

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

To

01 01 2021

31 03 2022

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

ARALIYA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1170983

Charity's principal address

2 Egliston Lawns

Egliston Road

London

Postcode

SW15 1AL

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	Aerian Gray			
2	Alex Couet			
3	Bindiya Hassaram			
4	Martin Lock			
5	Rowan Gray			
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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)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted	Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	Appointed by existing trustees on the basis of knowledge and skills required for the workings of the charity

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.

AEF works with The Methodist Church, Sri Lanka. The charity works closely with the head of the Children's desk.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance the education of children aged 3-5 years for the public benefit, initially in Pasarachennai near Arugam Bay, Sri Lanka and expanding to other regions in Sri Lanka by supporting the facilitation of preschools and resources to provide education for young children.

After the 2004 tsunami funds were raised to repair and provide resources to Al Ishtaq school affected by the tsunami in Pasarichenai, Arugam Bay. Supplies were bought and buildings repaired.

The Araliya Education Foundation (AEF) was set up as a small charity in November 2010 with the aim of advancing the education of pupils at this school, providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school and supporting and developing the teaching of English in the school.

Pre-school education was absent in the school even though children aged 3-5 came to school each day. Due to lack of government funding and despite offers from AEF there was no teacher for the young children.

In January 2014 an independent preschool was opened in Pasarichenai with a properly trained teacher fully funded by AEF. The school was housed in a disused building built by the Norwegian government after the tsunami but never used. The building was provided by the local mosque in exchange for its restoration and running costs.

Between 20 – 28 children attended the school and on-going professional development was provided for the teacher each year by AEF.

In January 2017 the school closed as the mosque wanted the school building back and despite best efforts AEF was not able to find a suitable alternative in the immediate area.

In January 2017 AEF became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The charity wanted to expand its work with developing and supporting preschools beyond Arugam Bay in other areas in the country.

During this time AEF was introduced to the Methodist Church of Sri Lanka through the Sparkes Home Charity. AEF visited several preschools on the east coast of Sri Lanka in the summer of 2017 that were run by the Methodist church and needed funding. However, none was a suitable candidate for AEF funding. Finally, AEF were introduced to a day care centre and preschool for children in Angulana, south of Colombo. The fathers of these children are fishermen and their mothers work to supplement their meagre earnings. The enterprise is overseen by the Methodist church and funded by various charities. AEF now provides specific support for the preschool there.

The trustees maintain close contact with the Methodist Church both at the local and national level to ensure the school is well financed and run. This year there are 26 children who attend each day with 14 older children coming in the afternoon.

The Trustees of AEF meet regularly to review the activities of the charity and their obligations in respect of public benefit. The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

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)

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.

The Trustees have agreed with the Methodist Church in Sri Lanka to provide funds that go toward the running of the preschool in Angulana.

Grants for additional projects will be reviewed and agreed by the Trustees as they arise.

All the activities of the charity are conducted on a voluntary basis. The trustees like to visit Sri Lanka each year but have been unable to do so since 2020 due to the pandemic. They will visit as soon as safely possible to review the school and discuss future plans with the Head of the Children's Desk of the Methodist Church.

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In the summer of 2017 AEF developed a relationship with the Methodist Church of Sri Lanka through the Sparkes Home charity with a view to working in conjunction with them to access preschools in need of funding. A primary consideration of this contact was to have someone based permanently in Sri Lanka to monitor schools that AEF might support and to make sure they were running smoothly and efficiently.

As a result, AEF now supports, along with some other charities, the preschool at the Day Care centre at Angulana. Here the younger children, who go to the day care centre each day, attend preschool in the mornings whilst the older children attend the local school.

The preschool needed further funding in 2019 as 'Help The Orphans Now, Australia', had withdrawn their funding from this project. AEF agreed to extend their financial support to cover the shortfall.

The pandemic 2020-2022 has caused further poverty for the Angulana community with children often not having enough nutritious food to eat. In addition, during this time Sri Lanka has become an international centre for drug trafficking. Many of the parents of the preschool children at Angulana have become drug addicts and nearly all the children now live with either a single parent or grandparents. In fact, only 2 children in the preschool where living with both parents.

Close contact is maintained with the Colombo based central headquarters of the Methodist Church in Sri Lanka, in particular the head of the Children's Desk who has been very involved and usually accompanies Trustees on visits. The long-term head of the Children's Desk has been unwell this year and will now not return to her position. However, she has been replaced by a younger man who is equally involved and recently (January 2022) accompanied a Sparkes Home Trustee on an inspection of Angulana. He speaks excellent English, Singalese and Tamil.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees believe reserves of up to two years expenditure are required to ensure the long-term support for Angulana. Funds in excess of this are currently being reviewed and decisions are being made about how to expand support to other preschools.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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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.

The principal sources of funds historically have been donations from individuals and fundraising activities organised by the trustees. Funds raised in the year amounted to £0. Total expenditure in the year amounted to £1,115.

Trustees bear all the costs of their visits to Sri Lanka individually. During their visits, Trustees review the fund flows from source in the UK through to the end use in the project.

Funds available at 31 March 2022 amounted to £14,464

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Section F

Other optional information


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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)	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)
	Aerian Gray	
	Trustee	

Date
11th April 2022



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

ARALYA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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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 £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
01/06/2020 - Grant to Anglana School - Methodist Church	1,115	-	-	1,115	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,115	-	-	1,115	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,115	-	-	1,115	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,115	-	-	1,115	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,115	-	-	1,115	-

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		-	-	-

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

B2 Other monetary assets

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

B5 Liabilities

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	AERIAN GRAY	11th April 2022 04th November 2022