

Oscar India Limited: Company number 07914440, Charity number 1149486
Accounts for the period 1 Feb 2021 to 31 Jan 2022

Trustees' and Directors' Report

Charity name: Oscar India Limited

Other names charity is known by: None

Registered charity number: 1149486

Company number: 07914440

Charity's principal address: 43 Loder Road, Brighton, BN1 6PL

Names of the charity Trustees/Directors who manage the charity

- Stuart Christie
- Andrew Gauntlett
- Nigel Haunch
- Alice Lewthwaite
- Cosmo Lush
- Crispin Simon
- Joanna Dunne - resigned 25 June 2021
- Prajakt Samant - appointed November 2021
- Radhika Seth-Bowen - appointed November 2021

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document:

Memorandum and Articles of Association

How the charity is constituted:

Company limited by guarantee

Trustee selection methods:

Appointed by proposal to the Board at either a full or specially convened Board meeting or conference call and requires a majority vote in favour.

Additional governance Issues:

The charity works closely with OSCAR foundation - a not for profit organisation registered in India. However, the two organisations are not under common control and have no legal ties.

Summary of the objectives of the charity as set out in its governing document (Our Purpose)

To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in India, by providing advice and assistance and organising educational and other activities as a means of (a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals, (b) advancing education, (c) relieving unemployment and (d) providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interest of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances, with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

Governance is exercised by a board of Trustees who have experience and knowledge of the charity and football for good sector, governance, safeguarding and fundraising. The day-to-day management of the charity is handled by the trustees and a voluntary group of advisory board members. The Trustees are directors of the company.

OSCAR India raises funds in the UK to support the development of sports and education projects in India delivered by Oscar Foundation a totally separate NGO based in Mumbai, with its own governance structure and Board.

The Trustees and volunteers from the UK regularly visit India to train up and support young people from OSCAR Foundation and other partner organisations to become young leaders and to help them to develop their sports and education programmes. As part of the training programme, coaching equipment and resources are supplied to the young leaders and partner organisations.

Once trained, the young leaders act as role models in their communities and deliver regular sports, life skills and education sessions in their local communities under the guidance of the organisation they are affiliated to.

Additional details of objectives and activities

- OSCAR India's activities in the UK are managed by the Trustees and a team of committed volunteers who help to support fundraising activities.
- In non-Covid times trained and student volunteers visit India to help support the delivery and the ongoing support of the young leaders within partner organisations.

In making decisions about activities undertaken by the charity the Trustees have taken due regard of the requirement for them to be of public benefit.

Summary of the main activities of the charity during the year 2021/22 to carry out its

charitable purposes for the public benefit

Once again Covid dominated 2021 and continued to make program delivery extremely challenging in India. As in 2020 the Oscar Foundation Indian team pivoted to deliver what was needed in the community, including food rations, feminine hygiene products distribution, a pop up medical centre and vaccine hesitancy advice. They also developed new online engagement programmes as well as focusing on extending the Digital Learning Centres network to support those without access to tablets or mobile phones whilst school continued to be closed.

The UK Board met regularly and were joined via Zoom by members of the Indian team to provide updates as needed. Once again there was no opportunity for travel by UK Trustee teams to India for the year or vica versa which meant that the UK activity was focused mainly on fundraising and remote capacity building to support the Oscar Foundation teams' work as they adapted to Covid.

The Trustees are satisfied with the financial position at the year end and the agreed reserves are still in place.

Football and Education programmes and the Impact of COVID

In 2021 Covid meant that activity on pitch in India by Oscar Foundation in 2021 was very limited. It was not until Q4 that some sessions were able to get up and running again. Due to its rural locations the programme in Karnataka was less affected than in Mumbai. The central team spent time revisiting and re-configuring the UpShot monitoring & evaluation system in the aspiration that when football activity returned the monitoring data could be collected more simply and reliably. Once Covid restrictions eased 32 new Young Leaders were trained.

The focus in the education programmes in India was to expand work of the 6 Digital Learning Centres (DLCs) network in Mumbai to allow children with no access to digital devices to continue their learning.

Child Sponsorship

In 2021 we agreed to focus on our Child Sponsorship programme, upgrading our web pages to make it clearer how the money benefits the community in India, the sponsored child and the donor, we also moved to a direct debit first approach which means less need to manage 'renewals' and a reduced likelihood that child sponsors will stop their sponsorship. This programme is particularly important to our partners at OSCAR Foundation as it allows us to fund the ongoing core programmes in a way that some grant funding does not. We ended the

year with over 102 sponsored children, which is 22 more than last year. 10 of these are via one generous sponsor.

International Young Leaders Programme

To support fundraising and logistics on the schools tour we have an OSCAR International Young Leaders programme. This provides a forum for young people from the UK schools that the team visits, who want to be more involved in raising funds and developing as a young leader. In 2021, even before COVID there was no planned schools tour to the UK from India, so activities in this area were limited by this and the pandemic. Nevertheless our Young Leaders continued to support fundraising activities carrying out a number of virtual fundraisers and actively promoting the charity on social media.

Fund Raising

Despite continued challenges from Covid we increased our fundraising year on year and were particularly pleased by the increase in child sponsorship which nearly doubled from £18k to £35k. We also moved to CAF direct debit for sponsors which increases the likelihood of long term regular donations.

Covid relief fundraising was a significant part of our fundraising again through campaigns via social media and individual fundraising by supporters.

The schools who have hosted on previous Schools Tours have once again supported us in 2022 through creative fundraisers and many are keen to host again in 2023.

Our previous volunteers to India have continued to fundraise for us which has been much appreciated.

Engagement in the US has grown significantly in 2021, not only on the Global Giving platform but also through a number of highly engaged individuals who have donated or supported fundraising. We also have a small number of highly engaged UK donors who are giving sums over £1000 for a variety of our campaigns and we hope to continue to engage these donors over the next year.

Advice & Skills

UK based Trustees and volunteers use their skills and expertise to help build capacity in the Indian team to support quality delivery of programmes in India. Due to Covid restrictions no Trustees were able to visit India in 2021 these activities were somewhat restricted, however UK Trustees continued to advise on Monitoring and Evaluation, Safeguarding, Football and Lifeskills

content and strategic plans via video conferencing.

Trustee Team

Joanna Dunne stepped down. Two new trustees were appointed, Radhika Seth-Bowen and Prajakt Samant.

Looking forward to 2022

2021 continued to be a year dominated by Covid lockdowns and disruption both in the UK and India. Coming into 2022 our hope is that we can return to doing in person fundraising events, in particular working with our new Patron, HRH The Duchess of Wessex and to expand our engagement of the Indian diaspora in the UK and US with the support of our new Trustees.

We are also hoping to have a schools tour in 2023 of girls from Karnataka to the UK and expect to have Ashok Rathod, CEO of Oscar Foundation come to the UK in May 2022 to do a schools assembly tour in preparation for the schools tour in 2023. We have 14 schools we are engaging with to fundraise and potentially host in 2023. The UK schools programme gives UK students a sense, at first hand, of life in low resource communities in India and provides an introduction to the personal development opportunities that are available to British volunteers in Mumbai.

We plan to continue to support the Oscar Foundation in India with their life-skills, football, education, gender, disability and Digital Learning Centres (DLC) programmes. We also plan to put further marketing effort into growing the child sponsor programme through the updated website as it provides recurring revenue once sponsors are signed up. We expect that members of the UK team will be able to visit India to support capacity building again and also for Ashok Rathod to come to the UK.

The war in Ukraine and other natural and man made disasters alongside the likelihood of significant inflation and cost of living squeeze means that fundraising is likely to be even more challenging through 2023.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:

In 2020 the charity implemented a formal reserves policy and the agreed reserves funds are clearly shown as a separate balance sheet item and require Board approval to be accessed for the specific exceptions outlined in the policy. This policy was maintained during 2021/22.

Details of any funds materially in deficit: None

The Trustees/Directors declare that they have approved the Trustees' and Directors' Report

above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees/Directors



Alice Lewthwaite – 29th June 2022

Chair, Trustee & Director

Oscar India Ltd.

Charity Number: 1149486

Company Number: 7914440



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6th July 2022

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find enclosed the accounts for Oscar India Ltd. A UK Charity for filing with you for our financial year 2021/22.

Pease can you also advise whether we can file online or as we are a charity we have to file by sending in our accounts. Your online team were not able to help advise me on this.

If you have any questions I can be contacted on alice@oscar-india.org or 07989402264.

Yours sincerely

Alice Lewthwaite
Chair & Trustee Oscar India Ltd.



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of**

Company Name
Oscar India Limited

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 January 2022

Charity no.:

1149486

Company no.:

7914440

Comprising the

Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and Notes 1 to 29

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 January 2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

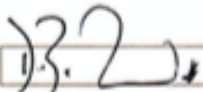
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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

Signed:		Date:	29 June 2022
Name:	D B Yandell		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Accountant		
Address:	"Pippins", Crabtree Lane, Great Bookham Surrey KT23 4PF		

Section B

Disclosure

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

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

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