

The Ideas Partnership UK

Charitable Incorporated Organization Registered Charity No. 1161389

Trustees' Annual Report

1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

Reference and administrative details

Name:

The Ideas Partnership UK (commonly 'TIPUK')

Registration no.:

Registered Charity Number 1161389, with the UK Charity Commission, 22nd April 2015

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Trustees on date of approval of report:

Elizabeth Katherine Gowing

Keith Robert Hill

Sybille Idrac Raphael

Aurelie Viard-Cretat

Nicola Jane Williams

Robert John Wilton

The CIO has no corporate trustees, and no trustee has held title to property belonging to the CIO during the reporting period nor on the date of approval of the report.

Structure, Governance and Management

TIPUK is a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO) governed by its Constitution, which uses the Charity Commission's 'Foundation Model' template, and was developed with Charity Commission guidance during the process of registering, validated by them and formed part of the basis of the original registration. It has not been amended. Additional policies/procedures, including on grant-making, elaborate but do not supersede the Constitution. The Constitution describes the process for the proposal and approval of new Trustees by the existing set.

Objectives and Activities

As registered with the Charity Commission, the objects of The Ideas

Partnership UK (hereafter ‘TIPUK’) are, for the public benefit, by the making of grants and raising awareness using social media:

- (1) the promotion of community capacity building to develop the capacity and skills of the members of the social and economically disadvantaged community of the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian community in Kosovo and South Eastern Europe, in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society;
- (2) the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in social and economically disadvantaged communities in South Eastern Europe;
- (3) the promotion of the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in South Eastern Europe;
- (4) to advance the education (including social and physical training) of people under the age of 25 years in South Eastern Europe in such ways as the charity trustees think fit;
- (5) to advance the education of people in South Eastern Europe in the traditional folk cultures of the region.

In this, the sixth year of its operation, TIPUK’s activities continued largely unchanged.

1. TIPUK collected money – a combination of one-off and regular donations – in its UK bank account, as the basis for its funding of activities to advance its objects.

2. Consistent with its procedures and objects as defined by its Constitution and Grant-Making Policy, in 2020-21 the CIO offered grants from these funds, for work in south-eastern Europe, to advance its objects.

i) The Ideas Partnership charity in Kosovo submitted an application to renew the arrangement for support from the previous year. Their report on the previous year showed a sustained and very distinctive track record of project activities, support and community empowerment delivered for the most disadvantaged beneficiaries, in a cross section of areas clearly consistent with the objects of the CIO, and continued organizational learning and development. They proposed for 2020-21 a package of work based around educational and community-building activities among the members, especially children, of the most disadvantaged ethnic minority groups in the country, incorporating bursaries to support the further and professional education of members of marginalized communities, a programme to identify and support potential teachers from minority communities currently under-represented in the profession, and potential future community leaders, and a ‘young social workers’ programme to support the community and raise awareness. Based on this application, and aware above all of the very substantial compatibility of the

applicants' activities and plans with the objects of the CIO, the Trustees agreed to maintain a Fund, the Community Empowerment Kosovo Fund, to gather donations to be granted to this beneficiary for the advancement of their work. UK donors aware of this work could choose to specify that their donations were for this destination, and such donations were placed in the Fund. The Trustees further agreed that a proportion of the general donations received would be allocated to the Community Empowerment Kosovo Fund. Transfers from the Fund were made to the beneficiaries during the year, and at the end of the year the beneficiaries submitted a full report of their activities and their impact.

3. Under TIPUK's 'micro-project' facility, offering grants of up to €500 through a simplified process (which nevertheless maintains the CIO's insistence on consistency of values and objects and safeguarding), two grants were made:

i) €500 to the Nehemiah institution in Albania for the distribution of educational materials and food packages to families in need (during the time of the pandemic);

ii) €350 to a teenage girl from a marginalized ethnic minority community in Kosovo to publish a book of her writing focused on the values and needs of young people like her, also on the understanding that she would conduct a creative workshop with others in her community.

4. Prompted by the new restrictions of the pandemic, the CIO devised a new 'nano-project' grant of up to €200 for activities by young people related to pandemic good practice, encouraging applications by video rather than text to broaden accessibility. This led to two grants, one for a video messaging campaign among minority teenagers among whom the official channels are particularly ineffective, and one for a campaign of hand-made message masks.

5. Another application was received in March 2021 and still under discussion at the end of the reporting year; its subsequent approval and successful implementation will be covered in the next Annual Report. Other applications were rejected or not pursued by applicants, following Trustee discussion and sometimes preliminary exploration, based on doubts about compatibility with the CIO's objects or about the credibility of the proposal. Trustees also continued to follow-up on the activities and impact of grants made to other beneficiaries before the start of the reporting year.

TIPUK continues to develop its processes and habits based on experience. In this year it has continued the more frequent meetings of a sub-committee of the Trustees to consider and review implementation of grants, in addition to full Trustee meetings. In the one case where there is an ongoing relationship with a beneficiary, the CIO continues its annual monitoring of personal data

compliance and arrangements for reporting any ad hoc problems, consistent with the General Regulation on Data Protection. The CIO continues to require beneficiaries to demonstrate satisfactory safeguarding habits and procedures as a condition of a grant, and if appropriate looks to help them strengthen their approach. The CIO also continues to seek opportunities for its engagement to help beneficiary organizations to develop as well as implement positive activities.

Achievements and Performance

Grants of money raised by TIPUK continue to have practical ground-level impact on the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in social and economically disadvantaged communities in South Eastern Europe, to empower disadvantaged communities, and to pursue good work in education, environment and cultural heritage.

1. Disbursements from the Community Empowerment Kosovo Fund (also incorporating money still to be transferred from the Fund at the end of the previous reporting year) enabled a sustained programme of support to particularly marginalized minority communities, not only aiding but also empowering them and thereby contributing to wider social cohesion, and helped a young and volunteer-centred NGO to continue to learn and develop. TIPUK's funding enabled: two kindergartens to function, as well as a week-round programme of educational and social support activities; the provision of healthy snacks to children generally ill-nourished and less aware of healthy eating; the expansion of proven educational and community support activities to two new districts of the country; an overall increase in participation; nine students to continue participate in education thanks to bursaries, with two completing Bachelor's degrees in nursing and teaching (where minority representation is particularly needed and will reinforce the benefit to the community); an expansion of the 'little teachers'/future leaders initiative, promoting participation and community-originated solutions to local problems; and targeted support in healthcare, interventions against early marriage and more general social support to the most needy. Beneficiary figures show a total of 712 individuals participating in their educational and other activities. There is a female majority at all levels: kindergarten, school-age and especially in adult literacy - this is particularly meaningful in a society where patriarchal discrimination is still powerful. This year also showed engagement with a more diverse set of ethnic minority communities. The beneficiary continues to focus on child evaluation (not as consistent in Kosovo as it should be) and thus differentiated support to those who need it. The signing of a Memorandum Of Understanding with a partner local authority reflects a new formalization of activities. The beneficiary took new steps to focus on staff professional satisfaction and development. As the pandemic took hold, the beneficiary organization was able to provide essential advice, targeted support and some

continuation of education, none of which would have been available to the community otherwise. In general, the beneficiary was able to show that their work had advanced three of TIPUK's objects - community capacity-building, relief of poverty and education.

2. As agreed at the end of the previous reporting year, the Autism Association of Kosovo participated in some (UK-based) training with CIO support and, at Trustee request, shared their learning not only with their own beneficiaries but also with other NGOs in Kosovo. This spread some important new ideas among a constituency that generally has not been able to keep pace with international best practice. COVID-forced changes to implementation meant that some grant money was left over, and this was returned to the CIO by the beneficiary.

3. Through a grant to the Nehemiah school in Albania, during the particular pressures of the global pandemic 60 rural families in the south-east of the country received educational materials for their children and 11 families in especial need received food packages. The Nehemiah participants involved in the distribution were also prompted positively to broaden their perspective and attitude to the world around them.

4. A teenage girl from a marginalized ethnic minority community in Kosovo was empowered to get her creativity into print and to share her ideas and spirit with others like her.

5. Through TIPUK's new nano-grants, young people were empowered to implement their ideas i) for a video messaging campaign and ii) for hand-made masks with messages to stimulate participation, awareness and pandemic good practice.

These details have been drawn from beneficiary reporting, submitted in accordance with grant agreement, supplemented by CIO Trustee visits. These are all meaningful achievements in the context of TIPUK's stated objects, specifically numbers 1, 2 and 4, focused on capacity building and improvement of the conditions of life of disadvantaged communities, and education.

Organizationally, TIPUK maintained some successful aspects of procedure:

i) the CIO raised a substantial amount of donated funding, and disbursed it in a way that led to tangible benefits for beneficiaries, consistent with the CIO's objects. The CIO applied its Constitution and Grant-Making Policy, with positive impact and without difficulty. The Trustees exercised their right to ask further questions of applicants before agreeing to a grant, helping to develop a more robust agreement;

ii) the CIO this year continued to benefit from the provisions of Gift Aid, receiving reimbursement for donations made during 2018-19. This maximizes

the benefits of existing fund-raising, and reinforces credibility with donors; iii) the more focused and regular Trustees' meeting to review project applications and implementation has continued to facilitate more efficient decision-making and beneficiary relations. Face-to-face engagement with beneficiaries where possible and appropriate, and consistent with safeguarding policy, has enabled more strongly-grounded and nuanced decisions, and pro bono advice and support, further upholding the CIO's intent to empower beneficiaries. The CIO has continue to look to the development as well as support of beneficiaries, encouraging appropriate project enhancements and good practices.

Financial Review

At the end of the reporting period the CIO had £16,384.43 in its current account. The CIO has no other bank accounts. The CIO has no investments, nor other assets. The CIO's income is almost entirely from small private donations, many of them regular.

Accounts have been prepared for financial year 2020-21. Consistent with the requirements of the Charity Commission, the accounts have been formally reviewed by an Independent Examiner, who in his report dated 7th January 2022 confirms that he has found no material matters giving cause to believe that in any material respect accounting records were not kept in accordance with relevant legislation or that the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; he notes that he has no concerns and has come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

The CIO has no formal policy on holding reserves. With the exception of negligible administrative costs, the only CIO's only outgoings are grants approved by the Trustees, so the Trustees do not judge a formal reserve necessary.

With no outstanding obligations, a positive balance in its current account, and a set of regular monthly donations, at the date of approving the report and accounts there is no uncertainty about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

No fund or subsidiary undertaking is materially in deficit.

Exemptions from disclosure

TIPUK neither seeks nor exercises any exemption from disclosure for this report.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The Trustees of TIPUK have agreed to receive in the UK and transfer to Kosovo money earned by a social enterprise in Kosovo. The Trustees judged that the work of the social enterprise was consistent with the objects of TIPUK. TIPUK charges no fee for this convenience. Consistent with the Statement Of Recommended Practice, these transactions are not treated as income or expenditure in the accounts of the CIO.

Trustees' Approval

In approving this report, the Trustees of TIPUK confirm that in exercising their powers or duties they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

Approved by the Trustees (individual electronic correspondence available) on
19th January 2022

and submitted on their behalf by

Robert Wilton

Trustee

20th January 2022

THE IDEAS PARTNERSHIP UK

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31st MARCH 2021

CHARITY COMMISSION REFERENCE 1161389

THE IDEAS PARTNERSHIP UK
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	GENERAL FUND	COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT KOSOVO FUND	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank	13,864	2,520	16,384	65,526
	13,864	2,520	16,384	65,526
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors				
	13,864	2,520	16,384	65,526
REPRESENTED BY				
Opening Balance of Funds	10,900	54,626	65,526	11,756
Adjustment to Funds (note 8)	-19,448	19,448	0	0
Surplus/Deficit for the year	22,412	-71,554	-49,142	53,770
	13,864	2,520	16,384	65,526

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021

	GENERAL FUND		COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT KOSOVO FUND		TOTAL	
	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME						
Gift Aid	17450	12008	6919	26280	24369	38288
Gifts	6301	9587	26178	33084	32479	42671
Interest					0	0
	<u>23751</u>	<u>21595</u>	<u>33097</u>	<u>59364</u>	<u>56848</u>	<u>80959</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Grants	1021	2190	104651	24391	105672	26581
Expenses	318	608			318	608
	<u>1339</u>	<u>2798</u>	<u>104651</u>	<u>24391</u>	<u>105990</u>	<u>27189</u>
SURPLUS/DEFICIT OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR	22412	18797	-71554	34973	-49142	53770
SURPLUS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS	10900	9695	54626	2061	65526	11756
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	-19448	-17592	19448	17592	0	0
	<u>13864</u>	<u>10900</u>	<u>2520</u>	<u>54626</u>	<u>16384</u>	<u>65526</u>
SURPLUS FUND CARRIED FORWARD						

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts are prepared on a cash basis with fixed assets recorded in the notes to the accounts.

Accounts are prepared to the year ending 31st March.

2. ADMINISTRATION

The Trustees do not charge any fees for their administration of the Charity

3. INVESTMENT POLICY

The investment policy of the trust is conservative having regard to the funds available.

4. REGISTRATION

The Ideas Partnership UK was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 22 April 2015.

5 THE TIP FUNDS

The Ideas Partnership maintains two fund accounts:

A General Fund (GEN)

The Community Empowerment Kosovo Fund (CEK)

Gifts nominated directly for the Community Empowerment Kosovo Fund are credited to that fund account. The disposition of gifts for the General Fund is determined by the Trustees.

6 TAX REFUNDS

The Charity is entitled to claim for refund of tax paid on Gift Aid donations. Such gifts together with associated tax refunds are shown in the accounts as 'Gift Aid'.

Actual receipts claimed and received from HMRC in 2019/20 totalled £3,665.91 and relate to donations in 2018/19.

The estimated value of claims related to 2020/21 Gift Aid is £5,175.60; the actual receipt will be shown in the accounts once received.

Other gifts include donations processed through charitable giving agencies; the tax refund element of these gifts is not separately identified.

7 FIXED ASSETS

No fixed assets are currently held.

8 TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS

During the year the Trustees transferred £19,447.87 from the General Fund to the CEK Fund.

9 DESIGNATED REMITTANCES

TIPUK occasionally receives payments for goods sold by social enterprises in Kosovo. These are remitted in full to the enterprise and are not shown in the income and expenditure of TIPUK.

The amounts are:	2020/21	2019/20
Sa Pune	£1,693.00	£638.87



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Ideas Partnership UK

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1161389

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Signed:

Date:

07/01/2022

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Alan Wilfred Packer

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(if any):**

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