



**VIDES UK (CIO)**

**Charity Number: 1166876**

**Trustees' Annual Report  
and Financial Report for the Period  
1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

April 2021

## Reference & Administration Details

**Charity name:** VIDES UK (CIO)

**Charity number:** 1166876

**Charity's operating address:** VIDES UK, 61A Mansion Drive, Croxteth, Liverpool, L11 9DP

### Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

	<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Appointed</i>
1:	Sr. Anne Frances McNamee	Director	2016
2:	Laura Whiteley	Chairperson	2019
3:	Erin Kenny	Vice-Chair	2019
4:	Sr. Gill McCambridge	Secretary	2016
5:	Rebecca Hughes	Treasurer	2016
6:	Samantha Cantillon		2020

### Names & Addresses of Advisors

**Bank** – Barclays Bank, 48-50 Lord St, Liverpool, L2 1TD

**Solicitor** – Wrigley's Solicitors LLP, 19 Cookridge St, Leeds LS2 3AG

**Independent Examiner** – Andrew McGaskill

## Structure, Governance & Management

### Description of the Charity's Trusts

**Type of Governing Document:** Constitution

**How the Charity is Constituted:** Charitable Incorporated Organisation

**Trustee Selection Methods:** Elected by Members

Every charity trustee must be a natural person.

No one may be appointed as a charity trustee:

- unless he or she is an active member of the CIO, of good standing;
- if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or
- if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of clause 15.

No one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the charity trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of charity trustee.

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:

- a copy of this constitution and any amendments made to it; and a copy of the CIO's latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts.

## Objectives & Activities

### Summary of the Objects of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document

The education, development, and training of children and young men and women for the public benefit including by:

- encouraging and enabling young men and women to undertake voluntary work in accordance with the principles of Don Bosco in education, social service and similar activities in various parts of the world;
- providing formative activities and events for children and young people.

To collaborate and liaise with other voluntary agencies having similar aims

### Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Charity's Objects

Formation, Training and development of Volunteers aged 17+ in order for them to provide services in areas of social and/or economic deprivation around the UK.

Activity weeks, play-schemes and residential experiences for children and young people aged 8-16.

We provide children and young people with an informal education; an opportunity to play and develop new skills; make new friendships and meet diversity in a safe, educative environment. We aim to encourage children and young people to become active citizens in their local area and to make a positive social impact through voluntary activities.

## Other Optional Information

VIDES UK started 2020 well. We welcomed Mariana Moravčíková from VIDES Slovakia. Mariana spent just over 5 weeks in the FMA Community in Beckenham where her service included helping women seeking asylum with English and being present in any way they needed it. The bond between VIDES UK and VIDES Slovakia remains strong with joint commitments to the Formation of volunteers and the opportunities offered to them. I thank Sr. Pat and the Community of Beckenham for their availability to welcome Mariana, to share their home and work with her and for making her experience of voluntary service as enjoyable as possible.

Our Teams began the year focusing on activities and events planned for the year ahead. The UK Projects Team (UKPT) also included those volunteers who would facilitate the Summer projects in both Paisley and Kilmarnock. They planned the theme and activities for the projects and began to look at the Training weekend for our Volunteers. Working alongside the UKPT was our Volunteer Development Team (VDT) started to plan the Formation that our Volunteers would receive throughout 2020. The Youth Development Team (YDT) held a VIDES View Day in Glasgow in February and planned for the annual Youth Weekend which was to take place in March 2020.

However, like many people, charities and businesses around the world, VIDES UK has felt the impact of Covid-19. Restrictions placed upon us through national and regional lockdowns, social distancing and the 'rule of 6' meant that many activities and gatherings planned for 2020 had to be cancelled, postponed or changed.

Our Executive Committee maintained leadership and governance of VIDES UK by still holding our Meetings using Skype and Zoom in order to keep up to date with the latest in Government advice and restrictions.

VIDES UK made a huge effort to reach out to volunteers and young people during the lockdown by using technology to keep connected. We had successful campaigns for Mental health Week where our volunteers shared videos of their own struggles with Mental Health, shared how volunteering helped them, gave tips on how to help Mental Health and also where other young people could access help in times of struggle. This campaign was successful and lots of people engaged with it, highlighting its need and relevance in the current climate. A huge thank you to all those volunteers involved with this campaign, your commitment and willingness to put yourself out there in order to help others did not go unnoticed and was greatly appreciated.

Many of our volunteers also took on the task of hosting online events for both young people and fellow volunteers. From themed Quiz nights to challenges; from Bingo to study tips and from Salesian Goodnights to "Tea and Talk" sessions there was lots of work, enthusiasm and a great desire to continue VIDES activities in a new way. Again, my thanks goes to all those volunteers who planned, prepared, delivered, attended and support any of these events in some way. The commitment and dedication to VIDES UK and the young people we serve was tangible.

We also held some new virtual sessions called "VIDES Voices" which gathered different groups of volunteers together and was an opportunity for them to share their hopes and dreams for VIDES and how we could begin to move VIDES forward to keep it relevant to the needs of young people,

especially the poorest and disadvantaged, as we begin to move forward from the experience of living in and through a pandemic. These sessions provided great food for thought and it was evident that there is a shared desire amongst our volunteers to ensure that we are reaching the needs of those on the peripheries of our society. The feedback from these sessions will help form our action plan and the activities we offer going forward.

Since we were unable to hold our normal summer projects we felt it was important to use the money we would have spent on them to respond to the needs of others who were struggling more than usual due to the financial impact of Covid-19 on families and communities. VIDES UK responded to requests for help and was able to provide food, toys and clothing for children and young people in Kilmarnock, Scotland, Liverpool and in VIDES Philippines.

VIDES UK has been limited in what we could do in 2020 but we have tried to reach out as much as possible to ensure that we can continue to help those in most need. As we move towards 2021 it is still unclear about what events and projects we will be able to offer but we aim to use the time to focus on building a deeper awareness of the identity of a VIDES Volunteer and to explore the many different ways of reaching the poorest and most disadvantaged young people in our society. Covid-19 caused many things to be cancelled but never our commitment to each other, the young and the poor.

As I finish my report on what was a year like no other, not just for VIDES UK but for the world, I give thanks for each and every one of our volunteers, for the young people who stayed with us, for the local communities where we have served and for the constant ongoing support of the Salesian Sisters. I echo the words of Pope Francis: *"From this crisis we can come out better or worse. We can slide backward, or we can create something new."* VIDES UK is committed to come out of the Pandemic better and I look forward to seeing what new things we create TOGETHER!

**Laura Whiteley**  
**Chairperson**  
**2020**

**VIDES UK CIO**

**Registered Charity  
Number  
No: 1166876**

**Financial Report  
1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup>  
December 2020**



**Financial Report for 1st January – 31<sup>st</sup> Dècember 2020**  
**Income and Expenditure Account Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

## Income

Fundraising for:	
Camp - Children's Subs	£ 0
Camp - Trip Contributions	£ 0
Subscriptions:	
Members	£ 185
Donations:	
General	£ 11,448.75
For Youth	£ 0
View	£ 0
VIDES Friends	£ 0
For You	£ 0
Specific Purpose	£ 0
Specific Grants	
Provincial Council	£ 0

### Miscellaneous Income

None for 2020 as no projects were able to run given Coronavirus Pandemic

Interest on Savings Account	£ 28.19
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**Total Income** **£ 11,661.94**





**Direct Charitable Expenditure**

Formation Camps:	
• Day to Day	£ 0
• Outings	£ 0
• Camp Equipment	£ 0
• Travel Expenses of Volunteers	£ 0
• Training of Volunteers - accommodation	£ 0
• Training of Volunteers – Resources	£ 24
Home Projects	
• VIDES For You	£ 0
• VIDES For Youth	£ 360
• VIDES View	£ 0
• VIDES Friends Club	£ 0
• Youth Leadership	£ 0
• Outreach Project	£ 0

**Miscellaneous Expenditure**

Abroad	£ 0
Administration	£ 683.84
Bank Charges and Interest	£ 36
General Donation	£ 1,039
Hospitality	£ 331.24
Insurance	£ 1,032.06
International	£ 318.53
Office Equipment	£ 629.89
Paid Worker	£ 0
Paid Worker's Travel Expenses	£ 5.60
Phone & Broadband	£ 265.80
Photocopier	£ 1,126.61
Promotional Material	£ 0
Specific Donation	£ 1,100
Team Review	£ 0

**Total Expenditure****£ 6,952.57**



**Balance Breakdown at year end**

Current Account	£ 22,367.32
Savings Account	£ 28.19

**Restricted Funds**

Abroad	£ 0
Provincial Council	£ 0

**Total Restricted Funds** £ 0

**Total Unrestricted Funds** £ 22,395.51

I can confirm that the accounts provided match the figures shown on the financials and are a true reflection of the accounting for this period.



