

**The Gallagher Trust**  
(Registered charity, number 1166364)  
**Financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2022**

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**The Gallagher Trust  
Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 31 May 2022**

**Full name** The Gallagher Trust

**Other names by which the charity is known** TGT

**Organisation type** Charitable incorporated organisation

**Registered charity number** 1166364

**Principal address**

Lavender House, 98 Melton Lane, Sutton Bonington, Leicestershire, LE12 5RQ

**Trustees**

Sharon Gadsby Gallagher, Chair

Steven Dennis Gallagher

Professor Panayotis Vostanis

**Governance and management**

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 05/04/16.

The charity has a Board of three Trustees who have all worked on our programmes out in Rwanda and have extensive knowledge of the work carried out over the past eight years working with vulnerable and orphaned young people. Panayotis Vostanis is Professor of Child Psychiatry at Leicester University specialising in trauma and abuse cases. This is particularly important as many of our vulnerable family members are survivors of the 1994 genocide. All Trustees give freely of their time and no remuneration was paid in the year ending 31/05/22.

We have no plans to recruit any more Trustees at this time.

**Objectives and activities**

To relieve the needs of children, young people and others with special educational needs and physical and/or mental disabilities, primarily but not exclusively in Rwanda by provision of housing, full time carers, food, clothing and medical support. Additionally, to support Ubumwe Community Centre (UCC) to provide daily recreational activities, skills training and sport.

**Public benefit statement**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

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### **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

Through our donations to Gallagher Tubiteho in Gisenyi, Rwanda, we fund a Community Based Living programme which provides homes, care, love and support for 22 young people with physical and learning disabilities who were abandoned when the Noel Orphanage where they were living closed down in December 2014. The family members are now living happy and secure lives in four family style homes in the community. The charity now employs thirteen trained Support Workers, a Social Care Manager, Housekeeper, four Night-watchmen and a Country Director to provide the care, support and backup needed. Some of our people attend the day centre and the charity's own small activity centre, and also take part in a range of home based learning activities including, gardening, cooking, cleaning, laundry and animal husbandry. Five of our more able-bodied family members are learning housekeeping skills to be able to help in the newly created income-generating guest house.

The charity looks to relieve poverty, sickness, homelessness and distress to the vulnerable that had once been shunned and abandoned. Now they are living with dignity and respect and have become part of their local community which has improved their lives and that of society as a whole.

### **Summary of the main achievements during the period**

In April 2021, just prior to the end of our last financial year we were told that the Ministry for Gender and Family Promotions in Rwanda (MIGEPROF) would take over the financial responsibility for funding CBL and that thereafter, the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) would take over the long term solution for the 'concerned people'. It was June before any money was forthcoming and then it was much less than expected and didn't fulfil the budget to support the Community Based Living programme (CBL). We had very little money but managed to make three payments to give what support we could in June 2021, August 2021 and October 2021. This was helped by two donations which were received from Les Enfants Avant Tout via The Point Foundation in July 2021 and October 2021. However, these were the last donations that we received in this financial year.

Rwanda remained in total lockdown until September 2021 so there were no activities at all during this period. Also, our families were struggling to cope with the situation after the eruption of Mount Nyiragongo on May 21st. Our limited funds were used to pay for the temporary rented accommodation and for food.

Our Country Director, Mr Theophile Nzabahamana struggled to communicate with NCPD and tried to make plans for the continuation of CBL with their support. He continued to suggest that the programme could continue with two houses; the one purchased and then with one being rented to reduce costs. This would also give the use of all household furniture, equipment, education facilities and materials etc. However, after months of limited communication it became clear that NCPD did not want to continue to support and fund the CBL programme. A decision was taken by NCPD to relate back to the countries Reunification Programme which began in 2012. This programme was to close down all orphanages throughout the country and place children and young people in foster families in the community. Sadly, this programme was not successful for most people with learning and physical disabilities (PWDS)

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because they were unable to find placements for them. This was why CBL was formed in 2015 and why The Gallagher Trust was formed in 2016.

Despite, the failure to find homes and families for our family members during the reunification process between 2012 and 2014, NCPD decided that they want to restart the process. They started by asking our paid support workers to take one each of our family members into their own family homes - offering them limited financial support for the first few months. This offer was accepted by six of our support workers. Two of our family members were able to be placed with distant family relatives. The remainder were taken into the care of institutions throughout the country whilst the family tracing and searches for willing foster families were made.

The houses were left standing completely empty of any of our family members. All furniture, cooking equipment, personal possessions, learning materials and supplies, Personal Support Profiles, computers and recreational equipment were left behind. They went with their clothes only. It was devastating for everyone involved.

As soon as lockdown restrictions were lifted I made the decision to travel out to Rwanda to meet with the Executive Secretary for NCPD, local government officials and the Country Director for Hope and Homes for Children. This trip was fully funded by me personally and no charity money was used.

Our Country Director, Mr Theophile Nzabamana, and I had two four hour meetings each with HHC and NCPD. It was clear that a Government decision had been made and no funding was available for CBL to be supported as a national programme as had been originally intended.

I was told that all our family members were in different institutions and that arrangements would be made for me to visit everyone in the coming days. I was told that they expected the family tracings to be made over a period of no longer than six months.

Two days later I was informed that I would not be allowed to visit any of the family members until they had been placed into their foster homes. At the end of our financial year not one of our people have been found placements and all still remain in institutions. Heartbreaking.

The rest of my two week stay in Rwanda was spent closing down our office/guesthouse, negotiating with landlords over the remaining rental periods on three houses and closing down the Activity Centre. The house purchased for Gallagher Tubiteho was closed up and a night watchman employed. The house has remained uninhabited whilst a decision is made what to do next. It remains available as a home for our family members should NCPD change its policy. All Support Workers were made redundant by Gallagher Tubiteho.

A terrible end to a wonderful programme that gave so much love, support and dignity to our vulnerable family members.

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### **Financial review**

At the beginning of our financial year we only had £3,012.99 in our account.

We had given notice to the Rwandan Government in March 2021 and said that we would no longer be able to fully fund the CBL programme. We received only two further payments from one of our donor charities, Les Enfant Avant Tout via The Point Foundation. This enabled us to send reduced funds to Gallagher Tubiteho in Rwanda in June, August and October 2021. Having not received any further support our balance had dropped to £94.75 and we were not able to make any further payments to Rwanda.

### **The charity's policy on reserves**

In view of the current financial situation, we now have no reserves and no immediate hope of generating any.

### **Financial risks**

At this time, we have no funding and our programme is suspended.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon Gadsby Gallagher, Trustee

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**Receipts & payments account**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2022**

2021 £	Note	2022 £
	<b>Receipts</b>	
17686	Grants & donations <span style="float: right;">2</span>	4492
<u>17686</u>	<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>4492</u>
	<b>Payments</b>	
360	Bank charges	86
180	Fundraising & publicity	
268	General expenses	118
57160	Grants/donations made <span style="float: right;">3</span>	6240
900	Independent examination	900
428	Legal & professional	66
100	Sundry payments	
<u>59396</u>	<b>Total payments</b>	<u>7410</u>
(41710)	<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(2918)</b>
<u>44723</u>	Cash funds at start of this period	<u>3013</u>
<u>3013</u>	<b>Cash funds at end of this period</b>	<u>95</u>

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**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**at 31 May 2022**

<i>2021</i>			<i>2022</i>
£	<b>Cash assets</b>	Note	£
3013	Bank accounts		95
<u>3013</u>			<u>95</u>
	<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		
	General equipment.		
	<b>Liabilities</b>		
(1060)	Creditors	4	(660)
<u>(1060)</u>			<u>(660)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Steven Dennis Gallagher, Trustee

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**Notes to the accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2022**

**1. Receipts & payments accounts**

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

**2. Grants & donations**

	£
The Point Foundation donations	3792
Sundry grants & donations	700
	<u>4492</u>

**3. Donations made**

During the year, a total of £6,240 was donated to the Rwandan registered charity, Gallagher Tubiteho.

**4. Creditors**

	£
Independent examination 2021	300
Independent examination 2022	360
	<u>660</u>

**5. House purchase**

Local laws in Rwanda do not allow foreign nationals to own property; as such a house was purchased in 2019 in the name of Theophile Nzabahimana, the Country Director of the local NGO, Gallagher Tubiteho, for the charity's use.

**6. Trustees' remuneration**

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

**7. Glossary of terms**

**Creditors:** These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.