

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	01	2024	To	31	12	2024

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	Ravi Kanth Yedhati			
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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 2024. We continued to distribute food in the UK through the Vivekananda Food Bank in 2024, 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 2024, Durga Puja and Diwali in October and November 2024.

In March 2024, we organised a Birthday Celebration of Sri Ramakrishna which also marked the Holi Festival at Scout Hall in South Woodford. The event included addresses, as well as recitations, readings and music.

In August 2024, we participated in the cultural programme, and distributed thousands of Swamiji's books, to mark the occasion of the Independence Day of India.

In September 2024 we reconvened the Vivekananda Festival with a flagship event to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Vivekananda Human Centre at the British Library. The event included a Youth Convention based on the theme of "Swamiji's Messages for the Modern Age" with students from universities including Bristol, UCL, King's College and Imperial College. The Guests of Honour included Revered Swami Balabhadranandaji Maharaj (Assistant General Secretary, Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission Headquarters, Belur Math, India) and Revered Swami Sarvasthanandaji Maharaj (Minister-in-Charge, Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre, UK). Other keynote speakers included Councillor Samata Khatoon (The Mayor of Camden) and Mr Virendra Sharma (Former MP, House of Commons). Over 500 people attended.

In November 2024, 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 Revered Swami Sarvasthananda (Minister-in-Charge of the Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre, UK) and a musical performance from singer Ratul Parbat (Sa Re Ga Ma Pa, Kolkata, India). 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 2024 and UK Interfaith Week in November 2024.

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 2024 came from individual donors. All funding secured has been channelled to support the project activities.


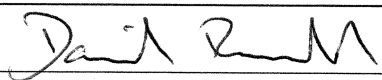
Section F Other optional information

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	24 September 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Vivekananda Human Centre

Registered No:
1170716

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

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					
Donations	11,166	-	-	11,166	8,509
Delegate tickets	2,600	-	-	2,600	-
Advertising	5,702	-	-	5,702	-
Raffle tickets	341	-	-	341	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,809	-	-	19,809	8,509
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,809	-	-	19,809	8,509
A3 Payments					
Welfare support	-	-	-	-	-
Hall hire	11,133	-	-	11,133	312
Souvenir and other printing cost	3,550	-	-	3,550	654
Guest speakers & artists	3,324	-	-	3,324	-
Food, clothes distributions & educational support	2,373	-	-	2,373	6,551
Sound system, musicians	2,750	-	-	2,750	950
Security and other cost	798	-	-	798	-
Advertisement	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charge	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,928	-	-	23,928	8,467
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	23,928	-	-	23,928	8,467
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,119	-	-	- 4,119	42
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,798	-	-	5,798	5,756
Cash funds this year end	1,679	-	-	1,679	5,798

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	1,679	-	-
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		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,679	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

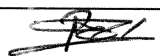
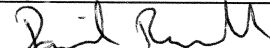
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Ram C Saha	24/09/25
	David Russell	24/09/25