

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2023		31	03	2024

## 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  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Trust Deed

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

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 Pasarichenai 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.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

After the 2004 tsunami funds were raised to repair and provide resources to Al Ishraq school affected by the tsunami in Pasarichenai, Arugam Bay.

(include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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 - in 2017 - were fishermen and their mothers worked to supplement their meagre earnings. The enterprise was overseen by the Methodist church and funded by various charities. AEF provided specific support for the preschool there.

The trustees maintained close contact with the Methodist Church both at the local and national level to ensure the school was well financed and run. This year there are 43 children who attend each day with 20 older children coming in the afternoon after their regular school day.

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.

**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 (and some of the day care centre costs) 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

### 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 another charity, the preschool at the Day Care centre at Angulana, which is situated on the outskirts of Angulana village. 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 caused further poverty for the Angulana community with children often not having enough nutritious food to eat. In addition, about five years ago the Chinese started a huge land reclamation project in central Colombo. Unfortunately, this has upset marine currents and the availability of fish around Angulana is now seriously depleted. Fishing no longer provides viable employment and many of the community have succumbed to drugs, trafficking and gambling. Now nearly all the children live with either a single parent or grandparents. In fact, only 2 children in the preschool were living with both parents in 2022.

As a result, the Day Care centre (and the pre-school within it) is now vital. It provides for 30 – 35 pre-school children who are given food (morning tea and snack as well as a substantial lunch) and uniforms. The school is now staffed by 4 teachers and a cook for the approx. 50 preschool and primary children who attend the Day Care centre each day. There is an

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active Methodist committee who oversee funds, extracurricular activities and outings.

We visited on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and found the pre-school children to be very happy and the staff were great. We found the Day Care centre to be clean, tidy and well organized. The painting of the outside playground is lovely. They have a lot of equipment and have not asked for anything educational. The church is putting together plans to add a first floor above the centre. Plans are in their infancy.

Last year we looked at whether we would continue to fund this project but decided that it was absolutely vital and we would indeed continue. We have decided this year to increase our funding by 4%. We believe salary increases are vital to keep staff with the current inflation level of 4%.

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

### 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 £1,033. Total expenditure in the year amounted to £2,770.

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 2024 amounted to £16,732

## Section F

## Other optional information

Section GDeclaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Aerian Gray	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	12th December 2024	



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

ALIYA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	4/1/2023		3/31/2024

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Gift Aid HMRC	1,020	-	-	1,020
Amazon Smile	13	-	-	13
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,033</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,033</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
06/11/23 - Grant to Anglana School - Methodist Church (Via Sparkes Homes)	2,770	-	-	2,770
	-	-	-	-
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<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,770</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,770</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,770</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,770</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 1,737</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,737</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 1,737</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,737</b>

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	16,732	-
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets			-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
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B5 Liabilities			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on  
behalf of all the trustees

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Signature	Print Name
	AERIAN GRAY

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Date of approval
1/5/2023