

The Peace Institute

Trustees Report

For the year ending 01 January 2024



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INSTITUTE

Registered charity number 1170207

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1.0 Overview

The Peace Institute, a charity incorporated organisation (COI) presents its annual report and accounts for the year ending 01 January 2024. The trustees confirm they comply with the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2006 and the trust deed.

2.0 Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name	The Peace Institute
Charity Registration Number	1170207
Principal Office (Correspondence)	125 High Street West Town Dewsbury WF13 2QG
Board of Trustees	Mohammed Amin Pandor (Mufti) Halima Hossain Yousaf Baig (Mufti)
Bankers	Barclays Bank 10 Market Street Bradford BD1 1EG

3.0 Structure, Governance and Governing Document

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (COI), The Peace Institute has been registered with the Charity Commission since November 2016 under charity number 1170207. Further details are available on the Charity Commission's website.

4.0 Organisational Structure

The trustees have overall responsibility for the control and management of the Charity. All the trustees freely volunteer their time and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

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The trustees meet regularly as required and are responsible for all decisions taken about running the organisation and the activities provided by the COI. To assist in the smooth running of the charity the trustees recruit volunteers on a project-by-project basis.

5.0 Appointment and Induction of Trustees

The Board is responsible for the recruitment of all new trustees. No new trustees have been appointed this year. As and when new trustees are recruited they will be chosen for their understanding of the community and will have earned the respect of the wider community or have the potential to do so.

When recruiting new trustees, we will seek to identify young people who,

- Regularly attend events and functions organised by the charity.
- Are willing to volunteer to help in our broader community work.
- Can represent Islam as a peaceful way of life.

Potential trustees will be invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and will be given more details of the charity's aims and activities. Following this, if all agree, they will then be proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. This process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

Following the appointment, new trustees will be introduced to their role and given copies of the trust deed and a guide to the policies and procedures adopted by our charity. Several publications from the Charity Commission are also signposted including the guidance on charities and public benefit and the advancement of religion for the public benefit. This ensures that new trustees are aware of the scope of their responsibilities under the Charities Act. Initially, new trustees will work with an existing trustee assisting with particular activities and projects run by the charity.

6.0 Risk Management

To safeguard the organisation, the trustees assess risks on a project-by-project basis and satisfy themselves that adequate systems are put in place.

7.0 Objectives of the Organisation

Our objectives have been set out in our governing document as follows;

- 1) To advance the Islamic faith as a peaceful way of life in the UK and abroad for the benefit of the public through:
 - a) Providing places of worship, conducting religious ceremonies and safe social facilities and spaces for youth and others for moral and spiritual improvement.
 - b) Holding of religious worship.
 - c) Producing and disseminating of religious communications including lectures, dialogue, literature, advice and awareness of Islam using all forms of media.
 - d) Resolving conflicts and challenges about peaceful Islamic beliefs and practices.
 - e) Researching, responding, challenging and disseminating information on contemporary issues and challenges affecting Islam.
 - f) Engaging and interacting with the wider public and other institutions to raise awareness and understanding of the peaceful nature of Islam.
- 2) The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship anywhere in the world and to anyone by providing and/or assisting in the provision of food, housing, education, training, healthcare projects and all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.
- 3) The relief of financial need and suffering among victims of war, natural disaster, trouble, catastrophe or other kinds of disaster in the form of money or other means deemed suitable for persons, bodies, organisations and/or countries affected including the provision of medical aid.
- 4) The promotion of religious and racial harmony for the public benefit through:
 - a) Promoting knowledge and mutual understanding between different groups on the different belief systems and no belief systems.
 - b) Advancing education and raising awareness about different racial,

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religious and non-religious groups to promote good relations and highlight common ground to promote humanity and harmony.

- c) Working towards the elimination of discrimination and mistrust on the grounds of race, religion and no religion.

8.0 Strategies

The trustees have a long term aim to build a "Peace Centre" which will be a one-stop facility where all people (people of faith and no faith, Muslims and non-Muslims) or those who wish to know more about our faith can gather together to learn.

This facility will be accessible to all who wish to understand real Islam in the 21st century and its compatibility with global universal values and train the next generation of youth.

9.0 Activities for the Financial Year

The activities of "The Peace Institute" have been curtailed. The work undertaken has been varied and mainly concerning nurturing youth and raising concerns regarding injustices and prejudices mainly in the holy lands.

Our activities and initiatives included the following;

9.1 Interfaith Forums

The forum is supposed to be impartial and support the various faith and no faith people in their hour of need. With up to 40,000 Palestinian (mainly women and children) have been killed at the time of writing this report according to CNN.

<https://edition.cnn.com/2024/08/15/middleeast/gaza-death-toll-40000-israel-war-intl/index.html>

The trustees felt the forum was not supportive of this suffering and the trustees resigned from the interfaith earlier in the year due to its insensitivities towards the plight of the Palestinians people and other local factors.

9.2 Faith Advisory Service with School, Colleges and Universities

Schools and Colleges throughout England continue to contact The Peace Institute directors for faith-related expertise to offer confidential advice and resolve conflicts / potential conflicts.

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9.3 Encouraging Democratic Participation

The Peace Institute facilitate local people to make informed choices and above all participate in the democratic process without endorsing any particular political party.

9.4 Plight of Muslims Globally

The Peace Institute continues to raise awareness through seminars, public meetings, collecting donations, writing to officials and holding special prayers. This year we have been active in supporting the plight of Muslims and Christians in Palestine and India.

9.5 Islamic Marriage and counselling

Directors continue to offer,

- a) Conduct Islamic marriages after appropriate due diligence. Normally marriages are conducted in Mosques.
- b) Offer marriage counselling service or couples going through difficult situation based on Islamic principles.

9.6 Adult Islamic Learning

The scholars of the Peace Institute conduct weekly classes both face to face and on social media for adults at a basic to an advanced level. Subjects include;

- Quran reading with proper pronunciations,
- Quranic Exegesis (explanation).
- Belief (Aqeeda).
- Classical Arabic.
- Hadith.
- Jurisprudence.
- Islamic History and Modern Challenges.
- Discussions on related and unrelated issues.

10.0 Income Sources

All the funds received by The Peace Institute are solely from Muslim donors in the form of Zakat, Sadaqa, Fitrana and Lillah. We have not received funding from any other source this year or previously.

11.0 Going Concerns

The Peace Institute is a stable organisation and can meet its obligations and continue its charitable work for the foreseeable future. Its activities are run by the trustees and volunteers in a purely voluntary capacity.


12.0 Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to;

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

13.0 Financial Summary



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from

02/01/2022

To

01/01/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
carry over from last year	-	13	-	13	-
17/04/21 - Zakat	-	8,420	-	8,420	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	8,433	-	8,433	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	8,433	-	8,433	-
A3 Payments					
One nation Charity for Afghanistan	-	8,420	-	8,420	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	8,420	-	8,420	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	8,420	-	8,420	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	13	-	13	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	13	-	13	-

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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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		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
	<i>M A Pandor</i>	M A Pandor	22/10/2024

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