


Confident Children out of Conflict – Trustees' Annual Report January – December 2021

Charity name	Confident Children Out Of Conflict UK
Other names by which the charity is known	CCC UK
Registered charity number	1167899
Principal address	30 Brian Road, Smethwick, Birmingham, West Midlands, B67 7LG
Names of the charity trustees	Kevin Bellwood (Chair, trustee since 28 th June 2016) Christine Fenning (Deputy chair, trustee since 27 th June 2017) David John Dixon (28 th June 2016 – 5 th October 2021) John Fenning (Since 28 th June 2016) Sarah Williamson (27 th June 2017) Shruti Aggarwal (Since 5 th October 2021)
Name chief exec / senior staff	CCC UK has no staff at present
Type of governing document	Constitution
How the charity is constituted	CIO
Charity trustee selection methods	A trustee may be appointed by decision of the trustees.
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The objects of the charity are to promote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relief of poverty; • Education and training amongst vulnerable young people in Africa.
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects	<p>The principal activity of Confident Children Out of Conflict UK (CCC UK) is the funding of the education of street children of South Sudan. We do this principally by providing financial and other support to the South Sudanese charity Confident Children Out Of Conflict (CCC). Our vision is to enable vulnerable children to thrive so that they can develop into competent young adults and reach their full potential.</p> <p>CCC has a centre in the South Sudanese capital Juba where it houses over 80 vulnerable young children from 18 months to 17 years old. These are mainly girls who have in the past been affected by poverty, gender-based violence and many displaced by internal conflict in the country. CCC also funds the education of around 800 other children throughout the world's newest, but poorest country. Around 40 South Sudanese children who were previously supported by CCC in Juba are now being supported in Boarding School by Confident Children Uganda.</p> <p>In addition to funding CCC, we occasionally fund organisations that support the education and training of vulnerable young people in South Sudan. At present our support is limited to South Sudanese children.</p> <p>We only fund organisations which are known to the trustees. We do not accept unsolicited requests for funding.</p> <p>All trustees have read the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have had regard for this guidance in all decision making.</p>
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	<p>The trustees of CCC UK are pleased to present this sixth Annual Report to the Charity Commission.</p> <p>At the close of the previous reporting period (i.e. 31st December 2020) CCC UK's cash funds stood at £42,232. CCC UK's donations during the</p>

	<p>reporting period have come principally from individual donors and fundraising campaigns, but also donations from faith groups and a charitable foundation. By the end of the reporting period CCC UK was receiving around £500 per month in regular monthly giving. The CCC UK Trustees would like to express our gratitude to our supporters for their ongoing partnership in this critical work.</p> <p>CCC UK is also very grateful for generous one-off donations (including three large anonymous donations).</p> <p>The Board of CCC UK was also encouraged to hear that other partners have continued to support the work of Confident Children out of Conflict in South Sudan in 2021 and was in communication with the two known partners who also support the education programme.</p> <p>The continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to the extremely volatile situation in South Sudan meant that Confident Children Out Of Conflict (CCC) in Juba faced very challenging circumstances. Schools in South Sudan had closed in mid-March 2020 due to the pandemic and the education programmes CCC UK supports were suspended, as children were unable to attend school. In October 2020 schools temporarily re-opened for children in candidate classes, followed by a re-opening in March 2021 for all ages.</p> <p>As a consequence of the long school closure many children across South Sudan dropped out of school. There has been a significant increase in the number of out-of-school children from 2.2 million in 2018 to 2.8 million in 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as reported by UNICEF South Sudan (UNICEF South Sudan Education Briefing Note December 2021). This means that over 70 percent of school aged-children are not in school. The largest group of out-of-school children are girls. The number of children whose school fees CCC in Juba has supported has also dropped by almost a third in 2021 due to children dropping out and with the many pressures on education partners and difficulties of following up on the large number of children who are out of school, CCC Juba has also struggled, along with all the others. CCC UK is keen to continue to work to support continued education for at least some of the most vulnerable children, especially girls.</p> <p>Schools in Uganda had also closed in March 2020 and remained closed for most of the 2021 school year, with only a couple of weeks of in-person schooling in September 2021. The 40+ children who are at boarding school in Uganda continued to be at the house where they usually only spend their holidays. Confident Children Uganda organised three teachers to support the children's learning in the main subjects at primary and secondary level.</p> <p>CCC UK was able to send financial support to Uganda and South Sudan of £25,172. A significant amount was sent to South Sudan as CCC UK had been asked to hold off transferring money for school fees in 2020 when schools were closed.</p> <p>CCC UK also conducted an audit via an independent South Sudanese consultant recommended through a trusted long-term partner organisation. This exercise was completed in August, later than anticipated. Delays happened due to other competing priorities on the side of CCC Juba and due to illness on the side of the consultant. The audit did not reveal any major concerns but provided helpful recommendations for improvement for both organisations.</p> <p>A major issue that arose in 2021 as a direct consequence of the COVID pandemic and school closures was the significant increase of school fees in</p>
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	<p>South Sudan, which puts the sustainability of the work in Juba at risk and this issue has been an important subject of ongoing discussions between the Director of CCC in South Sudan and the CCC UK Board.</p> <p>In Uganda the biggest issue was the continued school closure – the world's longest. It put significant psychological strain on the South Sudanese children CCC UK supports in Kampala. CCC UK's Chair of Trustees who was working in Kenya was able to visit Kampala in August 2021 for three weeks when travel restrictions were eased to witness the educational progress the children have been making, as well as the challenges they had faced. Other trustees have been in communication with the staff and children via video calls over the past two years.</p> <p>At the close of the reporting period CCC UK had a balance of £25,266 and the charity's trustees were in consultation with CCC in South Sudan and CCC Uganda on support for 2022.</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic has increasingly made fundraising for South Sudan difficult as local needs in the UK itself increased substantially and many people have been facing economic hardship. This is something the trustees of CCC UK were conscious of in the previous reporting period as well and continue to monitor carefully. The sustainability of the work in Juba has also been affected with rising education costs. Discussions continue on an ongoing basis with the Director of CCC in South Sudan and the CCC UK Board.</p>
Policy on reserves	<p>The Trustees felt there was no need for a policy on reserves while the charity has no staff. This view is periodically reviewed.</p>

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name		No (if any)		CC16a
	Confident Children out of Conflict UK		1167899		
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
		01/01/2021		31/12/2021	

Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts	8,423	-	-	8,423	33,718
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,423	-	-	8,423	33,718
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,423	-	-	8,423	33,718
A3 Payments					
Costs of charitable activities	25,172	-	-	25,172	12,255
Cost of generating voluntary receipts	216	-	-	216	216
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	356
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	25,388	-	-	25,388	12,827
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	25,388	-	-	25,388	12,827
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 16,965	-	-	- 16,965	20,891
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	42,232	-	-	42,232	21,341
Cash funds this year end	25,266	-	-	25,266	42,232

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period				
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account Balance	25,266	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	25,266	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	J.B.Fenning	JOHN FENNING		24/01/2021
	Sarah M.E.Williamson	SARAH WILLIAMSON		24/01/2021