

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1168538

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
Refugee Info Bus

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Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Refugee Info Bus

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year to 31st March 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein and comply with the charity's governing document, applicable laws and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard of the UK and Ireland (FRS102). The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

This charity is controlled by its governing document, a Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) dated 1st August 2016.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are appointed for terms of three years at any formal meeting of trustees. There is a limit of three consecutive terms to ensure diversity, challenge and new thinking. New trustees are provided with the latest annual report, organisational annual plans, recent accounts and current budget. The Chair, as well as the team on the ground, provide a substantive induction regarding governance, compliance and operations of the organisation. New trustees have access to the external accountant and to the team on the ground.

Trustees

Madeleine Skipsey – Chair
Caitlin Price
Joey Williams
Matthew Mahmoudi

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Governance

The governance of the charity is provided by the board of trustees.

Donors

We would like to express our gratitude to the ongoing support of our donors. As the charity makes decisions about its future its funds will be utilised in accordance with any restrictions applied by the donor.

Objectives and Activities

The mission of Refugee Info Bus is as follows:

1) To promote human rights (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent United Nations conventions and declarations) by all or any of the following means:

- Raising awareness of human rights issues
- Promoting public support for human rights
- Promoting respect for human rights among individuals and corporations.

In furtherance of that object but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to engage in political activity provided that the trustees are satisfied that the proposed activities will further the purposes of the charity to an extent justified by the resources committed and the activity is not the dominant means by which the charity carries out its objects.

2) To relieve the needs of people who are displaced as a result of war, natural disaster, trouble or catastrophe, by the provision of facilities and equipment for communication and access to information.

Public benefit

Refugee Info Bus is a public benefit entity. The board of trustees have complied with Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and believes that Refugee Info Bus fulfils the principles laid out.

Achievements and Performance

The services of Refugee Info Bus have been carried out by the Channel Information Project (CHIP), a project under the management of L'Auberge des Migrants, on the ground in Northern France during the year following the successful trial period in 2023 where project delivery was continued by the ground team under the new management. Refugee Info Bus continues to support the important and successful work of CHIP.

Future Plans

Refugee Info Bus continues to be committed to working wherever there are refugees who need our services. The board is excited by the opportunity to continue serving this community in a new way and is undergoing a review of how Refugee Info Bus can be best placed to do this and what resources it requires to deliver this.

Financial Review

Income for the year to 31 March 2024 was £17,321 (2023: £52,036). Due to the lack of operations expenditure was £1,997 (2023: £55,980), made up of ongoing running costs.

Reserves Policy

At the year end we have total funds of £44,667 (2023: £29,343). Our unrestricted free reserves are £33,831 (2023: £18,374).

Our reserves policy is to hold three months of operational costs, we have therefore met our reserves policy.

We do not have an investment policy. All funds are received and kept in the bank account until they are spent.

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP);
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable standards, including FRS102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- State whether a Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applies and has been followed;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operations.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the CIO has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

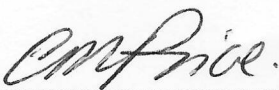
Principal Risks

The trustees maintain a complete risk register that is updated regularly. We see the principal risks at present as income reduction due to donor fatigue and the shifting of focus away from the refugee crises to the war in Ukraine and cost of living crisis in Europe. Also volunteer safety and safeguarding service users as we continue to work in a very complex environment.

Independent Examination

The charity has not met the income threshold to require an independent examination for the financial year to 31 March 2024.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23rd January '25 and signed on its behalf by:


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Caitlin Price

Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		17,321	-	17,321	52,036
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities to provide wifi and technology to refugees	2	1,997	-	1,997	55,878
Other		-	-	-	102
Total		1,997	-	1,997	55,980
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	4	15,324	-	15,324	- 3,944
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		18,907	10,436	29,343	33,287
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		34,231	10,436	44,667	29,343

Balance Sheet

				31.3.24	31.3.23
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds	Total funds
	Notes	funds	funds		
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	400	-	400	533
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		33,831	10,436	44,267	10,436
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	-	-	-	974
NET CURRENT ASSETS		33,831	10,436	44,267	10,436
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		34,231	10,436	44,667	10,436
NET ASSETS		34,231	10,436	44,667	10,436
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds		34,231		34,231	18,907
Restricted funds			10,436	10,436	10,436
TOTAL FUNDS		34,231	10,436	44,667	29,343

The notes, from page 8, form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on ~~23-1-25~~ and were signed on its behalf by:



C Price - Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the CIO has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Motor vehicles – 25% on reducing balance.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Independent Examination	0	983
Depreciation	133	178

3. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits, including expenses, paid in the year ended 31 March 2024.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

			31.3.23
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	47,036	5,000	52,036
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities to provide wifi and technology to refugees	50,878	5,000	55,878
Other	102	0	102
Total	50,908	5,000	55,980
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	-3,944	0	-3,944
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	22,851	10,436	33,287
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	18,907	10,436	29,343

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicle £
Cost	
At 1 April 2023	3,995
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2023	3,462
Charge for year	133
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,595</u>
Net Book Value	
At 31 March 2024	400
At 31 March 2023	533

6. CREDITORS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Accrued expenses	-	974
	<u>-</u>	<u>974</u>

7. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18,907	15,324	34,231
Restricted funds			
Greece Project	9,640	-	9,640
UK Legal Information and Facebook Messaging Service	796	-	796
	<u>10,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,436</u>
Total Funds	<u>29,343</u>	<u>15,324</u>	<u>44,667</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Income £	Expenditure £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	17,321	1,997	15,324
Total Funds	17,321	1,997	15,324

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	22,581	- 3,944	18,907
Restricted funds			
Greece Project	9,640	-	9,640
UK Legal Information and Facebook Messaging Service	796	-	796
	10,436	-	10,436
Total Funds	29,343	- 3,944	29,343

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Income £	Expenditure £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	47,036	- 50,980	- 3,944
Restricted funds			
Mobile Charging Service	5,000	- 5,000	-
Total Funds	52,036	- 55,980	- 3,944

General Funds

To facilitate ongoing costs of our project in Northern France, including volunteer costs, printing, vehicle costs and wifi.

Greece Project

To facilitate costs of our project in Greece.

UK Legal Information and Facebook Messaging Service

Translation costs, volunteer costs, equipment and travel.

8. RELATED PARTIES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.