



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report

Period: 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

Charity name: Refugee Support Europe

Charity registration number: 1174070

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the CIO is for the public benefit, the relief and assistance of people in need in any part of the world who are victims of war or catastrophe by supplying them with any humanitarian aid that will make their life more bearable.
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	
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are aware of the CC 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	The charity only gives grants in exceptional circumstance to other organisations who have the same purposes as ours. In this year we made grants totalling £2796 to charities supporting refugees in Lebanon
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers form the backbone of our organisation. This year, Covid 19 and the resulting travel restrictions crippled our volunteer operation and just 21 were able to join us at our operation in

		<p>Cyprus (compared to 220 last year). Even so, they came from 11 nations working for between 2-12 weeks and paid for their own travel, accommodation and subsistence. To cover the shortfall we had more volunteers from within Cyprus (10) and their asylum seeking community (12) supporting us. We also have 15 volunteers in the back office (interviewing, marketing, website development). Many others held individual fundraising events.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Our main achievement was to keep supporting vulnerable people in Cyprus during a period where Covid regulations severely restricted movement and impacted negatively on the people we are trying to support. The Dignity Centre had to close in April but we switched to a food delivery service. When the Centre opened we had to rely heavily on members to keep it running. We retained our food and hygiene support service when we opened. The sewing cooperative kept going and we also included men among its members. Our Coordinators worked throughout the year with few breaks and at no time did we stop our operations.</p> <p>We appointed Amanda Solomon as Trustee Volunteer Champion and Ian Shaw as Patron.</p> <p>We produced a Helping the Helpers series of video interviews for people who were interested in learning about volunteering during a crisis.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
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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	At the end of the financial period we held over £80,000 in our bank account, only down a little as last year despite spending over £8,000 more than we received.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have changed our reserve policy to maintain at least three months of operating costs at all times. This puts us in a secure position to continue our work.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£35,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

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	The biggest three sources of funds were individuals, volunteers and events. These three sources raised 68% of all our funds. Due to the importance of our volunteers (who generally were the starting point of these three) we appointed a Trustee responsible for maintaining the link to our past volunteers. A further 15% came from Cooperative Sales and 17% from Grants or Companies.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Principal risks are people related. The Chief Executive manages the organisation with all volunteers reporting into him. Coordinators in country are vital and we can no longer use British citizens.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
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	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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	By interview and agreement among the directors and other 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	Refugee Support Europe
Other name the charity uses	RSE and Refugee Support
Registered charity number	1174070
Charity's principal address	14 Hollingbury Park Avenue Brighton BN1 7JF UK

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	Eve Linieres			
2	Emilia Ransom			
3	Amanda Solomon			
4	Alan Strang			
5	Gulwali Passarlay		Joined 23/10/2020	
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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	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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

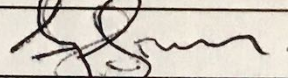
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Alan	SIRANA
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees	
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Date

20-01-2022

Profit & Loss

Refugee Support Europe CIO For the 12 months ended 31 March 2021

	Mar-21	Mar-20
Income		
Donations via Individuals	114,057	123,630
Donations via Website	6,367	-
Fundraising Event organised by RSE	12,414	37,668
Grants and Company Donations	34,061	84,885
Interest Income	59	104
Total Income	166,957	246,287
Less Cost of Sales		
Advertising Costs	5,426	12,337
Bike workshop Materials	36	234
Childrens activities Materials	-	501
Clothes and Misc Purchases for Refugees	1,195	9,248
Country Specific Personnel	32,736	13,747
Donation to another Charity	2,796	-
Food for Refugees	21,530	60,241
General Camp Expenses inc. Building Costs	41,200	81,843
Legal expenses	2,139	35
Materials bought for Miscellaneous activities	12,118	1,863
Sewing Room Materials - not for items to be sold	778	206
Total Cost of Sales	119,955	180,256
Gross Profit	47,003	66,031
Plus Other Income		
2. Cost of sale	(4,730)	(3,901)
3. Cost of Stock	(35,115)	(27,692)
1. Sales		
Other Books	1,013	-
Postage income	206	360
Recipe Book Sales	7,190	24,623
Sales - Amazon	-	1,080
Sales of Paintings and other crafts	507	103
Sales T-Shirts	56	105
Sewing Shop Sales	19,476	30,514
Total 1. Sales	28,447	56,784
Total Other Income	(11,399)	25,191
Less Operating Expenses		
Banking costs	1,077	469
Consulting & Accounting	2,147	909
Cost of Personnel	30,951	48,060
Depreciation	384	4,472
Foreign Currency Gains and Losses	2,609	1,649
General Admin Costs	5,063	5,358

Profit & Loss

	Mar-21	Mar-20
Printing & Stationery	1,571	1,103
Staff training & Development	-	65
Total Operating Expenses	43,803	62,085
Net Profit	(8,199)	29,137

Balance Sheet

Refugee Support Europe CIO As at 31 March 2021

31 Mar 2021

31 Mar 2020

Assets

Bank		
Greek Bank Account	30 ¹	31 ²
Strang Payments	(366)	-
Total Bank Balance	80,677 ¹	84,533 ²
Total Bank	80,341	84,564
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	(231)	22
Stock	5,000	11,419
Total Current Assets	4,770	11,441
Fixed Assets		
Fixed Assets	237	621
Total Fixed Assets	237	621
Total Assets	85,347	96,626

Liabilities

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	(723) ¹	(754) ²
Credit Card	1,519 ¹	1,415 ²
Currency Adjustments	(217)	(212)
Salaries & HMRC to be paid	6,112	7,320
Total Current Liabilities	6,690	7,768
Non-Current Liabilities		
Employee Loan (Cycle to work)	(2,002)	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities	(2,002)	-
Total Liabilities	4,688	7,768
Net Assets	80,659	88,858

Equity

Current Year Earnings	(8,199)	29,137
Retained Earnings	88,858	59,721
Total Equity	80,659	88,858

Notes

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Figures converted into British Pound using the following rates:

1.17517 EUR Euro per GBP. Rate provided by XE.com on 31 Mar 2021.

1.37832 USD United States Dollar per GBP. Rate provided by XE.com on 31 Mar 2021.

Balance Sheet

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Figures converted into British Pound using the following rate:
1.12671 EUR Euro per GBP. Rate provided by XE.com on 31 Mar 2020.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Refugee Support Europe CIO		
On accounts for the year ended	March 2021	Charity no (if any)	1174070
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report** As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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: 

Date: 12/01/2022

Name: Shane Kaye

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants
Member No: 1-H3FT

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Hove, East Sussex

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.