

Voice of Hope
(Registered charity, number 1171171)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023

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**Voice of Hope
Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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 Broom

Mr Douglas Dean

Mr C Barber

(appointed September 2022)

(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 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.

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Summary of main activities during the year

The nature of Modern Slavery is an insidious one. Millions of men, women and children are trapped in horrific slavery conditions around the world, consequently and unknowingly, it is present in the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and the technology we are increasingly reliant on.

Voice of Hope was set up to raise awareness of the scope and scale of both Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking to enhance understanding and effectively empowering, equipping and influencing others to bring about positive and transformational change.

Voice of Hope continues to be dedicated to raising public awareness of the horrifying reality of human trafficking and modern slavery.

Summary of main achievements during the year

During 2023 Voice of Hope delivered training to:

- Adults who received Modern Slavery Awareness 986
- Children who received Modern Slavery Awareness 743
- Adults who received County Lines and Child Exploitation 100+
- Children who received County Lines Awareness 1614

Delegates were from the Police & Fire Dept, NHS, Stoke Council, Housing Organisation, Community Groups, Schools and Churches.

We supported 8 potential victims of Modern Slavery in partnership with Staffordshire Police, providing accommodation, clothing and food.

We also support the homeless in the Adullam Shelter in Stoke, speaking to over 311 individuals about the dangers they may face as vulnerable adults.

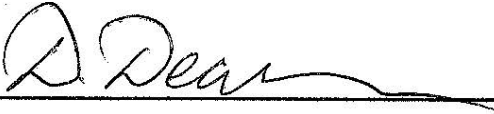
Data from the Home Office indicates how urgent our mission is, thousands of men, women and children are being referred into the UK's framework, The National Referral Mechanism, demonstrating that awareness across the sectors is impactful and effective.

The haunting truth is that modern slavery lurks much closer than we realise.

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 £3,721 (2022: £4,234) and total restricted reserves held was £53,617 (2022: £34,294).

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed  Date 14/10/2023
Name: CHAIRMAN
Position:

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Voice of Hope
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2023 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



Date 24/10/2024

**Daryl Denson ACMA
VAST**


Voice of Hope
Receipts & Payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Receipts				
Grants	-	80,133	80,133	48,767
Donation	1,920	200	2,120	4,502
Gifts	-	1,720	1,720	-
Sundry	40	-	40	199
Total Receipts	<u>1,960</u>	<u>82,053</u>	<u>84,013</u>	<u>53,468</u>
Payments				
Gifts	38	-	38	165
Publicity	-	234	234	188
Refreshments	282	944	1,226	271
IT	60	2,343	2,403	1,157
Room Hire	-	2,161	2,161	1,676
Wages	-	50,395	50,395	35,834
Payroll Costs	-	503	503	622
Administration Costs	29	434	463	-
Insurance	252	-	252	291
Travel	368	1,056	1,424	1,084
Purchases	411	383	794	1,481
Printing & Stationary	51	1,344	1,395	480
Project Assist Costs	-	1,200	1,200	200
Staff Costs	-	978	978	2,751
Subscription	957	701	1,658	454
Donations	25	-	25	336
Total Payments	<u>2,473</u>	<u>62,676</u>	<u>65,149</u>	<u>46,990</u>
Net receipts / (payments)	- 513	19377	18,864	6,478
Transfer between funds	0	-	-	-
Cash funds brought forward	<u>4,234</u>	<u>34,294</u>	<u>38,528</u>	<u>32,050</u>
Cash funds carried forward	<u>3,721</u>	<u>53,671</u>	<u>57,392</u>	<u>38,528</u>

Voice of Hope
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash assets		
Current Account	57,392	38,528
	<u>57,392</u>	<u>38,528</u>
 Current Liabilities		
Accruals	<u>382</u>	<u>364</u>
	<u>382</u>	<u>364</u>

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

Signed  Date 14/10/2023
 Name: CHAIRMAN
 Position:

Voice of Hope
Notes to the Accounts
at 31 December 2023

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfer	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
People Power Fund / Training	763	1,920	(2,101)	-	582
Operational Staff Costs	31,081	80,133	(58,226)	-	52,988
Tampax Tampon Grant - Project Dignity	2,206	-	(2,256)	50	-
Community Foundation Malam	244	-	(94)	-	150
	<u>34,294</u>	<u>82,053</u>	<u>(62,677)</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>53,720</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General reserve	4,234	1,960	(2,472)	(50)	3,672
	<u>4,234</u>	<u>1,960</u>	<u>(2,472)</u>	<u>(50)</u>	<u>3,672</u>
Total funds	<u>38,528</u>	<u>84,013</u>	<u>(65,149)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,392</u>

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.

Related party transactions

No related party transactions