

Voice of Hope
(Registered charity, number 1171171)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022

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**Voice of Hope
Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Registered charity number 1171171

Principal address

Voice of Hope
The Bridge Centre
Birches Head Road
Birches Head
Stoke-on-Trent
ST2 8DD

Trustees

Mrs A Grainger	(resigned September 2022)
Mrs A Broom	
Mrs Diane Yeadon	(resigned April 2023)
Mr Douglas Dean	(appointed September 2022)
Mr C Barber	(appointed April 2023)

Bankers

Barclays Bank
Business Direct
Leicester
Leicestershire
LE87 2BB

Independent examiner

Daryl Denson ACMA
VAST
The Dudson Centre
Hope Street
Hanley
Stoke on Trent
ST1 5DD

Governance and management

Voice of Hope is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which operates under the rules of its constitution adopted on 18 January 2017.

Summary of objects

The objects of the CIO are to promote human rights (as set out in the universal declaration of human rights and subsequent united nations conventions and declarations) throughout the world in particular through the prevention of modern slavery including human trafficking by:

- 1) raising awareness of modern slavery;
- 2) promoting public support for the prevention of modern slavery;
- 3) offering training and education on modern slavery;
- 4) conducting research into modern slavery;
- 5) relieving need among the victims of modern slavery;
- 6) raising funds to be used in the relief and prevention of modern slavery

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

**Voice of Hope
Trustees' Annual Report (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Summary of main activities during the year

Voice of Hope actively continued raising awareness of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking to over 3000 practitioners from across the sectors.

We have developed several new awareness projects around County Lines.

Staffordshire Police have welcomed Voice of Hope into many schools including the Princes Trust and the Police Cadets. Between March 2021 and June 2022, we delivered County Lines to over 4000 children. This included a huge research project that we have just presented to Staffordshire Police. The findings have highlighted the need our children have in education around county lines (drug trafficking) and its appalling dangers.

We continue to support rescued victims and have spoken to our Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire regarding a much-needed Safe House within our County.

Summary of main achievements during the year

The main achievements Voice of Hope have achieved through 2022 are:

- research in schools
- the start of a drop-in centre at a local homeless hostel


(This project is developed from our work we set out with 2 years ago that delivers awareness to the homeless, it is known as 'Stay Safe').

Overall, we find ourselves very privileged raising awareness and doing what we can to keep our community safe.

The charity's policy on reserves

It has been agreed by the trustees to keep three months of expenditure in reserves. This is set for the current on-coming year for £12,000. The total unrestricted reserves held at the end of the year was £7,356 (2021: £6,842) and total restricted reserves held was £31,172 (2021: £25,208).

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed  Date 6-10-2023
Name: DOUGLAS DEAN
Position: CHAIR / TRUSTEE

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Voice of Hope
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Voice of Hope, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Voice of Hope accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of Voice of Hope as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 
Daryl Denson ACMA
VAST

Date 18/10/2023

Voice of Hope
Receipts & Payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Receipts				
Grants	7,700	41,067	48,767	18,078
Donation	4,502	-	4,502	1,157
Furlough	-	-	-	18,760
Sundry	159	40	199	-
Total Receipts	12,361	41,107	53,468	37,995
Payments				
Gifts	65	100	165	-
Publicity	-	188	188	768
Refreshments	31	240	271	174
Training	-	-	-	119
IT	817	340	1,157	-
Room Hire	1,276	400	1,676	1,647
Wages	-	35,834	35,834	33,600
Payroll Costs	-	622	622	658
Bookkeeping	-	-	-	402
Insurance	291	-	291	252
Travel	97	987	1,084	136
Purchases	659	822	1,481	157
Printing & Stationary	132	348	480	234
Project Assist Costs	-	200	200	6,809
Staff Costs	-	2,751	2,751	1,675
Subscription	260	194	454	547
Donations	-	336	336	-
Total Payments	3,628	43,362	46,990	47,178
Net receipts / (payments)	8,733	(2,255)	6,478	(9,183)
Transfer between funds	(8,219)	8,219	-	-
Cash funds brought forward	6,842	25,208	32,050	41,233
Cash funds carried forward	7,356	31,172	38,528	32,050

Voice of Hope
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash assets		
Current Account	38,528	32,050
	<u>38,528</u>	<u>32,050</u>
 Current Liabilities		
Accruals	364	347
	<u>364</u>	<u>347</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed D. Dean
Name: DOUGLAS DEAN
Position: CHAIR / TRUSTEE

Dated 6-10-2023

Voice of Hope
Notes to the Accounts
at 31 December 2022

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfer	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
People Power Fund / Training	816	40	(2,971)	2,400	285
Operational Staff Costs	-	-	(25,574)	25,574	-
Tampax Tampon Grant - Project Dignity	2,206	-	-	-	2,206
Community Foundation Malam	244	-	-	-	244
People Power Fund / Schools	2,911	-	-	(2,911)	-
Office of Police & Crime Commissioner	3,326	-	-	(3,326)	-
Assist (Grants from several funds)	15,705	1,000	(3,990)	(11,118)	1,597
National Lottery Grant	-	40,067	(10,826)	(2,400)	26,841
	25,208	41,107	(43,361)	8,219	31,173
Unrestricted funds					
General reserve	6,842	12,361	(3,629)	(8,219)	7,355
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Total funds	32,050	53,468	(46,990)	-	38,528

Purpose of restricted funds

People Power Fund – Funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Staffordshire to support the delivery of the 'Raising Awareness to End Modern Slavery' project.

Operational Staff Costs – Funding to help charity operations and to recruit new staff.

Tampax Tampon Grant – Funding for Project Dignity.

Community Foundation Malam – Funding to pay for various administration and printing costs.

Office of Police & Crime Commissioner – Tender to support victims.

Assist (Grants from several funders) – To aid and support the running of the charity.

National Lottery Grant – Funding to help charity operations and pay staff wages.

Related party transactions

Anne Grainger received wages while serving as a trustee up to September 2022 when she resigned.