK is the UK's leading source of independent information and analysis on the UN, and a UK-wide grassroots movement.

UNA-UK believes that effective international institutions and systems are essential if we are to build a safer, fairer and more sustainable world. We advocate support for UN programmes that further this objective, and seek to build public knowledge of, and participation in, its initiatives.

We pursue this by:

- Connecting people to the work and values of the UN
- Influencing decision-makers and opinion-shapers to support UN goals
- Explaining how the UN works and what it can realistically achieve
- Stimulating debate and action on how to make the UN more effective
- Equipping our members and supporters to further all of these aims

UNA-UK has a network of members and supporters, and autonomous local member, school and university groups throughout the UK.

UNA-UK's objects are as follows:

- The prevention and relief of poverty, hunger and distress and the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage
- The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution and reconciliation and the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity
- The raising of awareness of human rights issues and securing the enforcement of human rights law
- The advancement of the study of and research into international problems and institutions with a view to the education of the public and the dissemination of the results of such study and research for the purpose of assisting such relief as aforesaid
- The advancement of environmental protection improvement and sustainable development
- The promotion of volunteering and good citizenship
- The support generally, within the powers hereby conferred, of the work of the United Nations or of any of its related associate agencies insofar as such work promotes all or any of the objects mentioned in any of the above.

## Programme activities and impact 2021-2022

In February 2022 Russia tore up the global governance rulebook by launching a devastating invasion of Ukraine. With the world reeling from COVID-19 as well as the increasingly lethal impacts of climate change, our fragile global system with the UN at its heart is needed now more than ever.

Domestically, the slide towards intolerance and authoritarianism has seen top UN officials take the rare move of speaking out against UK laws and policies which limit the right to protest and the rights of refugees and increase nuclear posture. Obvious questions on the UK's commitment to international law has taken its toll on the UK's reputation on the world stage. It has also made it a more challenging environment to operate within for a charity guided by human rights and the values of the UN Charter.

Last year we took the view that we cannot aspire to return to normal following COVID-19, because 'normal' was not working for most of the world's people. This year it has become clear that there is no 'normal' for the world to return to, and, as at other moments in history, the case for cooperation must be vigorously championed and opportunities grasped to support the international system.

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Against this backdrop, UNA-UK adjusted its 2021-2022 operational plans to focus on opportunities for the international community to coalesce in opposition to the Ukraine invasion and its knock-on effects. UNA-UK worked across its networks to these ends - playing to our strengths by convening civil society, diplomats, UK parliamentarians and academics to make the case for a strong UN supported by a UK Government that cooperates globally to address the raft of challenges facing humanity. Our work has followed three streams as outlined in our 2021-2024 strategic plan:

- **The UN we need –** through research and campaigns, we will generate momentum to make our global institutions more able to achieve this vision, as well as more open, inclusive and accountable to the people they serve
- **The UK's role –** through advocacy and engagement, we will encourage our country to lead by example, making the case for global solidarity and cooperation, at home and abroad, and backing it up with concrete actions
- **The future we want –** through outreach and communications, we will engage people in the UK and beyond in building a better future for all, and empower them to address the challenges we face

This annual report marks the first time we report on impact using our new Transformational Index - a tool developed in 2019 and 2020 through team workshops led by a leading consultant specialising in charity monitoring, evaluation and learning. The Transformational Index is widely used by not-for-profit organisations and our Index has been tailored to report on progress towards UNA-UK's Strategic Plan. The Index is structured by five measures which, taken together, represent a proxy for our impact and progress towards our mission: (1) diversity (2) wins board (3) active supporters, (4) campaign milestones and (5) reflection and adaptation. UNA-UK's full Transformational Index methodology, which explains how and why we chose these 5 measures, can be found here.

This report looks at the policy and campaign impact we have had across our programme of work bringing in elements of our five Transformational Index measures to demonstrate our impact and approach.

## The UN we need

Through research and campaigns, we will generate momentum to make our global institutions more able to achieve this vision, as well as more open, inclusive and accountable to the people they serve.

### Overall

Building on our successful campaign, Together First, funded by the Global Challenges Foundation, our work in 2020-21 to shape the UN's 75th anniversary opened-up space for civil society organisations including UNA-UK to make progress towards 'the UN we need'.

The Secretary-General's report 'Our Common Agenda' - now the centrepiece of Antonio Guterres' second term - was a key target for our campaigns. Released in Sept 2021, its publication indicated progress on a number of fronts. The proposal for a "summit of the future" to strengthen global governance, slated for 2023, was a top Together First ask. The process is now well underway and has precipitated widespread interest from member states, leading thinkers and civil society - all of whom have a chance to feed into a High-Level Advisory Board that the Secretary-General has put together to shape the summit. Member states will take over the process in 2023 and UNA-UK is committed to continuing to engage through this rare opportunity to take stock of and build on our system of global governance.

Ukraine had a major bearing on this workstream and necessitated a strategic decision to pivot away from non-critical policy and campaign work for a period of weeks following the invasion in order to insert UNA-UK and its expertise into developments at the UN and pull together with diplomats, humanitarian organisations and civil society to stand up for the UN Charter and speak out for peace. We were pleased to contribute to the global response to this unprecedented moment in history at the UN, in line with our values and mission as an organisation. A brief description of our work on this front is outlined below.

While the unplanned work relating to Ukraine limited our capacity to deliver on other priorities, we were nonetheless able to make progress on several of our predetermined campaign objectives as outlined in our 2021-22 Transformational Index. This was facilitated by using the space opened up by the Our Common Agenda process as well as established mechanisms to make progress on specific campaign objectives.

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**Workstream:** Ukraine/Russia conflict

**Overall objective:** Support for multilateralism and the UN Charter

Activities and impact

As this historic moment started to unfold, we took a deliberate decision as a team to drop non-essential work and direct our attention to responding to the Ukraine situation. We spoke up for diplomacy, suggested ways that the UN can add value and lobbied states to support such routes. In times of global crisis, the world looks to the UN for answers and we played a key role in explaining to UK policymakers and journalists what the UN was doing.

We are proud to have worked directly with multiple states during the drafting and adoption of the historic 2 March General Assembly Resolution and can be confident that our direct advocacy impacted the results. The resolution saw 141 states condemn Russia for its unjustifiable aggression and encouraged actions to deescalate including condemnatory language on Russia's threats to use nuclear weapons.

We also worked effectively with a small group of organisations to increase the uptake by states of the Human Rights Council resolution which established the Commission of Inquiry into violations committed in Ukraine.

Seeing an opportunity to make progress on an important UN reform position we have long advocated, we worked with Liechtenstein and other states to promote and canvas support among states for the Veto Initiative - a mechanism to raise the political cost of P5 states wielding a veto in the Security Council. This included direct advocacy with the UK Government, who eventually joined as a co-sponsor of the resolution.

Our detailed UN Briefing on the emergency UN General Assembly session on Ukraine was widely circulated and received positive feedback from journalists and prominent figures. The opinion piece by a UNA-UK staff member for PassBlue on the Veto Initiative also received widespread positive feedback and was the most popular article on the PassBlue news site for a week during a packed period of UN reporting.

**Workstream:** Post UN75 follow-up process

**Overall objective:** A transformative follow-up process to the UN's 75th anniversary declaration that will bring us closer to the UN we need

In November, a follow-up General Assembly resolution was adopted to trigger an intergovernmental process to take the report forwards - a key campaign milestone for Together First. UNA-UK and partners worked to support the drafting of that resolution, through suggested language and advocacy.

This space also enabled us to make progress on 5 of our 10 Together First priorities which were taken up by the report: creating a UN youth office and civil society focal points in all UN entities, strengthening the peacebuilding commission and people-centred peacekeeping and banning lethal autonomous weapons. Positive language on nuclear disarmament, climate and security and planetary boundaries were also included, and related to 3 other Together First proposals.

This groundwork helped us shape the agenda of the Summit of the Future (SOTF), planned for 2023 - a key recommendation from the Together First network. We have successfully secured a new round of funding from the Global Challenges Foundation to continue this programme of work. This enables us to support the follow up to Our Common Agenda, and the preparations for SOTF, by engaging with the High-Level Advisory Board for Effective Multilateralism directly, and through expert consultants.

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**Workstream: Merit-based UN appointments:**

**Overall objective:** Transparent, inclusive recruitment processes for top UN jobs and progress on other 1 for 7 Billion priorities (including single term, multiple candidates and civil society inclusion)

As 1 for 7 Billion - a campaign we co-founded that UNA-UK continues to coordinate - we were influential in securing language in the Sept 2021 General Assembly Resolution 75/325 relating to the Secretary-General selection process. This included wording on state backing which will enable multiple states to nominate future candidates, wording on civil society involvement which encourages states to work with civil society upstream of the official process to identify candidates and bring them into the race. The resolution also contains positive language on gender equality which we campaigned for - it is the first General Assembly resolution to note the UN's unbroken chain of male Secretaries-General.

We mobilised support for the proposal that the UN chief should serve a single term of office – a long-held UNA-UK policy position aimed at strengthening the independence of the Secretary-General. Through our research we were able to demonstrate that ⅔ of UN member states support this reform and that it was only the P5 who were willing to actively stand in the way of progress.

Through meeting with co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly (AHWG) to discuss our briefing we were able to help frame the negotiations while also working closely with progressive country groupings as well as individual member states to advance our proposals.

To further these efforts, we also worked closely with media outlets to shed light on tactics P5 states used to block progress, in particular with an article in Ethics in International Affairs.

The reforms achieved will have a major bearing on the 2026 Secretary-General selection process and subsequent races. They bring clarity and inclusivity to a sensitive and influential UN process and advance civil society participation . Our advocacy for a single term and other outstanding reforms is gaining traction, setting a strong foundation ready to be built on in 2022-2023.

**Workstream: UN civil society champion:**

**Overall objective:** The creation and appointment of a high level champion at the UN backed up by a well-staffed office

Over the last year there has been growing momentum in support for a dedicated champion for civil society at the UN.

We have continued to support the UNmute civil society campaign and the We the Peoples Initiative that continue to engage different constituencies and audiences and grow support.

Notably, the UN's Independent Expert for an Equitable and Democratic International Order, Livingstone Sewanyana, officially set out his support for the recommendation for a high-level civil society envoy in his 2021 report.

Importantly, the Secretary-General's Our Common Agenda report specifically made reference to civil society focal points in all UN entities and commits to exploring high level champion. We will monitor the roll-out of the focal points and continue to advocate for the champion.

We conducted and published an interview with UK Mission to New York (UKMIS) on their ambitions for a new role the UK has on the NGO committee at the UN which included the UK reaffirming their support for a civil society champion - one of our core UN reform recommendations.

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**Workstream: Climate action, sustainable development and global health**

**Overall objective:** The adoption of a global new deal including pathways for a just transition to zero carbon and environmental protection.

Without dedicated funding, this work was largely carried out through the provision of information through our magazine and website, with particular focus on key events such as COP26, hosted by the UK in Glasgow.

During COP26 we held events on women and climate change, and raising ambition on climate action, and our CEO spoke at the first-ever Global Citizens Assembly on climate change.

UNA-UK also joined with over 50 NGOs from around the world to voice our concern that, in spite of the scale of their emissions, military contributions to climate change impacts are not part of official discussions at COP26 taking place in Glasgow.

The 2021 UNA-UK magazine "This is One Degree" spotlighted climate change and climate action ahead of COP26, featuring expert perspectives and analysis, the magazine was provided as a resource to policymakers and the public ahead. In addition, our Together First report in partnership with Brazil-based NGO Plataforma CIPO highlighted recommendations for strengthening global climate governance by improving global south civil society access to decision making mechanisms.

For UN Day we spotlighted two leaders on climate action, former PGA Maria Fernanda Espinosa and Nisreen Elsaim, by presenting them with the Sir Brian Urquhart Award. As the first time we have had dual awardees this moment marked an opportunity to showcase women leaders as well as intergenerational approaches to climate action.

In continuing to develop our work on global health, UNA-UK hosted a virtual public event offering perspectives from the WHO, Lancet Commission, and civil society, entitled "COVID-19, Foreign Policy, and Human Rights." Additionally, we joined the global call for COVID-19 vaccines to be available to all people, everywhere, free of charge.

## The UK's role

Through advocacy and engagement, we will encourage our country to lead by example, making the case for global solidarity and cooperation, at home and abroad, and backing it up with concrete actions.

**Overall**

Throughout the last year, UNA-UK worked with other civil society organisations to develop recommendations for UK action, advocate for their adoption and monitor the UK's implementation of its international commitments and obligations. This included joint responses with partners on arms control and atrocity prevention; letters to Government; direct advocacy with parliamentarians around the Queen's Speech interventions and responses; and briefing sessions with the Government and opposition parties - notably through the UN All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG).

Our UK focused response to the crisis in Ukraine centred around providing information and analysis to parliamentarians and the public. Through the UN APPG we held a series of events relating to Ukraine, including with the UK Ambassador to the UN, with Fiona Hill, and with a Ukrainian cultural historian and the UK Minister for DCMS on the destruction of Ukraine's cultural and UNESCO heritage sites. UNA-UK staff also briefed parliamentarians directly through a meeting organised by the APPG on modern conflict and through a written briefing.

While the UK government rightly stepped up to support Ukraine by welcoming refugees and offering humanitarian support, wider government policy has seen the UK take worrying steps back from its commitment to international agreements and human rights. In line with our objective of encouraging the UK to lead by example, we issued a statement calling on parliamentarians to oppose the Nationalities and Borders Bill, signed an open letter raising concerns over the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill and raised ongoing concerns about UK aid cuts.

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**Workstream:** Campaign to Stop Killer Robots

**Overall objective:** The UK Government supports the creation of such a treaty, participates in its negotiation and subsequently joins it.

With new funding from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust and the global Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, we were able to increase our work on lethal autonomous weapons by engaging our university network. This included recruiting six junior fellows to scrutinize university research relevant to autonomy in weapons systems.

We continued to highlight the significance of LAWS as an issue within parliament, increasing awareness amongst members and pressure on the government to recognise the need for leadership and constructive engagement. With our support, our growing network of parliamentary champions and allies have lifted the issue of LAWS up the agenda through a wide variety of means – hosting a debate in Westminster Hall; placing oral questions linking topical issues, like Ukraine, with autonomous weapons use and securing the first ever oral statement in the Commons; securing a speech in the Lords on LAWS during the Queen's Speech debates; responding to the recently released MoD AI strategy; and championing the idea of a one-year select committee on this issue.

**Workstream:** Nuclear disarmament

**Overall objective:** The UK Government adopts a constructive and cooperative approach to the TPNW and its supporters

With ongoing funding from JRCT, Polden Puckham Charitable Foundation and the Marmot Charitable Trust we continued a major programme of work around the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) aimed at raising awareness among parliamentarians, young people and the wider public.

UNA-UK joined academics, faith groups, scientists and civil society organisations to urge Liz Truss, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, to send UK diplomats to observe the First Meeting of States Parties of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

Ahead of this first meeting, UNA-UK released an important report in partnership with Article 36 and independent experts, to address the harm caused by the UK's tests in Kiribati in the context of new opportunities for recognition and remediation, given Kiribati's role as a state party to the TPNW.

In response to the UK's unfortunate decision to boycott both the First Meeting of States Parties and a further conference on nuclear weapons hosted by the Austrian Government, UNA-UK's Head of Campaigns released a well-picked up blog robustly challenging the UK's stated justification for not attending.

**Workstream:** A principled, multilateral UK that supports the UN

**Overall objective:** The development of a UK strategy for strengthening the UN backed by a feminist, ethical foreign policy

In the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the UK's immediate response was inadequate in the face of the escalating humanitarian crisis, in particular in relation to provisions for refugees. UNA-UK called upon the UK Government to do more to ensure the UK upheld its commitments to the Geneva Convention and reduced barriers preventing vulnerable people seeking safety in the UK.

More broadly, UNA-UK joined widespread calls for the UK to change course regarding the Nationalities and Borders Bill, dubbed the "anti-refugee bill". The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights herself warned that the bill contained elements that contravene the 1951 Refugee Convention and would undermine the human rights of refugees. UNA-UK released a statement highlighting these concerns, and worked with its members and supporters to take action.

UNA-UK has continued to monitor the UK's diminishing commitments to international aid. We set out our concerns in a public statement following MPs' decision to approve the cut of spending 0.7% of Gross National Income on overseas aid, to 0.5%.

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| **Workstream:** UN peacekeeping<br>**Overall objective:** Increased UK support for UN peacekeeping. More effective, people-centred peace operations |
| We delivered a successful UN Peacekeepers Day conference in partnership with RUSI and UNA Westminster which featured the USG for Peace Operations and other prominent participants including our own new CEO and Chair. The event, along with the associated ceremony in which over 70 states, a UK minister and a large contingent of British peacekeepers were involved, helped ensure that peacekeeping retains a prominent and respected place within the UK's political and foreign policy ecosystem. |
| **Workstream:** Atrocity prevention<br>**Overall objective:** The UK adopts a comprehensive cross-department strategy to prevent mass atrocities |
| Without dedicated funding, we have continued to work in partnership with organisations such as Protection Approaches to build awareness within policy-making circles of the need for specific action on atrocity prevention, distinct from broader conflict protection work.<br>Building on progress made in the Integrated Review, UNA-UK has continued to support the UK Atrocity Prevention Working Group in working with the UK government to build on the its commitments and implement a holistic approach to atrocity prevention<br>We also raised the alarm on a number of occasions where UN experts warned there was a risk of atrocity crimes and serious violations of human rights law - this included letters and statements on Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Sudan<br>UNA-UK partnered with Protection Approaches to provide a briefing reporting on COP26 and highlighting the intersection of human rights, atrocity prevention and climate action. |
| **Workstream:** Arms exports<br>**Overall objective:** The UK reviews and strengthens its export controls mechanisms and implements them promptly |
| Without dedicated funding we built on the previous year's work on the Integrated Review. UNA-UK partnered with Rethinking Security to produce a report scrutinising the Government's handling of the Integrated Review and the very approach the UK has for forming its security policy. |

## The future we want

Through outreach and communications, we will engage people in the UK and beyond in building a better future for all, and empower them to address the challenges we face.

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| **Overall**<br>Over the last year have continued to make progress on engaging members, supporters and local groups more frequently through virtual meetings which enabled the staff team to engage with constituencies across the country and invite speakers from around the world.<br>In line with our strategic objectives, we have continued to work to ensure our communications and outreach are more accessible to those with disabilities, as well as to the general public. This has included updating the backend of the UNA-UK website to enable a better user experience design, seeking advice on producing materials in different formats, and exploring ways to ensure that financial hardship is not a barrier to engaging with us. |

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**Outreach and engagement with the public**

**Overall objective:** Provide opportunities for young people, community groups and the British public to learn about UN issues, engage with UN initiatives and support priorities such as poverty alleviation and environmental protection

We have provided the following opportunities for youth and community engagement:

- The opportunity for university students or recent graduates to work coordinating and campaigning on the university stream of our campaign to ban lethal autonomous weapons, building on the successful 'junior fellows' programme which we ran during 2021.
- Opportunities to engage with, or pose questions to, senior officials of the UN or UN related agencies, including the Special Envoy on COVID-19 for the World Health Organization, David Nabarro CBE during an online event we hosted on COVID-19, foreign policy and human rights.
- The ability to feed into UN public and stakeholder consultations through our accessible and targeted awareness campaigns amongst our members and supporters. This includes sharing recommendations and candidate suggestions for the new High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- The chance to engage on detailed and specific areas of UN related activity with field-relevant experts. This included the in-depth policy sessions of our annual Peacekeepers Day conference, with panellists such as USG for Peace Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix, in which discounted tickets for students and youth were available.
- Regular virtual meetings with our network of UNA Groups across the country, providing an opportunity for our members and supporters to engage and provide feedback on the work of UNA-UK and to share best practice and success stories of the work and campaigns UNA Groups across the UK have been involved in
- Our staff also took part in a large number of international events, including a special summit of international UNAs, convened to discuss the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the developing humanitarian crisis.

**Communications and media**

**Overall objective:** Create information and educational materials and provide accurate information on UN issues through media engagement

We created a number of information and educational materials during the year to ensure that the public - including those offline - were informed about key UN and UK activities on issues such as pandemic response and climate change. This included:

- Briefings and updates on the schedule and priorities for the UN General Assembly, the Emergency Special Session of the UN General Assembly, and the details of Our Common Agenda, and on inclusive multilateralism
- Briefings and updates on COP26, foreign policy, defence policy, development aid and budget, and human rights
- Reports on global civil society access to COP26 and the impact of UK nuclear testing in Kiribati
- Members' magazine on 'This is One Degree', including an essay from President of the 76th Session of the General Assembly, Abdulla Shahid
- Resources to support our university groups and campaigns on killer robots, nuclear disarmament and a UN civil society champion
- Complete first round of updates to UNA-UK website with updated design and back-end transformation to ensure back end functionality

Throughout the year, UNA-UK's media work has contributed to public and expert understanding of the UK's role at the United Nations, the value of multilateral cooperation, and the ongoing importance of UK support for the Organisation. We also provided crucial information on issues such as the UN General Assembly and the Secretary-General selection process to journalists This has included articles and interviews with Devex, E-International Relations, Ethics and International Affairs and PassBlue.

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## Organisational Integrity and Growth

In line with our strategic objectives we have continued to work internally and collaboratively in a way that upholds the values of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We have done so by ensuring our organisation, networks, events and publications reflect diversity in all its forms and champion lesser-heard voices.

We haven't participated in any all-male panels while engaging in public events, and have continued to walk the talk on inclusion and diversity, from appointing Baroness Anelay, our first ever female Board Chair, to championing the voices of civil society in Low and Middle Income Countries.

As a learning organisation we place importance on building in time to reflect on progress and adapt our operations based on quantitative and qualitative data. The ongoing reporting through the Transformational Index allows us to continue to collect robust data on our actions towards these commitments.

| **Walking the talk: greening UNA-UK** |
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| Over the last year, we have focused on our commitments to making our office greener and our processes more sustainable. We have switched to a renewable energy provider and are in the process of transitioning to a paperless office – we replaced our large, industrial printers with a small, more eco-friendly printer that only prints in black and white.<br><br>Licencees and UNA-UK staff are encouraged to only print when absolutely necessary and to unsubscribe from printed mail communications. We hosted most of our events virtually and by doing so, majorly reduced transport emissions by cutting rail, air and car travel.<br><br>We have also transitioned to a hybrid working model, which reduces unnecessary journeys and limits the services that require the use of polluting vehicles for deliveries or collections to our office.<br><br>Additionally the 2021 Sir Brian Urquhart Award did not come in the form of a trophy, but as donations to the Eden Reforestation Projects. |
| **Walking the talk: inclusion** |
| UNA-UK reflects and actively promotes inclusion and diversity in all aspects of its work.<br><br>For UN Day we chose to present the Sir Brian Urquhart award to two trailblazing women, one from the youth climate movement, in order to shine a light on intergenerational climate action, women leaders and activism from the Global South.<br><br>Regarding on UNA-UK's commitments to this internally, we have appointed our first female Chair Baroness Anelay, former Minister for the UN.<br><br>UNA-UK has also worked to improve access to membership by reducing membership fees. |
| **Walking the talk: compassion** |
| UNA-UK leads by example in creating forward-looking, compassionate and flexible working practices.<br><br>In adapting to life post-lock down the UNA-UK office has maintained a flexible working policy, and in 2022 successfully trialled a 4-day working week. The organisation has also implemented annual staff survey in order to ensure staff wellbeing and capacity structurally addressed. |

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## Plans for 2022-23

The pandemic has shown that we need everyone – people, business, research, civil society, local and national governments, and global institutions – to pull together. It has also proved that huge transformations are possible if there is political will and public support, backed by evidence and finance. At the end of this financial year, the UNA-UK Board adopted a new three-year strategy setting out how the charity will play its part through three programmes:

- **The future we want –** through outreach and communications, we will engage people in the UK and beyond in building a better future for all and empower them to address the challenges we face.
- **The UN we need –** through research and campaigns, we will generate momentum to make our global institutions more able to achieve this vision, as well as more open, inclusive and accountable to the people they serve.
- **The UK's role –** through advocacy and engagement, we will encourage our country to lead by example, making the case for global solidarity and cooperation, at home and abroad, and backing it up with concrete actions. As we emerge from a period of turbulence and hardship, let us work together to make this our turning point for a better future for all.

**By June 2024, we hope to have inspired:**

- People from all walks of life to campaign for policies that put people and planet first, and to take steps towards that goal -as individuals, communities and organisations.
- A transformative follow-up process to the UN's 75th anniversary declaration that will bring us closer to the UN we need.
- Progress on at least one of our proposals for strengthening the UN, such as a high-level champion for civil society.
- An inclusive COP26 that generates meaningful action on the climate emergency.
- The development of a UK strategy for strengthening the UN, as well as concrete UK support -financial, political and practical -for the Organisation's work.

**In the year 2022 to 2023, we plan to undertake the following activities in support of the above:**

- Creating information and educational materials, including actions and events, ahead of COP26.
- Featuring diverse perspectives from around the world in climate-focused publications.
- Using key events, such as UN Day, member conferences and Peacekeepers' Day to give the public, including young people, a chance to engage with leading experts and practitioners.
- Launching our work on global pandemic response and global health governance.
- Advocating for the recommendations generated by civil society, youth and the wider public as part of our contributions to the UN75 global consultation, in particular, our campaign on a UN civil society champion.
- Engaging with parliamentarians through a programme of events with the UN All-Party Parliamentary Group.
- Taking forward our work with ICAN and the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots.
- Launching a new project on gender equality with £80,000 legacy to advance the rights of women and girls.
- Producing recommendations ahead of the Peacekeeping Ministerial.
- Refreshing our website and communications.
- Implementing changes to make our grassroots network more vibrant and inclusive, including by removing financial barriers to membership and increasing support to UNA groups.
- Implementing changes to our operations to provide more flexibility to staff, make progress towards becoming a carbon neutral organisation and to demonstrate our impact.

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## Governance and Management

### Decision Making

The governance and decision-making of the charity rests with the Board of Directors/Trustees; these are the charity's key management personnel and include the Chief Executive Officer (job title changed from Executive Director). No other trustees received any remuneration for their services.

The Chief Executive Officer's remuneration policy is stipulated in UNA-UK's Articles. The Chief Operations Officer/Acting Executive Director's remuneration is recommended by the Finance & Governance Committee and approved by the UNA-UK Board. She is not a Trustee/ Director of UNA-UK.

The Board meets four times a year. It is made up of the Chair, elected by the Board; the Honorary Treasurer; two Trustees elected by members of UNA-UK; one Trustee representing UNA-UK's biennial Conference, the Chief Executive Officer and up to eight further Trustees recruited for their skills and expertise.

New trustees are given a copy of 'UNA-UK Trustee induction pack' which includes an overview of their legal obligations as a trustee together with a copy of UNA-UK's Articles of Association and Code of Conduct.

The Board was supported in its work by the Finance and Governance Committee (F&GC). The F&GC provided oversight of the finance and governance of UNA-UK including setting the staff pay and conditions, risk management processes, internal controls, the integrity of financial statements and the external audit process. The Chair of the committee is the honorary treasurer and a full member of the Board. A minimum of 50% of the Committee members are also members of the Board.

A second sub-committee, the Conference Committee, focuses solely on the organisation of a biennial UNA-UK Conference. A representative of the Conference Committee is also a member of the Board.

Day-to-day operation has been delegated to the staff of UNA-UK, through the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer is a full member of the Board, the Chief Operations Officer/Acting Executive Director is not a full member of the Board but does attend both Board meetings and other sub-committee meetings and provides feedback on performance in pursuit of the charity's objectives. The Chairman provides supervision and guidance to the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operations Officer/Acting Executive Director.

### Pro bono legal support

The Trustees and staff of UNA-UK continue to be immensely grateful for the pro bono legal support received from Baker McKenzie during the year and in previous years. In line with the SORP, the contribution of pro bono legal advice, which we would otherwise have had to purchase during this year of transition for the Charity, amounted to an estimated £219k (2021 £48k). This amount is included within the financial statements as a donation and a corresponding amount is included in expenditure. We cannot thank Baker McKenzie enough for their valuable support.

### Planning

The charity continued to pursue the overall objectives of the charity as set out in the charity's 2022-2024 strategic plan. Trustees have agreed to adopt a shorter timeframe for recent strategic plans given the uncertain external political and financial environment. The Executive's work is derived from the strategic plan and Board priorities. The Charity uses Transformational Index (TI) as a tool to report on the charity's progress towards its Strategic Plan. The measures were developed in workshops with the staff team led by a leading consultant specialising in charity monitoring, evaluation and learning.

The TI measures are designed to give comparable data which will chronicle progress over the course of our Strategic Plan, with scope to refine and adapt as opportunities arise and campaign priorities change, for example, when new funding is secured. The TI report builds on the previous system of reporting on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). TI reporting includes both qualitative and quantitative information not previously captured by KPIs. TI reporting provides us with tools to report impact more stridently and with greater precision, including measures to increase the organisation's inclusivity and engage a more diverse audience over time.

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### Risk Management

Risk management is the responsibility of the Board, supported by the Finance and Governance Committee. Strategic and operational risks are regularly reviewed by the Committee as presented by the Executive. Each risk identified is managed through a risk map. Where possible the risks are managed by ensuring adequate internal controls are in place to mitigate and reduce risks where possible and these are reviewed and assessed regularly to establish if any further actions can be taken.

The risk map covers areas such as Reputation, Operational Delivery, Fundraising, People, Governance and IT. For the last few years, the Trustees have assessed the most significant risks to be associated with income generation, in particular the risk of having limited resources or not being able to replace funding to sustain current levels of activity. Contingency plans have been developed in the event the Charity is unable to secure sufficient income to sustain its current level of activity. The charity has secured sufficient unrestricted income to fund its current strategy.

Strategic and operational risks are reviewed at each F&GC meeting to ensure where possible action is taken to mitigate any risks identified. However, the nature of some of these risks, in particular reputational risks associated with the UN, means that majority of these risks are outside the control of the charity. The Trustees believe adequate controls are in place to manage operational risks identified to date.

### Impact of the Global COVID-19 Pandemic

As part of the organisation's risk management, risks related to the pandemic on all aspects of the charity's operations were added to the charity's risk register. The charity's drive towards a paperless office helped the charity transition to remote working relatively seamlessly. Since March 2020 all staff have successfully been working remotely. Following consultations with the staff and the Finance and Governance Committee and to safeguard the charity's staff and protect their well-being, the charity reviewed and updated it's staff benefits and remuneration policy which now includes 4-day working week for all staff with extended hours. The Charity has also introduced a Health and Mental well-being policy and guidance to support staff and managers and introduced a mandatory team day in the office once a week. The Executive continues to regularly monitor the financial impact of the pandemic. A combination of successful fundraising, prudent financial management and legacies means the charity's 2022-2024 strategy is fully funded. Current financial risk assessment indicates that there is a risk that the charity will not be able to maintain all its income streams at current levels, however this has been taken into consideration when preparing budgets and cashflows for the following year.

In addition to the above, the full impact following the emergence of the global coronavirus pandemic and the impact on the current economic situation due to the Ukraine/Russia crisis is still unknown. It is therefore not currently possible to evaluate all the potential implications for the charity's activities, funders, suppliers and the wider economy. Estimates used in the financial statements, particularly with respect to the value of listed investments (see note 10) are subject to a greater degree of uncertainty and volatility.

### Going Concern

As set out in the accounting policies under "going concern", the trustees have considered the impact of the pandemic on the charity and the current economic environment and have concluded that despite these challenges and although there may be some negative consequences, the charity has sufficient reserves to continue preparing its Financial Statements on the going concern basis.

## Financial Review

### Income

Total income during 2021-22 was £597,301 (2020-21: £792,720), which came from eight sources:

- £201,175 (2020-21: £401,170) from grants of which £201,175 (2020-21: £389,170) was from resticted grants
- £218,655 (2020-21: £47,627) gift in kind for legal services
- £66,443 (2020-21: £78,786) from membership subscriptions and donations
- £70,997 (2020-21: £69,967) from 98 Whitehall Court LLP
- £1,000 (2020-21: £82,839) from legacies
- £Nil (2020-21: £15,000) from publications
- £10,475 (2020-21: £28,461) other income, £2,828 (2020-21: £1,242) income from events

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**Expenditure**
Total expenditure for 2021-22 was £703,441 (2020-21: £502,161), of which 97%, £688,614 (2020-21: 98%, £444,116) was used on charitable activities. There are three broad strands to the charitable activities of UNA-UK, namely work towards a safer, fairer and more sustainable world; provision of information; and educational activities.

**Investments**
The UNA-UK investment portfolio is invested in CCLA Investments Limited's COIF Charity Ethical Investment Fund. The Fund is managed in accordance with the policy set by the Fund's Board and CCLA's response to the UK Stewardship Code. The Fund's aim is to provide a long-term total return comprising growth in capital and distributions. The Fund's policy is to actively manage a diversified portfolio of assets designed to help protect both present and future beneficiaries from the effects of inflation. The Fund has an emphasis on equities, but will also include property, bonds and other asset classes. The Fund has a wide range of ethical restrictions advised by an ethical advisory group that assists in the development of the Fund's client-driven ethical investment policy.

**Investments Performance**
The Fund achieved a total return after expenses of -2.93%. This compares with a return of 9.76% on the previous year. The decrease in the portfolio reflects the weakness in equities which have struggled as interest rates have risen to combat inflation and concerns over economic growth have intensified. The allocation away from bonds and towards alternatives has yielded strong performance compared to other investment funds.

The trustees are satisfied that the investment aims above have been met. The trustees are hopeful that the performance objective of their investment policy to generate a total return of at least inflation (CPI) plus 3% over the medium term, as income or capital appreciation.will continue to be achieved in the coming years, but recognise that achieving the objective may be challenging against a backdrop of possible increases in interest rates and while stock markets remain potentially volatile in current geopolitical circumstances.

**Reserves Policy**
Reserves at 30 June 2022 were £1,684,571 (2021: £1,850,937) of which £4,570 (2021: £95,101) is unspent restricted grants, £431,001 (2021: £441,462) relates to John Bright Endowment, £550,000 (2021: £550,000) represents long term fixed asset investment in 98 Whitehall Court LLP (UNA-UK office premises), and £9,500 (2021: £9,500) in designated funds - leaving £684,500 (2021: £754,874) in unrestricted general funds at the year-end.

The Trustees have reviewed risks during the year in developing the charity's reserves policy, which is retaining sufficient unrestricted general funds to meet as a minimum six months of the charity's staff costs, currently estimated to be £240,000 (2021: £180,000). As at 30 June 2022, the charity had £684,500 (2021: £754,874) in unrestricted general reserves equivalent to 17 (2021:24) months staff costs. Excess over the reserves policy will help fund UNA-UK's 2022-2024 strategy and has provided the charity with some financial stability over the next couple of years.

**Fundraising**
We have been fortunate, considering the current funding environment which has proved very challenging in a number of areas, the charity managed to secure a total of £201k grant funding during the year. UNA-UK will continue to pursue other grant makers whilst also seeking to develop other sustainable income streams, which provide unrestricted core funding for the charity.

Like all of our work, our fundraising activities are grounded in the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and we aspire to best practice in terms of transparency. We fundraise solely for our work, using content for which we own the copyright and/or have received permission. Our fundraising materials overwhelmingly use images from our own events and campaigns, and quotes from our members and supporters. We are mindful of accessibility and diversity when producing these materials and work hard to ensure that our objectives and activities are portrayed accurately.

The bulk of these activities are carried out by UNA-UK staff team, from writing funding bids and appeals to processing donations and organising events, with Trustees providing practical support and guidance. We also seek informal advice from our members and supporters, for example, when crafting sensitive appeals such as legacy appeals.

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We support staff training and development and have strict policies and processes in place to ensure that our activities comply with regulations as well as with our values as an organisation. The Board has advertised and recruited Trustees with particular skills, knowledge and experience in this area, and will continue to do so.

During the year 3%, £14,827 (2021: 2%, £10,453) of our income was spent on fundraising. We do not use professional fundraisers or commercial agents for our fundraising.

We encourage our local UNA groups to fundraise for us and have produced guidance documents to assist them in carrying out these activities in a fair, inclusive and transparent manner. These groups are legally and financially autonomous from UNA-UK, but they play a crucial role in furthering the charity's objectives in their local communities. To date, we have not received any complaints about fundraising conducted by local UNA groups on our behalf. Should this occur in the future, they would be handled using the same process as for any other complaints. The top-level process is set out in the charity's Articles, with further detail in organisational policies.

In terms of seeking donations from members of the public, this is overwhelmingly limited to email appeals to our existing members and supporters, save for the occasional appeal at UNA-UK public events and social media platforms. All members and supporters can opt out from receiving our approaches at any time. The charity never 'cold calls' anyone, nor do we engage in street fundraising.

As anyone can become a member or supporter of UNA-UK, it is likely that some people who could be described as vulnerable will receive communications from us. We strive to ensure that all of our communications are respectful and sensitive – nobody should ever feel under pressure to make a financial contribution to UNA-UK.

In light of the pandemic and increased financial hardship for many people in the UK, our Board took the decision to reduce membership categories to one category for all individuals and reduce the membership fee to an affordable amount at just £10 for an annual subscription, thereby removing financial barriers to membership.

While the public element of our fundraising is modest, we are nonetheless exploring registering with the Fundraising Regulator. We already comply with the spirit of the Fundraising Promise.

# Trustees' Annual Report

## Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of United Nations Association – UK for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the Trustees confirm that:

- so far as the Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Trustees on 28 September 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Baroness Anelay of St Johns

Baroness Anelay of St Johns
Chair

# Independent Auditor's report to the members of United Nations Association - UK

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of United Nations Association – UK (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 June 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2022 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report and financial statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

**Responsibilities of trustees**
As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are the Charities Act 2011, Companies Act 2006 and the General Data Protection Act 2018.
- We understood how United Nations Association – UK is complying with those frameworks by making enquires of management and those responsible for legal and compliance procedures. We corroborated our enquires through our review of board minutes to identify noncompliance with laws and regulations and review of any legal expenses.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management and those charged with governance as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- tested the authorisation of expenditure as part of our substantive testing thereon;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in the accounting policies were indicative of potential bias; and
- used data analytics to identify any significant or unusual transactions and identify the rationale for them.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of trustee meetings;
- enquiring of management and those charged with governance as to actual and potential litigation and claims

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Catherine Biscoe (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Buzzacott LLP, Statutory Auditor
130 Wood Street
London
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Date 7 November 2022

# Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

## Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2021-22 | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2020-21 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Income** | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations and Legacies | (2) | 286,050 | - | - | 286,050 | 209,217 | - | - | 209,217 |
| Income from Charitable Activites | (3) | 10,475 | 201,775 | - | 212,250 | 41,703 | 389,170 | - | 430,873 |
| Investment Income | (4) | 99,001 | - | - | 99,001 | 89,630 | - | - | 89,630 |
| **Total Income** | | 395,526 | 201,775 | - | 597,301 | 340,550 | 389,170 | - | 729,720 |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | | | | | |
| Raising funds | (5) | 14,827 | - | - | 14,827 | 10,453 | - | - | 10,453 |
| Charitable activities | (6) | 385,847 | 292,306 | 10,461 | 688,614 | 96,439 | 384,820 | 10,449 | 491,708 |
| **Total Expenditure** | | 400,674 | 292,306 | 10,461 | 703,441 | 106,892 | 384,820 | 10,449 | 502,161 |
| **Net (expenditure)/income before (losses)/gains on investments** | | (5,148) | (90,531) | (10,461) | (106,140) | 233,658 | 4,350 | (10,449) | 227,559 |
| Net unreaslised (losses)/gains on Investmen | (10) | (34,747) | - | (25,479) | (60,226) | 20,315 | - | 61,993 | 82,308 |
| Transfers to/from unrestricted funds | (13) | (25,479) | - | 25,479 | - | 61,993 | - | (61,993) | - |
| **Net (expenditure)/income and movement in funds** | | (65,374) | (90,531) | (10,461) | (166,366) | 315,966 | 4,350 | (10,449) | 309,867 |
| **Reconciliation of Funds** | | | | | | | | | |
| Funds Brought Forward | | 1,314,374 | 95,101 | 441,462 | 1,850,937 | 998,408 | 90,751 | 451,911 | 1,541,070 |
| Funds carried forward | | 1,249,000 | 4,570 | 431,001 | 1,684,571 | 1,314,374 | 95,101 | 441,462 | 1,850,937 |

All income and expenditure during each financial year was in respect of continuing activities.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the above Statement of Financial Activities

# Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2022

| | Note | 30 June 2022 | | 30 June 2021 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | | | | | |
| Fixed asset investments | (10) | | 1,533,265 | | 1,593,491 |
| Total Fixed Assets | | | 1,533,265 | | 1,593,491 |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | (11) | 52,406 | | 12,151 | |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | | 120,963 | | 257,800 | |
| Creditors | | | | | |
| Creditors amount falling due within one year | (12) | (22,063) | | (12,505) | |
| Net Current Assets | | | 151,306 | | 257,446 |
| Total Net Assets | | | 1,684,571 | | 1,850,937 |
| The Funds of the Charity | | | | | |
| Endowment | (13) | 431,001 | | 441,462 | |
| Restricted | (14) | 4,570 | | 95,101 | |
| Unrestricted Designated Funds | (15) | 559,500 | | 559,500 | |
| Unrestricted General Funds | | 689,500 | | 754,874 | |
| Total Charity Funds | | | 1,684,571 | | 1,850,937 |

The notes on pages 25-34 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by Trustees of UNA-UK at a meeting held on 28 September 2022 and were signed on their behalf by:

Baroness Anelay of St Johns

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Baroness Anelay of St Johns
Chair

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Frances Chambers
Honorary Treasurer

Companies House Registered Number: 07824306
Charity Commission Registered Number: 1146016

# Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2022

| | | 30 June 2022 | 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| **Net cash provided by operating activities** | A | (164,841) | 183,227 |
| **Cash flows from investing activities** | B | 28,004 | 19,663 |
| **Change in Cash and cash equivalents in the year** | | (136,837) | 202,890 |
| **Add cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year** | C | 257,800 | 554,910 |
| **Less cash invested during the year** | | - | (200,000) |
| **Less cash held for investments at the year end** | | - | (300,000) |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year** | | 120,963 | 257,800 |

| **Table A** | 30 June 2022 | 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| **Cash flows (used in)/from operating activities** | | |
| Net (expenditure)/income as per the Statement of Financial Activities | (166,366) | 298,863 |
| Adjustments for non-cash items: | | |
| Dividends and interest income | (28,004) | (19,663) |
| Unrealised loss/(gain) on investments | 60,226 | (82,308) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in debtors | (40,255) | 8,172 |
| Increase/(Decrease) in creditors | 9,558 | (21,837) |
| **Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities** | (164,841) | 183,227 |

| **Table B** | 30 June 2022 | 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| **Cash flows from investing activities** | | |
| Dividend and Interest income | 28,004 | 19,663 |
| **Net cash provided by investing activities** | 28,004 | 19,663 |

| **Table C** | 30 June 2022 | 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| **Analysis of cash and cash equivalents** | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 120,963 | 257,800 |
| **Total cash and cash equivalents** | 120,963 | 257,800 |

No separate reconciliation of net debt has been prepared as there is no difference between the net cash (debt) of the charitable company and the cash and cash equivalents.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 1. Accounting policies

### (i) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.The financial statements are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

### (ii) Going Concern

The Financial Statements are prepared on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The Trustees have approved the charity's budgets and projections to June 2025 and concluded that the charity has adequate resources to fund its activities for at least twelve months from the date of the signing of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge and recognise the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the wider economic situation due to the Ukraine/Russia crisis on the charity and have concluded that although there may be some negative consequences, due to wider uncertainty and economic impact with a likely reduction in income streams in future, such as donations, publication income, premises income and investment income, it is still appropriate for the charity to continue to prepare its financial statements on the going concern basis as the Charity's 2022-2024 Strategic Plan is fully funded, the trustees are confident that the charity has sufficient resources to meet its liabilities for the next 3-4 years.

### (iii) Judgements and Estimates

In the opinion of the Trustees, judgements made that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and any key assumptions or estimates used which might cause a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period include:

- Estimating the useful economic lives of intangible fixed assets for the purpose of determining the annual amortisation charge;
- Valuing the investment in 98 Whitehall Court LLP;
- Valuing the gift in kind legal advice;
- Allocating support costs; and
- Impact from risk assessments relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and current wider economic crisis

**(iv) Income recognition**

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises membership subscriptions, donations, grants, legacies, investment income and other income.

Membership subscriptions and donations, received under Gift Aid or deed of covenant, are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Gifts of professional services, if material, are recognised as income when:

- the charity has received the service,
- any conditions associated with the gift have been met and
- the economic receipt of the benefit can be measured reliably.

The value as a gift to the charity is the amount the charity would have paid to obtain the services; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure for the same accounting period.

In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 volunteer time is not recognised.

Legacies are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the legacy, the executors have established that there are sufficient surplus assets in the estate to pay the legacy, and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity.

Entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably, and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title of the asset having being transferred to the charity.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**(v) Grants**

Income from charitable activities includes any grant income received. This income may be classed as restricted or unrestricted dependent on any grant conditions attached to the income by the donor.

Grants for which the funder has agreed the charity's entitlement to income is based on satisfactory progress reports for the delivery of the agreed project/activities are treated as performance related grants and the income is recognised in accordance with the underlying activity as agreed with the funder.

Where there are no conditions attached to the grant, the income is credited to the statement of financial activities in the year in which the charity is entitled to the income in accordance with the with the funding agreement.

**(vi) Expenditure recognition**
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs. All expenses, including support costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. The classification between activities is as follows:

- Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure associated with raising funds for the charity. This includes investment management fees, staff costs associated with fundraising, and an allocation of support costs.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs associated with furthering the charitable purposes of the charity through the provision of its charitable activities. Such costs include direct staff costs, direct project costs and allocation of indirect support costs and overheads including governance costs.
- Staff time is used as a method of allocating indirect costs.
- All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**(vii) Intangible Fixed assets**
Intangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. They are amortised at 33% per annum on a straight-line basis.

(viii) Investments
The investment in the joint venture called 98 Whitehall Court LLP is stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

UNA-UK charge interest at 4% on the loan to the LLP. This is included within investment income.

Listed investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals during the year are recognised in the statement of financial activities.

**(ix) Pension Benefits**
The company contributes to eligible individuals' personal pension schemes which are independently administered using the salary sacrifice scheme. Pension costs are related to the salary paid and are charged to the accounts as they fall due. Contributions were made in respect of two directors (2021: one) during the year.

**(x) Funds Structure**
Expendable endowment funds represent those assets which the trustee have power to invest and which have been invested to generate investment income and capital gains. Income arising on expendable endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering these funds are charged to each individual fund.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the organisation's charitable purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for use on specific purposes. The Trustees may transfer them back if there is no longer a requirement for the expenditure to be made.

**(xi) Operating leases**
Operating lease costs are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period for which they fall due.

**(xii) Financial Instruments**
UNA-UK has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, together with trade and other debtors. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise trade creditors.

**(xiii) Cash at bank and in hand**
Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid cash held in bank accounts or on deposit accounts with short term maturity of three months or less.

(xiv) Debtors and Prepayments
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered.

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

**(xv) Creditors and Provisions**
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

## 2. Income from donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Year ended 30 June 2022 | Unrestricted | Restricted | Year ended 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Membership Subscriptions | 8,530 | - | 8,530 | 39,023 | - | 39,023 |
| Gifts | 218,607 | - | 218,607 | 47,592 | - | 47,592 |
| Donations | 54,040 | - | 54,040 | 34,033 | - | 34,033 |
| Gift Aid | 3,873 | - | 3,873 | 5,730 | - | 5,730 |
| Legacies | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | 82,839 | - | 82,839 |
| | 286,050 | - | 286,050 | 209,217 | - | 209,217 |

The unrestricted gifts include £219k (2021: £48k) pro bono legal support provided during the year. The comparative figures for 2021 has been updated this year to show donation of legal services provided to UNAUK in 2020-21. The corresponding expenditure is included within note 8.

## 3. Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Year ended 30 June 2022 | Unrestricted | Restricted | Year ended 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Grants | | | | | | |
| UNA Trust | - | - | - | 2,000 | - | 2,000 |
| Global Challenges Foundation | - | 117,775 | 117,775 | - | 300,133 | 300,133 |
| Campaign to Stop Killer Robots | - | 12,633 | 12,633 | - | 12,435 | 12,435 |
| Polden Puckham | - | - | - | - | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust | - | 46,367 | 46,367 | - | 41,602 | 41,602 |
| Marmot Trust | - | 25,000 | 25,000 | - | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Other small grants | - | - | - | 10,000 | - | 10,000 |
| Income from Events | 2,828 | - | 2,828 | 1,242 | - | 1,242 |
| Other Income | 7,647 | - | 7,647 | 28,461 | - | 28,461 |
| | 10,475 | 201,775 | 212,250 | 41,703 | 389,170 | 430,873 |

## 4. Income from investments

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Year ended 30 June 2022 | Unrestricted | Restricted | Year ended 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 98 Whitehall Court LLP | | | | | | |
| Interest on loan | 22,000 | - | 22,000 | 22,000 | - | 22,000 |
| Distribution of Profit during the yea | 48,997 | - | 48,997 | 47,967 | - | 47,967 |
| Interest and Dividend Income received during the year | 28,004 | - | 28,004 | 19,663 | - | 19,663 |
| | 99,001 | - | 99,001 | 89,630 | - | 89,630 |

## 5. Expenditure on raising funds

| | Year ended 30 June 2022 | Year ended 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Staff Costs | 11,337 | 10,453 |
| Allocated Fundraising costs | 3,490 | - |
| Total expenditure on raising funds | 14,827 | 10,453 |

## 6. Analysis of the expenditure on charitable activities and raising funds

*The expenditure on charitable activities is after allocation of general overheads. Direct costs and the allocation of support costs including the bases used for allocation are shown below.*

| | | Allocation of Overheads | | | Year ended 30 June 2022 | | Allocation of Overheads | | | Year ended 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Direct Costs | Staff Costs | Office Overheads | Governance | | Direct Costs | Staff Costs | Office Overheads | Governance | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Charitable Activities | | | | | | | | | | |
| Global Citizens | 1,350 | 106,998 | 1,812 | 70,672 | 180,832 | 1,037 | 87,409 | 4,144 | 33,529 | 126,119 |
| Global Solutions | 62,662 | 173,202 | 3,287 | 153,051 | 392,202 | 72,800 | 186,539 | 3,098 | 34,087 | 296,524 |
| Global Leadership | 38,229 | 47,302 | 921 | 29,128 | 115,580 | 32,600 | 27,337 | 1,142 | 7,986 | 69,065 |
| Total Charitable Activities | 102,241 | 327,502 | 6,020 | 252,851 | 688,614 | 106,437 | 301,285 | 8,384 | 75,602 | 491,708 |
| Expenditure on raising funds | - | 11,337 | 3,490 | - | 14,827 | - | 10,453 | - | - | 10,453 |
| Total | 102,241 | 338,839 | 9,510 | 252,851 | 703,441 | 106,437 | 311,738 | 8,384 | 75,602 | 502,161 |
| Method of allocation | Direct | Staff time | | | | Direct | Staff time | | | |

## 7. Net (expenditure)/income and movement in funds

The following amounts have been charged to the statement of financial activities:

| | Year ended 30 June 2022 | Year ended 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Current Year Audit Fees | 6,870 | 6,480 |
| Staff Costs (note 9) | 362,089 | 327,362 |
| | 368,959 | 333,842 |

## 8. Governance Costs

| | Year ended 30 June 2022 | Year ended 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Insurances | 1,432 | 1,320 |
| Professional charges | 218,655 | 47,627 |
| Audit fees | 6,870 | 6,480 |
| Subscriptions | 2,223 | 3,754 |
| Staff costs | 23,250 | 15,624 |
| Premises and office costs | 421 | 797 |
| | 252,851 | 75,602 |

Professional charges includes unrestricted expenses of £219k (2021: £48k) pro bono legal support provided during the year.
The comparative figures for 2021 has been updated this year to show the fees for the legal works which had been previously provided to UNA-UK.

## 9. Analysis of Staff Costs

The following table analyses the staff costs of UNA-UK.

| | Year ended 30 June 2022 | Year ended 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| Staff numbers | | |
| Average staff | 8.2 | 8.5 |
| Staff Costs | £ | £ |
| Salary costs | 307,432 | 279,036 |
| National Insurance Contributions | 32,038 | 23,211 |
| Pension Contributions | 17,516 | 21,253 |
| Other staff related expenditure | 5,103 | 3,862 |
| | 362,089 | 327,362 |

One employee received remuneration (excluding employer pension contributions) of more than £60,000 (2021: £60,000).

The key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis comprise the Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operations Officer. During 2021-22 the Chief Executive Officer, Natalie Samarasinghe resigned and the Board approved the Chief Operations Officer's temporary role of Acting Executive Director. Marissa Conway was appointed Chief Executive Officer with effect from 11 April 2022. The total remuneration (including taxable benefits and employer pension contributions and employer's national insurance contributions) of the key management personnel for the year was £141,670 (2021: £129,880).

During the year UNA-UK continued to benefit from a number of volunteers, mainly across our network of UNA Groups. The length of the volunteering period varies amongst UNA Groups. Volunteers are unpaid and may receive daily travel and lunch allowance depending on the policy of individual UNA Groups.

## 10. Fixed Asset Investments

In November 2014 UNA-UK entered into an equal partnership with an individual not related to UNA Trust or UNA-UK and formed 98 Whitehall Court LLP (incorporated in England & Wales). UNA-UK and the individual loaned £550,000 each to the LLP to enable the LLP to purchase the entire lease for £1,100,000. UNA-UK's share of the assets of the LLP is shown as an investment below.

| | Year ended 30 June 2022 | Year ended 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Listed investments (Note A) | 983,265 | 743,491 |
| Cash held in transit for investments (Note A) | - | 300,000 |
| 98 Whitehall Court LLP (Note B) | 550,000 | 550,000 |
| | 1,533,265 | 1,593,491 |

**Note A**

| COIF Investment Fund | Year ended 30 June 2022 | Year ended 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Market Value at 1 July, 2021 | 743,491 | 461,183 |
| Additions | 300,000 | 200,000 |
| Unrealised investment gains | (60,226) | 82,308 |
| Market Value 30 June, 2022 | **983,265** | **743,491** |
| Historical Cost of Investments | 900,000 | 600,000 |

UNA-UK's share of the profit of 98 Whitehall Court LLP during the year was £48,997 (2021: £47,399) (note 4)

At 30 June 2022 COIF Units were valued at £983,265 (historical cost £900,000) invested in COIF Charity Fund held by CCLA Investment Limited).

**Note B**

| Non-listed Investment in UK 98 Whitehall Court LLP | Year ended 30 June 2022 | Year ended 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Balance brought forward | 550,000 | 550,000 |
| Balance carried forward | **550,000** | **550,000** |

The charity registered a new company, Suite 98 Limited, with Companies House on 17 May 2022 with £1 share with the intention of dissolving 98 Whitehall Court LLP and transferring its assets to Suite 98 Limited (see post balance sheet events, note 19). Suite 98 Limited was inactive during 2021-22.

## 11. Debtors

| | Year ended 30 June 2022 | Year ended 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Amounts falling due within one year | | |
| Prepayments | 2,375 | 2,121 |
| Trade debtors | 40,031 | 30 |
| Other debtors | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| | 52,406 | 12,151 |

## 12. Creditors

| | Year ended 30 June 2022 | Year ended 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Amounts falling due within one year | | |
| Accruals | 6,870 | 6,480 |
| Payroll creditors | 4,103 | 4,103 |
| Trade creditors | 11,090 | 1,922 |
| | 22,063 | 12,505 |

## 13. Endowment Fund

The John Bright Appeal Fund was set up as a restricted fund by UNA Trust following a public appeal launched on 29 February 1988. On 3rd May 1991 the target capital required of £300k was reached and in consultation with the Charity Commission the funds raised were classed as a permanent John Bright Appeal Endowment.

In June 2012, UNA Trust received permission from the Charity Commission to spend the grant without replacement under section 282 of the Charities Act 2011.

On 27 January 2015 UNA Trust transferred the endowment funds to UNA-UK.

The transfer of funds from the endowment to unrestricted funds is the unrecognised loss on investments relating to the endowment funds invested with CCLA as at 30 June 2022.

## 14. Restricted Funds

| | 30 June 2020 | Income | Expenditure | 30 June 2021 | Income | Expenditure | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Restricted Funds** | | | | | | | |
| UNA-UK Conferences | 18,585 | - | (669) | 17,916 | - | (9,971) | 7,945 |
| Brighton & Hove Branch | 1,625 | - | - | 1,625 | - | - | 1,625 |
| Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust | - | 41,602 | (31,464) | 10,138 | 36,367 | (46,505) | - |
| Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust | - | - | - | - | 10,000 | (10,000) | |
| Polden Puckham Charitable Foundatio | - | 10,000 | (10,000) | - | - | - | - |
| Marmot Trust | - | 25,000 | (25,000) | - | 25,000 | (25,000) | - |
| Global Challenges Foundation | 59,251 | 300,133 | (298,864) | 60,520 | 117,775 | (178,295) | - |
| Campaign to Stop Killer Robots | 11,290 | 12,435 | (18,823) | 4,902 | 12,633 | (17,535) | - |
| MacKeith Legacy | - | - | - | - | - | (5,000) | (5,000) |
| | 90,751 | 389,170 | (384,820) | 95,101 | 201,775 | (292,306) | 4,570 |

**Fund Objectives**

UNA-UK Conferences: funds held by UNA-UK for future UNA-UK members Conferences.

Brighton & Hove Branch: to support the activities of the branch

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT): to support Arms Control work

Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation: to support Arms Control work

Marmot Trust: to support Arms Control work

Global Challenges Foundation: to support UNA-UK's global governance work - "Together First" campaign

Campaign to Stop Killer Robots: to support UNA-UK's work on Killer Robots

MacKeith Legacy: £120k left to UNA Trust with £80k restricted to UNA-UK's activities for diversity and inclusion and £20k to support local projects in Bangladesh to advance women's rights and education. £100k legacy was received after the year-end. £5k was advanced to a local project in Bangladesh during the year (see note 19).

## 15. Designated Funds

| | 30 June 2020 | New Designations | Utilitsation | 30 June 2021 | New Designations | Utilitsation | 30 June 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Investment in 98 Whitehall Court LLP | 550,000 | - | - | 550,000 | - | - | 550,000 |
| Margaret Collins Legacy | 9,500 | - | - | 9,500 | - | - | 9,500 |
| | 559,500 | - | - | 559,500 | - | - | 559,500 |

Investment in 98 Whitehall Court LLP: Share of long-term investment in property lease at Suite 98, 3 Whitehall Court, London, see note 19. Funds are not available for day to day operations of the charity.

Margaret Collins Legacy was left to Southampton UNA and is held by UNA-UK on their behalf.

## 16. Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted Funds 2022 | Restricted Funds 2022 | Endowment Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2022 | Unrestricted Funds 2021 | Restricted Funds 2021 | Endowment Funds 2021 | Total Funds 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Tangible Fixed Asset Investment | 550,000 | - | - | 550,000 | 550,000 | - | - | 550,000 |
| Investments | 552,264 | - | 431,001 | 983,265 | 602,029 | - | 441,462 | 1,043,491 |
| Net Current Assets | 146,736 | 4,570 | - | 151,306 | 162,345 | 95,101 | - | 257,446 |
| Total Net Assets | 1,249,000 | 4,570 | 431,001 | 1,684,571 | 1,314,374 | 95,101 | 441,462 | 1,850,937 |

## 17. Related parties

UNA-UK has a related party relationship with the UNA Trust (charity number 256236). The Chair of UNA-UK is also a trustee of the UNA Trust. The UNA Trust is no longer active. UNA-UK received a donation of £Nil (2021: £15,000) from the UNA Trust. There were no amounts owed to or from the UNA Trust as at 30 June 2022 or 30 June 2021.

During 2018-19 Polden Puckham awarded a £30k grant over three years to UNA-UK, this is restricted to UNA-UK's work on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). One UNA-UK Trustee is also a Trustee of Polden Puckham, however this Trustee was not involved in the Polden Puckham grant application and was also not involved in the Polden Puckham decision making process for this grant.

UNA-UK owns 50% share of a Limited Liability Partnership, 98 Whitehall Court LLP (LLP), that owns the sub-lease for UNA-UK offices at 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL (note 10 above). At the year end the LLP owed £10,000 (2021: £10,000) to UNA-UK, this is included in other debtors (note 11). The charity registered a new company, Suite 98 Limited, with Companies House on 17 May 2022 with the intention of dissolving 98 Whitehall Court LLP and transferring its assets to Suite 98 Limited (see post balance sheet events, note 19). Suite 98 Limited was inactive during 2021-22.

UNA-UK Trustees donated a total of £210 (2020: £ Nil) to the charity during the year.

## 18. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

The Trustees have delegated the following scrutiny and authorisation of staff remuneration to the Finance & Governance Committee:

- Scrutinising and authorising changes to the organisation's remuneration structure
- Reviewing and authorising annual pay increases for all staff including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operations Officer

The remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer (who is also a trustee) is stipulated in UNA-UK's Articles. The Chief Executive Officer received remuneration of £38,741 (2021: £48,532) and pension contributions of £3,874 (2021: £4,853) were paid by the charity for her role as Chief Executive Officer. No other trustee received any remuneration for their services. During the year ended 30 June 2022, No Trustee (2021: Nil) claimed for the cost of their travel.

## 19. Post Balance Sheet Events

On 17 May 2022 UNA-UK registered a new company, Suite 98 Limited, with Companies House.

On 14 July 2022 UNA-UK received a grant of £800k from The UNA Trust to purchase 98 Whitehall Court LLP's partner's share of the entity and a further £100k relating to the MacKeith restricted legacy (see note 14). In April 2022 UNA-UK made a payment of £5k as part of the £20k restricted legacy to support local projects in Bangladesh to advance women's rights and education.

On 14 July 2022, UNA-UK purchased 98 Whitehall Court LLP partner's share of the entity (see note 10) . Suite 98 Limited is 100% owned by UNA-UK. UNA-UK plans to dissolve 98 Whitehall Court LLP and transfer its assets to Suite 98 Limited during 2022-23.

**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION - UK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1146016

# Accounts

# UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION - UK

Company Number: 07824306
Charity Number: 1146016

UNA-UK

# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 June 2021

## Reference and Administrative Information

List of Trustees who were in Office throughout this reporting period

Lord Wood of Anfield (Chair)

Nimisha Agarwal

Andrew Boakes

Frances Chambers (Honorary Treasurer)

Dorothea Christiana

Lindsey Noakes

Natalie Samarasinghe

Angela Seay

Asher Simpson

Carl Wright

Shamima Yasmine

Officers of UNA-UK

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| Chair | Lord Wood of Anfield |
| Honorary Treasurer | Frances Chambers |
| Chief Executive Officer | Natalie Samarasinghe |
| Company Secretary | Angie Pankhania, Chief Operations Officer |
| Principal Offices and Registered Address: | 3 Whitehall Court, London, SW1A 2EL |
| Charity Registration Number: | 1146016 |
| Auditors: | Buzzacott LLP<br>130 Wood Street<br>London EC2V 6DL |
| Investment Managers: | CCLA<br>85 Queen Victoria Street<br>London, EC4V 4ET |
| Bankers: | Lloyds Bank Plc<br>39 Piccadilly<br>Mayfair<br>London W1V 0AA |
| | HSBC Bank Plc<br>28 Borough High Street<br>Southwark<br>London SE1 1YB |
| | Scottish Widows Bank Plc<br>PO Box 12757<br>67 Morrison Street<br>Edinburgh EH3 8YJ |

# Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the charity for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

## Constitution

The United Nations Association – UK (UNA-UK) is a company limited by guarantee (company registration number 7824306) and a registered charity (1146016).

The United Nations Association – UK was established as a company on 26 October 2011 and gained charitable status approval from the Charity Commission on 21 February 2012. The charity is governed by Articles of Association last amended on 20 October 2016.

UNA-UK has a related party relationship with the UNA Trust (charity number 256236) which is no longer active.

UNA-UK owns 50% share of 98 Whitehall Court LLP (LLP), that owns the sub-lease for UNA-UK offices at 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL.

## Public Benefit

The Board has considered the guidance published by the Charity Commission and concluded that the charity's core activities as described in the following pages, satisfactorily address the principles of public benefit and demonstrate that the charity has fulfilled the public benefit requirement under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

## Charity Objects

UNA-UK is the UK's leading source of independent information and analysis on the UN, and a UK-wide grassroots movement.

UNA-UK believes that effective international institutions and systems are essential if we are to build a safer, fairer and more sustainable world. We advocate support for UN programmes that further this objective, and seek to build public knowledge of, and participation in, its initiatives.

We pursue this mission by:

- Connecting people to the work and values of the UN
- Influencing decision-makers and opinion-shapers to support UN goals
- Explaining how the UN works and what it can realistically achieve
- Stimulating debate and action on how to make the UN more effective
- Equipping our members and supporters to further all of these aims

UNA-UK has a network of members and supporters, and autonomous local member, school and university groups throughout the UK.

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UNA-UK's objects are as follows:

- The prevention and relief of poverty, hunger and distress and the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage
- The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution and reconciliation and the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity
- The raising of awareness of human rights issues and securing the enforcement of human rights law
- The advancement of the study of and research into international problems and institutions with a view to the education of the public and the dissemination of the results of such study and research for the purpose of assisting such relief as aforesaid
- The advancement of environmental protection improvement and sustainable development
- The promotion of volunteering and good citizenship
- The support generally, within the powers hereby conferred, of the work of the United Nations or of any of its related associate agencies insofar as such work promotes all or any of the objects mentioned in any of the above.

## Performance towards Plans for 2020-21

2020 marked the 75th anniversary of the United Nations - and of our charity - amid unprecedented global suffering. The COVID-19 pandemic showed how quickly decades of progress can be reversed, with huge increases in poverty, hunger and inequality. It exposed the flawed and fragile nature of our societies and economies, already under threat from climate change, biodiversity loss, armed conflict and human rights abuses.

Against this backdrop, UNA-UK adjusted its plans for this final year of our 2019-2021 strategy to focus on the UN's role in responding to the crisis. We took the view that we cannot aspire to return to normal, because 'normal' was not working for most of the world's people. We must build back better, with greater emphasis on the Sustainable Development Goals and climate action. We also prioritised the UK's contribution through its foreign and development policies, and its support to the international system.

Over the year, the principle of solidarity became even more central to our work. None of us have the luxury of ignoring the plight of others, either on our doorstep or in far-away places. We must support those hardest hit, and address the longstanding issues that have made them vulnerable. We must also work across borders, sectors and generations if we are to overcome the challenges we face. To this end, the inclusion of women, young people, civil society, and marginalised communities was a priority across our programmes.

We also placed greater emphasis on 'walking the talk', striving to reflect the values we espouse. As we took the decision to plan for continued disruption in 2020-21, we saw the changes in our outlook, approach and operations as an investment towards becoming a more resilient and forward-looking organisation, and a leader in the charity sector on the future of work.

Below, we report on highlights across our three programmes:

- **Global Britain in practice**: campaigning for a principled, multilateral British foreign policy–we will advocate for greater priority, ambition, action and creativity by the UK in tackling global challenges and strengthening global institutions.

- **Global governance transformed**: making multilateralism fit for the 21st century–through our global Together First network, we will inspire and support a global peoples' movement for stronger international cooperation and more effective, inclusive global institutions.

- **Global citizens inspired**: boosting public engagement with global issues–we will use outreach and communications to increase understanding and involvement in these activities, with a particular focus on the UN s 75th anniversary in 2020.

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## GLOBAL BRITAIN IN PRACTICE

**Overall objective**
Produce concrete recommendations on how the UK can play a leading role in global pandemic response and recovery, including by submitting evidence to the Integrated Review of its defence, development and foreign policies - the first of its kind in 30 years.

**Overview**

Throughout the year, UNA-UK worked with other civil society organisations to develop recommendations for UK action, advocate for their adoption and monitor the UK's implementation of its international commitments and obligations. This included evidence to the Foreign Affairs Committee (FAC) and Defence Committee; joint responses with partners on arms control and atrocity prevention; letters to Government; briefing sessions with the Government and opposition parties - notably through the UN All-Party Parliamentary Group; and a detailed submission to the Integrated Review.

We were gratified to see our evidence cited extensively in the FAC report on multilateral diplomacy and positive language on international cooperation, human rights, and climate action in the Review itself. We were also pleased by the UK's contributions to the World Health Organization and Covax. However, we were disappointed by the decision to cut development aid and produced a number of communications outlining the impact of development programmes and the need for increased assistance as a result of the pandemic. Our annual members' conference focussed on this issue.

In line with our commitment to inclusion, we maintained dialogue with the Government on opportunities for the wider public - including young people - to engage with the process. We were pleased by the Government's decision to launch a portal to collect submissions and we conduct public outreach to encourage submissions. We also partnered with the School of International Futures to stimulate debate on the future of UK foreign policy through their National Strategy for the Next Generation programme. As well as our own submission and those of our local UNAs and supporters, we contributed to joint submissions on the issues of AI weapons and atrocity prevention.

To further our objective of encouraging the UK to create a cross-departmental strategy for strengthening the UN, and to support the UN's own consultation on the future of multilateralism, we published a major report compiling UN reform policy positions developed in partnership with experts from around the world over the past decade. We were delighted that this report was well received by UN practitioners and hope to see some of its recommendations supported in forthcoming UK and UN reports and statements.

| Objective | Key activities and impact |
|---|---|
| **Peacekeeping**<br>Convene experts to support UK and UN peacekeeping objectives and provide public information on the UK's contributions to support transparency | After years of advocating for greater UK troop contributions to UN peacekeeping, we were delighted to see the British deployment to Mali in December 2020 and provided public information on the deployment. Our evidence to the Integrated Review included recommendations for British peacekeeping, including in the context of COVID-19 which has exacerbated security threats in areas such as the Sahel.<br><br>We partnered with the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) and British International Studies Association to host 3 virtual roundtables on peacekeeping reform, bringing together experts and practitioners to support the Government's work ahead of the peacekeeping ministerial in December 2021.<br><br>We also hosted our annual Peacekeepers' Day event with RUSI and our Westminster branch. Taking advantage of the virtual format, this was our most diverse event to date with emphasis on people-centred peacekeeping and a public report, with recordings, of all the sessions. Our Westminster branch recreated the spirit of our remembrance ceremony for fallen peacekeepers with a socially distanced event involving the Minister for the UN, embassy representatives and schoolchildren. |

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| GLOBAL BRITAIN IN PRACTICE | |
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| **Arms control**<br>Monitor compliance with international obligations and create public information and education materials on **lethal autonomous weapons** | With new funding from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust and the global Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, we were able to increase our work on lethal autonomous weapons by engaging our university network. This involved equipping our student groups to start dialogues with their research departments to ascertain their stance on the development of these weapons, and providing students with information packs. We also engaged with the Ministry of Defence to convey the concerns of the wider public.<br><br>Internationally, we leveraged the opportunities provided by the UN's public and stakeholder consultations to mark its 75th anniversary by encouraging our networks to support the UN Secretary-General's call for a ban on killer robots. We were delighted that our efforts led to this being one of the top five proposals.<br><br>We also continued to work with our local branches and members to raise awareness of the impact of UK arms exports on conflict and violence in Yemen and Gaza. This included joint outreach with the UK Working Group on Arms on the UK's obligations under the Arms Trade Treaty. |
| **Disarmament**<br>Provide public information on the new Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons | With additional funding from JRCT, as well as our ongoing funding from Polden Puckham Charitable Foundation and the Marmot Charitable Trust we launched a major programme of work around the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) aimed at raising awareness among parliamentarians, young people and the wider public. This included the release and dissemination of a detailed briefing on the Treaty as well as holding events in Parliament with the UN All-Party Parliamentary Group. In line with our commitment to greater inclusion in policy-making, we partnered with Peace Child to hold a model citizens' assembly on nuclear disarmament, which provided a space for representatives from government, parliament and civil society to exchange views in front of a youth audience.<br><br>As part of the UK coordinating team for the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, we prepared materials for our local branches to engage their cities and communities, coordinated an advocacy letter signed by 28 organisations and hosted an all-female panel discussion on advancing disarmament in partnership with the UN75 office. |
| **Objective** | **Key activities and impact** |
| **Atrocity prevention and human rights**<br>Provide information to parliamentarians, generate recommendations on strengthening the UN's human rights work; and monitor UK compliance with human rights laws | Without dedicated funding, we continue to work in partnership with organisations such as Protection Approaches to build awareness within policy-making circles of the need for specific action on atrocity prevention, distinct from broader conflict protection work.<br><br>We also raised the alarm on a number of occasions where UN experts warned there was a risk of atrocity crimes and serious violations of human rights law - this included letters and statements on Myanmar and Gaza.<br><br>We were gratified to see our evidence on the UN human rights machinery cited several times in the Foreign Affairs Committee report, and to partner with the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Disability to mark the 25th anniversary of the Disability Discrimination Act and discuss global disability rights developments. |

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| **Women, peace and security**<br>Support partner organisations by providing expertise on UN issues and amplifying their work | Without dedicated funding, we continued to partner with organisations such as Gender Action for Peace and Security and the Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy to provide a gender perspective on issues such as peacekeeping, atrocity prevention and sexual violence.<br><br>We also worked with Women for Women to host an all-female panel event taking stock of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security. The event generated recommendations for the UN's stakeholder consultation on the future of multilateralism. |
| **Climate action, sustainable development and global health**<br>Encourage support for UN initiatives among British policymakers and the public | In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its widespread economic and social impacts, UNA-UK took the decision to deepen its climate, development and health-focussed work.<br><br>Without dedicated funding, this work was largely carried out through the provision of information through our magazine and website, with particular focus on key events such as the Prime Minister's participation in the September 2020 opening of the UN General Assembly, at which he announced UK global health commitments. Ahead of the June 2021 G7 meeting we partnered with the Climate Coalition on a letter calling for the UK to 'walk the talk' on climate action. |

## GLOBAL GOVERNANCE TRANSFORMED

### Overall

The pandemic highlighted the importance - and shortcomings - of international cooperation and institutions, giving fresh impetus and urgency to our Together First project. Funded by the Global Challenges Foundation, this initiative has seen UNA-UK build a global movement of civil society organisations aimed at making global governance more inclusive and effective.

In 2019-20 we conducted an intensive consultation process involving experts, practitioners and organisations from different regions and sectors to generate transformative but feasible recommendations to strengthen the UN. Over the past 12 months, we have worked to advance the top 10 recommendations. This included partnering with the United Nations on its 75th public consultation process, for which UNA-UK generated hundreds of contributions through dialogues and survey responses. This was a rare opportunity for the general public to provide input and feedback to the UN, and to share their priorities for international cooperation and solutions to the challenges we face. We also worked with the Brazil-based Igarapé Institute on the follow-up stakeholder consultation.

We ensured that our UK-wide member and supporter base, as well as our international network were aware of these processes and understood their value. We also facilitated the participation of marginalised and offline communities by feeding contributions generated through our meetings into these digital consultations.

As a result of our efforts, key issues of interest to the UK public - and global civil society - featured prominently in resulting reports. This included widespread support for our push to have a UN civil society champion, as well as climate action, nuclear disarmament and a ban on lethal autonomous weapons.

We worked with the Stimson Center to hold dialogues in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and provided funding to the UN2020 coalition to generate buy-in and momentum through events and communications. We identified partners to champion particular recommendations - from big organisations such as the Open Society Foundations to grassroots members of our Together First network. See below for further detail on our two most successful campaigns.

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| We also commissioned an independent peer review of our work, which found that our advocacy around the positioning of the UN's 75th anniversary had supported the development of a substantive public engagement initiative focussed on strengthening the UN. The review noted that diplomats had found our materials and briefings useful, not least due to the absence of in-person meetings as a result of COVID-19, and that the voice of civil society was heard during the anniversary despite not being able to speak in formal events. | |
| **Objective** | **Key activities and impact** |
| **Civil society inclusion**<br>Increase civil society inclusion in UN processes and support for a **civil society champion** | Working in partnership with groups such as CIVICUS as well as the Office of the President of the General Assembly and a number of UN Member States, we facilitated the participation of civil society organisations in key UN events and ensured that their concerns were conveyed. We produced communications materials to publicise these opportunities, as well as briefings and reports with recommendations on how to enhance inclusion, partnership, transparency and accountability. We also carried out advocacy to build momentum on the recommendations and created opportunities for civil society and youth to engage with decision-makers.<br><br>The proposal for the civil society champion has, to date, attracted the most support. It is now backed by over 200 civil society groups from all regions, as well as by more than 50 governments. |
| **Merit-based senior appointments**<br>Monitor international appointment processes and advocate for best practice to be applied and consolidated | Building on our successful campaign to transform the Secretary-General selection process in 2016, we worked with governments and civil society groups to call for key elements of the improved process to be applied in 2021. As a result, the incumbent was required to be formally nominated, to submit a vision statement and hold a public dialogue which included questions from civil society. States were also given the opportunity to put forward other candidates. We also increased public awareness and understanding on the issue through op eds and contributions to a series of press articles. Additionally, we continued to campaign for proposals to further strengthen the selection process.<br><br>In spring 2021 we partnered with the Overseas Development Institute and others to monitor the appointment of the UN's Emergency Relief Coordinator. We called for a public call for nominations and encouraged the presentation of qualified candidates from all nationalities (the last four postholders were all British despite a General Assembly resolution stating that no state should hold a monopoly on any position). While another British candidate was chosen, the process was open and the successful individual is highly experienced in humanitarian affairs. Under the banner of Together First we also edited and published a detailed report, authored by Mexican academic and economic governance expert Prof Edna Ramirez-Robles exploring reform opportunities to the senior appointment processes at the World Trade Organisation. |

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## GLOBAL CITIZENS INSPIRED

**Overall objective.**

Improve understanding of and support for international cooperation through informational and educational activities.

Throughout the year we worked hard to boost public engagement with global issues and to find ways to maintain and expand inclusion amidst restrictions on events and travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Together with our members, supporters and local groups, we held more frequent virtual meetings which enabled the staff team to engage with constituencies across the country and invite speakers from around the world. These meetings also served as regular 'check ins' with our network, for whom membership of UNA-UK is a social activity.

At a time when many people were feeling helpless in the face of the pandemic, we provided opportunities for the public - in the UK and beyond - to contribute to the UN's 75th anniversary initiative through surveys, consultations, events and campaigns. We helped to bring the UN's educational materials on megatrends (climate and environmental degradation, conflict and violence, digital technologies, demographics, health, inequalities, women and girls) to audiences in this country. We also organised opportunities for people - especially youth and civil society - to engage with senior UN officials. We ensured that our work on issues such as nuclear disarmament and global health reached beyond small policy circles, through simple communications and media engagement.

Key activities included:

- A virtual members' conference featuring the Secretary-General of Oxfam, as well as a dedicated session to discuss UNA-UK's work and priorities
- An event and concert to mark UN Day held in partnership with Peace Child and UNA London & South East Region, featuring former UN Deputy Secretary-General Mark Malloch-Brown, former President of the UN General Assembly María Fernanda Espinosa, youth climate advisor Nisreen Elsaim, Mandeep Tiwana of CIVICUS and former UN staffer Ahmad Fawzi.
- The presentation of the Sir Brian Urquhart Award for Distinguished Service to journalist and broadcaster Zeinab Badawi for her work to bring UN issues to audiences across the world
- Supporting the visit of the UN Secretary-General to London and ensuring a large audience for his speech to mark the 75th anniversary of the UN's first meetings. We also supported our Westminster branch's longstanding campaign to rename Broad Sanctuary Green "UN Green".
- A socially-distanced commemoration and virtual event to mark Peacekeepers' Day, in partnership with RUSI and UNA Westminster
- A total of 9 meetings of the UN All-Party Parliamentary Group: with expert speakers providing briefings and answering questions on a variety of topics – such as the UN75 Global Consultation, the New Start Treaty, the UK's objectives at UNGA75, Implications for 2020 NPT Review, the UN during COVID-19, the Iran Nuclear Deal, the UK's presidency of the Security Council in 2021, and the Implications of the Integrated Review for UK's Contribution to UN Peacekeeping.

These activities were carried out in line with grants and with generous support through donations.

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| GLOBAL CITIZENS INSPIRED | |
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| **Objective** | **Key activities and impact** |
| **Youth and community engagement**<br>Provide opportunities for young people, community groups and the British public to learn about UN issues, engage with UN initiatives and support priorities such as poverty alleviation and environmental protection | We have provided the following opportunities for youth and community engagement:<br>• A model citizens' assembly on nuclear disarmament in partnership with Peace Child, which gave young people an opportunity to engage with experts and politicians. We also worked with Peace Child on youth-focussed sessions during "UN week, including a pitching session where young people shared UN reform ideas<br>• A university 'ambassadors' programme to support campaigning on lethal autonomous weapons, and careers talks by members of the British Association of Former UN Civil Servants<br>• Opportunities to engage with, or pose questions to, senior UN officials including the Secretary-General during his reappointment process in spring 2021<br>• Opportunities to submit ideas and proposals for global action to address pressing challenges through the UN public and stakeholder consultations, as well as our own Together First process<br>• Regular virtual meetings and newsletters to support UNA groups across the country<br>• Our staff, Trustees and members also took part in an unprecedented number of international events, held online due to COVID-19. This included major conferences such as the EU State of the Union, Paris Peace Forum and Gwanju Democracy Forum, as well as events organised by our partners in Africa, Asia and Latin America. |
| **Communications and media**<br>Create information and educational materials and provide accurate information on UN issues through media engagement | We created a number of information and educational materials during the year to ensure that the public - including those offline - were informed about key UN and UK activities on issues such as pandemic response and climate change. This included:<br>• Briefings and updates on the World Health Organization, the schedule and priorities for the UN General Assembly, Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, election of US President Joe Biden, Secretary-General selection process and appointment of the UN Emergency Relief Coordinator<br>• Briefings and updates on UK climate summit, foreign policy, defence policy (in particular peacekeeping), development aid and budget<br>• Reports on the Sustainable Development Goals and 'decade of action', UN reform, UK foreign policy, UN-civil society engagement, World Trade Organisation, the UN and Latin America, UK and peacekeeping (in partnership with RUSI)<br>• Members' magazine on 'building back better', including an essay from Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee on a feminist recovery from COVID-19<br>• Resources to support our university groups and campaigns on killer robots, nuclear disarmament and a UN civil society champion<br>• New campaign materials, including Trello boards and media assets, for us and partners to utilise<br>Throughout the year, UNA-UK's media work has contributed to public and expert understanding of the UK's role at the United Nations, the value of multilateral cooperation, and the ongoing importance of UK support for the Organisation. We also provided crucial information on issues such as the UN General Assembly and the Secretary-General selection process to journalists<br>This has included articles and interviews with the Arab News, Byline Times, Devex, E-International Relations, Evening Standard, and Passblue. Our CEO also took part in the Cannes Lions Sustainable Development Goals awards as a jury member, which attracted media and communications industry coverage of these vital UN goals. |

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## Plans for 2021-22

The pandemic has shown that we need everyone – people, business, research, civil society, local and national governments, and global institutions – to pull together. It has also proved that huge transformations are possible if there is political will and public support, backed by evidence and finance. At the end of this financial year, the UNA-UK Board adopted a new three-year strategy setting out how the charity will play its part through three programmes:

- **The future we want** – through outreach and communications, we will engage people in the UK and beyond in building a better future for all, and empower them to address the challenges we face.
- **The UN we need** – through research and campaigns, we will generate momentum to make our global institutions more able to achieve this vision, as well as more open, inclusive and accountable to the people they serve.
- **The UK's role** – through advocacy and engagement, we will encourage our country to lead by example, making the case for global solidarity and cooperation, at home and abroad, and backing it up with concrete actions. As we emerge from a period of turbulence and hardship, let us work together to make this our turning point for a better future for all.

**By June 2024, we hope to have inspired:**

- People from all walks of life to campaign for policies that put people and planet first, and to take steps towards that goal -as individuals, communities and organisations.
- A transformative follow-up process to the UN's 75th anniversary declaration that will bring us closer to the UN we need.
- Progress on at least one of our proposals for strengthening the UN, such as a high-level champion for civil society.
- An inclusive COP26 that generates meaningful action on the climate emergency.
- The development of a UK strategy for strengthening the UN, as well as concrete UK support -financial, political and practical -for the Organisation's work.

**In the year 2021 to 2022, we plan to undertake the following activities in support of the above:**

- Creating information and educational materials, including actions and events, ahead of COP26.
- Featuring diverse perspectives from around the world in climate-focused publications.
- Using key events, such as UN Day, member conferences and Peacekeepers' Day to give the public, including young people, a chance to engage with leading experts and practitioners.
- Launching our work on global pandemic response and global health governance.
- Advocating for the recommendations generated by civil society, youth and the wider public as part of our contributions to the UN75 global consultation, in particular, our campaign on a UN civil society champion.
- Engaging with parliamentarians through a programme of events with the UN All-Party Parliamentary Group.
- Taking forward our work with ICAN and the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots.
- Launching a new project on gender equality with £80,000 legacy to advance the rights of women and girls.
- Producing recommendations ahead of the Peacekeeping Ministerial.
- Refreshing our website and communications.
- Implementing changes to make our grassroots network more vibrant and inclusive, including by removing financial barriers to membership and increasing support to UNA groups.
- Implementing changes to our operations to provide more flexibility to staff, make progress towards becoming a carbon neutral organisation and to demonstrate our impact.

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## Governance and Management

Decision Making

The governance and decision-making of the charity rests with the Board of Directors/Trustees; these are the charity's key management personnel and include the Chief Executive Officer (job title changed from Executive Director). No other trustees received any remuneration for their services.

The Chief Executive Officer's remuneration policy is stipulated in UNA-UK's Articles. During 2018-19 the UNA-UK Board formally approved the Chief Executive Officer's sabbatical from February 2019 to August 2019, this was extended to 31 December 2020 in October 2019, with ad hoc support to be pre-agreed. The Board also approved the Chief Operations Officer's temporary role of Acting Executive Director to December 2020. The Chief Operations Officer/Acting Executive Director's remuneration is recommended by the Finance & Governance Committee and approved by the UNA-UK Board. She is not a Trustee/ Director of UNA-UK.

The Board meets four times a year. It is made up of the Chair, elected by the Board; the Honorary Treasurer; two Trustees elected by members of UNA-UK; one Trustee representing UNA-UK's biennial Conference, the Chief Executive Officer and up to eight further Trustees recruited for their skills and expertise.

New trustees are given a copy of 'UNA-UK Trustee induction pack' which includes an overview of their legal obligations as a trustee together with a copy of UNA-UK's Articles of Association and Code of Conduct.

The Board was supported in its work by the Finance and Governance Committee (F&GC). The F&GC provided oversight of the finance and governance of UNA-UK including setting the staff pay and conditions, risk management processes, internal controls, the integrity of financial statements and the external audit process. The Chair of the committee is the honorary treasurer and a full member of the Board. A minimum of 50% of the Committee members are also members of the Board.

A second Board sub-committee, the Conference Committee, focuses solely on the organisation of a biennial UNA-UK Conference. A representative of the Conference Committee is also a member of the Board.

Day-to-day operation has been delegated to the staff of UNA-UK, through the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer is a full member of the Board, the Chief Operations Officer/Acting Executive Director is not a full member of the Board but does attend both Board meetings and other sub-committee meetings and provides feedback on performance in pursuit of the charity's objectives. The Chairman provides supervision and guidance to the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operations Officer/Acting Executive Director.

Pro bono legal support

The Trustees and staff of UNA-UK continue to be immensely grateful for the pro bono legal support received from Baker & McKenzie during the year and in previous years.

Planning

The charity continued to pursue the overall objectives of the charity as set out in the charity's 2020-2021 strategic plan. The Executive's work is defined by the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) derived from the strategic plan and Board priorities. The Board recently approved the Charity's next 2021-2024 strategy due to be implemented in July 2021. Trustees have agreed to adopt a shorter timeframe for recent strategic plans given the uncertain external political and financial environment.

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Risk Management

Risk management is the responsibility of the Board, supported by the Finance and Governance Committee. Strategic and operational risks are regularly reviewed by the Committee as presented by the Executive. Each risk identified is managed through a risk map. Where possible the risks are managed by ensuring adequate internal controls are in place to mitigate and reduce risks where possible and these are reviewed and assessed regularly to establish if any further actions can be taken.

The risk map covers areas such as Reputation, Operational Delivery, Fundraising, People, Governance and IT. For the last couple of years, the Trustees have assessed the most significant risks to be associated with income generation, in particular the risk of having limited resources or not being able to replace funding to sustain current levels of activity. The charity secured its largest restricted grant in 2019-20 of £586k from The Global Challenges Foundation for our latest campaign, Together First, the grant was for the period from July 2019 to December 2020. In January 2021, UNA-UK secured a further £156k grant to November 2021 from The Global Challenges Foundation for the Together First campaign.

Strategic and operational risks are reviewed at each F&GC meeting to ensure where possible action is taken to mitigate any risks identified. However, the nature of some of these risks, in particular reputational risks associated with the UN, means that the majority of these risks are outside the control of the charity. The Trustees believe adequate controls are in place to manage operational risks identified to date.

Impact of the Global COVID-19 Pandemic

Our top priority is the health and safety of our staff, our stakeholders and people on our premises. We have continued to monitor the situation closely and have adjusted our internal policies and introduced regular risk assessments to respond to a rapidly evolving situation.

As part of the organisation's risk management, risks related to the pandemic on all aspects of the charity's operations were added to the charity's risk register. Since March 2020 all our staff have been working remotely. Our drive towards a paperless office helped the charity transition to remote working relatively seamlessly. We are regularly monitoring the financial impact of the pandemic with the latest assessment reviewed by the Finance and Governance Committee in June 2021 and by the UNA-UK Board in March 2021. A a combination of successful fundraising, prudent financial management and legacies means our 2021-2024 strategy is now fully funded, without the need to draw on reserves. Current financial risk assessment indicates that there is a risk that the charity will not be able to maintain all its income streams at current levels, however this has been taken into consideration when preparing budgets and cashflows for the following year.

In addition to the above, the full impact following the emergence of the global coronavirus pandemic is still unknown. It is therefore not currently possible to evaluate all the potential implications for the charity's activities, funders, suppliers and the wider economy. Estimates used in the financial statements, particularly with respect to the value of listed investments (see note 10) are subject to a greater degree of uncertainty and volatility.

Going Concern

As set out in the accounting policies under "going concern", the trustees have considered the impact of the pandemic on the charity and have concluded that despite these challenges and although there may be some negative consequences, the charity has sufficient reserves to continue preparing its Financial Statements on the going concern basis.

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## Financial Review

Income
Total income during 2020-21 was £682,128 (2019-20: £704,263), which came from eight sources:

- £401,170 (2019-20: £476,018) from grants of which £389,170 (2019-20: £454,018) was from restricted grants
- £ 78,786 (2019-20: £82,403) from membership subscriptions and donations
- £ 69,967 (2019-20: £62,937) from 98 Whitehall Court LLP
- £ 82,839 (2019-20: £25,943) from legacies
- £ 15,000 (2019-20: £20,000) from publications
- £ 28,461 (2019-20: £20,289) other income, £1,242 (2019-20: £2,158) income from events

Expenditure
Total expenditure for 2020-21 was £454,569 (2019-20: £514,084), of which 98%, £444,116 (2019-20: 98%, £505,093) was used on charitable activities. There are three broad strands to the charitable activities of UNA-UK, namely work towards a safer, fairer and more sustainable world; provision of information; and educational activities.

Investments
The UNA-UK investment portfolio is managed by CCLA Investments Limited's COIF Charity Ethical Fund. The Fund is managed in accordance with the policy set by the Fund's Board and CCLA's response to the UK Stewardship Code. The Fund's aim is to provide a long-term total return comprising growth in capital and distributions. The Fund's policy is to actively manage a diversified portfolio of assets designed to help protect both present and future beneficiaries from the effects of inflation. The Fund has an emphasis on equities, but will also include property, bonds and other asset classes. The Fund has a wide range of ethical restrictions advised by an ethical advisory group that assists in the development of the Fund's client-driven ethical investment policy.

Investments Performance
The Fund achieved a total return after expenses of 9.76% on the Income Units and 9.77% on the Accumulation Units. This compares with a return of 3.95% on the previous year, the increase coming from growth oriented companies (such as technology and health sectors), outperforming expectations.

The trustees are satisfied that the investment aims above have been met. The trustees are hopeful that the performance objective of their investment policy will continue to be achieved in the coming years, but recognise that achieving the objective may be challenging against a backdrop of possible increases in interest rates and while stock markets remain potentially volatile in current geopolitical circumstances.

Reserves Policy
Reserves at 30 June 2021 were £1,850,937 (2020: £1,541,070) of which £95,101 (2020: £90,751) is unspent restricted grants, £441,462 (2020: £451,911) relates to John Bright Endowment, £550,000 (2020: £550,000) represents long term fixed asset investment in 98 Whitehall Court LLP (UNA-UK office premises), and £9,500 (2020: £9,500) in designated funds - leaving £754,874 (2020: £438,908) in unrestricted general funds at the year-end.

The Trustees have reviewed risks during the year in developing the charity's reserves policy, which is retaining sufficient unrestricted general funds to meet as a minimum six months of the charity's staff costs, currently estimated to be £180,000 (2020: £180,000). As at 30 June 2021, the charity had £754,874 (2020: £438,908) in unrestricted general reserves equivalent to 24 (2020:14) months staff costs. Excess over the reserves policy will help fund UNA-UK's new 2021-2024 strategy and has provided the charity with some financial stability over the next few years.

Fundraising
We have been fortunate, considering the current funding environment which has proved very challenging in a number of areas, the charity managed to secure a total of £401k grant funding during the year as well as legacy income of £82k. UNA-UK will continue to pursue other grant makers whilst also seeking to develop further other sustainable income streams, which provide unrestricted core funding for the charity.

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Like all of our work, our fundraising activities are grounded in the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and we aspire to best practice in terms of transparency. We fundraise solely for our work, using content for which we own the copyright and/or have received permission. Our fundraising materials overwhelmingly use images from our own events and campaigns, and quotes from our members and supporters. We are mindful of accessibility and diversity when producing these materials and work hard to ensure that our objectives and activities are portrayed accurately.

The bulk of these activities are carried out by UNA-UK staff team, from writing funding bids and appeals to processing donations and organising events, with Trustees providing practical support and guidance. We also seek informal advice from our members and supporters, for example, when crafting sensitive appeals such as legacy appeals.

We support staff training and development and have strict policies and processes in place to ensure that our activities comply with regulations as well as with our values as an organisation. The Board has advertised and recruited Trustees with particular skills, knowledge and experience in this area, and will continue to do so.

During the year 1.5%, £10,453 (2020: 2%, £8,991) of our income was spent on fundraising. We do not use professional fundraisers or commercial agents for our fundraising. We receive a modest amount of income (<£5k) from advertising in our publications.

We encourage our local UNA groups to fundraise for us and have produced guidance documents to assist them in carrying out these activities in a fair, inclusive and transparent manner. These groups are legally and financially autonomous from UNA-UK, but they play a crucial role in furthering the charity's objectives in their local communities. To date, we have not received any complaints about fundraising conducted by local UNA groups on our behalf. Should this occur in the future, they would be handled using the same process as for any other complaints. The top-level process is set out in the charity's Articles, with further detail in organisational policies.

In terms of seeking donations from members of the public, this is overwhelmingly limited to email and postal appeals to our existing members and supporters, save for the occasional appeal at public UNA-UK events and social media platforms. All members and supporters can opt out from receiving our approaches at any time. The charity never 'cold calls' anyone, nor do we engage in street fundraising.

As anyone can become a member or supporter of UNA-UK, it is likely that some people who could be described as vulnerable will receive communications from us. We strive to ensure that all of our communications are respectful and sensitive – nobody should ever feel under pressure to make a financial contribution to UNA-UK.

In light of the pandemic and increased financial hardship for many people in the UK, our Board took the decision to replace membership subscription fees with suggested voluntary donations, thereby removing financial barriers to membership. The Board further decided that individuals who have been involved with UNA-UK without paying membership fees - such as our supporters and local group members - would be referred to as 'members' of the organisation, reflecting our appreciation for non-financial contributions to our work.

While the public element of our fundraising is modest, we are nonetheless exploring registering with the Fundraising Regulator. We already comply with the spirit of the Fundraising Promise.

# Trustees' Annual Report

## Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of United Nations Association – UK for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the Trustees confirm that:

- so far as the Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Trustees on 22 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Lord Wood of Anfield
Chairman

# Independent auditor's report to the members of United Nations Association - UK

**Opinion**
We have audited the financial statements of United Nations Association – UK (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 June 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2021 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**
In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**
The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report and financial statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

**Responsibilities of trustees**
As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are the Charities Act 2011, Companies Act 2006 and the General Data Protection Act 2018.
- We understood how United Nations Association – UK is complying with those frameworks by making enquires of management and those responsible for legal and compliance procedures. We corroborated our enquires through our review of board minutes to identify noncompliance with laws and regulations and review of any legal expenses.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management and those charged with governance as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- tested the authorisation of expenditure as part of our substantive testing thereon;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in the accounting policies were indicative of potential bias; and
- used data analytics to identify any significant or unusual transactions and identify the rationale for them.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of trustee meetings;
- enquiring of management and those charged with governance as to actual and potential litigation and claims

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**
This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Buzzacott LLP

Catherine Biscoe (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Buzzacott LLP, Statutory Auditor
130 Wood Street
London
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Date 09 November 2021

# Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

## Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2020-21 | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2019-20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Income** | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations and Legacies | (2) | 161,625 | - | - | 161,625 | 108,346 | - | - | 108,346 |
| Income from Charitable Activites | (3) | 41,703 | 389,170 | - | 430,873 | 64,447 | 454,018 | - | 518,465 |
| Investment Income | (4) | 89,630 | - | - | 89,630 | 77,452 | - | - | 77,452 |
| **Total Income** | | 292,958 | 389,170 | - | 682,128 | 250,245 | 454,018 | - | 704,263 |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | - | | | | |
| Raising funds | (5) | 10,453 | - | - | 10,453 | 8,991 | - | - | 8,991 |
| Charitable activities | (6) | 48,847 | 384,820 | 10,449 | 444,116 | 73,058 | 404,739 | 27,296 | 505,093 |
| **Total Expenditure** | | 59,300 | 384,820 | 10,449 | 454,569 | 82,049 | 404,739 | 27,296 | 514,084 |
| **Net income (expenditure) before gains on investments** | | 233,658 | 4,350 | (10,449) | 227,559 | 168,196 | 49,279 | (27,296) | 190,179 |
| Net unreaslised gains on Investments | (10) | 20,315 | - | 61,993 | 82,308 | - | - | 16,014 | 16,014 |
| Transfers to unrestricted funds | (13) | 61,993 | - | (61,993) | - | 16,014 | - | (16,014) | - |
| **Net income (expenditure) and movement in funds** | (7) | 315,966 | 4,350 | (10,449) | 309,867 | 184,210 | 49,279 | (27,296) | 206,193 |
| **Reconciliation of Funds** | | | | | | | | | |
| Funds Brought Forward | | 998,408 | 90,751 | 451,911 | 1,541,070 | 814,198 | 41,472 | 479,207 | 1,334,877 |
| Funds carried forward | | 1,314,374 | 95,101 | 441,462 | 1,850,937 | 998,408 | 90,751 | 451,911 | 1,541,070 |

All income and expenditure during each financial year was in respect of continuing activities.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the above Statement of Financial Activities

# Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2021

| | Note | 30 June 2021 | | 30 June 2020 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | | | | | |
| Fixed asset investments | (10) | | 1,593,491 | | 1,011,183 |
| Total Fixed Assets | | | 1,593,491 | | 1,011,183 |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | (11) | 12,151 | | 20,323 | |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | | 257,800 | | 554,910 | |
| Creditors | | | | | |
| Creditors amount falling due within one year | (12) | (12,505) | | (45,346) | |
| Net Current Assets | | | 257,446 | | 529,887 |
| Total Net Assets | | | 1,850,937 | | 1,541,070 |
| The Funds of the Charity | | | | | |
| Endowment | (13) | 441,462 | | 451,911 | |
| Restricted | (14) | 95,101 | | 90,751 | |
| Unrestricted Designated Funds | (15) | 559,500 | | 559,500 | |
| Unrestricted General Funds | | 754,874 | | 438,908 | |
| Total Charity Funds | | | 1,850,937 | | 1,541,070 |

The notes on pages 23-30 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by Trustees of UNA-UK at a meeting held on 22 September 2021 and were signed on their behalf by:

Lord Wood of Anfield
Chairman

Frances Chambers
Honorary Treasurer

Companies House Registered Number: 07824306
Charity Commission Registered Number: 1146016

# Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2021

| | | 30 June 2021 | 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | £ |
| **Net cash provided by operating activities** | A | 183,227 | 193,849 |
| **Cash flows from investing activities** | B | 19,663 | 14,515 |
| **Change in Cash and cash equivalents in the year** | | 202,890 | 208,364 |
| **Add cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year** | C | 554,910 | 346,546 |
| **Less cash invested during the year** | | (200,000) | - |
| **Less cash held for investments at the year end** | | (300,000) | - |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year** | | 257,800 | 554,910 |

| **Table A** | 30 June 2021 | 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| **Cash flows from operating activities** | | |
| Net income as per the Statement of Financial Activities | 298,863 | 206,193 |
| Adjustments for non-cash items: | | |
| Dividends and interest income | (19,663) | (14,515) |
| Unrealised gain on investments | (82,308) | (16,014) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in debtors | 8,172 | (6,055) |
| Increase/(Decrease) in creditors | (21,837) | 24,240 |
| **Net cash provided by operating activities** | 183,227 | 193,849 |

| **Table B** | 30 June 2021 | 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| **Cash flows from investing activities** | | |
| Dividend and Interest income | 19,663 | 14,515 |
| **Net cash provided by investing activities** | 19,663 | 14,515 |

| **Table C** | 30 June 2021 | 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| **Analysis of cash and cash equivalents** | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 257,800 | 554,910 |
| **Total cash and cash equivalents** | 257,800 | 554,910 |

No separate reconciliation of net debt has been prepared as there is no difference between the net cash (debt) of the charitable company and the cash and cash equivalents.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 1. Accounting policies

### (i) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.The financial statements are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

### (ii) Going Concern

The Financial Statements are prepared on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The Trustees have approved the charity's budgets and projections to June 2025 and concluded that the charity has adequate resources to fund its activities for at least twelve months from the date of the signing of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge and recognise the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the charity and have concluded that although there may be some negative consequences, due to wider uncertainty and economic impact of the pandemic with a likely reduction in income streams in future, such as donations, publication income, premises income and investment income, it is still appropriate for the charity to continue to prepare its financial statements on the going concern basis as the Charity's new 2021-2024 Strategic Plan is fully funded, the trustees are confident that the charity has sufficient resources to meet its liabilities for the next 3-4 years.

### (iii) Judgements and Estimates

In the opinion of the Trustees, judgements made that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and any key assumptions or estimates used which might cause a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period include:

- Estimating the useful economic lives of intangible fixed assets for the purpose of determining the annual amortisation charge;
- Valuing the investment in 98 Whitehall Court LLP;
- Allocating support costs; and
- Impact from risk assessments relating to the COVID-19 pandemic

### (iv) Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises membership subscriptions, donations, grants, legacies, investment income and other income.

Membership subscriptions and donations, received under Gift Aid or deed of covenant, are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 volunteer time is not recognised.

Legacies are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the legacy, the executors have established that there are sufficient surplus assets in the estate to pay the legacy, and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity.

Entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably, and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title of the asset having being transferred to the charity.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

(v) Grants
Income from charitable activities includes any grant income received. This income may be classed as restricted or unrestricted dependent on any grant conditions attached to the income by the donor.

Restricted grants for which the funder has agreed the charity's entitlement to income is based on satisfactory progress reports for the delivery of the agreed project are treated as performance related grants and the income is recognised in accordance with the underlying activity as agreed with the funder.

Where there are no conditions attached to the grant, the income is credited to the statement of financial activities in the year in which the charity is entitled to the income in accordance with the with the funding agreement.

(vi) Expenditure recognition
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs. All expenses, including support costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. The classification between activities is as follows:

- Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure associated with raising funds for the charity. This includes investment management fees, staff costs associated with fundraising, and an allocation of support costs.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs associated with furthering the charitable purposes of the charity through the provision of its charitable activities. Such costs include direct staff costs, direct project costs and allocation of indirect support costs and overheads including governance costs.
- Staff time is used as a method of allocating indirect costs.
- All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

(vii) Intangible Fixed assets
Intangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. They are amortised at 33% per annum on a straight-line basis.

(viii) Investments
The investment in the joint venture called 98 Whitehall Court LLP is stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

UNA-UK charge interest at 4% on the loan to the LLP. This is included within investment income.

Listed investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals during the year are recognised in the statement of financial activities.

(ix) Pension Benefits
The company contributes to eligible individuals' personal pension schemes which are independently administered using the salary sacrifice scheme. Pension costs are related to the salary paid and are charged to the accounts as they fall due. Contributions were made in respect of one director (2020: one) during the year.

(x) Funds Structure
Expendable endowment funds represent those assets which the trustee have power to invest and which have been invested to generate investment income and capital gains. Income arising on expendable endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering these funds are charged to each individual fund.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the organisation's charitable purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for use on specific purpose(s). The Trustees may transfer them back if there is no longer a requirement for the expenditure to be made.

(xi) Operating leases
Operating lease costs are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period for which they fall due.

(xii) Financial Instruments
UNA-UK has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, together with trade and other debtors. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise trade creditors.

(xiii) Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid cash held in bank accounts or on deposit accounts with short term maturity of three months or less.

(xiv) Debtors and Prepayments
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered.

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

(xv) Creditors and Provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

## 2. Income from donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Year ended 30 June 2021 | Unrestricted | Restricted | Year ended 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Membership Subscriptions | 39,023 | - | 39,023 | 24,580 | - | 24,580 |
| Donations | 34,033 | - | 34,033 | 52,631 | - | 52,631 |
| Gift Aid | 5,730 | - | 5,730 | 5,192 | - | 5,192 |
| Legacies | 82,839 | - | 82,839 | 25,943 | - | 25,943 |
| | 161,625 | - | 161,625 | 108,346 | - | 108,346 |

## 3. Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Year ended 30 June 2021 | Unrestricted | Restricted | Year ended 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Grants | | | | | | |
| UNA Trust | 2,000 | - | 2,000 | 15,000 | - | 15,000 |
| Global Challenges Foundation | - | 300,133 | 300,133 | - | 432,728 | 432,728 |
| Campaign to Stop Killer Robots | - | 12,435 | 12,435 | - | 11,290 | 11,290 |
| Polden Puckham | - | 10,000 | 10,000 | - | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust | - | 41,602 | 41,602 | - | - | - |
| Marmot Trust | - | 25,000 | 25,000 | 6,000 | - | 6,000 |
| Other small grants | 10,000 | - | 10,000 | 1,000 | - | 1,000 |
| Income from Events | 1,242 | - | 1,242 | 2,158 | - | 2,158 |
| Other Income | 28,461 | - | 28,461 | 40,289 | - | 40,289 |
| | 41,703 | 389,170 | 430,873 | 64,447 | 454,018 | 518,465 |

## 4. Income from investments

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Year ended 30 June 2021 | Unrestricted | Restricted | Year ended 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 98 Whitehall Court LLP | | | | | | |
| Interest on loan | 22,000 | - | 22,000 | 22,000 | - | 22,000 |
| Distribution of Profit during the yea | 47,967 | - | 47,967 | 40,937 | - | 40,937 |
| Interest and Dividend Income received during the year | 19,663 | - | 19,663 | 14,515 | - | 14,515 |
| | 89,630 | - | 89,630 | 77,452 | - | 77,452 |

## 5. Expenditure on raising funds

| | Year ended 30 June 2021 | Year ended 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Staff Costs | 10,453 | 8,975 |
| Allocated Fundraising costs | - | 16 |
| Total expenditure on raising funds | 10,453 | 8,991 |

## 6. Analysis of the expenditure on charitable activities and raising funds

*The expenditure on charitable activities is after the allocation of general overheads. The direct costs, the allocation of support costs and the bases used for allocation are shown below.*

| | Direct Costs | Allocation of Overheads | | | Year ended 30 June 2021 | Direct Costs | Allocation of Overheads | | | Year ended 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Staff Costs | Office Overheads | Governance | | | Staff Costs | Office Overheads | Governance | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Charitable Activities | | | | | | | | | | |
| Global Citizens | 1,037 | 87,409 | 4,144 | 7,829 | 100,419 | 14,598 | 75,180 | 6,759 | 6,056 | 102,593 |
| Global Solutions | 72,800 | 186,539 | 3,098 | 16,954 | 279,391 | 156,137 | 185,833 | 4,534 | 13,115 | 359,619 |
| Global Leadership | 32,600 | 27,337 | 1,142 | 3,227 | 64,306 | 18,768 | 20,397 | 1,220 | 2,496 | 42,881 |
| Total Charitable Activities | 106,437 | 301,285 | 8,384 | 28,010 | 444,116 | 189,503 | 281,410 | 12,513 | 21,667 | 505,093 |
| Expenditure on raising funds | - | 10,453 | - | - | 10,453 | - | 8,975 | 16 | - | 8,991 |
| Total | 106,437 | 311,738 | 8,384 | 28,010 | 454,569 | 189,503 | 290,385 | 12,529 | 21,667 | 514,084 |
| Method of allocation | Direct | Staff time | | | | Direct | Staff time | | | |

7. Net income (expenditure) and movement in funds

The following amounts have been charged to the statement of financial activities:

| | Year ended 30 June 2021 | Year ended 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Current Year Audit Fees | 6,480 | 6,180 |
| Staff Costs (note 9) | 327,362 | 301,053 |
| | 333,842 | 307,233 |

8. Governance Costs

| | Year ended 30 June 2021 | Year ended 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Insurances | 1,320 | 1,254 |
| Professional charges | 35 | 69 |
| Audit fees | 6,480 | 6,180 |
| Subscriptions | 3,754 | 1,642 |
| Trustee expenses | - | 211 |
| Staff costs | 15,624 | 10,668 |
| Premises and office costs | 797 | 1,643 |
| | 28,010 | 21,667 |

9. Analysis of Staff Costs

The following table analyses the staff costs of UNA-UK.

| | Year ended 30 June 2021 | Year ended 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| Staff numbers | | |
| Average staff | 8.5 | 8.3 |
| Staff Costs | £ | £ |
| Salary costs | 279,036 | 253,737 |
| National Insurance Contributions | 23,211 | 23,953 |
| Pension Contributions | 21,253 | 18,692 |
| Other staff related expenditure | 3,862 | 4,671 |
| | 327,362 | 301,053 |

One employee received remuneration (excluding employer pension contributions) of more than £60,000 (2020: None).

The key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis comprise the Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operations Officer. During 2019-20 the UNA-UK Board formally approved the Chief Executive Officer's sabbatical from February 2019 and approved the Chief Operations Officer's temporary role of Acting Executive Director. The Chief Executive Officer's sabbatical ended on 31 December 2020. The total remuneration (including taxable benefits and employer pension contributions and employer's national insurance contributions) of the key management personnel for the year was £129,880 (2020: £74,610).

During the year UNA-UK continued to benefit from a number of volunteers, mainly across our network of UNA Groups. The length of the volunteering period varies amongst UNA Groups. Volunteers are unpaid and may receive daily travel and lunch allowance depending on the policy of individual UNA Groups.

10. Fixed Asset Investments

In November 2014 UNA-UK entered into an equal partnership with an individual not related to UNA Trust or UNA-UK and formed 98 Whitehall Court LLP (incorporated in England & Wales). UNA-UK and the individual loaned £550,000 each to the LLP to enable the LLP to purchase the entire lease for £1,100,000. UNA-UK's share of the assets of the LLP is shown as an investment below.

| | Year ended 30 June 2021 | Year ended 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Listed investments (Note A) | 743,491 | 461,183 |
| Cash held in transit for investments (Note A) | 300,000 | - |
| 98 Whitehall Court LLP (Note B) | 550,000 | 550,000 |
| | 1,593,491 | 1,011,183 |

**Note A**

| COIF Investment Fund | Year ended 30 June 2021 | Year ended 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Market Value at 1 July, 2020 | 461,183 | 445,169 |
| Additions | 200,000 | - |
| Unrealised investment gains | 82,308 | 16,014 |
| Market Value 30 June, 2021 | **743,491** | **461,183** |
| Cash held in transit for investments | 300,000 | - |
| Total 30 June, 2021 | **1,043,491** | **461,183** |
| Historical Cost of Investments | 600,000 | 400,000 |

UNA-UK's share of the profit and loss of 98 Whitehall Court LLP during the year was £47,399 (2020: £40,937) (note 4)

At 30 June 2021 COIF Units were valued at £743,491 (historical cost £600,000 invested invested in COIF Charity Fund and £300,000 held in cash by CCLA Investment Limited).

**Note B**

| Non-listed Investment in UK 98 Whitehall Court LLP | Year ended 30 June 2021 | Year ended 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Balance brought forward | 550,000 | 550,000 |
| Balance carried forward | **550,000** | **550,000** |

11. Debtors

| | Year ended 30 June 2021 | Year ended 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Amounts falling due within one year | | |
| Prepayments | 2,121 | 2,984 |
| Trade debtors | 30 | 5,083 |
| Other debtors | 10,000 | 12,256 |
| | 12,151 | 20,323 |

## 12. Creditors

| | Year ended 30 June 2021 | Year ended 30 June 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Amounts falling due within one year | | |
| Accruals | 6,480 | 6,180 |
| Payroll creditors | 4,103 | 4,103 |
| Trade creditors | 1,922 | 35,063 |
| | 12,505 | 45,346 |

## 13. Endowment Fund

The John Bright Appeal Fund was set up as a restricted fund by UNA Trust following a public appeal launched on 29 February 1988. On 3rd May 1991 the target capital required of £300k was reached and in consultation with the Charity Commission the funds raised were classed as a permanent John Bright Appeal Endowment.

In June 2012, UNA Trust received permission from the Charity Commission to spend the grant without replacement under section 282 of the Charities Act 2011.

On 27 January 2015 UNA Trust transferred the endowment funds to UNA-UK.

The transfer of funds from the endownment to unrestricted funds is the unrecognised gain on investments relating to the endownment funds invested with CCLA as at 30 June 2021.

## 14. Restricted Funds

| | 30 June 2019 | Income | Expenditure | 30 June 2020 | Income | Expenditure | 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Restricted Funds** | | | | | | | |
| UNA-UK Conferences | 21,847 | - | (3,262) | 18,585 | - | (669) | 17,916 |
| Brighton & Hove Branch | 1,625 | - | - | 1,625 | - | - | 1,625 |
| Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust | - | - | - | - | 41,602 | (31,464) | 10,138 |
| Polden Puckham Charitable Foundation | - | 10,000 | (10,000) | - | 10,000 | (10,000) | - |
| Marmot Trust | - | - | - | - | 25,000 | (25,000) | - |
| Global Challenges Foundation | - | 432,728 | (373,477) | 59,251 | 300,133 | (298,864) | 60,520 |
| Campaign to Stop Killer Robots | 18,000 | 11,290 | (18,000) | 11,290 | 12,435 | (18,823) | 4,902 |
| | 41,472 | 454,018 | (404,739) | 90,751 | 389,170 | (384,820) | 95,101 |

Fund Objectives

UNA-UK Conferences: funds held by UNA-UK for future UNA-UK members Conferences.

Brighton & Hove Branch: to support the activities of the branch

Joseph Rowntrees Charitable Trust (JRCT): to support Arms Control work

Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation: to support Arms Control work

Marmot Trust: to support Arms Control work

Global Challenges Foundation: to support UNA-UK's global governance work - "Together First" campaign

Campaign to Stop Killer Robots: to support UNA-UK's work on Killer Robots

## 15. Designated Funds

| | 30 June 2019 | New Designations | Utilitsation | 30 June 2020 | New Designations | Utilitsation | 30 June 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Investment in 98 Whitehall Court LL | 550,000 | - | - | 550,000 | - | - | 550,000 |
| Margaret Collins Legacy | 9,500 | - | - | 9,500 | - | - | 9,500 |
| | 559,500 | - | - | 559,500 | - | - | 559,500 |

Investment in 98 Whitehall Court LLP: Share of long-term investment in property lease at suite 98, 3 Whitehall Court, London. Funds not available for day to day operations of the charity.

Margaret Collins Legacy: The Margaret Collins Legacy was left to Southampton UNA and is held by UNA-UK on their behalf.

## 16. Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted Funds 2021 | Restricted Funds 2021 | Endowment Funds 2021 | Total Funds 2021 | Unrestricted Funds 2020 | Restricted Funds 2020 | Endowment Funds 2020 | Total Funds 2020 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Tangible Fixed Asset Investment | 550,000 | - | - | 550,000 | 550,000 | - | - | 550,000 |
| Investments | 602,029 | - | 441,462 | 1,043,491 | 9,272 | - | 451,911 | 461,183 |
| Net Current Assets | 162,345 | 95,101 | - | 257,446 | 439,136 | 90,751 | - | 529,887 |
| Total Net Assets | 1,314,374 | 95,101 | 441,462 | 1,850,937 | 998,408 | 90,751 | 451,911 | 1,541,070 |

## 17. Related parties

UNA-UK has a related party relationship with the UNA Trust (charity number 256236). The Chair of UNA-UK is also a trustee of the UNA Trust. The UNA Trust is no longer active. UNA-UK received a donation of £15,000 (2020: £5,000) from the UNA Trust. There were no amounts owed to or from the UNA Trust as at 30 June 2021 or 30 June 2020.

During 2018-19 Polden Puckham awarded a £30k grant over three years to UNA-UK, this is restricted to UNA-UK's work on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). One UNA-UK Trustee is also a Trustee of Polden Puckham, however this Trustee was not involved in the Polden Puckham grant application and was also not involved in the Polden Puckham decision making process for this grant.

UNA-UK owns 50% share of a Limited Liability Partnership, 98 Whitehall Court LLP (LLP), that owns the sub-lease for UNA-UK offices at 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL (note 10 above). At the year end the LLP owed £10,000 (2020: £12,256 to UNA-UK, this is included in other debtors (note 11)).

UNA-UK Trustees donated a total of £Nil (2020: £1,187) to the charity during the year.

## 18. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

The Trustees have delegated the following scrutiny and authorisation of staff remuneration to the Finance & Governance Committee:

- Scrutinising and authorising changes to the organisation's remuneration structure
- Reviewing and authorising annual pay increases for all staff including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operations Officer

The remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer (who is also a trustee) is stipulated in UNA-UK's Articles. The Chief Executive Officer received remuneration of £58,870 (2020: £8,489) and pension contributions of £4,853 (2020: £772) were paid by the charity for her role as Chief Executive Officer. No other trustee received any remuneration for their services. During the year ended 30 June 2021, No Trustee (2020: 1) claimed for the cost of their travel at a total cost of £Nil (2020: £211).