



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/10/2021 To 30/09/2022

Charity name: SOEL CONNECT

Charity registration number: 1171628

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the charity are to advance the Christian faith, for the public benefit, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of a community gospel music group.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>We organise regular rehearsal and vocal coaching / training sessions throughout the year.</p> <p>We encourage our members to engage in song writing, singing, choreography, playing of musical instruments.</p> <p>We also collaborate with other groups in and around Cardiff by participating / performing at their events.</p> <p>We organise song/music sharing sessions at various locations in and around Cardiff. We organise and encouraged new and existing members to participate in dance rehearsals in preparation for various events.</p> <p>Soel Connect participates in Black History Month and Windrush events as well as Welsh language singing projects in Cardiff.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We confirm that Soel Connect's trustees have had regard to the charity commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>After the COVID 19 restrictions were lifted in late 2021, our main focus was bringing the group back together. We invested most of our time reaching out to previous participants as well as organising sharing sessions and focus groups to attract new audiences and participants who might be interested in what we do.</p> <p>We resumed our choir rehearsals and vocal training sessions in Feb 2022 and we started to see people come through the doors.</p> <p>We continued with our song writing sessions and music production which we started in the COVID 19 period. This has resulted in us producing an album which we hope to release soon.</p> <p>We secured our first Arts Council Wales grant to fund our Welsh singing project Swn Llwythol. Swn Llwythol is a social initiative to integrate communities, embrace cultures and preserve heritage through a blend of Welsh choral singing fused with African rhythms and sounds.</p> <p>We also had multiple Soel Music gatherings and Worship circles between May and August with an average attendance of around 80 people. This gave us opportunity to engage with more people, helped to build networks and new relationship which was needed to</p>

		<p>strengthen group again. It also gave us the opportunity to share our projects and songs with new audiences.</p> <p>We also carried on planning and preparing for “Jamii 2” a mental health and wellbeing project by SSAP which we signed-up to partner with. Our role in this project is to use music as a tool to support people’s mental health & wellbeing within the community. This project is due to start within the next financial period.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Soel connect finance is stable and is expected to grow as we make necessary changes to project planning and execution. As well as soliciting for more financial partners and engaging in projects that can attract funding.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Soel Connect does not currently have a documented policy on reserves. Hence all available reserves are held in Soel Connect's bank account and will be allocated to the needs of the charity including; planned activities, events, services, allowances etc. in order of priority and degree of importance as deemed by the charity trustees and finance officer. At the point where we can attain substantial financial income resulting in significant reserves, the trustees and relevant executives will agree on an adequate policy / system to appropriate the charities reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Account Balance on 30 September 2022 is £14797
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no uncertainties about the charity in this regard.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	This period, Soel Connect's principal source of funding is through grants, donations / contributions from members and partners.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Constitution: CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 15 Feb 2017
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by pioneer members. Trustee tenures are renewed where necessary based on unanimous vote by existing trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	SOEL CONNECT
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1171628
Charity's principal address	32 Bronte Crescent Cardiff. CF3 5PL

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	Otokoni Okwulehie	Trustee	Whole year	
2	Emmanuel Oluwamayowa	Trustee	Whole year	
3	Femi David	Trustee	Whole year	
4	Solomon Simukoko	Chairman	Whole year	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A	N/A	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Emmanuel Oluwamayowa	Otokoni Okwulehie
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	07/06/23	

	Charity Name: SOEL CONNECT			Charity No.	1171628		
	Annual accounts for the period						
	Period start date	Oct-21	To	Period end date	Sep-22		
Section A Statement of financial activities							
Recommended categories by activity		Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
			£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources (Note 3)			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies		S01	41,251	-	-	41,251	3,170
Charitable activities		S02	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities		S03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments		S04	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income		S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other		S06	-	-	-	-	-
Total		S07	41,251	-	-	41,251	3,170
Resources expended (Note 6)							
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds		S08	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		S09	27,144	-	-	27,144	2,300
Separate material item of expense		S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other		S11	-	-	-	-	-
Total		S12	27,144	-	-	27,144	2,300
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)							
		S13	14,107	-	-	14,107	870
Net gains/(losses) on investments		S14	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		S15	14,107	-	-	14,107	870
Extraordinary items		S16	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds		S17	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):							
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)		S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		S20	14,107	-	-	14,107	870
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		S21	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		S22	14,107	-	-	14,107	870

Note 3 Analysis of income Oct 2021 to Sept 2022						
	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	3,295	-	-	3,295	3,170
	Gift Aid	1,936	-	-	1,936	-
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	35,920	-	-	35,920	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other (Honorariums)	100	-	-	100	-
	Total	41,251	-	-	41,251	3,170
Charitable activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities:	Merchandise Sale	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments:	Interest income	-	-	-	-	-
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other:	Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a programme related investment	-	-	-	-	-
	Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		41,251	-	-	41,251	3,170
Other information:						
All income in						
Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the reporting period, please give the reason for the conversion.						
Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the prior period, please give the reason for the conversion.						
Within the income items above the following items are material: (please disclose the nature, amount and any prior year amounts)						

Section C		Notes to the accounts				(cont)			
Note 6		Analysis of expenditure Oct 2021 to Sept 2022							
		This year				Last year			
Analysis		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Expenditure on raising funds:					£				£
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on raising funds		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities:									
Publicity		399	-	-	399	-	-	-	-
Travel Costs		626	-	-	626	-	-	-	-
Hospitality		829	-	-	829	-	-	-	-
Professional Services		3,886	-	-	3,886	-	-	-	-
Donations & Honourarium		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Licensing, Registration & Subscriptions		526	-	-	526	-	-	-	-
Media & Production Equipments		16,582	-	-	16,582	2,300	-	-	2,300
Equipment Hire		692	-	-	692	-	-	-	-
General admin		2,949	-	-	2,949	-	-	-	-
Venue Hire		655	-	-	655	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on charitable activities		27,144	-	-	27,144	2,300	-	-	2,300
Separate material item of expense									
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other									
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other expenditure		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		27,144	-	-	27,144	2,300	-	-	2,300
Other information:									
Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities									
		This year				Last year			
Activity or programme		Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total this year	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total last year
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Activity 1		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activity 2		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
		£	£	£	£	£
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets						
Intangible assets (Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets (Note 14)	B02	15,200	-	-	15,200	2,177
Heritage assets (Note 16)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	B05	15,200	-	-	15,200	2,177
Current assets						
Stocks (Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 19)	B07	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24)	7	14,797	-	-	14,797	690
Total current assets	B10	14,797	-	-	14,797	690
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	B11	-	-	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	14,797	-	-	14,797	690
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	29,996	-	-	29,996	2,867
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	29,996	-	-	29,996	2,867
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds (Note 27)	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 27)	B18	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	B19	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation reserve	B20	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	B21	-	-	-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy	
			OTOKONI OKWULEHIE		07/06/2023	
			EMMANUEL OLUWAMAYOWA		07/06/2023	

Note 4 Analysis of receipts of government grants			
	Description	This year	
		£	
Government grant 1	Arts Council Wales	35,920	
Government grant 2	N/A	-	
Government grant 3	N/A	-	
Other	N/A	-	
	Total	35,920	
	Description	Last year	
		£	
Government grant 1	N/A	-	
Government grant 2	N/A	-	
Government grant 3	N/A	-	
Other	N/A	-	
	Total	-	
	This year	Last year	
<i>Please provide details of any unfulfilled conditions a</i>			
	This year	Last year	
<i>Please give details of other forms of government ass</i>			

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 14 Tangible fixed assets

Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets

14.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	15,200	15,200
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	15,200	15,200

14.2 Depreciation and impairments

	**Basis	ght Line or Red	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB
	** Rate				0.25	0.25
At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	15,200	15,200
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-3,800	-3,800
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	-	11,400	11,400

14.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	11,400	11,400

14.4 Impairment

This year: Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

Last year: Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

14.5 Revaluation

If an accounting policy of revaluation is adopted, please provide:

	This year	Last year
the effective date of the revaluation		
the name of independent valuer, if applicable		
the methods applied and significant assumptions		
the carrying amount that would have been recognised had the assets been carried under the cost model.	-	-

14.6 Other disclosures

	This year	Last year
	£	£
(i) Please state the amount of borrowing costs, if any, capitalised in the construction of tangible fixed assets and the capitalisation rate used.	-	-
(ii) Please provide the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of tangible fixed assets.	-	-
(iii) Details of the existence and carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment to which the charity has restricted title or that are pledged as security for liabilities.		

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance)

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)**Note 28 Transactions with trustees and related parties**

If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in guidance notes) details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box or "False" if there are transactions to report.

28.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

This year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

TRUE

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office) /ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid. Where an ex gratia payment has been made

Last year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

TRUE

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office) /ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid. Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.

28.2 Trustees' expenses

If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box below. If there are transactions to report, please enter "False".

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

TRUE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOEL CONNECT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of SOEL Connect (the Trust) for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Responsibilities As The Charity Trustees Of The Trust

You are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 the Trust 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 applicable 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:

Name: Evelyn Okusanya, CIMA Adv Dip MA

Address: 74, Tennyson Close, Rhydyfelin, Pontypridd CF37 5ER

Date: 20 June 2023