

# FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1169625

## Details

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**Other names** FEW CHARITY

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2016-10-12

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** Boadicea Park  
Preston Road  
Ribchester  
Preston  
PR3 3XL

**Phone** 01282426331

**Website** [www.fewcharity.co.uk](http://www.fewcharity.co.uk)

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN DEPRIVED COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD THAT HAVE VERY LITTLE OR NO FACILITIES BY SENDING REDUNDANT AND SURPLUS FURNITURE, EDUCATIONAL, IT AND OTHER EQUIPMENT TO EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING ESTABLISHMENTS AND PROJECTS TO BENEFIT ANY LOCAL COMMUNITY WHICH IS IN NEED IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE TO ENSURE IN SO FAR AS IT IS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE THAT NO ITEMS SHALL BE SENT TO OR VIA PRIVATE OR PROFIT MAKING ORGANISATIONS

**Activities:** FEW have sent containers to thirteen different countries full of surplus educational school furniture , playgrounds to some of the most desperate children in the world a better chance of an education. FEW have sent fire engines and in conjunction UNISON sent ambulances to the Gambia. FEW have been involved sinking bore holes in Uganda and the Gambia, so that the locals have clean water to drink.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Cambodia
- Ghana
- India
- Kenya
- Pakistan
- The Gambia
- Throughout England

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£1,173	£1,683	-	-
2024-04-05	£1,800	£1,800	-	-
2023-04-05	£900	£900	-	-
2022-04-05	£18,215	£33,450	-	-
2021-04-05	£45,223	£24,256	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CARL DAVID SANDERSON		2016-10-16
Clare Burns		2017-08-11
GARY LEE BURNS		2016-10-16
Keith Bolam		2016-10-16
Liam KILBRIDE		2016-10-16
Philip Hubert Matthew Crowe		2016-10-16
Roy Longstaff		2018-04-10
Sheila Bolam		2016-10-16

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# Accounts

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FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO

For the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Receipts</b>	
Fundraising events and donations	1,173
Total receipts	1,018
<b>Payments</b>	
Charitable activity costs	1,525
Total payments	<u>1,525</u>
Net of receipt (payments)	<u>0</u>
Cash funds last year end	<u>4,897</u>
Cash funds this year end	<u>4,234</u>

FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO

For the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds	2,865
Office equipment (at cost)	550

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 by:

Terry Burns  
Trustee

FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO  
For the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of preparation  
These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

2. Fund Accounting

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3. Taxation

The Charity is liable to tax on its charitable activities.

The Charity is not registered for VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the expense to which it relates.

4. Transactions with Trustees

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**FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO**

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# Accounts

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Furniture for Education Worldwide CIO  
Charity No. 1169625

Financial statement for the period  
6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO

For the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Receipts</b>	
Fundraising events and donations	900
Total receipts	<u>900</u>
<b>Payments</b>	
Charitable activity costs	7952
Total payments	<u>7952</u>
Net of receipt (payments)	<u>0</u>
Cash funds last year end	<u>11,949</u>
Cash funds this year end	<u>4,897</u>

FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO

For the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	Unrestricted funds
Cash funds	£ 4,897
Office equipment (at cost)	250

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**FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE  
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Charity Number 1169625

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**FOR THE PERIOD 6TH APRIL 2022 TO 5TH APRIL 2023**

FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO

For the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Receipts</b>	
Fundraising events and donations	900
Total receipts	<u>900</u>
<b>Payments</b>	
Charitable activity costs	900
Total payments	<u>900</u>
Net of receipt (payments)	<u>0</u>
Cash funds last year end	<u>12,849</u>
Cash funds this year end	<u>11,949</u>

FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO

For the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

		Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		11,949
Office equipment	(at cost)	350
Motor vehicle	(at cost)	2,800

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024 by:

Terry Burns  
Trustee

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**FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE  
CIO**

Charity Number 1169625

**ANNUAL REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD FROM 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021 to 5<sup>th</sup>  
APRIL 2022**

**FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO (Charity number 1169625)**  
**For the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

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**Reference and administrative details**

Trustees	Mrs S Bolam Mr K Bolam Mrs W Burns Mr P Burns (died 24.5.21) Mr G Burns Mr T Burns Mrs J Cooper Mr P Crowe Mrs P Ellis Mr L Emberley Mr L Kilbride Mr P Pike (died 27.12.21) Mr R Rapson Mr C Sanderson Mr R Whewell Mrs C Burns Mr M Howarth (died 22.12.22) Ms Sabrina (Jiayu Lai) Mr R Longstaff Mrs K Longstaff Mr G Skully Mr J Bannister Mrs G Bolt (appointed 10.2.22)
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Registered office	35 Oakwood Close Burnley BB10 2DY
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Bankers	Lloyds Bank
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Independent Examiner	Mark R Heaton FCCA FCIE DChA KM 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Block C The Wharf Manchester Rd Burnley BB11 1JG
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**FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO**  
**For the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

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**Objectives and Activities**

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p>To advance the education of the public in deprived countries around the world that have very little or no facilities by sending redundant and surplus furniture, educational, it and other equipment to educational and training establishments and projects to benefit any local community which is in need in furtherance of these objects but not otherwise to ensure in so far as it is reasonably practicable that no items shall be sent to or via private or profit making organisations.</p>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit</p>	<p>FEW send containers to countries in Asia or Africa full of surplus educational school furniture giving some of the most desperate children in the world a better chance of an education.</p>
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>The trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit.</p>
<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p>	<p>FEW have many volunteers who help with loading the containers we send, collecting and organising the furniture in the warehouse, travelling to the countries we donate equipment to and raising funds for our work.</p>
<p>Achievements and Performance</p>	<p>The charity's operations, like everyone else suffered enormous restrictions to its operations due to the Covid Pandemic. As a consequence, only 4 containers were loaded and shipped. Two of the containers were in partnership with a Ghana based charity who paid all shipping costs. FEW Charity only funded the collection and loading costs. These containers were loaded on the sites of the donating schools at Batley and Boston Spa.</p> <p>The other two containers were funded substantially by FEW with contributions from Unison, West Yorkshire and Humberside Division.</p> <p>The Charity also experienced restricted storage capabilities, which meant collections were both more targeted and reduced. In this period there were only 16 collection days.</p> <p>In September we made funding available to refurbish a classroom at Bijilo Nursery and in October set up an appeal to construct a staff room at Bijilo Nursery to serve as a memorial to a close friend of the charity. Work on the latter started in January and was completed in 4 weeks.</p> <p>Brock Homes of Blackpool agreed to fund a solar powered borehole in the village of Kansambou in The Gambia, which was completed by the 19/01/2022.</p> <p>At the end of January 2022 funds were raised to construct a new roof to a family home in The Gambia, which was completed by the 06/03/2022.</p> <p>On the 07/04 2022 funding to purchase new wire fencing to Bijilo Nursery playground was agreed by trustees.</p>

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**For the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 202**

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**Financial Review**

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	See attached statements. Funds are raised from donations.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	We aim to hold 3 months running costs in reserve. At the year end we were below this amount.
Amount of reserves held	Cash unrestricted reserves £13,250

**Structure, Governance and Management**

Type of governing document	Constitution dated 16.10.16
How is the charity constituted?	Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	By appointment by the existing Trustees

**Approved by the trustees on 25th January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:**

**Signature**

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**Full name**

Terry E. Burns

## **FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Furniture for Education Worldwide CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
2. the accounts do not accord with those records;

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mark R Heaton FCCA FCIE DChA

Independent Examiner

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1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Block C

The Wharf, Burnley, BB11 1JG

25th January 2023

**FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO**  
**For the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Fundraising events & donations	18,215
Total receipts	18,215
<b>Payments</b>	
Charitable activity costs	32,550
Accountancy fees	900
Total payments	33,450
Net of receipts/(payments)	(15,235)
Cash funds last year end	28,084
Cash funds this year end	12,849

**FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO**  
**For the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

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**Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year**

	Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds	12,849
Office equipment (at cost)	1,700
Motor vehicle (at cost)	6,800

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 25th January 2023 by:

Terry Burns  
Trustee

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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The charity is not liable to tax on its charitable activities.  
The charity is not registered for VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the expense to which it relates.
  
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Charity Number 1169625

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APRIL 2021**

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**For the period ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

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Bankers	Lloyds Bank
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**FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO**  
**For the period ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

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<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p>	<p>FEW have many volunteers who help with loading the containers we send, collecting and organising the furniture in the warehouse, travelling to the countries we donate equipment to and raising funds for our work.</p>
<p>Achievements and Performance</p>	<p>Over the year the charity shipped a total of 5 containers. Three containers were shipped to The Gambia in West Africa, one of which was a joint venture with Unison, West Yorkshire, and Humberside. Two containers were shipped to Ghana in partnership with the Michael Lapsley Foundation, a charity registered in Ghana. In recognition of the effects the Pandemic was having in The Gambia we established a Hardship Fund, which has over the year donated £2800 to over 172 recipients providing financial assistance to families in need for a variety of reasons. Funding has been received for 3 projects to be undertaken in The Gambia in 2022:          Funding of £8,000 to install a solar powered water supply, storage, and distribution for a village of 1200 whose water source has ceased to be potable.          Funding of £1,457.88 partial funding for construction of a staffroom at Bijilo Nursery.          Funding of £1500 to start work on completing a house for a family of eight whose head died and despite the best efforts of the community to try to complete the structure it remains uninhabitable after 8years. The family currently live in a mud walked house with only two beds.          Finally, we must report that two of our trustees, Paul Burns and Peter Pike, unfortunately passed away.</p>

**FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO**  
**For the period ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

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**Financial Review**

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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	We aim to hold 3 months running costs in reserve. At the year end we were below this amount.
Amount of reserves held	Cash unrestricted reserves £7119

**Structure, Governance and Management**

Type of governing document	Constitution dated 16.10.16
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**Approved by the trustees on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and signed on their behalf by:**

**Signature**

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**Full name**

Terry E. Burns

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10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO**  
**For the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
COVID Grant Burnley Council	10000
Fundraising events & donations	35223
Total receipts	45223
<b>Payments</b>	
Charitable activity costs	23356
Accountancy fees	900
Total payments	24256
Net of receipts/(payments)	20967
Cash funds last year end	7119
Cash funds this year end	28084

**FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO**  
**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

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**Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year**

	Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds	28084
Office equipment	1,700
Motor vehicle	6,800

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 by:

Terry Burns  
Trustee

**FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION WORLDWIDE CIO**  
**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

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