

ReachAcross (UK)  
(A charitable company  
limited by guarantee)

*REPORT AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS*

*For the Year Ended  
31st March 2021*

**Charity Number: 1148692**  
**Company Number: 07900867**

# ReachAcross (UK)

## TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31 March 2021

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The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

### Legal and administrative information

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<b>Full Name:</b>	ReachAcross (UK)
<b>Constitution:</b>	The charity was incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 – Company number 07900867 registered in England and Wales, Charity number 1148692.
<b>Charity Registered Number:</b>	1148692
<b>Company Number:</b>	07900867
<b>Trustees during the year: (unless stated)</b>	Mr. P. Jolly (Chairman) Mr. K. Macpherson (Vice Chairman) Mr. S. Babenko Mrs. G. Crawford Mr. J. Laws Mrs. S. Laws Dr. A. Perkins Dr. M. Pickett
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Mr. S. Babenko
<b>Chief Executive Officer and Secretary:</b>	Mr. G. M.C. Tainio
<b>Registered Office:</b>	Unit 6 Station Court Station Approach Borough Green Sevenoaks Kent TN15 8BG
<b>Bankers:</b>	National Westminster Bank plc. West Malling (A) Branch 43 Swan Street, West Malling, Kent ME19 6HF
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Mr. Robinson Independent Examiners Ltd. Sovereign Centre Poplars Yapton Lane West Sussex BN18 0AS

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## Charitable Objects

The objects of the Charity are:

- the advancement of the Christian faith worldwide in particular but not exclusively by the provision of medical, educational and other services;
- the relief of financial need and suffering amongst victims of natural or other disasters.

## Policies to further our Objects

The Charity seeks to further its objects through the provision of medical support, teaching and setting up of community projects of a medical and agricultural nature, either under contract to the local government or with an independent programme with government approval where required.

The trustees believe that the objects and policies of the Trust have spiritual and practical public benefit.

## Organisation

The Charity is governed by a Board of Trustees which is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the organisation and for establishing policy. The Board of Trustees meets at least three times a year and delegates the day to day operation of the organisation to a management team based at its office in England. Through this office funds are channelled to the work of the Charity which is part of an international fellowship of charities with the same working name (ReachAcross) and similar objectives, with an International Office also based in England.

## Review of the period

This period has been entirely within the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has affected global travel, and the liberty of individuals to travel and socialise. These restrictions have without a doubt had an impact on the ability of mission workers to conduct their ministries in the ways they had been prior to the pandemic. However, like everyone, they have adapted to the new circumstances and creatively worked to overcome obstacles to communication and relationship, in order to continue to advance the Christian religion through sharing the gospel, teaching and serving in practical ways in their various locations around the world—in places such as North Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. The mission workers were also able to meet some specific needs due to the pandemic, such as helping impoverished individuals who needed food, which had temporarily been difficult to obtain for them due to regional 'lockdowns' and restrictions. The Charity, its projects and its mission workers are supported by voluntary contributions primarily from churches and friends of the Charity. Supporters and churches are updated about the work of the charity through speaking engagements, conferences, newsletters and monthly prayer bulletins. Speaking engagements went 'online' and conferences were largely cancelled. However, throughout the year ReachAcross encouraged UK churches in their mission engagement among Muslims and those as yet unreached with the Christian gospel. Churches responded by praying for the mission and financially providing for ReachAcross mission workers and projects. Our hope is to continue recruiting mission workers from these churches.

Continuous efforts were made to recruit and mobilise further mission workers during the course of the year, to be deployed long-term and short-term overseas as well as in the UK. ReachAcross(UK) works in partnership with other ReachAcross charities based in several western nations, and recruitment and mobilisation of mission workers continues to gradually expand the mission workforce. More are required, as the needs and opportunities for ministry are great. Overseas, ReachAcross has also partnered with local

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Christians, providing training in reaching Muslims with the Christian gospel, as well as encouraging Christians to minister with practical help to Muslims suffering through poverty or lack of resources.

For security purposes, given that we serve in Muslim-majority countries where some antagonism can from time to time be experienced when engaged in Christian mission work, we do not disclose our operating locations in this report. However, the following is a summary of some of the types of work in which our long-term and short-term overseas mission workers and partners have been/are engaged:

We have continued to serve in countries in northeast Africa where we have provided ongoing educational services such as teaching English as a foreign language, providing library services and educational materials to nationals of relatively financially poor nations, and literacy training, hence enhancing their employability which in turn helps with their poor economic situation. Such services have been reduced at times due to local pandemic restrictions, but generally these services are able to be provided, with adapted 'Covid-safe' environments such as through distancing and other hygiene measures.

The charity has been involved with Bible translation into local languages in northwest and northeast Africa as part of multi-agency efforts in various locations. A Bible translation centre is located within the compound of one of our field bases and is being used by a translation team for a local language, and Christian literature in local languages is distributed in response to local demand. In addition, the Christian faith is furthered through personal sharing with those who show an interest. Some countries in northwest Africa are open to direct Christian evangelism, so our mission workers are able to hold evangelistic events (such as travelling to villages and showing films which tell the Christian gospel), and can share their Christian faith openly. Historically, ReachAcross has been able to 'plant' churches in northwest Africa and these have local leadership and are independent of ReachAcross. We have continued giving English Language and French lessons, and literacy classes in a local language to adults and children in a small library in one country in northwest Africa. We also continue to reach the Fulani people group, mainly through a mission worker dedicated to service towards and among this people group.

We have continued our long-term presence in a Muslim-majority country in Central Asia. One of our medical doctors has continued to develop health services both in a major city as well as through training local healthcare workers who visit rural villages. We are partnering with another Christian Mission Agency serving in the region, with a view to assisting their team in its goals which are similar to those of ReachAcross.

In the UK our Mission Partners have been experimenting with online evangelism and the use of social media to connect with Muslims interested in speaking about matters of faith. Church-based programmes largely had to close down during the pandemic, but are now restarting as the lockdown is eased.

Undergirding all our practical service ministry is prayer for Muslims and the sharing of the Christian faith among them. We believe that everyone in the world needs to hear the Christian gospel — both the message of the gospel — that of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ — as well as hearing the teaching of the Christian faith which leads to radical change in how people live their lives — loving God and neighbour, all to the glory of Christ.

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## Financial results and future activities

We are grateful to God for the Charity's income in the form of gifts from supporters, legacies and investment income from funds in hand. Our net incoming resources for the year to 31 March 2021 amounted to £191,031 (2020 net incoming resources £69,047) including losses/gains on investments.

The Trustees consider that the Charity is in an overall healthy financial position and is able to meet its ongoing commitments.

## Investment Policy

During the period the Trustees continued investing a proportion of available funds in longer term investments, in view of the low returns on cash deposits, whilst retaining sufficient in shorter term deposits for the ongoing day to day requirements.

## Reserves Policy

Within the Unrestricted Funds the Trustees have set aside: an amount of £10,000 as an emergency fund to provide working capital for core costs and allow a quick response to any emergencies, a retirement fund used to provide small retirement benefits to retired long term charity workers, designated funds which are funds not yet distributed where donors have indicated a preference for distribution.

Restricted Funds are funds set aside which have been given for a specific purpose.

## Risk Management

The Trustees actively review the major risks that the Charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining general reserves at a level sufficient for the Trust's activities as stated above, combined with the regular review of controls and systems carried out, will provide sufficient resources in the event of any problems. The Trustees have also examined the operational risks faced and established that the necessary systems are in place to mitigate the significant risks.

## Public Benefit

The Charity acknowledges its requirements to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how these are achieved are provided in the Trustees Report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

## Trustees

The Trustees in office at the date of this report are set out on page 1 and have served throughout the year unless otherwise stated. Trustees have the power, by ordinary resolution passed by a majority of the Trustees, to appoint new Trustees. A Trustee can be removed by resolution passed by seventy five percent of the Trustees present at a Board Meeting. At each Annual General Meeting (AGM) one third or the nearest number to one third must retire from office, including any Trustees appointed during the year. The Trustees are provided with training and advice on a regular basis.

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### Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Charities Act and the Companies Act require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to:

- I) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- II) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- III) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business and;
- IV) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

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

We approve the attached statement of financial activities and balance sheet for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, and confirm that we have made available all information necessary for its preparation.

16/12/2021

Approved by the Directors on .....

and signed on their behalf by

  
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PETER JOLLY (Director/Chairman)

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the Directors of ReachAcross (UK) on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 set out on pages 7 to 11.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and;
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the directors have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Dated: 17th December 2021

## ReachAcross (UK)

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Income Funds		Restricted Income Funds	Total 2021 (see notes below)	Total 2020 (see notes below)
		General	Designated			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>						
<i>Donations and Legacies</i>						
Gifts and related gift aid		89,328	231,812.92	107,838	428,979	337,545
Legacies		7,161			7,161	180,302
		96,489	231,813	107,838	436,140	517,847
<i>Trading Activities</i>						
Fees and literature sales		0			0	488
<i>Investments</i>						
Investment income and interest		278			278	73
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>96,767</b>	<b>231,813</b>	<b>107,838</b>	<b>436,418</b>	<b>518,409</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
<i>Charitable Activities</i>						
Director and field workers in UK	2	73,198	17,795		90,993	74,599
International HQ:						
Staff Support		5,000			5,000	24,515
Administrative support		10,422			10,422	16,848
Grants, support and amounts paid		2,083	218,306	10,425	230,813	222,195
Home extension:						
Deputation and conferences		(183)			(183)	7,427
Exhibitions and advertising		338			338	1,561
Car depreciation and expenses		632			632	2,126
Literature		1,601			1,601	2,188
Support Costs:						
Office staff costs	2	28,029			28,029	21,581
Rent, rates and utilities	8	9,715			9,715	8,869
Office expenses, research and depreciation		13,402			13,402	10,318
Travel, transport and air fares		0			0	1,301
Independent Examiner's fee		600			600	564
Legal and Bank Charges		1,345			1,345	2,060
Fundraising Consultancy		1,935			1,935	
Sundries		136			136	50
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>148,254</b>	<b>236,101</b>	<b>10,425</b>	<b>394,780</b>	<b>396,202</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before Investment (losses)/gains</b>		<b>(51,487)</b>	<b>(4,288)</b>	<b>97,413</b>	<b>41,638</b>	<b>122,207</b>
<b>Investment assets:</b>						
Realised net (losses)/gains		0			0	0
Unrealised net (losses)/gains	4	149,504			149,504	(53,160)
<b>Net (losses)/gains on investments</b>		<b>149,504</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>149,504</b>	<b>(53,160)</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>98,017</b>	<b>(4,288)</b>	<b>97,413</b>	<b>191,142</b>	<b>69,047</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>						
<b>At 31 March 2020</b>		<b>859,054</b>	<b>132,764</b>	<b>12,074</b>	<b>1,003,892</b>	<b>934,845</b>
<b>At 31 March 2021</b>		<b>957,071</b>	<b>128,475</b>	<b>109,487</b>	<b>1,195,033</b>	<b>1,003,892</b>

All activities arise from continuing activities.

There may be rounding discrepancies in the totals as pence are not shown.



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## BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	3	2,728	398
Investments	4	878,091	729,277
		<u>880,818</u>	<u>729,675</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors and prepayments		15,067	7,692
Cash at bank and in hand	5	312,059	285,485
		<u>327,126</u>	<u>293,177</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Accruals		12,912	18,960
		<u>12,912</u>	<u>18,960</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>314,215</u>	<u>274,217</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><b>1,195,033</b></u>	<u><b>1,003,892</b></u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	6		
- General funds		611,749	716,395
- Revaluation funds		345,322	142,658
- Designated funds		<u>128,475</u>	<u>132,764</u>
		1,085,546	991,817
<b>Restricted Income Funds</b>	7	109,487	12,074
		<u><b>1,195,033</b></u>	<u><b>1,003,892</b></u>

The directors are satisfied that for the year ended on 31 March 2021 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner whose report appears on page 5.

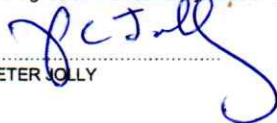
The director(s) acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and if its surplus and deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

There may be rounding discrepancies in the totals as pence are not shown.

Approved by the Directors on 16/12/21  
and signed on their behalf by Director/Chairman

  
PETER JOLLY

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2021

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## 1. Principal accounting policies

The Charity has claimed the exemptions available in Section 1a of FRS102 not to prepare a cash flow since it is a small charity.

### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention (as modified to include the revaluation of investments) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, Statement of Recommended Practice - "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2015), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006. The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

### (b) Incoming resources

Income is derived from donations and gifts received and from legacies. It is accounted for in full on a receipts basis with the addition of any tax reclaimable. In accordance with this policy, legacies are included on receipt of payment from the personal representative of an estate or when property is transferred.

### (c) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. All assets costing more than £250 are capitalised.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of an asset to estimated residual value over its expected useful life.

Depreciation rates in use on a straight line basis are:

Furniture and equipment	20% on cost
Motor Vehicle	20% on cost

### (d) Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at mid-market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

### (e) Resources expended and basis of allocation of costs

Expenditure is included when incurred and includes irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure on operational programmes is recognised in the period in which it is incurred. A designated fund is established for expenditure which has been committed to projects, but remains unspent at the year end.

### (f) Salaries and support

Salaries and support expense represents the cost of UK based staff directly involved in, or providing support for, the home and international programmes, including management, policy and advocacy work.

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## Principal accounting policies (continued)

### (g) Costs of managing and administering the charity

These represent costs attributable to the management of the charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

### (h) Funds accounting

Funds held by the Charity are:

*Unrestricted general funds* - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

*Designated funds* - these are funds set aside by the Trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

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

### (i) Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at rates prevailing at the date of the transaction.

## 2. Trustee and remuneration expenses

Six trustees received reimbursement of travelling and overnight accommodation expenses of £0.00 (2020 £900.50) incurred in attending meetings and undertaking work for the Trust. No remuneration or other reimbursement of expenses was made to any other Trustee, nor to any person connected with the Trustees.

For UK operational and administrative purposes the Charity employed a full-time Chief Executive Officer, a full-time Director of Mobilisation and Church Relations, a part-time Finance Administrator Officer from, and a part-time communications Officer. Gross administrative salaries were £107,662 (2020 £86,615).

	Gross salaries	Employer's NI	Employer's Pension	Total costs
Chief Executive and Director of Mobilisation	67,521	5,166	1,651	74,338
Office staff	40,141	1,477	612	42,230
	107,662	6,642	2,264	116,568

The salaries and employer's NI of the International Director (ID), International Administrator (IA), and one long term Mission Partner working among Muslims based in the UK, all based at the International Office in Birmingham, were paid by the Trust amounting to £0.00 (2020 £13,586.09), acting as agents for the International Executive Board of ReachAcross.

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An analysis of wages and salaries is as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	107,662	99,081
Employer's NI	6,642	7,034
Employer's Pension	2,264	2,195
Total	<u>116,568</u>	<u>108,310</u>
Chief Executive, Director of Mobilisation and UK office staff	116,568	94,492
Administration/support for International Office and UK Field	0	13,586
Total	<u>116,568</u>	<u>108,310</u>

The support for International Office, where the Trust is acting as agents for the International Executive Board of ReachAcross, includes the salaries of the International Director, International Administrator, and one UK Field Mission Partner, for which other ReachAcross offices make a contribution. No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000. Staff are paid through the PAYE system.