

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



Registered Charity No.1167084
[England & Wales]

PURSUIT
INTERNATIONAL



2022 **AT A** **GLANCE**

20
Young Adults
Supported



2
Residential Care
Homes Supported

+
Registration
under the Child
Care Institution
completed for 2
residential care
homes

8

Young people
preparing for
graduation

4

New RAMP
Members



First year
completed in the
new RAMP office

First year
completed for our
new girls mentor

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEES

Welcome to the Pursuit Annual report for 2022.

Following on from the tragedy and challenges faced by the UK Pursuit team in 2021, 2022 continued to be a really tough year. We are grateful for the grace and patience shown by our supporters throughout what we acknowledge was, without doubt, one of our quietest years.

But while things on our side may have been quiet, I'm sure you'll agree after reading this report that, over in Kolkata, it was business as usual and then some! It is a testament to the dedication, commitment and talent of our dedicated RAMP mentors that they were able to not only continue their work, but also see incredible positive steps taken in the lives of the young people we serve.

2022 may not have been an all-singing, all-dancing year for the UK team, but that is not to say that we were lying dormant. Rather, this was a time characterised by recovery, restoration and renewal.

One of the Trustee highlights of 2022 was gathering together with the team in September for our vision day, to look closely at where we believe Pursuit is being led next. It was a rich, challenging and re-energising exercise and we look forward to continuing this process into the new year.

We sense that 2023 will be a year of significant momentum and progress, with a renewed sense of clarity and urgency for the Pursuit we feel called to.

We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

Andy Hickford
Chair of Trustees

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDERS

We are delighted to share with you Pursuit's Annual report from 2022.

We hope that the impact of Pursuit's work, thanks to the dedicated efforts of trustees, team and supporters, will be a source of encouragement to you.

This year, we have had the privilege of welcoming four new young people into RAMP. For those on the team who have known these young people a long time, we feel we have entered an unnerving phase where we find ourselves regularly saying to each other, "How is it possible that they're old enough to join RAMP?!" The adorable, cheeky little children we so vividly remember are, all of a sudden, turning into young adults! We are left unsure what is more alarming; how quickly they have grown up or how old that must make us! Throughout the year, we have been humbled and inspired to hear of the grit, resilience and determination with which the young people have made this challenging transition from residential care into independent living. We are so proud of them.

While none of our young people have graduated from the programme this year, we anticipate that there will be a whopping eight graduation celebrations to enjoy in 2023, something we eagerly look forward to.

Our mentors continue to work tirelessly with these individuals to help them prepare for this next significant milestone in their journey.

Thank you once again for the phenomenal support, in all its forms, that enables us to press forward.

We look forward to sharing all that is to come with you, but in the meantime we hope you enjoy hearing a little more about what 2022 has held.

Janéalam and Naomi Sheikh
Co-Founders

OUR PURSUIT



OUR OFFICIAL CHARITY OBJECTIVE

The objectives of Pursuit International are the prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship anywhere in the world by providing or assisting in providing Education, Training, Healthcare and all necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

OUR VISION

Personal relationships transforming an unjust world.

OUR MISSION

To build a relational community where all are changed in the pursuit of a world where circumstance does not limit opportunity.

OUR VALUES:

We are relational

Community and personal relationships underpin all that we do. We put the needs of others before ourselves and are stronger when we work together.

We are dignifying & respectful

Our words and actions have power. We treat everyone with dignity and respect, recognising that we all add value with equal worth.

We are innovative

We will be creative in our approach, not letting the fear of making mistakes stop us from trying.

We have integrity

We tell the truth and are open about our motivations. We will be good stewards of what we have, strive to act ethically and take our social responsibility seriously.

We are loving

We will show grace and perseverance in all that we do. We believe in countless second chances, and dedicate ourselves to a love that goes the extra mile.



WHAT OUR PURSUIT LOOKED LIKE IN 2022

“

2022 was a great year for me as during this year I had a great time learning from difficult situations faced by our young people, while helping them and standing with them. My perseverance was tested through challenges which were faced by our young people but Hope never let me down.

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[Dennis, RAMP boys mentor since 2017]

Throughout 2022, we continued to run our RAMP programme in collaboration with our local partners – providing personalised, transitional support so that young people leaving residential care can become independent, self-sufficient and responsible adults. We were delighted to welcome four new RAMP members in the Autumn of 2022. Our mentors worked tirelessly to ensure the programme provided tailored support to meet the individual needs of the 20 young people we had the privilege of serving.

As far as the academic and vocational training aspect of the programme goes,

2022 was one of our most diverse years yet! Our young people did a whole host of different things in different locations; from working in a rehabilitation center in Dehradun, training in a bakery in Siliguri, to completing an internship with the Indian Super League. Alongside this, our mentors continued to provide life skills training and holistic care for each of the young people. Nisha, our girls mentor, completed her first year in the new role. When looking back at all the year had held, Nisha reflected “It has been great with lots of challenges and learning new things. A highlight has been getting to know the girls a bit better”.



We also provided funds to support two children's homes based in Kolkata. In July 2022, these two residential homes received their new registration under the Child Care Institution. Alongside the new registration came new regulations; affecting the duration of a child's stay, the age range of the children, the jurisdiction within Kolkata from which the children come, the staff-to-child ratios and much more. This has had far-reaching implications, including increasing their operating costs, so Pursuit's support has never been more needed. However, the most significant implications are those felt by the staff,

the families and most importantly, the children themselves. Pursuit will continue to explore how best to come alongside our partners in the year ahead.

In the UK, we continued to hold trustee meetings, meetings of the core UK team, and planning sessions which considered strategic objectives, the performance and operation of the charity, the management of risk, the delivery of key objectives and plans for the future. Watch this space...



STORIES OF HOPE AND JOY

For all of our young people, one of the highlights of the year came in December, when they spent two days singing Christmas carols to local families in their community. RAMP Mentor Dennis shared “It truly encouraged the families in our community and also encouraged our young people in RAMP as they experienced the love and care from our community”.

But this was not the only festive fun enjoyed at RAMP. The customary

Christmas gathering was, as ever, a huge hit! A great time was had by all with games, copious amounts of food and quality time together. But without a doubt, the best bit was when a few former RAMP members surprised the young people and joined the gathering, some having traveled great distances to be there. It’s a wonderful testament to the bond and sense of community established amongst RAMP.

Many of our young people have taken great strides in their personal journeys. Below are just a couple of examples of this.

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2022 was a very good year. I completed my 2nd year in Sports Management. I have worked in different franchises as an intern like the Indian Super League and Ideas Unlimited. I also experienced many new challenges in how to build my career and in sports and learnt how to survive in difficult situations alone and more. When you believe God is with you, you can do anything in life. Hard work is the key to success.

”

[A member of RAMP]

“

When I was in class XII and my board exams were very near, I was very afraid and tense. But I prayed to God to help me so that I can focus. At the end when the results came out, I had done well and also got good marks. Side by side, I was also doing a computer course including things like MS word, Excel, Tally, Tally prime and GST. I took my exams and I have done quite well. I am thankful to God for helping me in every situation that I have faced in 2022.

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[A member of RAMP]



HAVING FUN RAISING FUNDS

Judy, one of our wonderful, faithful, dedicated Pursuit Champions attended a gathering back in 2021 and found herself volunteering to run a marathon to raise money for Pursuit! Having made some fantastic efforts to work towards this, a number of different, unexpected factors made this goal feel further and further out of reach.

However, determined to make a difference and undeterred by the changes to her plans, Judy saw that an advert kept popping up on Facebook for a virtual walk. She started to explore whether this could be a fantastic alternative. With the help of her husband Bruce, they did the maths and discovered that to cover the equivalent distance of Lands end to John O’Groats over the course of 12 months (a whopping 874 miles), she’d need to walk the length of Worthing Prom and back 4 times a week.

To most, this sounds like an enormous commitment, but as Judy shared on her Just Giving page: “That really is achievable. I can raise money for a charity that is close to my heart and will be put to good use to help people less fortunate than me in a country close to my heart (one day I will get there).”

Five months into her walk, however, Judy’s challenge took on a new significance after the loss of Elsie Sheikh, daughter to Pursuit founders Janealam and Naomi, to whom Judy is a close friend.

Shortly after Elsie’s death, Judy shared a picture of the night sky during her walk, with the following dedication:

“A view of the pier with the first star just peeping through! I started this walk to raise money for Pursuit International, but now, I want to dedicate this whole walk to the memory of Elsie Shahansha. Elsie got to see that first star, and every time I see it I think of her, and it gives me a renewed sense of purpose and I will achieve all 874 miles and I will do it for Elsie!”

Over the months that followed, Judy (and, more often than not, Bruce!) endured gail force winds, torrential rain and everything in between, as she faithfully continued.

On Tuesday 12th April 2022, on what would have been Elsie’s 6-month birthday, Judy completed her walk, finishing in Elsie Road in Worthing.

It was always Judy’s hope to raise £1 for every mile she walked. However, she absolutely smashed this target, raising £1,654. At £1.89 per mile, this was almost double her original goal! Judy finished by sharing: “I do thank you from the bottom of my heart, because this is way out of my comfort zone - but the cause is worth it.”



874
Miles walked in
1 Year

£1,654
Raised

GIVING AT A GLANCE

TOTAL INCOME
£26,837

REGULAR DONORS
48
at the end of 2022

TOTAL EXPENDITURE
£23,587



£1,802

- Promotion
- Communication
- Fundraising

£785

- Administration

£21,000

- Spent directly on our projects and those we support

We have a reserves policy that states our reserves must not fall below our running costs for six months.

Primary Bankers:

Barclays Bank PLC, Chapel House, 1 Chapel Road, Worthing BN11 1EX

OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees recognise their obligation to ensure that the funds of the charity are used for public benefit.

In 2022 the following served as trustees:

Andrew Hickford
Sue Jenkins
Steve Tucker

Pursuit International is a CIO - Foundation (registered 26th October 2016) with a Governing Document. The minimum number of trustees is three. Trustees are appointed by resolution at a properly convened trustees meeting. In selecting trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed by Pursuit International.



'The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report' – Andrew Hickford, September 2022

OUR TEAM

As well as a Board of Trustees, Pursuit International has an Executive Management Team who looks after communications, finance and other day-to-day activities that make the organisation run.

In 2022, the following served on the team:

Jane'alam Sheikh
Naomi Sheikh
Ruth Brown
James Cobbett
Rebecca Little
Piero Regnante
Chloe Satchell-Cobbett

The team comprises both volunteer and paid members.

JOIN THE PURSUIT

FOLLOW

If you're down with the kids you can check us out on Facebook and Instagram. But the real magic happens when you sign up to our mailing list:

contact@pursuitinternational.org

FUNDRAISE

If you want to get involved and spread the word, that sounds flipping brilliant to us. Head to our website to download our fundraising pack.

pursuitinternational.org/fundraise

GIVE

On average, an entire month of RAMP costs just £100 for one young person. You don't have to give us £100 (although if you would like to that would be lovely) but a little goes a long way in Kolkata. £12 provides a month's rent in safe accommodation, and £30 could give a month of life-skills training and mentoring. But whatever you can afford would be brilliant.

pursuitinternational.org/donate

Pursuit International
Charity Number 1167084
Receipts and Payments Account
Year to 31st December 2022



	2022 General Funds	2022 Restricted Funds	2022 Total Funds	2021 General Funds	2021 Restricted Funds	2021 Total Funds
RECEIPTS						
Donations	£ 20,722		£ 20,722	£32,469		£32,469
Donations for Projects		£ 6,115	£ 6,115		£6,738	£ 6,738
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 20,722	£6,115	£ 26,837	£ 32,469	£6,738	£ 39,207
PAYMENTS						
Charitable Activities	£ 15,013	£ 5,987	£ 21,000	£21,500	£ 4,500	£ 26,000
Promotion & Fundraising	£ 1,802	£ -	£ 1,802	£ 4,769	£ -	£ 4,769
Administration	£ 785	£ -	£ 785	£ 126	£ -	£ 126
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 17,600	£ 5,987	£ 23,587	£ 26,395	£ 4,500	£ 30,895
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	£ 3,122	£ 128	£ 3,250	£ 6,074	£ 2,238	£ 8,312
CASH FUNDS AT 1.1.22	£ 69,169	£ 2,939	£72,108	£ 63,095	£ 701	£ 63,796
CASH FUNDS AT 31.12.22	£ 72,291	£ 3,067	£75,358	£ 69,169	£ 2,939	£ 72,108
BANK ACCOUNT						
Barclays Bank PLC						
Account Number 70610968						
At 31.12.22	£ 72,291	£ 3,067	£75,358	£ 69,169	£ 2,939	£72,108

Signed on Behalf of Trustees

Signature: Sue Jenkins

Date: 23rd September 2023

Print Name: Susan Jenkins

Pursuit International
Charity Number 1167084
Independent Examiner's Report
1st January to 31st December 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Pursuit International ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity trustees of Pursuit International, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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: D. Doherty

Print Name: David Doherty

Date: 23rd September 2023

Address: 32, BN14 7ER