



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1th April 2021

To 4th April 2022

Charity name: Wind Empowerment

Charity registration number: 1165510

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>Wind Empowerment (WE) supports the development of locally built wind turbines for sustainable rural electrification. This is achieved by strengthening the capacity of its members through:</p> <p>Building and sharing financial and human resource connections, performing joint technical research, sharing technical information and collaborating on key vendor relationships, Strengthening understanding of business and social models for effective implementation of small wind technology, Managing projects, offering consultancy services and developing/distributing products in line with the association's guiding principles and in the interest of the members.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Wind Empowerment organises workshops, conferences and knowledge exchange events to disseminate knowledge relating to open source locally built wind turbine and rural electrification technologies. WE also conducts research and development activities to develop these technologies, and to understand how they might better serve the needs of rural communities globally.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees	Para 1.18	Both the Board of Trustees and Executive Board of Wind Empowerment are assured

have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		that Wind Empowerment's activities meet the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>In this period, we were focused to make funding applications, having made a total of 6. However, none had successful outcomes.</p> <p>We continued with our Water Pumping and Productive Uses projects with teams in Argentina and India, they continued their work and brought to a close research on water pumping activities.</p> <p>Building on a previous partnership with the Tanzania Renewable Energy Association conducted a feasibility study for a possible WE project in the country to pump water for the community.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As of the end of the financial period in question (April 2022) Wind Empowerment had sufficient funds to meet contracted obligations along with reserves
Statement explaining the policy for holding	Para 1.22	Wind Empowerment has the policy of retaining reserves to the value of three

reserves stating why they are held		months of operating costs for the Executive Board, in order to enable fundraising activities to launch new Wind Empowerment activities. Wind Empowerment operates exclusively on a grant/project basis.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£7,923 as of April 2022
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>The Coronavirus pandemic has limited international travel to the degree that it has impacted the activities of Wind Empowerment. In addition, the economic downturn and crisis of the pandemic has significantly impacted the availability of grant based funding that Wind Empowerment is dependent on. Wind Empowerment will continue to be active, but the ability of the organisation to continue implementing projects internationally is contingent on successful funding bids.</p> <p>Due to this financial position, the board agreed to full salary sacrifice, which resulted in reduced outputs. The board are maintaining this position until further projects can be realised.</p>

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Wind Empowerment is governed on a legal basis by its constitution, and on a working basis by its charter.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is a CIO
Trustee selection	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected every two years

methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees		during the Wind Empowerment Conference, at the same time as the election of the Executive Board. In the first instance, election is by consensus of all attendant Wind Empowerment members (as individuals - including those voting/nominating by correspondence). In the event that an election is contested or controversial, this triggers a formal voting process whereby only members of the Wind Empowerment Association with formal voting rights (defined in the charter as non-profit organisations) are eligible to vote.
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wind Empowerment
Other name the charity uses	Wind Empowerment Network, Wind Empowerment Association
Registered charity number	1165510
Charity's principal address	Lawn Cottage Wyver Lane BELPER DE56 2EF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

		Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	1	Alfred Alsop	N/A		
	2	Jon Leary	N/A		
	3	Marco Ogno	N/A		
	4	Amy Crum	N/A		
	5	Ben Campbell	N/A		
	6	Pedro Carvalho Neves	N/A		
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

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Date

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Project codes:

WEIndia – Wind Empowerment’s biennial conference, hosted in 2018 in Chennai, India

Coordination 2 – Wind Empowerment’s second coordination contract, aimed at growing the network and strengthening internal capacity

Water Pumping – An exchange project between practitioners in India, Argentina, France and Morocco, developing open source wind-electric-water pumping systems for rural applications. Grant Funded.

MPTTP – Modular Power To The People – a grant funded research project developing and testing modular open source power electronics to enable the gradual and organic growth of off-grid energy systems.

Productive Uses – a grant funded research project that intends to test socio-technical models where wind energy systems are used for economically productive activities in rural communities of Argentina Patagonia

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04/03/2022	-520	15334.18	Board	Q1, Q2 Treasurer	Portugal
28/02/2022	-1268.35	15854.18	Tanzania	Prospective study	Tanzania
25/02/2022	-42.05	17122.53	General	Web platform Stinpriza	Greece
22/02/2022	-1716.51	17164.58	Board	Q1, Q2, Q3 Fund Raiser	Argentina
18/02/2022	-669.49	18881.09	Board	Q3 and Q4 Coordinator	Greece
18/02/2022	-14.34	19550.58	General	Website host	UK
18/02/2022	-356	19564.92	Board	Q3 Communication	UK
18/02/2022	-1009.27	19920.92	Water Pumping	Esteban	Argentina
31/01/2022	-0.01	20930.19	Board	Test bank transfer	UK
13/01/2022	3671.47	20930.2	Water Pumping	Third Installment	Germany
20/12/2021	8337.11	17258.73	Board	Final Instalment	Germany
30/04/2021	-1039.34	8921.62	Board	Q1 Communication	UK
26/04/2021	-3796.41	9960.96	Board	Q1 Coordinator	Greece
21/04/2021	-251.52	13757.37	Board	Web platform Stinpriza	Greece
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	Costs	Income
Board	-9288.16	8887.11
General	-307.91	
Water Pumpi	-3823.28	3671.47
Tanzania	-1268.35	
Total	-14687.7	12558.58

Water Pumpi	4478.33
Productive U	3049.24
Available Fu	7923.21

Countries	UK	Argentina	Tanzania	Greece	Portugal
UK	-1409.69	-5539.79	-1268.35	-4759.47	-520

France	Total
-1190.41	-14687.71