

GLOBAL ACTION ON RELOCATION AND RETURN WITH KIDS

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Activities

Objects: To relieve the needs of children and families at risk of, or undergoing, international custody and residence conflict including international parental child abduction, by:• Educating families and the public, raising awareness of the risks of relocating abroad and the possible legal implications for families• Supporting children and parents in need who are 'stuck'* in a foreign country• Advocating for the rights and best interests of children and parents who are 'stuck'* abroad• Providing families with information and signposting to mediation, counselling and other support services• Encouraging and undertaking research and study into such issues and publicising the useful results*The term 'Stuck' means: unable to lawfully return to live in the country they consider 'home' with their children after an international residence / custody dispute with the other parent

Activities: GlobalARRK supports stuck families in crisis who cannot return to the country they consider home with their children following an international child custody dispute. Many are survivors of domestic abuse. We provide specialist support, information, connections and safety planning while promoting research, education and policy to improve protection and access to justice.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£50,710	£42,236	-	-
2024-03-31	£21,176	£26,627	-	-
2023-04-05	£31,580	£23,612	-	-
2022-04-05	£23,467	£11,944	-	-
2021-04-05	£12,355	£10,520	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Isabel Ruth Lamont		2021-04-08
Eleanor Bethlehem		2026-05-18
Kylie Rowsthorne		2024-05-07
Lisa Jane Burden Brain		2023-01-30
Niki Savvides		2026-05-18
Rebecca De Stephano		2025-10-01

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Trustees' Annual Report

Period April 2024 – End of March 2025

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Welcome to our Annual Report



The Trustees are proud to present GlobalARRK's 2024–25 Annual Report, highlighting our work and impact over the past year. This report provides an overview of our ongoing efforts to support internationally displaced parents and to advocate for fair, compassionate cross-border family law practices.

Over the past year, we have continued to stand alongside 'Stuck Parents' offering direct support services and empowering them to amplify their voices in order to influence policies that prioritise the needs of children and families.

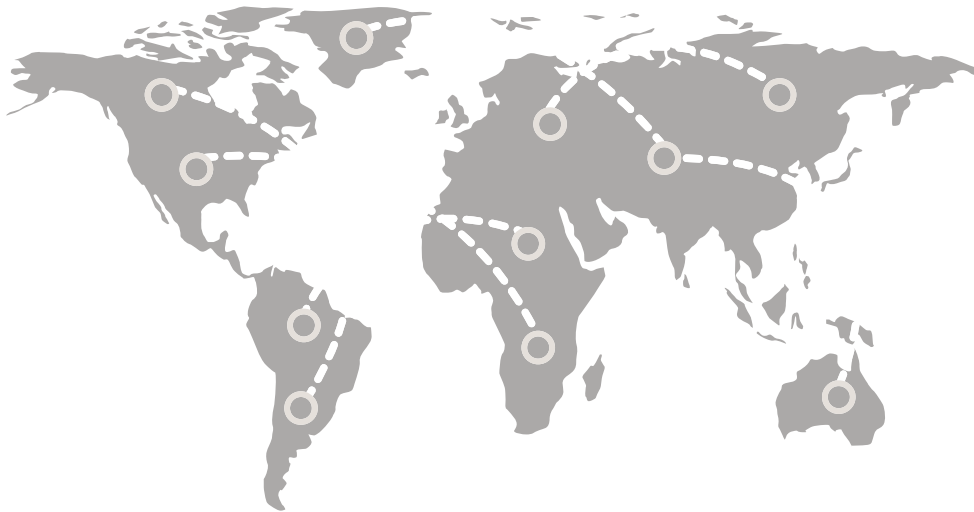
Our progress would not be possible without the unwavering dedication of our volunteers and staff, as well as the generosity of our donors, funders, and partners. We are truly grateful for your continued trust and collaboration.

We invite you to explore the insights, achievements, and future directions outlined in this report as we look ahead to another year of meaningful, life-changing work.

Sincerely,

The Trustees and GlobalARRK Team

Objectives, purposes and Activities



The charity's objectives are:

To relieve the needs of children and families at risk of, or undergoing, international custody and residence conflict including international parental child abduction, by:

- Educating families and the public, raising awareness of the risks of relocating abroad and the possible legal implications for families
- Supporting children and parents in need who are 'stuck'* in a foreign country
- Advocating for the rights and best interests of children and parents who are 'stuck'* abroad
- Providing families with information and signposting to mediation, counselling and other support services
- Encouraging and undertaking research and study into such issues and publicising the useful results

*The term 'Stuck' means: unable to lawfully return to live in the country they consider 'home' with their children after an international residence / custody dispute with the other parent

Mission:

To prevent international custody disputes and reduce their devastating impact on children and parents stuck in a foreign country by raising awareness and connecting parents to support services to meet their needs.

Vision:

A world where few families go through international custody crisis but when it does happen the family have all the support they need

Values:

We work with Compassion, Courage and Persistence to reach our mission!

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees of GlobalARRK confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties.

All of GlobalARRK's services are provided without charge and are open to people regardless of nationality, gender, or religion. The charity's work benefits the public by promoting access to justice, reducing harm to vulnerable families, and improving outcomes for children in complex international situations.

Through this work, GlobalARRK clearly meets the legal requirement to deliver public benefit, particularly in the advancement of the protection of vulnerable individuals, and the relief of those in need by reason of distress or other disadvantage.

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit:

GlobalARRK (GA) is the only charity that supports migrant single parents who are unable to return home with their children after a relationship breakdown and child residence dispute. Incredibly, these Stuck Parents and their children can find themselves stranded in a country where they struggle to survive but cannot legally leave to go to live in their home country with their children.

Apart from GA there are no specialist support services available for them. We help those Stuck Parents who are isolated, with little or no income, often dealing with domestic abuse, struggling with their mental health and with little understanding of the international law that traps them in that country. In some cases, primary carer parents and children can become separated if the parent feels that they have no choice but to go back to their home country without their child, which is particularly devastating as with the right support, there is usually a way for the primary carer and child to stay together.

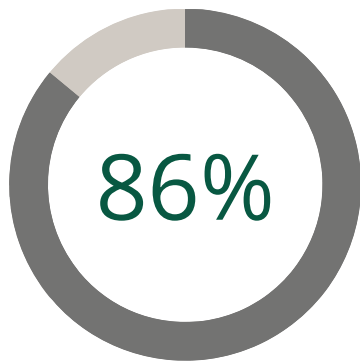
GlobalARRK provides free emotional and practical support with a call back helpline; email and messaging; online support groups; recovery courses; befriending; factsheets; legal clinic; signposting to expert legal support.

We also raise awareness of the issues by publishing on our website and our social media; working with the media and giving talks and presentations.

We advocate for a fairer system for stuck parents and support research that will better inform decision making and system changes.



Stuck Parent Needs



DOMESTIC ABUSE

say they have experienced domestic abuse or family violence



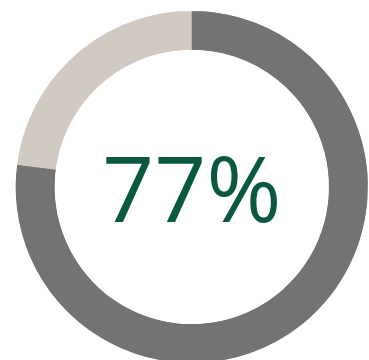
LEGAL REPRESENTATION

say they need legal advice or support finding a lawyer



FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

say they have experienced financial difficulties



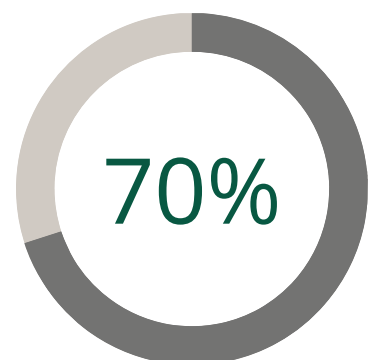
LONELINESS AND ISOLATION

Say they have experienced loneliness and isolation



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It is difficult to capture what it feels like to be a Stuck Parent. The agony and despair is overwhelming. At many points, I did not believe I would survive the ordeal - I doubt I would have without GlobalARRK



HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

say they have struggled with their health and well-being

Family Support Services



GlobalARRK services include supporting Stuck Parents, raising awareness of the issues facing Stuck Parents and promoting research and collecting stats.

Parent Support Services:

- Call Back Helpline
- Online peer support groups
- Signposting to local, national and international resources and organisations
- Signposting to legal support
- Information Guides
- Legal Clinic (England based)
- Peer Befriending
- Domestic Abuse Recovery Toolkit 12 week course (England based)
- Lived Experience Group
- Monthly online Workshops

Raising awareness of the issues:

- Publish information
- Highlight issues for decision makers
- Give information talks

Promoting research and collecting statistics:

- Collect stats through our Stuck Parent survey
- Support other research via case studies
- Publish key reports



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I wish the Professionals realised that their decision on one day in Court impacts the rest of my child and I's life. We aren't just stuck for 16 years, this impacts our entire life. I am being punished with a life term punishment for escaping domestic abuse. Why should my family be punished at all for seeking safety?

Statistics on need



Thousands of parents are 'stuck' in a foreign country and struggling to cope. They are at high risk of harm from intimate partner violence / domestic abuse and other risk factors such as poverty, isolation, homelessness, lack of immigration status and mental health issues.

Demographics and needs:

- **92%** are **mothers**
- **86%** have experienced **Domestic Abuse / Family Violence**
- **61%** have had **financial difficulties**
- **77%** have faced **loneliness and isolation**
- **70%** struggle with their **health and wellbeing**
- **70%** need **legal advice/** to find a lawyer



86% report having suffered partner violence / domestic abuse



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Nobody knows what to say when I tell them my children were sent overseas to my abuser. GlobalARRK was a lifeline, they understood what I was going through and connected me with other mums.

Helpline Service



GlobalARRK offers a free call back helpline for "Stuck Parents" - those facing international custody disputes or unable to return home with their children.

By offering confidential and empathetic support, the helpline empowers parents with clear information, emotional support, and practical guidance during deeply distressing circumstances. Many callers report feeling heard and validated for the first time, gaining clarity on their rights and options. The helpline not only connects parents to specialised legal and welfare resources globally but also fosters a sense of community and hope, making it a lifeline for those navigating the complexities of cross-border family breakdowns.

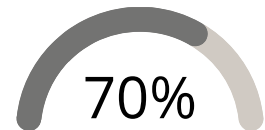
Over 77% said they would recommend GlobalARRK to a friend



90% rated the helpline or email communication as very or extremely helpful



70% said after the helpline call they now know their next steps



There is no service like this for Stuck Parents, they can help changes lives through their support.



GlobalARRK has given me hope. They have provided more insight, sympathy and practical steps to overcome this situation. GlobalARRK is a godsend!



Our Parent Support Activities and Impact:



We have received **294** new contact forms, and supported **333 new people reaching out** for support this year. Our existing Stuck Parents also had access to all of our services including law clinic, group work, workshops.

We have given **203 free supportive calls to Stuck families**.

76 parents have been added to a peer support group. We sent **3,560 supportive emails**.

We have dealt with **57 safeguarding** concerns.

We referred hundreds of families to our information guides, signposted to local charities / supporting organisations and Lawyers within our Legal Network to help them feel empowered to start their next steps.

We hosted monthly **webinars and workshops** from professionals and stuck parent survivor / community led in which we had **90 attendees** join on various topics.

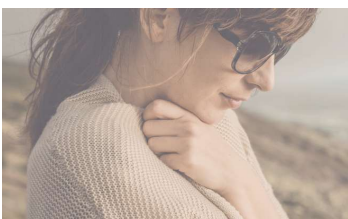
Our befriending team of **have befriended 26 Stuck Parents** with **74 calls**.

The Recovery Toolkit has **supported 15 parents** to start their recovery journey after abuse



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Thank you so much for the GlobalARRK helpline - the call that was amazing, I spoke to such a lovely lady. I feel a little more secure and I feel like I have a plan in place.



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Thank you for all your support, I found so much clarity from speaking with you all there and it helped me hugely.



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Helping Stuck Parents with the right resources - extremely helpful and kind

Befriending



GlobalARRK's befriending service is a peer-based support program that connects isolated and vulnerable parents with a trained volunteer befriender who understands what they are going through, having gone through their own Stuck Parent Journey as previously supported Stuck Parents of GlobalARRK.

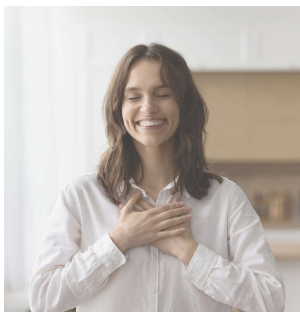
The impact of the befriending service is vital, as it offers an ongoing relationship with somebody who understands first hand the impact of international family law.

The Figures:

- **26 Stuck Parents befriended**
- **74** calls completed
- **6** safeguarding concerns
- **Ongoing training and support** for Befriending Volunteer Stuck Parents
- **100%** of befriendees who completed a contact form said the befriending calls were **extremely helpful**
- **70%** of befriendees who completed a contact form had a well-being end point score of **average or above average** after speaking with our befriending volunteers (most Stuck Parents start befriending on a low well-being score).



Befriending 'helped give a safe space to talk about everything going on which week by week'



(My Befriender) 'was there where I needed her...she provided a shoulder to cry on, encouraging words and vital mental health support. The fact that I didn't have to explain how I felt or what I was going through made all the difference.'



My befriender was just wonderful to speak to and I felt I really had someone who wanted me to succeed. I always felt better after my chats with her. I am going to be ever grateful for her kindness and support. I wish every woman in this situation had their own befriender!



Being stuck on a small isolated country, I often go periods of time where I speak to nobody. Having a befriender meant I had something to look forward to each week, somebody to ask how my day was. It meant more than my befriender will ever know.



There is no service like this for Stuck Parents.

Cost of Living Crisis Hardship Grant

In December 2024 we set a target of **£500** to provide our hardship grant to Stuck Parents facing financial crisis. We plan to provide grants throughout the year to the most vulnerable families - so far we have given **two hardship grants** to two families.

"I'd be able to see my children at Christmas and pay my bills and pay for food to celebrate the festive period."

"The hardship grant will make a huge difference. It would help me to stress less and buy a present for Christmas for my child from Santa"

Legal Support

We have **29 law firms** in our legal network in the following countries: Australia, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Scotland, Spain, Poland, Portugal, England, and the US. These firms all offer pro bono consultation and follow our ethical code of practice.

Workshops

We have hosted workshops for our stuck parent community with over **90 Stuck Parents** attending to help provide information, connect our community and enhance emotional support. Feedback for the workshops have included:

- "Today's workshop was truly excellent. I am grateful GlobalARRK organises these workshops - I know feel equipped to secure my next steps"
- "Workshop was good, very informative - thank you"
- "Very helpful"
- "Informative and prepared me for what I need to know"
- "Made me more aware"

Remote Legal Clinic



We piloted our Legal Clinic successfully in July, and have since September hosted a monthly Clinic for 3 Stuck Parents each month in collaboration with our legal partner law firms. So far we have had **22 Stuck Parents** use the Clinic

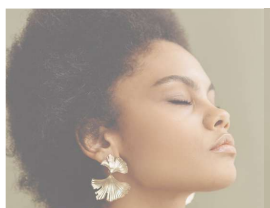
The impact of the Clinic has been **100%** of the attendees better understood their legal options and next steps, **100%** had increased their access to justice, **100%** understood and **60%** were supported to go on apply for legal aid.

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The Legal Clinic was helpful, and I am grateful for the summary notes after - I feel I have the information at the ready, know what my next steps are and am ready which is not something I could say before I got in touch with GlobalARRK.

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‘I cannot qualify for legal aid, and yet I’m drowning financially - the legal clinic offered me a gateway to get legal advice and take the rights steps forward’

Recovery Tool Kit

The recovery toolkit is a 12-week training program designed to support parents recovering from domestic violence relationships. It is based on CTB (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) principles, which underpin the theory and techniques used throughout the course. The training helps parents reframe automatic negative thinking patterns, empowering them to recognize and challenge harmful thoughts and beliefs. By developing healthier cognitive patterns, the program enables parents to build emotional resilience, improve their decision-making, and create a more positive environment for themselves and their children. The impact is profound, helping mothers regain their confidence, self-worth, and ability to navigate the complexities of life post-violence.

75% of participants made improvements to self esteem with a more of a positive attitude to life and feel more satisfied.

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Thank you so much, it's been phenomenal and moving and impactful! Your exceptional sensitivity and knowledge made this experience very powerful and authentic.

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A simple thank you does not really come close to how truly grateful I am to you both. I feel so privileged to have experienced the opportunity of RTK, to have met so many wonderful people and to have learnt and reflected on so much. You have both been so incredible at facilitating, inspiring and empowering each of us, each and every week - thank you so much.

Our Family Support Impact



Our goal is for 75% of our parents to:

- Feel **less isolated** and to build **lasting relationships with peers** in their community. This is a key element of recovery and we are able to evidence that parents are feeling less isolated through being a member of our peer support group; our Recovery Toolkit, phone calls and Workshops where parents meet each other on Zoom.

'providing a safe and supportive online peer group has been and continues to be invaluable. The support available to find legal help and the workshops and online meetings are very useful too.'

- Feel **safer and more confident** to know where to ask for help if they are in danger.. We follow our Safeguarding procedure and work with parents on a Safety Plan if they or their children are at risk of harm.

'GlobalARRK has been a tremendous source of support for me offering guidance not just practically but also emotionally and mentally. Having that kind of consistent help, especially when it comes to navigating difficult situations, can be life-changing.'

- Improve their **emotional resilience**: The Recovery Toolkit course was very successful at improving their self esteem, assertiveness and ability to cope. **Over 75% of attendees made improvements** in these areas.

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- Feel **better informed** to avoid legal pitfalls: After the call **the majority say they are clear on their 'next steps'**. They also receive a Summary email with important contacts and information including access to our Information guides.

'I was referred to a solicitor and advised to discuss certain steps with them, therefore, the call indeed helped me a lot to see a new direction. I am very grateful for the chance to progress, even if it was only checking whether my thoughts are correct or not.'

- Our ex service user volunteers have mostly involved our befrienders and moderators. They report enjoying helping current users despite it being difficult at times. We are currently recruiting new volunteers to boost numbers.

'I have been volunteering with GlobalARRK since I won my own international relocation back home. GlobalARRK was a source of hope and support when I needed it most, and I am happy to be able to lend my own time, support and experience to help those who need it.'

- Feel **empowered** to make their voices heard: We had huge responses to our surveys on what needs to be improved with the legal systems and our LE group worked to inform decision makers internationally!

Educating and Raising Awareness



International Family Law regarding the wrongful movement of children across borders is complicated and counter intuitive. Parents and the wider public struggle to understand it which can lead to parents unwittingly falling foul of the law or ending up 'stuck' in a foreign country.



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The feeling of being stuck is one that is tricky to describe. The agony and despair was overwhelming. At many points did I not believe I would survive the ordeal, or even manage to finish the court case.

Webinars and Speaking events

This year we have worked with Hunters LLP to host a series of Webinars aimed at raising awareness within the legal community. We have had sessions on how protective measures work in a range of jurisdictions as well as on the Forum on DV and the Hague. The webinars have been very well attended by hundreds of legal professionals.

We have also presented at events such as the NHS DA conference 2024 and the Women's Aid members meetings.

This year we have revised and created even more Info Guides for Stuck Parents. Many thanks to our Legal partners who fact checked the legal guides.

We now have guides on:

- Wellbeing
- Survival tips
- The Hague Convention 1980
- Know before you go
- Legal Aid in England and Wales
- Relocation
- Non Hague Countries
- Staying safe online
- Article 21: Access

We raise awareness via our Advocacy, Reporting, Website and Social Media.

Our combined social media reach was over 73,000 for the year. Across our social media platforms we have a combined following of over 4,000.

We have had 16,000 active users on our GlobalARRK website which is a 73% increase on the prior year. The top five countries accessing our website are the UK, US, Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Advocating



It has been an exceptionally busy and impactful year for GlobalARRK's advocacy and campaigning work.

In 2024 we were honoured to serve on the steering committee for the Forum on Domestic Violence and the Hague Convention, held in South Africa. This landmark event marked the first time that the voices of lived experience were formally heard in this context. It felt like a watershed moment—one in which survivors of domestic violence (DV) were finally being listened to, and where real, positive change seemed possible.

We are deeply grateful to the courageous parents in our community who shared their stories to help inform and influence policymakers. Their bravery and determination to help others are at the heart of everything we do.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to FiLiA Hague Mothers, the New Zealand Hague Collective, the Narkis Golan Initiative (Sanctuary for Families), and all the other incredible individuals and organisations we've worked with over the past year to improve outcomes for DV survivors involved in international relocation and Hague proceedings.

Our Trustee Dr Ruth Lamont produced a Relocation report and presented on this and our CEO, Roz Osborne, presented at three sessions during the Forum—The Voices of Lived Experience, Post-Decision, and Relocation. The full report detailing all the presentations from the event can be accessed here:

[Forum Report – June 2024](#)



Advocating



Following the success of the Forum in S. Africa it was agreed that a follow-up Forum would take place in Brazil in October 2025, with GlobalARRK once again representing the voices of Lived Experience of Domestic Abuse on the steering committee.

In April 2025, we also participated in the Washington Relocation Conference marking 15 years since the Washington Declaration. Our volunteer researcher, Nishat Hyder-Rahman, presented findings from our ground-breaking study based on the lived experiences of 165 of our clients.

The report is available here:

[Relocation Report – March 2025](#)

Our CEO, Roz Osborne, also gave a presentation on the need for trauma-informed services and systems for families affected by international relocation. She later reflected on the event in a blog post:

[Reflections on 15 Years of the Washington Declaration](#)

Additionally, Roz contributed an article based on her presentation to the International Judges' Newsletter, which can be read here:

[GlobalARRK Article for the Judges Newsletter– May 2025](#)



Research



This year, GlobalARRK conducted five research studies, four of which centred on the voices of lived experience, ensuring that international decision-makers are better informed by the realities of those directly affected by Hague Convention proceedings.

We published five key reports:

- Relocation Reports – Parts 1 & 2

A comprehensive study on how applicant parents experience relocation proceedings and their efforts to return to a country they consider home.

- Models for Monitoring the Impact of the 1980 Abduction Convention

An exploration of effective frameworks for tracking how the Convention is applied and its consequences for families.

- Protective Measures Report (in collaboration with FiLiA Hague Mothers)

An investigation into the effectiveness of protective measures offered to victims of domestic violence during international legal proceedings.

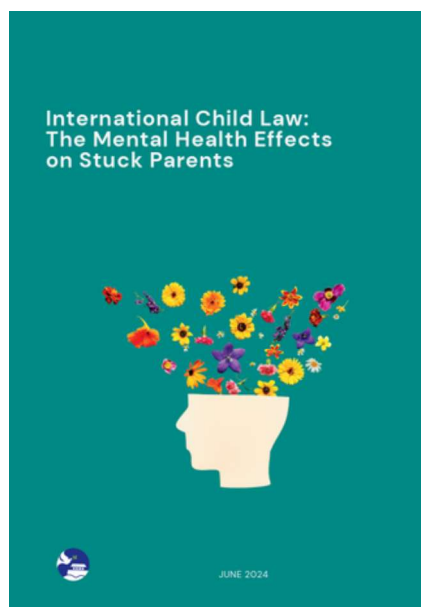
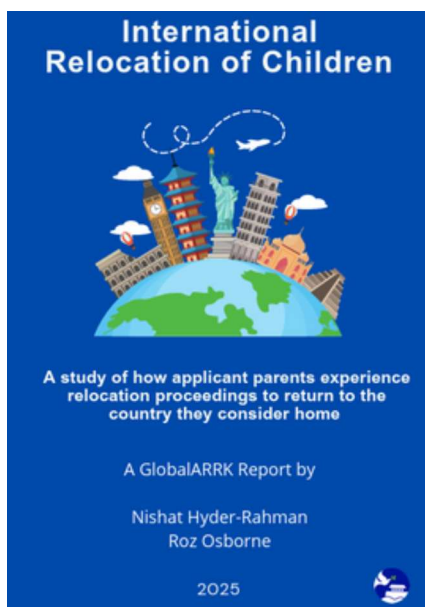
- The Mental Health Effects on Stuck Parents

An in-depth look at the emotional and psychological toll on parents who are unable to leave a country due to being 'stuck'

All reports are freely available on our website:

www.globalarrk.org/research

These publications have been shared globally with governments, legal experts, and policymakers—distributed through the HCCH portal, in hard copy at key events, and via international conferences.



Organisational Development & Strategic Plan



GlobalARRK was set up by and for Stuck Parents in 2012 and registered as a charity in 2016. We are user led and now have additional support from non-user Trustees and volunteers who are professionals in the field of International family law, migration and domestic abuse. We currently have three part time members of staff, 9 volunteers and 5 Trustees.

The volunteers that work with us do a variety of jobs, befriending, moderating, research, marketing and communications and fundraising. We have a diverse board of Trustees who are supporting the charity with professional and expertise from their lived experience.

Staff have benefited from a range of training and professional development this year which have been used to directly go back to growing GlobalARRK as a Charity, support Team development and provide ongoing Charity Support Services to our Stuck Parents. We have trained to lead the course 'The Recovery Toolkit' which allows us to run the course for our clients.

We also organised a 'Run for Relocation' to raise vital funds to represent the voice of lived experience at events and connect volunteers and staff together in their common goal and further build connections.

Looking forwards, GlobalARRK's Strategic Plan for 2025-2028 sets a clear path forward to address the unique challenges faced by Stuck Parents and their children. By focusing on family support, education, advocacy, and research, we aim to provide comprehensive and compassionate assistance to those in need. Through collaboration, innovation, and determination, we will continue to amplify the voices of Stuck Parents, drive meaningful systemic change, and build a sustainable future for the organisation. Together, we can create a world where no stuck family is left without support during their most challenging times.

Check out the strategic plan here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Lnx7azzBu8GYl2IB7M5nw_urmVUB5rzf/view?usp=sharing

Gifts and grants gratefully received



We are incredibly grateful to all of our volunteers, supporters and fundraisers who enable our expert and dedicated team to make a huge positive impact on the lives of our Stuck families, including:

Our trust funders:

The Society of the Holy Child Jesus (SHCJ)
The National Lottery Reaching Communities

The Legal firms in our network:

AVRA Legal
Bindmans
Brethertons
Caldwell & Robinson Solicitors
A & N Care Solicitors
Dawson Cornwell
De Border Advocaten
Divorcio Familia
Elias Yiannatsis
Freemans Solicitors
Garcia Family Law
Green Kaimer Min & Rockmore
Hunters Law
Kennedy Partners Lawyers
L D J Solicitors
MK Family Law
Miles Stockbridge
Moore Barlow
MSB Solicitors
Norris Ward McKinnon
Parry Field Lawyers
Rodrigo Meira
RWK Goodman
Swaczyna Labuz-Weiss
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SCG Advocaten
T V Edwards
Weightmans England
Weightmans Scotland

Find a Lawyer

Find an International Lawyer or Mediator

After an international divorce involving children it is extremely important to get expert legal advice as soon as possible!

Use our map to help you find an international family lawyer or mediator who is experienced in international Child Abduction or Relocation / Leave to Remove cases as well as equipped to help with other family law enquiries.

All of these professionals are committed to our ethical code. To arrange a free initial consultation please email: info@globalarrk.org and we will make the referral.



Lastly, a big thank you to our special long term supporter - Lesley!

Financial Review



Finance Statements

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The trustees have reviewed the charity's financial position and activities and have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

During the financial year from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, GlobalARRK received a total income of £50,710, a significant increase from the previous year's income of £21,176. This growth was primarily driven by successful grant funding, including:

- £36,536 from the National Lottery Community Fund (Reaching Communities),
- £8,130 from SHCJ, and
- £5,441 in general donations, along with £603 in hardship-specific donations.

Expenditure for the year totalled £42,236, compared to £26,627 the previous year. The main costs included:

- £33,704 in wages and payroll expenses,
- £2,402 in travel,
- £2,052 in office and running costs, and
- £4,078 in other smaller costs covering communications (£714); IT (£826); legal and professional services (£1,324); staff-related expenses (£438); fundraising costs (£226); Hardship grants (£550).

At year-end, the charity held £31,932 in cash (up from £23,459 the previous year). This includes:

- £14,000 in designated reserves to cover four months of core operating costs, in line with the reserves policy
- £7,183 in further designated funds for ongoing core costs not covered by project funding (e.g. travel and fundraising expenses)
- £10,749 in restricted funds, providing a strong financial position for the year ahead.

The Trustees wish to thank Godfrey Wilson accountants for their financial services this year.

Financial Reserves Policy

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that our charity maintains a level of unrestricted reserves that provides financial stability and protects the continuity of our services in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

In line with best practice and our financial risk assessment, the charity aims to hold unrestricted reserves equivalent to at least four months of core operating costs, at £14,000. This level has been set to reflect our commitment to meet contractual obligations, particularly in relation to staffing, as the charity has a three-month notice period for some employed staff plus costs to cover potential redundancy payments. These free reserves will be designated and not used for day-to-day expenditure unless the charity experiences a significant drop in income or faces an emergency that threatens its viability.

The reserves level will be reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees as part of the budgeting process and updated if there are significant changes in the charity's activities, risk profile, or financial position. Any use of reserves must be approved by the Board and clearly documented, along with a plan for replenishment where appropriate.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Global Action on Relocation and Return with Kids (GlobalARRK)

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March, 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1170455

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2025**

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

J R Eke

Date:

26th August, 2025

Name:

John Robert Eke

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

Address:

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Malborough

Devon TQ7 3FB

Financial Statement



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

GlobalARRK

1170455

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2024

To

Period end date
31/03/2025

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					
Grant: Reaching Communities	-	36,536	-	36,536	-
Grant: SHCJ	-	8,130	-	8,130	-
Donations	5,441	-	-	5,441	-
Hardship Donations	-	603	-	603	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,441	45,269	-	50,710	21,176
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	21,176
Total receipts	5,441	45,269	-	50,710	21,176
A3 Payments					
Fundraising expense	226	-	-	226	-
Wages & Payroll expenses	-	33,704	-	33,704	-
Communications	-	714	-	714	-
IT costs	-	826	-	826	-
Legal & Professional Services	-	1,324	-	1,324	-
Office & Running costs	-	2,052	-	2,052	-
Hardship payments	550	-	-	550	-
Other Staff costs: training, DBS	-	438	-	438	-
travel	2,402	-	-	2,402	-
Sub total	3,178	39,058	-	42,236	26,627
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,178	39,058	-	42,236	26,627
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,263	6,210	-	8,473	- 5,451
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,920	4,539	-	23,459	28,910
Cash funds this year end	21,183	10,749	-	31,932	23,459

Financial Statement



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	21,183	10,749	-
	(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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
B5 Liabilities				
	HMRC	Restricted	-	
	Pension	Restricted	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Dr Dianne Scullion

Date of approval

20/08/2025

Reference and Administration



The Trustees

Name	Role
Lisa Jane Burden Brain	Trustee
Sophia Lopez Khan	Trustee
Kylie Rowsthorne	Trustee
Dr Isabel Ruth Lamont	Trustee
Dianne Scullion	Trustee

Retired this year:

Duncan Milard	Trustee	February 2021 - January 2025
Dr Laura Kean	Trustee	February 2023 - January 2025

The GlobalARRK Team

Name	Role
Rosalind Osborne	CEO
Amy Carlse	Services Manager
Rebecca Crossthwaite	Parent Support Worker
Nishat Hyder-Rahman	Research volunteer
Virginy	Social Media Moderator and Volunteer Befriender
Sarah	Social Media Moderator
Eleanor	Volunteer Befriender
Jhillmil	Volunteer Befriender
Rebecca	Volunteer Life Coach
Cat	Volunteer Communications and Marketing
Elise	Volunteer Mental Health and Wellbeing Support
Laura	Volunteer Mental Health Lead
Nishat	Volunteer Researcher

Accountants: Godfrey Wilson

Bank: The Cooperative Bank

Description of Charity's Trusts

Type of Governing Document : Constitution

How the Charity is Constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee Selection Methods : Appointed by the chair and other trustees

Reference and Administration



Registered Office

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Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Lambert", is written above a horizontal line.

Accounts



GlobalARRK:

Global Action on Relocation and Return with Kids
Charity Number: 1170455

Trustees' Annual Report

Period April 2023 – End of March 2024

<https://www.globalarrk.org/>





REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

The Trustees

Name	Role	Date of Appointment
Lisa Jane Burden Brain	Trustee	January 2023
Dr Laura Kean	Trustee	February 2023
Sophia Lopez Khan	Trustee	September 2022
Dr Onyoja Momoh	Trustee	April 2021
Dr Isabel Ruth Lamont	Trustee	April 2021
Duncan Millard	Trustee	February 2021

Retired this year:

Dr Onyoja Momoh April 2021- October 2023

The Team

Name	Role
Rosalind Osborne	CEO
Amy Carlse	Parent Support Coordinator
Nicola Bradshaw	Project Coordinator
Virginy	Social Media Moderator and Volunteer Befriender
Sarah	Social Media Moderator
Garri	Volunteer Befriender
Jhilmil	Volunteer Befriender
Eleanor	Volunteer Befriender
Merel	Volunteer Befriender
Laura	Mental Health Lead
William	Parent Support Volunteer

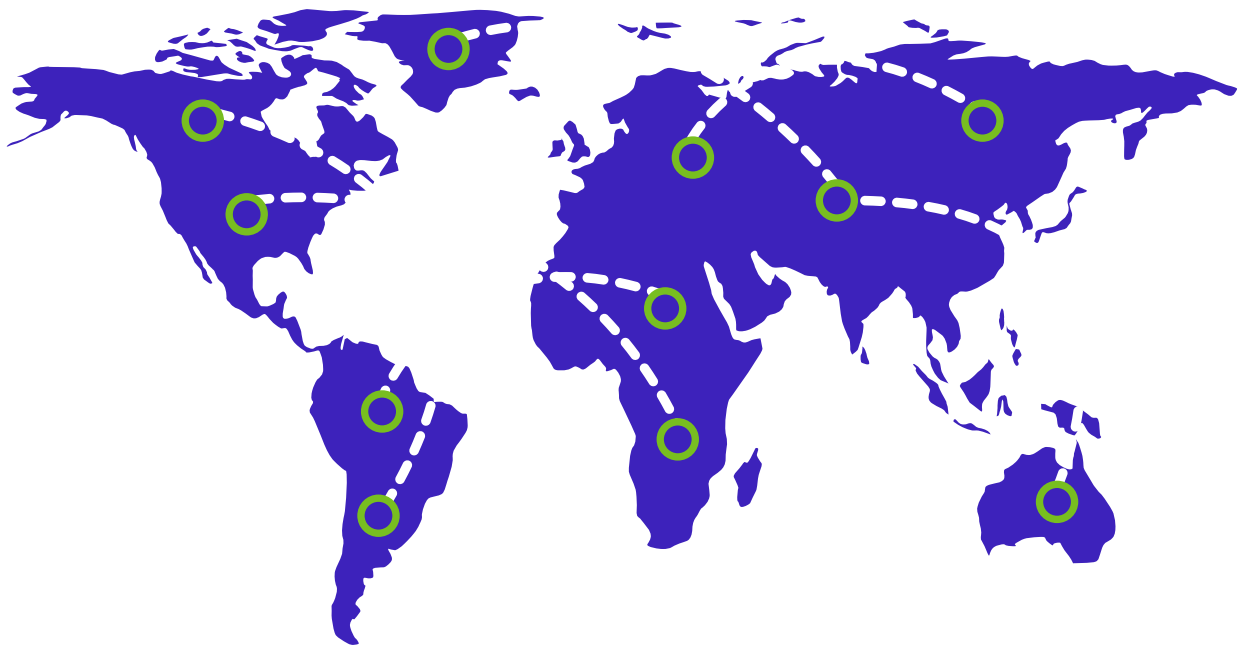
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Objectives and Activities



Summary of the Objectives of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document:

The charities objectives are:

To relieve the needs of children and families at risk of, or undergoing, international custody and residence conflict including international parental child abduction, by:

- Educating families and the public, raising awareness of the risks of relocating abroad and the possible legal implications for families
- Supporting children and parents in need who are 'stuck'* in a foreign country
- Advocating for the rights and best interests of children and parents who are 'stuck'* abroad
- Providing families with information and signposting to mediation, counselling and other support services
- Encouraging and undertaking research and study into such issues and publicising the useful results

*The term 'Stuck' means: unable to lawfully return to live in the country they consider 'home' with their children after an international residence / custody dispute with the other parent

Mission:

To prevent international custody disputes and reduce their devastating impact on children and parents stuck in a foreign country by raising awareness and connecting parents to support services to meet their needs.

Vision:

A world where few families go through international custody crisis but when it does happen the family have all the support they need

Values:

We work with Compassion, Courage and Persistence to reach our mission!

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in relation to GlobalARRK's Objects:

GlobalARRK (GA) is the only charity that supports migrant single parents who are unable to return home with their children after a relationship breakdown and child residence dispute. Incredibly, these stuck parents and their children can find themselves stranded in a country where they struggle to survive but cannot legally leave to go to live in their home country with their children.

Apart from GA there are no specialist support services available for them. We help those stuck parents who are isolated, with little or no income, often dealing with domestic abuse, struggling with their mental health and with little understanding of the international law that traps them in that country. In some cases, primary carer parents and children can become separated if the parent feels that they have no choice but to go back to their home country without their child, which is particularly devastating as with the right support, there is usually a way for the primary carer and child to stay together.



I am deeply traumatised. I am in debt fighting to keep my son safe. I am isolated from all who love me. I have no safety net for support here. I am burnt out. I do not see a positive outcome.

The majority of stuck families have complex needs: 70% report mental health problems typically depression; suicide; 85% report domestic abuse which is often prolonged as they feel they can't leave the perpetrator to go 'home'; 70% report financial difficulties; 80% feel isolated.

GlobalARRK provides free emotional and practical support with a call back helpline; email and messaging; online support groups; befriending service; signposting to expert legal support and legal factsheets. This year we have launched additional services: a 12 week 'Recovery Toolkit' course; monthly legal clinic; a lived experience group and new online workshops.

Educating and Raising Awareness

International Family Law regarding the wrongful movement of children across borders is complicated and counter intuitive. Parents and the wider public struggle to understand it which can lead to parents unwittingly falling foul of the law or ending up 'stuck' in a foreign country.



My “crime” was to be a victim of domestic violence in a foreign country. Before that, I had spent my life savings, and countless years fighting to legally return home. I hope one day to show my son, my home, my roots, my family.

78%

said they were unaware they would be unable to return home with their children unless the other parent gave permission

92%

said that if they had been made aware of the Hague Abduction Convention it would have affected their decision to emigrate

(Taken from our contact form with 1,041 responses)

We raise awareness via our Website and Social Media.

Our Facebook Page reach is 14,903 over the year with 228 new likes. We have 2,600 Followers on Facebook.

We have a reach of 4,961 on Instagram. On Twitter we have 52,000 tweet impressions Up until December 2023.

This year we ran a Change.org campaign and 38,000 people signed our petition to improve the Hague Convention. This and all the awareness raising we did around the campaign raised awareness and we receive many new requests for support.

Family Support

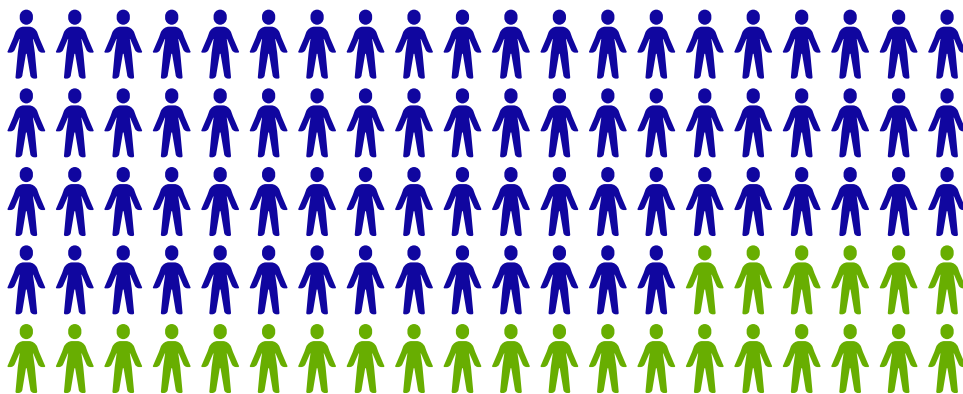
Parents are 'stuck' in a foreign country and struggling to cope. They are at high risk of harm from intimate partner violence / domestic abuse and other risk factors such as poverty, isolation, homelessness, lack of immigration status and mental health issues.



Excellent service. At a time when your world is falling apart, it is nice to know that there is someone who can provide information and support.

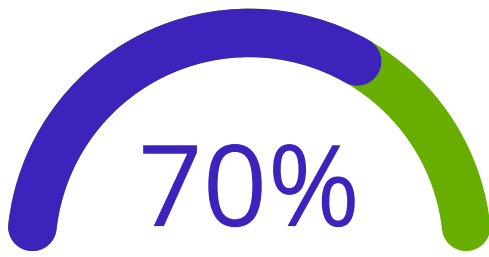


Thank you for the amazing work you all do. The support, information and just being there has saved many of us. It is a lifeline.



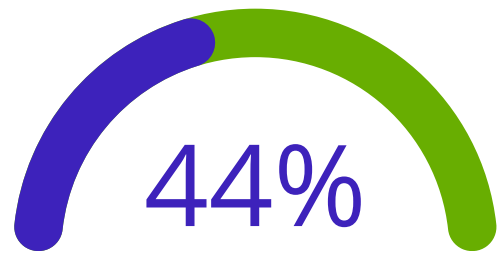
DOMESTIC ABUSE

85% report having suffered partner violence / domestic abuse



LOW INCOME

70% say there are experiencing financial difficulties



LEGAL REPRESENTATION

44% say they don't have legal representation



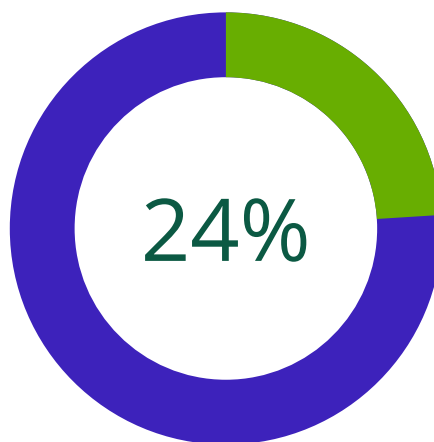
LANGUAGE BARRIERS

28% experience language barriers where they are 'stuck'



INSECURE HOUSING

34% are living in insecure housing



IMMIGRATION

24% have immigration issues

Our Parent Support Activities and Impact:

We have recieved **242** new contact forms, and supported **327** enquires for support this year. We have given **free supportive calls to 218 families**.

63 parents have been added to a peer support group. We sent **3,341 supportive emails**.

We have dealt with **39 safeguarding** concerns.

We have **signposted 221 parents** to local charities or organisations that can assist them.

We have sent **222 Information Guides** to parents.

We have supported **15 parents with specialist Relocation advice** from an International social worker.

We hosted **webinars and workshops** from professionals and stuck parent survivor / community led.

Our befriending team of **3 volunteers have befriended 12 stuck parents** with **84 calls**.



It was great to speak with a friendly, supportive, knowledgeable person. It is so reassuring to have support.



I am hopeful that the knowledge and support GlobalARRK can offer will help my case progress so that I can give my children a better life.

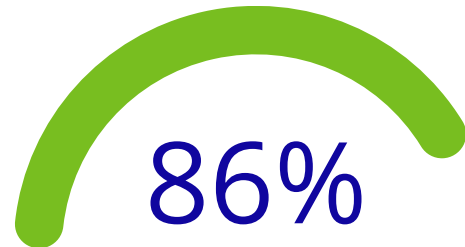


Before speaking to GlobalARRK I was at the point of giving up. I felt so alone.



56 parents have filled out our
feedback form this year

86% said after the
helpline call they
now know their
next steps



95%

said the
information guides
were helpful



85%

said the lawyer
connections were
helpful



98% said they would
recommend
GlobalARRK to a
friend

Befriending



I have been volunteering since I relocated back home – GlobalARRK was a source of hope when I most needed it, and I am now keen to give back and lend an ear.



84 calls completed



8 alerts for extra support
flagged



7 safeguarding issues
reported



3 volunteers



12 parents befriended



Befriending training and
on-going support provided
to 'past' stuck parents



My befriender was just wonderful to speak to and I felt I really had someone who wanted me to succeed. I always felt better after my chats with her. I am going to be ever grateful for her kindness and support. I wish every woman in this situation had their own befriender!



Being stuck on a small isolated country, I often go periods of time where I speak to nobody. Having a befriender meant I had something to look forward to each week, somebody to ask how my day was. It meant more than my befriender will ever know.

Cost of Living Crisis Hardship Grant

In December 2023 we raised £1,050 to give to stuck parents in financial crisis.

Below we have shared how some stuck parents used their hardship grant or the impact it had on them and their children:

"Receiving the grant has helped me remember there is goodness in the world and given me back some hope."

"Thank you for your huge and continuous support. The children will be delighted to receive books from my home country as a Christmas gift"

"Am in tears, this has meant so much. I was feeling utterly without hope and seeing my little's surprise and joy in the supermarket was truly something special"

"Big relief. I will spend it on essentials and nappies for the little one and educational toys"

Legal Support

We have 23 law firms in our legal network from a range of countries: NZ, Australia, Netherlands, United States, Portugal, Canada and France. These firms all offer pro bono consultation and follow an ethical code of practice. This year we referred 222 parents to an expert lawyer.

Workshops

We have hosted workshops for our stuck parent community to help provide information, connect our community and enhance emotional support topics have included:

- "The Hague Convention: The defences and how to use them", led by a legal network partner Bindmans
- "EmpowerHer : Applying the Grey Rock Method with ChatGPT", survivor / Stuck Parent community Led
- "How to rebuild confidence after a break up or divorce", led by a professional coaching third party volunteer
- "Stuck Parents: Improv Your Life!", two part survivor / stuck parent community led

Advocating

The Hague Abduction Convention was set up in 1980 to deal with non-custodial parents who take their child abroad to avoid a family court decision. Today, over 75% of 'taking' parents who face charges in British courts are in fact British primary carer mothers returning to the safety of their home country often after being a victim of domestic abuse abroad.

The outcomes for children being 'returned' under the Hague Convention are often poor with many children ending up separated from their primary carer mother and often either return to live with the perpetrator or return with their primary carer and commonly face further vulnerability due to immigration problems, language barriers, isolation and loneliness and financial difficulties.

There are no follow-up checks or support after a child is returned. This lack of financial and social security puts families in a vulnerable position and according to our research over 80% of mothers who have returned with their child under the Hague Convention, report suffering mental health issues such as PTSD, anxiety and depression.

The 'legal' route to return home with your child is via an application to Relocate which is made to the local family court. There are several problems typically experienced by parents including the prohibitively high cost, years of litigation, the lack of understanding of domestic abuse and of other jurisdictions. These

Our Activities and Impact:

In the run up to the Special Commission meeting of October 2023 we focused on advocacy and networking to raise awareness and ultimately improve the way that stuck families and victims of domestic abuse are impacted by the Convention. We lead on an international petition called #ProtectHagueVictims alongside 9 other organisations which received 38,081 signatures. We also lead on a joint letter signed by 25 organisations who work with victims of domestic abuse. Partly as a result of our work, the UK Government opened dialogue and the Secretary General of the HCCH, Dr. Christophe Bernasconi proposed that a new Forum on domestic violence and the Hague Convention be set up. This Forum is due to take place in June 2024 and GlobalARRK sit on the steering committee. Over the year we have national and international bodies about this issue such as the Domestic Abuse Commissioner and Reem Alsalem, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls.



The convention is highly miss used by the abusers who prevent women and their children to go to safety in their home country.

I cannot leave the country I am in and am forced to stay here where and abusive ex-husband has access to myself and the kids.

Please please review this convention and truly protect the kids and the moms from abusers!

Research

There is a general lack of research and data on this subject so systems are not well informed and families are suffering as a result.

GlobalARRK and partners completed a piece of research on how being unable to return to live in the country you consider 'home' after an international family law dispute can typically affect mental health.

We heard from those who have experienced proceedings involving the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspect of International Child Abduction, international permanent relocation/ leave to remove applications or wardship proceedings.

It was a collaborative research project between Dr Laura Kean (Dr. Laura Kean, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, NHS Borders,), Dr Onyoja Momoh (Centre for Private International Law, University of Aberdeen) and GlobalARRK.

The report is to be found on our website and will be distributed widely online and at conferences.

GlobalARRK and partner FiLiA Hague Mothers also instigated a survey this year on the use of Protective Measures in Hague Convention cases. The results will be available on our website and provided to inform the Forum on Domestic Violence and the Hague Convention 2024.



GlobalARRK made me feel safe, listened to and positive about my next steps to move my case forward.



It is difficult to capture what it feels like to be a stuck parent. The agony and despair was overwhelming. At many points I did not believe I would survive the ordeal. Without GlobalARRK I would not be here today.

Organisational Development

GlobalARRK was set up by and for stuck parents in 2012 and registered as a charity in 2016. We are user led and now have additional support from non-user Trustees and volunteers who are professionals in the field of International family law, migration and domestic abuse. We currently have three part time members of staff, 10 volunteers and 5 Trustees.

The volunteers that work with us do a variety of jobs, befriending, moderating, research and fundraising. We have a diverse board of Trustees who are supporting the charity with professional and expertise from their lived experience.

Staff have benefited from a range of training and professional development this year including: Facilitator training for the Recovery Toolkit which is a course designed to support recovery from domestic abuse; Immigration law for Migrant victims of domestic abuse; Bid Writing training; charity Influencing Parliament training; Charity finance and strategy training; Transnational Marriage Abandonment training; Volunteer Management Training and volunteer engagement. We look forward to the coming year and hope it will bring further improvements for stuck families.



Thank you!

We are incredibly grateful to all of our supporters including:

Our Funders:

The Foyle Foundation
The Society of the Holy Child Jesus (SHCJ)
The National Lottery

The Legal firms in our network:

AVRA Legal
Bindmans
Bosch LLM
Brethertons
Caldwell & Robinson Solicitors
Dawson Cornwell
De Border Advocaten
Divorcio Familia
Domenech Abogados
Freemans
Green Kaimer Min & Rockmore
Hunters Law
Kennedy Partners Lawyers
L D J Solicitors
MK Family Law
Moore Barlow
MSB Solicitors
Norris Ward McKinnon
Rodrigo Meira
RWK Goodman
SCG Advocaten
T V Edwards
Weightmans



Statutory Declaration:

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves: We aim to have between three and six months running costs which is between £9,000-£18,000.

At this end of year we have unrestricted reserves of £19,280 however we have £7,200 of this designated for core projects over the year. Therefore our unrestricted reserves currently sit at £12,080 which is between 3 and 6 months worth of running costs at current levels of spending. Last year our reserves were £14,776 so in real terms these have remained stable.

Brief Financial Review Details:

This year our income was £21,176 which is lower than the previous year which was £31,580. This is partly due to the timings of when grant funding became available. Our expenditure has risen from £23,612 up to £26,627 this year. This is because we have received funding going forward for a new part time member of staff.

Over the year we have a deficit of £5,451 although again, this is related to the 'cash accounting' and when funds became available. Our total funds at year end have decreased from £28,910 to £23,459 but again, this is to be expected and in line with our budget.

This year we were extremely grateful to have received multi year funding from The National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund. This multi year funding will give us more financial stability and the ability to plan ahead more effectively. This year we also wanted to note that we have been spending funds that arrived at the end of March 2023 from the Society of the Holy Child Jesus (SHCJ) and Allen Lane.

We are very grateful for the support from many of our ex-service users who then fundraise for us. This year they have been doing sponsored runs, walks and birthday fundraisers. Along with our Hardship Appeal at Christmas, we have raised £6,233 in individual and legal network donations which is a large chunk of our income.

Due to working remotely our core costs have remained low with the majority of our spending going on salaries, IT and other basic running costs.

We have a fundraising strategy and pipeline in place to further support the financial sustainability of the charity and to be able to increase the depth of support we can provide to beneficiaries.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
06/04/2023

To

Period end date
31/03/2024

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					
Grant: Reaching Communities	-	14,943	-	14,943	-
Donations	5,021	-	-	5,021	-
Hardship donations	-	1,212	-	1,212	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,021	16,155	-	21,176	31,580
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,021	16,155	-	21,176	31,580
A3 Payments					
Fundraising expense	217	-	-	217	-
Wages	-	21,100	-	21,100	-
Communications	-	941	-	941	-
IT costs	-	237	-	237	-
Legal & Professional Services	-	592	-	592	-
Office & Running costs	-	1,146	-	1,146	-
Hardship payments	300	-	-	300	-
Other Staff costs: training, DBS	-	1,734	-	1,734	-
travel	360	-	-	360	-
Sub total	877	25,750	-	26,627	23,612
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	877	25,750	-	26,627	23,612
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,144	- 9,595	-	- 5,451	7,968
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,776	14,134	-	28,910	20,942
Cash funds this year end	18,920	4,539	-	23,459	28,910

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	18,920	4,539	-
	(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			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	HMRC	Restricted	-	
	Pension	Restricted	-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		<i>DScullion</i>	Dr Dianne Scullion	26/09/2024

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Global Action on Relocation and Return with Kids

Charity Number: 1170455

**Trustees' Annual Report
for the Period
April 2022 – End of March 2023**

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REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

The Trustees

Name	Role	Date of Appointment
Lisa Jane Burden Brain	Trustee	30 January 2023
Matthew Pincombe	Trustee	19 September 2022
Sophia Lopez Khan	Trustee	19 September 2022
Dr Onyoja Momoh	Trustee	08 April 2021
Dr Isabel Ruth Lamont	Trustee	08 April 2021
Duncan Millard	Trustee	09 February 2021

Retired this year:

Ian Burden	November 2021 - March 2023
Miranda Theobald	July 2021 - May 2022

The Organising Committee

Name	Role
Rosalind Osborne	CEO
Amy Carlse	Parent Support Coordinator
Virginy	Social Media Moderator and Volunteer Befriender
Sarah	Social Media Moderator
Garri	Volunteer Befriender
Jhilmil	Volunteer Befriender
Elanor	Volunteer Befriender
Eilidh	Volunteer Befriender
Laura	Mental Health Lead
William	Parent Support Volunteer

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Objectives and Activities



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"When we fled, I had only one suitcase for my and my baby. I was petrified as I boarded the plane, praying it to leave quickly. We spent 32 hours travelling across the world back home. I didn't see any other way to keep myself and my baby safe."
A Stuck Parent



"The younger me didn't realise that when I took a plane to leave my home in search of new experiences as a late teenager, I was giving up the chance to have my loved ones close by when I became a mother."
A Stuck Parent

Educating and Raising Awareness

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“If I had known about this Hague Convention I would have seriously reconsidered having a child abroad” - A Stuck Parent

77%

said they were unaware they would be unable to return home with their children unless the other parent gave permission

70%

said that if they had been made aware of the Hague Abduction Convention it would have affected their decision to emigrate

(Taken from our contact form (273 responses) and survey (52 response) this year.

We raise awareness via our Website, Social Media and via interviews and other media.

In October we re-vamped our website and have received 21,190 views this year.

Our Facebook Page reach is 49,472 with 326 new likes. We have 2.4K Followers on Facebook.

We introduced Instagram last year to aim to reach out to younger parents and we have a reach of 2681 on Instagram. On Twitter we have 11,769 tweet impressions.

We have given interviews for Resolution's Podcast, Sky News, VICE and Resolution's newsletter.

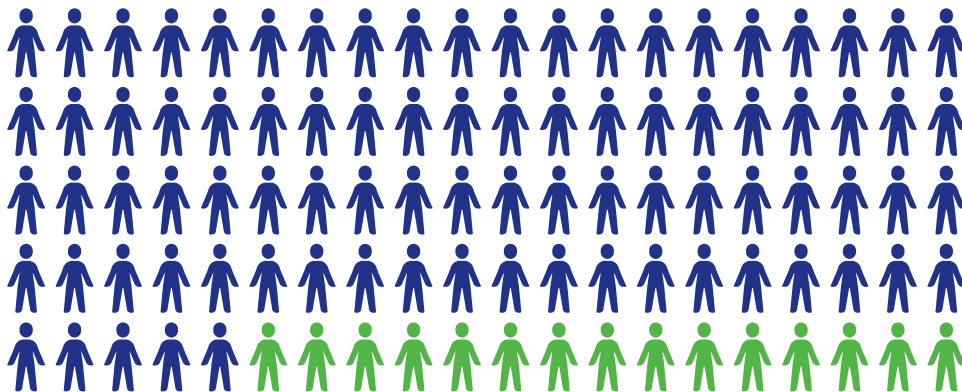
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The problem:

Parents are 'stuck' in a foreign country and struggling to cope. They are at high risk of harm from intimate partner violence / domestic abuse and other risk factors such as poverty, isolation, homelessness, lack of immigration status, mental health issues.

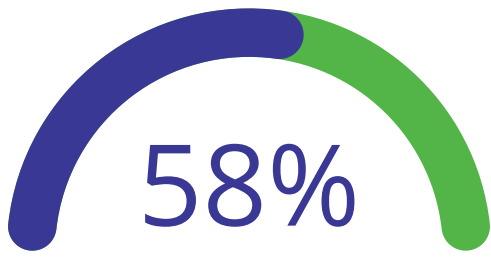


"I had a baby abroad with someone from my home country. As soon as our child was born, the abuse started, slowly getting worse. I realized this man didn't love us, and didn't want what was best for our child. I suffered emotional, sexual, financial, psychological and occasionally physical abuse" – A Stuck Parent



DOMESTIC ABUSE

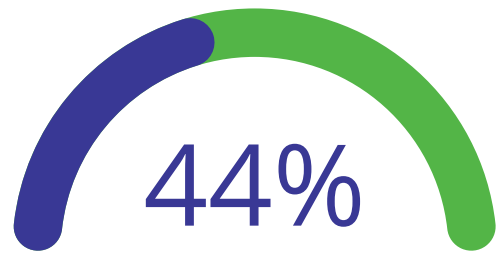
85% report having suffered partner violence / domestic abuse



58%

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

58% say there are experiencing financial difficulties



44%

LEGAL REPRESENTATION

48% say they don't have legal representation



37%

LANGUAGE BARRIERS

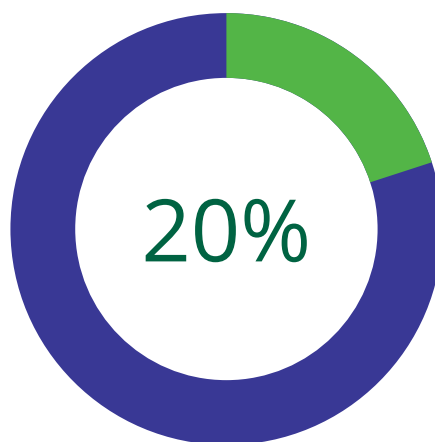
37% experience language barriers where they are 'stuck'



38%

INSECURE HOUSING

38% are living in insecure housing



20%

IMMIGRATION

20% have immigration issues

Our Parent Support Activities and Impact:

We have supported **346 new and 298 existing stuck parents** this year. We have given **free supportive calls to 293 families**.

88 parents have been added to a peer support group. We sent **3,113 supportive emails**.

We have dealt with **87 safeguarding** concerns.

We have **signposted 178 parents** to local charities or organisations that can assist them.

We have sent **223 Information Guides** to parents.

We have supported **27 parents with specialist Relocation advice** from an International social worker.

Our befriending team of **9 volunteers have befriended 30 stuck parents** with **121 calls**.



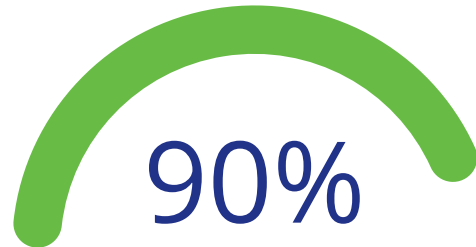
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“GA offered me a safe haven, when everything around me was falling apart and nobody understood what was happening to us, even the ones who were trying to give us advice. Unless you have been through this process yourself or are very close to someone who has, you cannot know the dark web of suffering and despair that it plunges you into. ..Having the support of the others stuck parents has been a life-saver in my darkest, scariest moments, when I feared the worse, and was confronted with such cruel and overwhelming waves of attacks by my narcissistic ex. It was invaluable to have these amazing, strong people hold my hand through it all, with unwavering support amidst such darkness.” –
A Stuck Parent



56 parents have filled out our
feedback form this year

90% said the calls
were extremely
helpful



91%

said the
information guides
were extremely
helpful



85%

said the lawyer
connections were
extremely helpful



95% said they
would
recommend
GlobalARRK to a
friend

Befriending



"The phone calls have helped me to take my own needs seriously and to take real steps." A Stuck Parent



121 calls completed



30 alerts for extra support flagged



10 safeguarding issues reported



9 volunteers



30 parents befriended



Befriending training and on-going support provided to 'past' stuck parents



“Having someone to talk to who listened and was really encouraging and supportive” – A Stuck Parent

Cost of Living Crisis Hardship Grant

In December 2022 we raised enough money in donations to support 8 parents with a Hardship Grant. This year many families have been struggling more than ever to pay the bills and keep the lights on. One mother said she would spend it on:

“Electricity bills and council tax payments. I'd like to take my daughter swimming/to the movies or an indoor play park. It would help to relieve the huge financial stress. I just received the outcome today that we aren't able to relocate so all hope for a better situation has gone out of the window.”

Below we have shared how some stuck parents used their hardship grant or the impact it had on them and their children:

“I went food shopping with my littles yesterday (they were able to get a food treat each) and I paid the electricity bill so we'll be able to have a Christmas meal and electricity for January.

Am in tears: this has meant so, so much to me. I was feeling utterly without hope and seeing my littles surprise and joy in the supermarket was truly something special. Receiving the grant has helped me remember there is goodness in the world. And given me back some sense of hope. ”

Legal Support

We have 27 law firms in our legal network from a range of countries: NZ, Australia, Netherlands, United States, Portugal, Canada and France. These firms all offer pro bono consultation and follow an ethical code of practice. This year we referred 237 parents to an expert lawyer.

Workshops

We have hosted workshops for our stuck parent community to help provide information, connect our community and enhance emotional support.

Advocating

The problem:

Relocation proceedings are often unaffordable and can take many years to be resolved in court. Therefore, many families are unable to apply to go back to their home country and are 'stuck' in a foreign country where they struggle to survive. Some 'stuck' parents take their children 'home' without permission from the other parent and are then accused of 'international child abduction' under the Hague Convention 1980 which can have devastating consequences for families.

Our Activities and Impact:

This year we have published and promoted our Principles for Change document which is available on our website. It has helped to inform other organisations and public bodies on this little understood issue. Over the next year we will be working with other organisations to advocate and campaign on behalf of our Stuck Parents leading up to the Special Commission meeting in October 2023.



"GlobalARRK really care, they are helpful and attentive" A Stuck Parent



"It was great to speak with a friendly, supportive and knowledgeable person." A Stuck Parent

78%

OF PROFESSIONALS IN ENGLAND AND WALES SURVEYED BELIEVE LEGAL AID SHOULD BE AVAILABLE EQUALLY TO BOTH PARENTS IN HAGUE CONVENTION CASES



90%

OF PARENTS SURVEYED IN ENGLAND AND WALES SAID THEY DID NOT FEEL THERE WERE ADEQUATE PROTECTION MEASURES IN PLACE.



72%

OF PARENTS IN ENGLAND AND WALES SURVEYED DID NOT HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE LAW BEFORE THEIR HAGUE PROCEEDINGS



Research

The problem:

There is a general lack of research and data on this subject so systems are not well informed and families are suffering as a result.

Our Activities and Impact:

GlobalARRK and partners are currently undertaking a piece of research on how being unable to return to live in the country you consider 'home' after an international family law dispute can typically affect mental health.

We will be hearing from those who have experienced proceedings involving the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspect of International Child Abduction, international permanent relocation/ leave to remove applications or wardship proceedings.

It is a collaborative research project between Dr Laura Kean (Dr. Laura Kean, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, NHS Borders,), Dr Onyoja Momoh (Centre for Private International Law, University of Aberdeen) and GlobalARRK.



"Everything was stacked against us. Even with the evidence of DV, unemployment, poverty and homelessness it was clear I wasn't going to win a relocation home"- A Stuck Parent



"Unless you have been through this process yourself or are very close to someone who has, you cannot know the dark web of suffering and despair that it plunges you in to. It's as if you are drowning, in the middle of an endless ocean." - A Stuck Parent

Thank you!

We are incredibly grateful to all of our supporters including:

Our Funders:

Beacon Lodge
The Souter Charitable Trust
Allen Lane
The Foyle Foundation
The Society of the Holy Child Jesus (SHCJ)

The Legal firms in our network:

Kennedy Partners Lawyers
Heyeur Jessop
MacDonald & Partners LLP
Cabinet Moissinac
AVRA LEGAL
STG Advocaten
De Boorder Advocaten
Medlicotts
Norris Ward McKinnon
Langseth
Divorcio & Familia Advogados
Domènech Abogados
K J Smith Solicitors
TV Edwards
LDJ Solicitors
Moore Barlow
Weightmans
Stephensons Solicitors LLP
Bindmans
Macnabs
Brethertons
MSB
Royds Withy King
Paradigm Family Law
Dawson Cornwell
MK Family Law

Statutory Declaration:

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves: We aim to have between three and six months running costs.

Brief Financial Review Details: This year we were extremely grateful to have received grant funding from the Society of the Holy Child Jesus (SHCJ), Allen Lane, Beacon Lodge, The Foyle Foundation and the Souter Trust to the total of £25,000.

We have also been supported by many of our ex-service users who then fundraise for us. This year they have been doing sponsored runs, walks and birthday fundraisers. Along with our Hardship Appeal at Christmas, we have raised £3,097 in individual donations and £3,483 in Legal network donations this year.

Due to working remotely our core costs have remained low with the majority of our spending going on salaries, IT and other basic running costs.

We have a fundraising strategy and pipeline in place to further support the financial sustainability of the charity and to be able to increase the depth of support we can provide to beneficiaries.



CHARITY COMMISSION
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GlobalARRK

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
06/04/2022

To

Period end date
05/04/2023

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					
SHCJ	-	10,000	-	10,000	17,470
Beacon Lodge	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
The Foyle Foundation	-	4,000	-	4,000	-
Allen Lane	-	4,000	-	4,000	-
The Souter Charitable Trust	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Donations	1,080	-	-	1,080	5,997
Legal Donations	-	3,483	-	3,483	-
Hardship Donations	-	2,017	-	2,017	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,080	30,500	-	31,580	23,467
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,080	30,500	-	31,580	23,467
A3 Payments					
Fundraising Expense	84	-	-	84	35
Wages & Staff Costs	-	17,604	-	17,604	9,405
Training	-	466	-	466	55
Communications	-	752	-	752	784
IT costs	-	315	-	315	592
Legal & Professional Services	-	1,468	-	1,468	234
Office & Running Costs	-	1,155	-	1,155	839
Hardship Grant	-	1,720	-	1,720	-
Expenses: Travel	-	48	-	48	-
Sub total	84	23,528	-	23,612	11,944
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	84	23,528	-	23,612	11,944
Net of receipts/(payments)	996	6,972	-	7,968	11,523
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,780	7,162	-	20,942	9,419
Cash funds this year end	14,776	14,134	-	28,910	20,942

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	14,776	14,134	-
	(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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	DUNCAN MILLICAN	11/09/23

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Global Action on Relocation & Return with Kids

Charity Number: 1170455

**Trustees' Annual Report
and Financial Statements
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April 2022

Reference & Administration Details

Charity name: GlobalARRK

Other names charity is known by: Global Action on Relocation & Return with Kids

Charity number: 1170455

Charity's operating address: The Guild Co-working Hub, High Street, Bath, BA1 5EB

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Retired</i>
1: Ian Burden	Chair	November2021	
2: Miranda Theobald	Treasurer	July2021	
3: Duncan Millard		February2021	
4: Ruth Lamont		March 2021	
5: Onyoja Momoh		March 2021	
Rosalind Osborne			December2021
Costas Calamvokis			September2021

The Organising Committee

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>
Rosalind Osborne	CEO
Amy Carlse	Parent Support Coordinator
Tatiana Roche	Lawyer Liaison
Virginy	Moderator & Befriender
Bianca	Admin
Katie	Befriender
Lisa	Befriender
Julie	Befriender
Laura	Mental Health support
Alyson	Mental health project
William	Parent support volunteer

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Educating and Raising awareness

The problem we are trying to solve:

International Family Law regarding the wrongful movement of children across borders by one parent and the Relocation of children is complicated. Parents and the wider public struggle to understand it which can lead to unwittingly falling foul of the law or ending up 'stuck' in a foreign country.

Evidence of need: taken from our contact form (223 responses), survey (114 responses this year) and consultation (40 parent responses)

85% said they were unaware they would be unable to return home with their children unless the other parent gave permission.

70% said that if they had been made aware of the Hague Abduction Convention it would have affected their decision to emigrate.

100% said the government did not make them aware of the law before they moved abroad

100% said there was not enough awareness of the Hague Abduction Convention

Our activities this year:

We educate and raise awareness through our website, social media, external media interviews, presentations, networking events. We also educate parents through our Guides, website resources, workshops and helpline.

Our outputs this year:

This year our website received 4.24K clicks and 39.5K impressions.

We have radically improved our social media communications this year putting out almost daily well designed and targeted posts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Our Facebook Page reach has increased this year by 111% to 24K. We have had 3K Page visits, 157 new likes. We have 2.22K Followers on Facebook. We introduced Instagram this year to aim to reach out to younger parents and we have a reach of 308 on Instagram. Since December 2021 we have started Tweeting every day and now have around 1,674 tweet impressions and have 539 followers.

In terms of external outreach and media we have presented at events e.g., Bath University Community Law event, given interviews for press articles in national & international publications e.g., VICE, NZ Law Gazette, a book on international divorce and taken part in a podcast on Divorce.

Our impact this year:

Over 4,000 people have been reached and are better informed about this subject.

Over 200 parents are better informed about the law and how it works.

Indirect impact: More of the general public and international parents are informed which will result in better outcomes for families fewer international custody crises in the future.

Vision: That families and the public are aware of the law and its consequences so that fewer families will suffer.

Family Support

The problems we are trying to solve:

Parents are 'stuck' in a foreign country and struggling to cope. They are at high risk of harm from intimate partner violence / domestic abuse and other risk factors such as poverty, isolation, homelessness, lack of immigration status, mental health issues.

Evidence of need:

81% report having suffered partner violence / domestic abuse

43% say they feel unsafe

70% say they need emotional support

62% say they are experiencing financial difficulties

75% say they miss their family and friends

47% say they don't have legal representation

43% experience language barriers where they are 'stuck'

38% are in insecure housing

20% do not have a visa to stay where they are 'stuck'

7% of mothers are internationally separated from their children

Our activities this year: We provide support to stuck parents: free helpline and emails, peer support groups, befriending calls, relocation advice, signposting to legal support and other charities

In February we launched a new befriending project where Ex- stuck parent volunteers call currently stuck parents each week for a supportive chat.

We work to safeguard families by following our safeguarding policies and procedures

Our outputs this year: We have supported 223 new and 189 existing stuck parents this year. We have supported 245 families with free supportive phone calls. 79 parents have been added to a peer support group. We sent 2,496 supportive emails.

We have dealt with 69 safeguarding concerns.

Our befriending team of 4 volunteers have befriended 19 stuck parents so far this year.

We have welcomed 18 new specialist international family law firms into the legal network this year from a range of countries: NZ, Australia, Netherlands, United States, Portugal, Canada and France. These firms all offer pro bono consultation and follow an ethical code of practice. This year we referred 88 parents to an expert lawyer.

Our impact this year:

49 parents have filled out our feedback form this year.

91% said the call was extremely helpful

94% said the guides were extremely helpful

80% said lawyers links were extremely helpful

95% said they would recommend GlobalARRK to a friend

69 families are safer from risk of harm.

"It has put my mind to rest, Amy has given me advice and links so I know that I will get help and I will do everything I can to bring justice and get my daughter back and safe with me."

"I appreciate that there exists an organization that helps people who are in need of help with a complicated situation involving parental child custody between countries. Very valuable international service for people like me who don't know who to turn to."

Indirect impact: There is now provision where there was none before: *"It is the safest, friendliest, most reliable charity for stuck parents. The community is amazing and a place where you don't feel judged."* *"There seems to be no other service like it for situations like these"*

There are fewer families at risk of harm.

Vision: That stuck parents have ALL the support they need and are safeguarded and protected across borders.

Feedback from a few parents this year:

This is one of the very few charities that is making a difference from all levels

Because we are all in the same boat a very similar picture and tale told by us all sadly.

Because you are the only one who care about stuck parents. I feel you give us the voice has been silenced by local authorities and our exes.

Only service of its kind

The call was supportive and informative

There seems to be no other service like it for situations like these

Safe, supportive, free to speak,

It's a relief to know about this. as I am starting, I am sure there are opportunity to get to know a lot and be able to advance my life with kids in a good manner,

It's just what stuck parents need

Amazing source of help and information

Advocating

The problem we are trying to solve: Relocation proceedings are often unaffordable and can take many years to be resolved in court. Therefore, many families are unable to apply to go back to their home country and are 'stuck' in a foreign country where they struggle to survive. Some 'stuck' parents take their children 'home' without permission from the other parent and are then accused of 'international child abduction' under the Hague Convention 1980 which can have devastating consequences for families.

Evidence of need: 43 parents and 9 professionals surveyed unanimously agreed that changes needed to be made to the way that the Hague Convention on Child Abduction operates in England and Wales. The areas where improvements are most needed are: equality of access to legal support, hearing and listening to children and young people, safeguarding of children, safeguarding of vulnerable 'taking' adults and awareness and understanding of the law.

Our activities this year: We have conducted a consultation of parents and professionals to collect their thoughts and feelings about what improvements need to be made and have produced a summary report.

Our outputs this year: 43 parents and 9 professionals took part in the consultation and many more will have read it and been made aware of some of the issues. We have written principles and recommendations to publish and promote regarding improvements to systems.

Our impact this year: Through our efforts to raise awareness and via the consultation we have raised awareness of improvements that need to be made to systems.

Indirect impact: The results of this consultation and our new policy will be published and will help to inform other organisations and public bodies on this little understood issue

Vision: Systems will work in the best interests of families and children will be safe as they move across borders.

Research

The problem we are trying to solve: There is a general lack of research and data on this subject so systems are not well informed and families are suffering as a result.

Evidence of need: There is a global data gap on this issue. We believe that in England and Wales the Ministry of Justice do not collect enough data on Hague / Relocation cases to fully inform policy making. They do not know: How many cases involve primary carer mothers. In how many cases is domestic abuse reported? In how many cases does the child object?

Our activities this year: We collect statistics, case studies, stories and support other research. We have begun a new study on Mental Health and Stuck Parents which will be underway this coming year. We will be presenting at a conference in the Autumn.

Our outputs this year: This year 114 parents filled out our survey, 8 parents have shared their story. We have highlighted the need for more statistics.

Our impact this year: We have published statistics on social media to raise awareness and thousands of people have seen and reacted to these posts.

Indirect impact: There are now statistics available to better help inform interested parties and start to build up a picture of how the systems are working for 'stuck' migrant families.

Vision: For decision makers to have access to more data and statistics to better inform policy decisions.

Strategic goals

Goals from last year- all achieved:

1. To support 50+ new Stuck parents in the UK via call back Helpline / Emails
2. To create a more active and supportive UK peer support group
3. To have lawyers on our list in ALL the major countries – to double the numbers this year.
4. To re-start the volunteering scheme and increase peer support opportunities

Our 2022-23 goals:

1. To reach out to and support 50% more stuck parents in the UK
2. To double our reach using social media
3. To launch a new campaign to advocate on behalf of stuck parents
4. To double the law firms in our network

Statutory Declaration

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves. We aim to have between three and six months running costs.

Further Financial Review Details: This year we were extremely grateful to have received grant funding from the National Lottery and from the Society of the Holy Child Jesus.

In addition, we have been grateful for an increase in donations from law firms in our network.

Due to the pandemic, we have missed out on some funds we might usually receive via events such as the sponsored walk however we have received an increase of online donations especially via Facebook where our parents have selected us for their 'birthday fundraiser'.

This year we have benefitted from working with a charity financial consultant who supported us in setting up a new book-keeping system in Quickbooks. This allows us to produce detailed reports to inform our strategic financial planning.

We are incredibly grateful to all of the individuals and organisations who have donated this year. We now have a fundraising strategy and pipeline in place to further support the financial sustainability of the charity and to be able to increase the depth of support we can provide to beneficiaries.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
GlobalARRK

No (if any)
1170455

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	06/04/2021	To	05/04/2022
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Grant funding: TNL and SHCJ	-	17,470	-	17,470
Donations	1,368	-	-	1,368
Law firm donations	4,258	-	-	4,258
Paypal donations	371	-	-	371
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,997	17,470	-	23,467
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,997	17,470	-	23,467
A3 Payments				
Consulting / Professional	-	234	-	234
Phone / Communications	-	759	-	759
Office and Running Costs	-	839	-	839
IT Costs	-	592	-	592
Marketing / Promotions	-	25	-	25
Listing staff costs	987	-	-	987
Staff Costs	-	8,418	-	8,418
Other Staff Costs	-	55	-	55
Fundraising Expense	-	35	-	35
Sub total	987	10,957	-	11,944
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	987	10,957	-	11,944
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,010	6,513	-	11,523
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-

A6 Cash funds last year end	8,770	649	-	9,419
Cash funds this year end	13,780	7,162	-	20,942

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

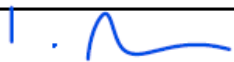
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			
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		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	13,780	7,162
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			
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B3 Investment assets			
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
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B5 Liabilities

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Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
	Ian Burden

Accounts



GlobalARRK

Global Action on Relocation & Return with Kids

Charity Number: 1170455

**Trustees' Annual Report
and Financial Statements
for the Period
April 2020 – April 2021**



April 2021

Reference & Administration Details**Charity name: GlobalARRK**

Other names charity is known by: Global Action on Relocation & Return with Kids

Charity number: 1170455

Charity's operating address: The Guild Co-working Hub, High Street, Bath, BA1 5EB

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Retired</i>
1: Rosalind Osborne	Chair	Founding	
2: Costas Calamvokis	Treasurer	Founding	
3: Duncan Millard		February 2021	
4: Ruth Lamont		March 2021	
5: Onyoja Momoh		March 2021	
Iva Petzold			Feb.2021
Kim Fawcett			Feb. 2021

The Organising Committee

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>
Ellie Watson	Parent Support Coordinator
Tatiana Roche	Lawyer Liaison
Iva Petzold	Payroll
Sarah Normandale	Finance & Accounts
Virginy	Moderator
Bianca	Parent Support Volunteer
Katie	Parent Support Volunteer
Kim Moore	Consultant: Marketing & Website

Description of the Charity's Trusts**Type of Governing Document:** Constitution**How the Charity is Constituted:** Charitable Incorporated Organisation**Trustee Selection Methods:** Appointed by the chair and other trustees

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the Objects of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document:

The charities objectives are:

To relieve the needs of children and families at risk of, or undergoing, international custody and residence conflict including international parental child abduction, by:

- *Educating families and the public, raising awareness of the risks of relocating abroad and the possible legal implications for families*
- *Supporting children and parents in need who are 'stuck'* in a foreign country*
- *Advocating for the rights and best interests of children and parents who are 'stuck'* abroad*
- *Providing families with information and signposting to mediation, counselling and other support services*
- *Encouraging and undertaking research and study into such issues and publicising the useful results*

**The term 'Stuck' means: unable to lawfully return to live in the country they consider 'home' with their children after an international residence / custody dispute with the other parent*

Mission:

To prevent international custody disputes and reduce their devastating impact on children and parents stuck in a foreign country by raising awareness and connecting parents to support services to meet their needs.

Vision:

A world where few families go through international custody crisis but when it does happen the family have all the support they need

Values:

We work with Compassion, Courage and Persistence to reach our mission!

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Charity's Objects:

GlobalARRK is a user led charity with a strong community of volunteers many of whom were once stuck in another country and share similar experiences. We support 'Stuck Families' by assessing their needs and providing information, signposting to expert legal professionals and specialist charities (eg domestic violence, homelessness etc) and speaking to parents to offer emotional support. We also offer parents the chance to join our UK peer support group. Our peer support groups reduce isolation and increase empowerment enabling parents to act legally and continue to care for their children. The aftermath of International Parental Child Abduction (IPCA) can be devastating: emotionally and financially. For the child it can mean several cross-border upheavals, exposure to high conflict and violent situations and can even result in the loss of contact with one parent and we will be supporting directly over the coming years. There is a huge amount of work still to be done but our charity has a solutions-based approach and plans to introduce innovative projects designed to tackle the root causes of IPCA and reduce conflict in international residence disputes.

Educating:

85% of 'stuck' parents said they were not aware of the International Law: The Hague Convention on Child Abduction before they moved abroad. GlobalARRK sees raising awareness as key in preventing 'International Parental Child Abduction'.

Things we have done to raise awareness this year:

- Launched a new section of the website to help children going through The Hague 1980
- Presented at international events e.g. CFAB conference
- Contributed to press articles in national & international publications
- Spoken on BBC radio Scotland and local BBC radio

Supporting families: Despite COVID restrictions We have supported 205 new families this year. They got in contact needing: support with domestic abuse, legal information, signposting to a specialist law firm and emotional support.

Who are the beneficiaries of GlobalARRK? We support stuck families, those unable to lawfully return to live in the country they consider 'home' with their children after an international residence / custody dispute with the other parent.

How have we helped our beneficiaries this year?

- We have added 46 parents to our peer support groups. Here the parents share empathy and knowledge.
- We have held regular Virtual sessions for parents on Zoom including workshops on wellbeing, internet security, the law and Cafcass support.
- This year we have supported 130 parents via phone call and given emotional support and practical information including:
 - Information Guides on The Hague, Relocation, Know before you Go, Safety Plan, Wellbeing,
 - Specialist Mediation or lawyer contacts
 - Signposted to other organisations and charities that help with issues such as domestic violence, homelessness, immigration and benefits.

Feedback from these virtual sessions:

I learned how I can access further help and support for the boys and myself that I was unaware of.

Gave some good ideas for managing anxiety, and also found the solidarity of the group really comforting. Feel helpful that I could also contribute with my own techniques.

It was informative and I learned about new coping mechanisms

Feedback from parents:

I feel less alone in an absolutely insanely scary and lonely place in my life that nobody can understand the complexity of, by connecting me with others who have or are suffering the same affliction. Without GlobalARRK I would have been completely lost.

I heard of GlobalARRK from a friend who I was introduced to by my lawyer when I was returned to Australia. She had gone through The Hague and she put me in touch with GA. GlobalARRK have been a lifeline for me in coming to terms with what was happening to me pre Hague and how to get through the next steps. The connections with other women gave me hope and the ability to keep fighting. An abundance of advice whether it was legal, mental health or strategies on how to keep composed and what to expect at court etc. I would never have gotten through things without them. I've also been fortunate to be able to give back to other women, sharing my experiences to help them with expectations.

It's been a true lifeline since I've found myself in this harrowing experience. I am just at the start of my journey but I am so glad I have Global ARRK with me to face the frightening road ahead. Thank you for the wonderful work that you do.

Advocating:

We have attended expert meetings on International Family Law in order to represent the Stuck Families we support. We have attended meetings with other service providers and authorities to promote the interests of Stuck Families on Legal Aid, Domestic Abuse and Mirrored Orders.

Research:

We started to collaborate with CFAB and Manchester University to work towards a piece of research on the needs of children going through The Hague Convention in England & Wales. We still collect survey results from parents and publicise these online and during presentations.

Achievements & Performance

Statutory Declaration

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Summary of the Main Achievements:

Our achievements this year:

- 50 parents have been added to a peer support group
- 7 Volunteers have supported over 200 parents to find positive ways through their situation
- Given 100 parents recommendations for a lawyer or mediator
- Started collecting case studies for research and created own statistics
- Continued the Lawyers & Mediator Network
- Raised awareness using the media and presentations at online conferences

Progress towards 3 year goals started last year:

1. To offer children going through international custody disputes targeted resources and support: Our website now has resources for children including an animation
2. To publish our own research paper to inform policy change on the plight of Stuck Families- this is ongoing, see above.
3. To make the majority of families aware of this issue before they move abroad – ongoing.

Goals for this year:

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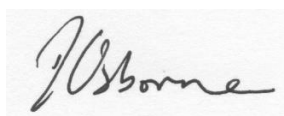
Further Financial Review Details: We received National Lottery Funding this year. This has brought incoming funds this year which we hope to see increase over the coming year in order to increase the support we can provide to beneficiaries.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s):



Full Name(s): Rosalind Osborne

Position(s): Chair of Trustees

Date: 09.05.2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	06/04/2020		05/04/2021

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					
Lottery Grant		10,000	-	10,000	9,861
Donations (other)	605	-	-	605	1,860
Lawyer Firm Donations	1,500	-	-	1,500	3,882
Refunds	-	-	-	-	400
Paypal Donations	250	-	-	250	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,355	10,000	-	12,355	16,003
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,355	10,000	-	12,355	16,003

A3 Payments					
Advertising /Fundraising	50	-	-	50	77
Communications	42	20	-	62	25
CRM Software		605	-	605	720
Insurance		-	-	-	244
IT Equipment and software		272	-	272	1,171
Membership/Subscription Fees	130	115	-	245	92
PAYE/Tax	557	-	-	557	382
Postage/printing/stationary	71	-	-	71	48
Video Marketing		645	-	645	-
Sundries		-	-	-	5
Training		892	-	892	358
Travel		-	-	-	990
Wages	300	6,711	-	7,011	4,600
Website Maintenance	10	-	-	10	505
Volunteer Expenses		92	-	92	-
Paypal fees	8	-	-	8	-
Sub total	1,169	9,351	-	10,520	9,217

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,169	9,351	-	10,520	9,217

Net of receipts/(payments)	1,186	649	-	1,835	6,786
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,584	-	-	7,584	-
Cash funds this year end	8,770	649	-	9,419	6,786

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				
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	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	8,770	649	-

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Unrestricted funds
to nearest £

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Restricted funds
to nearest £

OK

Endowment funds
to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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)
		-	-
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		-	-

B5 Liabilities

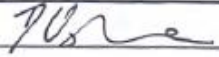
Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

	R. OSBORNE	19.05.21