

The Peace Institute

Trustees Report

For the year ending 01 January 2025



THE **PEACE**
INSTITUTE

Registered charity number 1170207

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1.0 Overview

The charity incorporated organisation (COI), “The Peace Institute”, presents its annual report and accounts for the year ending 01 January 2025. The trustees hereby 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

Name of Charity	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 Peace Institute has been registered with the Charity Commission since November 2016 under charity number 1170207. For further details refer to the Charity Commission's website.

4.0 Organisational Structure

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

The trustees meet regularly and take decisions to ensure the smooth running of the organisation. To assist the charity the trustees recruit volunteers on a project-by-project basis.

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5.0 Appointment and Induction of Trustees

No new trustees have been appointed this year. If required the Trustees will recruit new trustees. Trustees 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, the Trustees will seek to identify people who,

- Regularly attend events and functions organised by the Peace Institute.
- 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 observe board meeting where the charity's aims and activities will be outlined.

Once agreed by the Trustees they will be appointed, new trustees will be introduced to their role and given copies of key publications from the Charity Commission. They are also signposted to other resources including the guidance on charities and public benefit and the advancement of religion for the public benefit to ensure 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

The trustees assess risks on a project-by-project basis and satisfy themselves that adequate systems are in place to safeguard the organisation and the beneficiaries.

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

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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, 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.

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8.0 Strategies

The trustees still 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 and Imams.

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 trustees feel the interfaith forum is an excellent vehicle to portray Islam as a peaceful way of life. Following the resignation from the North Kirklees Interfaith the trustee plan to reengage with the forum in due course.

9.2 Faith advisory work with School, Colleges and Universities

The Peace Institute engages with various Schools, Colleges and Universities in the region for faith-related expertise to offer confidential advice and resolve conflicts / potential conflicts.

9.3 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 like previously, we have been active in supporting the plight of Muslims and Christians in Palestine and India.

9.4 Islamic Marriage and counselling

Directors continue to,

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- 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.

9.5 Adult Islamic Learning

The scholars of the Peace Institute conduct weekly classes both face to face and on social media for adults from 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 meets its current 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

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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

	CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	The Peace Institute		1170207	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts					
For the period from		02/02/2024	To	01/01/2025	
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	-
04/04/2020 - Zakat	-	269	-	269	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	282	-	282	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	282	-	282	-
A3 Payments					
One Nation Charity	-	269	-	269	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	269	-	269	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	269	-	269	-
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
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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	25/08/2025	

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