



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 01 2023	To	31 12 2023

## 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			
3	Narahari Chinthakuntla		Until 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	
4	Ravi Kanth Yedhati		From 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	
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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.

Many people volunteered to support the organisation, as well as participating in the events, over the course of the year. Many young people participated in the music, reading and dance activities in the event, as well as helping with the distribution of food, clothes and educational support materials. This has helped to build their confidence, as well as knowledge and understanding of interfaith work, the importance of diversity and respect for other peoples.

Also, a number of older people also actively volunteered to help in the organisation of events. Meditation and prayers are led by such volunteers which supports the mental health of participants.

As the Vivekananda Human Centre does not have any staff, the contribution of volunteers play a vital role to enable the organisation to conduct its activities.

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

We celebrated Swami Vivekananda's Birthday on 12 January 2023. We continued to distribute food in the UK through the Vivekananda Food Bank in 2023, and distributed food, clothes and educational support materials & Vivekananda scholarships in India, Bangladesh and Nepal, as we did last year, to mark the occasion of Swamiji's birthday in January 2023, Durga Puja and Diwali in October and November 2023

In March 2023, we organised a Birthday Celebration of Sri Ramakrishna which also marked the Holi Festival at Scout Hall in South Woodford. The event included addresses from an array of honoured guests including Councillor Thavathuray Jeyaranjan, Mayor of Redbridge, Mr Sanjay Kumar of the High Commission of India, London, The Rt. Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP and Revered Swami Sarvasthananda, President of Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre, UK. As well as recitations, readings and music.

In August 2023, we participated in the cultural programme, and distributed thousands of Swamiji's books, to mark the occasion of the Independence Day of India.

In November 2023, we organised an event to mark Diwali and The Birthday Celebration of Holy Mother at Scout Hall in South Woodford. The event included addresses from an array of honoured guests including The Rt. Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP, Mr Virendra Sharma MP, Councillor Jyotsna Islam, Mayor of Redbridge and Revered Swami Sarvasthananda, Minister-in-Charge of the Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre, UK. As well as recitations, readings and music.

We have attended many interfaith events and delivered Swamiji's Universal Tolerance, Unity in Diversity, Harmony, and Peace messages from Vivekananda Human Centre during Holocaust Memorial Day in January 2023 and UK Interfaith Week in November 2023.

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 has unrestricted reserves greater than 3 months of ordinary running costs, which is a level that it is committed to maintain over the year ahead.

### 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 2023 came from individual donors. All funding secured has been channelled to support the project activities.

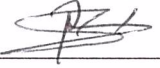

## Section F Other optional information

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. 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	26 September 2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Vivekananda Human Centre**

Registered No:  
1170716

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**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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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 £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	8,509	-	-	8,509	7,484
Delegate tickets	-	-	-	-	-
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
Raffle tickets	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>8,509</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,509</b>	<b>7,484</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>8,509</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,509</b>	<b>7,484</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Welfare support	-	-	-	-	-
Hall hire	312	-	-	312	-
Souvenir and other printing cost	654	-	-	654	-
Guest speakers & artists	-	-	-	-	-
Food, clothes distributions & educational support	6,551	-	-	6,551	5,039
Sound system, musicians	950	-	-	950	-
Security and other cost	-	-	-	-	-
Advertisement	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charge	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,467</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,467</b>	<b>5,039</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>8,467</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,467</b>	<b>5,039</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2,445</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>5,756</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,756</b>	<b>3,311</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>5,798</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,798</b>	<b>5,756</b>

## 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	Cash at Bank and in Hand	5,798	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>5,798</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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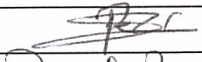
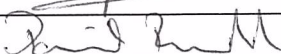
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Ram C Saha  
David Russell

26/09/24  
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