



Talk Education Partnership
Registered Charity in England and Wales No. 1170858

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the Financial Year 01/09/2019 - 31/08/2020

1) Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: Talk Education Partnership

Other name/s the charity uses: TEP

Registered charity number: 1170858

Charity's principal address: International House
24 Holborn Viaduct
London
United Kingdom
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Charity Trustees for period of report:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Term(s) of Office	Name of person / body entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
William Knapman	Chair	20/12/2016 - 20/12/2019 20/12/2019 – 20/12/2022	First Trustees (Charity Registration Date: 20/12/2016)
Linda Watts		20/12/2016 - 20/12/2018 20/12/2018 - 20/12/2021	
Rebecca Procter		16/08/2018 - 16/08/2021	Re-appointed by Board of Trustees Board of Trustees

2) Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document: Constitution

How the charity is constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection method (e.g. appointed by, elected by): appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened board meeting of the charity trustees.

TEP is managed by its Board of Trustees and has no employed staff.

3) Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Talk Education Partnership (TEP) are:

“For the benefit of the public, the advancement of education in East Africa by providing an international network of communication for sharing effective pedagogy and providing and assisting in the provision of educational resources and infrastructure.”

TEP is supporting a number of locally led initiatives working to enhance standards of primary education in Tororo district, Uganda. These include:

- Supporting the development of free Continuing Professional Development (CPD) training for primary educators with the aim of improving practice in the classroom and strengthening local networks for sharing effective pedagogies.
- Supporting the development of key school facilities.
- From time to time supporting co-curricular activities in collaboration with schools and communities.

Summary of main activities for the 2019–2020 financial year:

- Providing a small grant in September 2019 to local partners working to enhance standards of primary education in Tororo district, Uganda.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit: The Board of Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

4) Achievements and Performance

Throughout the 2019–20 financial year, we continued to support our local partners Talk Education Uganda (TEU), who are working to enhance standards of primary education in Tororo district. In September 2019, we provided a small grant to TEU to fund a number of ongoing Continuing Professional Development projects, including creating positive learning environments and using talk as a tool for learning in primary classrooms, and promoting phonics as a method for teaching reading skills. The grant also included funding for monitoring the outcomes of the Rural Schools Water Project (RSW), which in the previous financial year delivered sponsorships for the installation of mains-connected water tanks at five rural primary schools in Tororo district.

In contrast to previous grants made to support local initiatives in Tororo district, the September 2019 grant had a uniquely broad scope (encompassing both TEU programming and administration costs planned over the course of three months), and set in place new, more structured requirements for progress reporting and financial accounting on the part of TEU. Furthermore, we worked to establish a structured, deliberative process for scoping and agreeing the grant, culminating in the signing of a partnership agreement. As such, the September 2019 grant was an important step towards establishing a more structured approach to project funding and ensuring the effective management of limited resources.

The September 2019 grant funded 14 CPD training sessions developing positive learning environments and advocating talk as a tool for learning in primary classrooms. Instructors involved in this training reported that many of the teachers involved were highly engaged and promoting learner participation in lessons, including in some cases through the application of visible thinking routines. The grant also funded a further 13 training sessions on phonics as a method for teaching reading skills. The instructor involved in this training reported that most of the schools involved were actively implementing phonics (some timetabling regular phonics lessons), and in some cases there were noticeable improvements in learners' confidence with pronouncing and blending sounds. Instructors involved in both training projects reported that key challenges were limited learning resources (incl. reading materials), congested classrooms affecting the quality of learning, and transferring of teachers.

We encountered huge challenges in November/December 2019, when local RSW monitoring reports raised concerns that three of the water tank stands sponsored in 2018 had become weak and unstable. Following technical assessments by a local building contractor, we took immediate action to support schools in removing the stands in question, ensuring they could present no risk to the safety

of pupils and staff (this also meant that the water systems were no longer functioning). This was bitterly disappointing given the huge effort undertaken in 2018 to sponsor these water tanks and support schools in accessing safe drinking water on site. In early 2020 we began exploring possible ways forward to sponsor the rebuilding of these systems and ensure long-term durability. This work was still ongoing at the end of the financial year.

5) Financial Review

The charity's principal sources of funds this year:

- One-off Donations	£1,257
- Regular Giving	£1,200

Cash funds at financial year end:


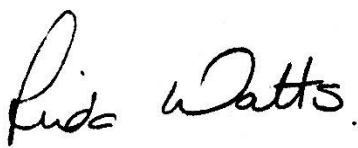
- Unrestricted	£4,358
- Restricted	£500


The charity does not have a reserves policy.

6) Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Trustee Name	Position (Secretary, Chair etc)	Signature	Date
William Knapman	Chair		30/06/2021
Linda Watts	Trustee		30/06/2021

 <div>CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES</div>	Talk Education Partnership			No 1170858		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	01/Sep/2019	To	31/Aug/2020		

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					
One-off Donations	1,257	-	-	1,257	1,822
Regular Giving	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,175
Fundraising	- 0	-	-	-	172
Charity Boxes	- 0	-	-	-	229
Grants	- 0	-	-	-	500
Gift Aid	- 0	-	-	-	1,312
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	2,457	-	-	2,457	5,210
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	2,457	- 0	- 0	2,457	5,210
A3 Payments					
Activities in Uganda	2,581	-	-	2,581	8,796
UK Admin	133	-	-	133	124
Other	47	-	-	47	96
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,761	-	-	2,761	9,016
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	2,761	- 0	- 0	2,761	9,016
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 304	-	-	- 304	- 3,806
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,663	500	-	5,163	8,968
Cash funds this year end	4,358	500	-	4,858	5,163

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 funds	4,358	500	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,358	500	-
	(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	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Error in receipts and payments (2018/19)

The 2018/19 accounts recorded donations received in TEP's PayPal account net of fees charged by PayPal. These fees were not recorded in payments. As a result receipts and payments were understated in 2018/19 by £46.15. This omission has been corrected in the 2019/20 accounts and last year's figures have been restated.

Error in receipts and cash funds (2018/19)

The 2018/19 accounts recorded £50.42 of cash in TEP's PayPal as a receipt. This amount was in fact a cash balance brought forward. As a result the 2018/19 accounts overstated receipts and understated cash funds last year by £50.42. This has been corrected in the last year column of the 2019/20 accounts by removing the overstated income from Regular Giving Receipts and including it in cash funds last year end.

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		WILLIAM KNAPMAN	30/06/2021
		LINDA WATTS	30/06/2021