



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	01	2021	To	31	12	2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Vivekananda Human Centre
Other names charity is known by	Vivekananda Centre Vivekananda Centre for Human Excellence
Registered charity number (if any)	1170716
Charity's principal address	2A Elmhurst Drive London  Postcode E18 1BT

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ram Chandra Saha			
2	David Russell			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Ram Chandra Saha

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO - FOUNDATION REGISTERED
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION ('FOUNDATION')
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	ELECTED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All new trustees will receive copies of the constitution as well as any relevant guidance from the Charity Commission. In addition, new trustees will receive copies of all Vivekananda Human Centre policies and procedures for their perusal and are encouraged to review them at least annually in line with Vivekananda Human Centre policy.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds and the prevention or relief of poverty in the UK and overseas by providing: grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guides PB1, PB2 and PB3 when making decisions they are relevant to. New trustees must read these documents, which are must be taken into consideration when planning the charity's activities for the ahead.

The following statement summarises the way in which the Vivekananda Human Centre have contributed to the public benefit:

The Vivekananda Human Centre promotes the philosophy of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda of Human Excellence, Unity in Diversity, Universal Tolerance, Harmony and Peace. It stages events through the course of the year to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds - regardless of age, belief, gender or sexuality. Events include an annual "Festival of Unity and Diversity" which brings together people of different religions to celebrate equality and diversity

The Vivekananda Human Centre benefits the general public by fostering a greater understanding and respect of diversity in British society. This is considered more important now than ever due to the rise of intolerance, and as such there is a need for an organisation to counter that through promotion of equality and diversity, and religious harmony, in particular that philosophy as developed by Swami Vivekananda.

In addition, the charity has responded to the identified need – and request from the trustees, volunteers, members and supporters of the charity – to address hardship and nutritional support for people living in poverty as well as provide educational support for vulnerable and marginalised young people in both the local communities where the charity conducts activities in the UK, as well as overseas, particularly India, Bangladesh and Nepal.

#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

This year the Vivekananda Human Centre did not stage any public events, due to concerns relating to public safety resulting from the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. We are then undertaking continuous monitoring and reviews to determine when it is appropriate to hold large-scale indoor events again in the future, in consultation with prospective attendees. At the point that we do so, we will ensure that we are compliant with government recommendations.

We are continuing to distribute food in the UK through the Vivekananda Food Bank, and distributed food, winter clothes and educational support in Bangladesh, India and Nepal, as we did last year, to mark the occasion of Durga Puja and Diwali in October and November, the Holy Mother's Birthday in December, and then in January to mark the Birthday Celebration of Swami Vivekananda, and March to mark the Birthday Celebration of Ramakrishna.

We made a donation towards welfare support to the Ramakrishna Mission in Belur Math in India which will go towards assisting the activities of the Viveka Tirtha Centre. We will continue to support the initiative if we have any surplus funds in future.

We maintain a website at <https://www.vivekanandacentre.com> on which we feature all events and information about the work of the charity.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Vivekananda Human Centre will work towards achieving reserves equal to 3 months of ordinary running costs through fundraising activities.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Funding for Vivekananda Human Centre in 2021 came from individual donors. Unfortunately, as we did not hold our annual Vivekananda Festival in July again, we did not generate any ticket sales or advertising this financial year. But also because we did not hold that event, our expenditure was proportionately less this year.

All funding secured has been channelled to support the project activities.

## Section F

## Other optional information

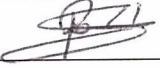
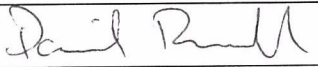
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Although COVID-19 has had an impact on the organisation, sufficient funding continues to be secured. It is for this reason that the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

## Section G

## 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)	Ram Chandra Saha	David Russell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee

Date 16 June 2022