

Annual Trustees Report 2022-23

CIO: Christian Initiatives in Early Years Education (Love Early Years)

Registered Charity No. 1156884

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Trustees

Mrs Ruth Andrews (chair); Rev Brian Andrews; Mrs Lucy Waterman; Rev Peter Michell; Mrs Angela Msumba; Mrs Jo Gilks; Mrs Helen Kear ; Mrs Tamsin Grimmer; Rev Mary Hawes

Objects

The object of the CIO is, for the public benefit, the advancement of education in accordance with Christian principles, in the United Kingdom and such other parts of the world as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

Aims and Activities

1. To nurture and support Early Years practitioners and settings holding Christian values

This was delivered through regular newsletters and emails, our magazine *Early Days*; our website www.Love Early Years.com.

We expanded our 10th of the month prayer for early years children to include both Love Early Years' partners and friends who were provided with topics for prayer and encouraged to pray at home on their own or with others in their locality.

The public benefit is that through nurturing and supporting practitioners we reduce the isolation in which many operate and create meaningful networks.

2.To advocate a holistic approach to Early Years care and education and encourage the highest quality care and education by offering mentoring and training.

During the past year we held face-to-face events visiting Mr Noah's Nursery School , Kent and Heart Preschool , Nottingham to share good practice and training.

We kept our partners up to date with current research and campaigns and shared relevant articles via Facebook and Twitter. Our main project continued to be the preparation of a manual that explores how young children develop spiritual awareness.

The public benefit is improved quality as settings reflect on and adapt their practice. This distinctive play-based approach to education with a Christian ethos offers a wider choice for parents.

3. To foster relationships between individuals and organisations holding similar values and rationale, in the UK and overseas.

During the year our presence on Facebook continued to grow and the use of other social media helped to build relationships between partners and with a much wider constituency.

The public benefit is that we encouraged practitioners to learn from national and international settings in order to inform their professional knowledge and understanding which encourages the development of strong practice based on knowledge and understanding of how children learn.

Performance

We no longer had a Development Coordinator. Our presence was maintained on social media. The practical manual on Nurturing Spirituality in the Under Fives is nearing completion.

We continued to support our partner settings via emails, newsletters and phone calls.

Early Days magazine continued to be a valuable resource to our partners. Due to various pressures we were only able to produce two issues during the year.

There were two new trustees added during the year, Mrs Tamsin Grimmer and Rev Mary Hawes.

We again held our AGM and Trustee Meeting at The Highbury Centre in London in March at which we reviewed the past year and planned our programme for 2023-24.

This report was agreed by the Trustees at their meeting on Saturday 13th April 2024

Christian Initiatives in Early Years Education
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income	5,248.44	-	-	5,248.44	5,481.74
Activities for generating funds	20.62	-	-	20.62	37.56
Investment income	25.48	-	-	25.48	0.02
Incoming resources from charitable activities	297.09	-	-	297.09	213.13
Other incoming resources	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	5,591.63	-	-	5,591.63	5,732.45
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of generating voluntary income	463.72	-	-	463.72	398.53
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	61.25	-	-	61.25	93.00
Charitable activities	3,908.00	-	-	3,908.00	5,758.48
Governance costs	201.08	-	-	201.08	221.35
Other resources used	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	4,634.05	-	-	4,634.05	6,471.36
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	957.58	-	-	957.58	(738.91)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	957.58	-	-	957.58	(738.91)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	3,985.97	-	-	3,985.97	4,724.88
Total funds carried forward	4,943.55	-	-	4,943.55	3,985.97