

**UK FRIENDS OF ARSP  
(ACTION RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR PEACE)**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND RECEIPT AND PAYMENT ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**



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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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**Trustees**

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Erika Borley  
Julian Hofmann

**Charity registered number**

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**Executive officer**

Sabrina Gröschel

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## UK FRIENDS OF ARSP (ACTION RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR PEACE)

### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the accounts of UK Friends of Action Reconciliation Service for Peace (ARSP) for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and accounts of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements; the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in January 2019.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

ARSP is a charitable unincorporated organisation governed by a Trust deed dated 10 April 2017.

Trustee vacancies are advertised, together with a description of what the role entails, to members and supporters of the charity.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The charitable objective of UK Friends of ARSP is to support the work of the German Peace Organisation Aktion Sohnzelnchen Friedensdienste (Action Reconciliation Service for Peace) in the UK, in particular by supporting volunteers serving in England and UK volunteers serving abroad, or provision of funds and donations.

Each year ARSP hosts 12-15 volunteers for a 12 months voluntary service in England. The volunteers work with migrants, children and people with disabilities. The main focus of ARSP's activities is to work with groups who faced social exclusion, racism and discrimination under the National Socialist regime in the 1930s and 1940s in Germany and still do in many Western cultures today; whether because of disability, economic disadvantage or ethnic group - such as Jew.; Sinti and Roma or Asylum Seekers. The volunteers work with these groups of people in the fields of arts and culture, youth work, health services and advocacy.

#### **Achievements and performance**

Again in 2022, UK Friends of ARSP successfully supported 24 German and Polish volunteers in their voluntary services in the UK. Their placements were with the Association of Jewish Refugees, the Wiener Holocaust Library, the Roma Support Group, the Leo Baeck Institute, the Jewish Museum London, the Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers, the South London Refugee Association, Young Roots, Exeter YMCA, Pursuing Independent Path and Coventry Cathedral. UK Friends of ARSP was able to maintain and strengthen relationships with all these organisations throughout the year.

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#### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees consider that the charity does not need to hold any significant reserves. This is because ARSP is part of a larger network through its parent charity Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedensdienste (ASF) based in Germany. ASF holds significant reserves and would support the charity if the need arose.

#### **Financial review**

The financial situation in 2022 is still heavily affected by the UK ending its participation in the European Solidarity Corps scheme, which had been a major funding source for a number of years. The German parent charity Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedensdienste continued to support us with monthly payments. The Association of Jewish Refugees have significantly increased their giving to us and are going to increase this further in 2023. We are hoping to improve our financial resilience in 2022 through grants from charitable trusts. We have already been successful in securing £30,000 of funding for our 2022/23 programme from the Sanddorf foundation, a foundation that supports German-Polish youth collaborations.

The report was approved by the Trustees on 10/08/2023 and signed on their behalf by:



**Sabrina Gröschel, Chair of Trustees**

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## **UK FRIENDS OF ARSP (ACTION RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR PEACE)**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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#### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF UK FRIENDS OF ACTION RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR PEACE**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

#### **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

#### **BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention other than that disclosed below:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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Dated: 13/10/23

**UK FRIENDS OF ARSP (ACTION RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR PEACE)**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
ARSP Germany	120,644	-	120,644	73,710
Project partners	18,554	-	18,554	8,082
Donations	155	-	155	1,205
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>139,353</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>139,353</b>	<b>82,996</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Volunteer stipends	-	-	-	30,632
Volunteer accomodation	58,586	3,600	62,186	55,986
Volunteer travel	32,950	-	32,950	25,981
Volunteer other costs	14,738	-	14,738	11,990
Seminar travel and subsistaence	6,793	-	6,793	4,571
Courses and external speakers	1,618	-	1,618	1,801
Room hire	353	-	353	330
Staff travel	2,584	-	2,584	134
Office rent	2,989	-	2,989	2,214
Telephone	1,341	-	1,341	457
Postage	657	-	657	266
Material	1,293	-	1,293	657
Accountancy fee	1,884	-	1,884	900
Advertising	210	-	210	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>125,996</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>129,596</b>	<b>135,919</b>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>13,357</b>	<b>(3,600)</b>	<b>9,757</b>	<b>(52,923)</b>



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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Bank account	17,639	-	17,639	8,082
Cash balance	281	-	281	81
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>17,920</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,920</u>	<u>8,163</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 10/08/2023 and signed on their behalf, by:

  
Sabrina Gröschel

Julian Hofmann

