



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2022 (**Period start date**) **To** 31st December 2022
(**Period end date**)

Charity name: YouCanFreeUs

Charity registration number: 1175146

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purpose of the charity as set out in its governing document.

1. YouCanFreeUs in the world

YouCanFreeUs is an international human rights organisation that is fighting modern slavery around the world through advocacy, rescue and rehabilitation since 2010. It is a non-profit organisation registered in the USA, Canada, India, Norway, and the UK.

YouCanFreeUs advocacy includes: awareness campaigns through fashion, art and sports; educational workshops in schools, corporations and prisons; and public policy and private sector consulting. YouCanFreeUs also operates a child learning and development centre to support children proven to be vulnerable to modern slavery.

YouCanFreeUs has rescued and successfully rehabilitated hundreds of women and children in its safe houses and training centres. It offers long-term care for victims of modern slavery (up to 24 months) that includes medical treatment, food and accommodation, counselling, vocational training and employment opportunities.

YouCanFreeUs currently operates 3 safe houses and 2 training centers in India. In Ukraine it supports war victims vulnerable to human trafficking through other organisations in Odessa and the surrounding region. Activities in all other countries are dedicated to local advocacy and fundraising to support the operations in India and Ukraine.

2. YouCanFreeUs - UK

YouCanFreeUs UK operates in collaboration with YouCanFreeUs in other parts of the world with the same overall mission and branding but with specific strategic targets.

In the UK, YouCanFreeUs is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) since October 2017. The Objectives of the CIO as stated in the governing document presented and approved by the Charity Commission are the following:

'To promote human rights (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent United Nations Conventions and Declarations and the European Convention on Human Rights) by all or any of the following means:

1. (1) The relief and assistance of people in need in any part of the world, who are victims of modern slavery/human trafficking, including: forced labour, commercial sexual exploitation, and domestic servitude; by providing them with long-term care, protection, rehabilitation tools and opportunities for self- development, offering accommodation,

medical care, legal and emotional support, life skills training, specialised vocational training and employment opportunities.

2. (2) Raising awareness of, and promoting public support for, human rights issues affecting victims of slavery/human trafficking including: forced labour, commercial sexual exploitation and domestic servitude, in any part of the world, by providing information through educational programmes in schools, corporations, civic societies, churches and any other body.

For the purpose of this clause, Modern Slavery is the term used in the UK as defined within the Modern Slavery Act 2015. The Act categorises offences of Slavery, Servitude and Forced or Compulsory Labour and Human Trafficking.

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.

In 2022 YouCanFreeUs UK continued to engage with leaders of other organisations and government bodies regarding the topic of Modern Slavery.

Fundraising was conducted for:

- the continuing operations of India safe houses and training centres.
- Ukraine where other humanitarian organizations in Odessa requested assistance given the breakdown of the normal economy there and ensuing tragedy of displaced civilians. Human trafficking increased dramatically when war broke out in Ukraine and YouCanFreeUs decided to help organizations focused on supporting the large numbers of women and children fleeing the country or internally displaced within it who are vulnerable to human trafficking.

Contribution made by volunteers.

YouCanFreeUs UK is entirely operated by volunteers and no remuneration was paid by the charity to any individual for services rendered.

Achievements and Performance

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.

In India YouCanFreeUs continued and expanded its programmes aimed at Modern Slavery prevention, and the rescue and rehabilitation of victims of Modern Slavery. Key achievements for the year were:

- 16 women and 8 children were rescued from modern slavery,
- 32 women were provided with food and accommodation in shelter homes,
- 28 women were given vocational training, computer literacy and English language instruction,
- 189 vulnerable children were enrolled in a child labour prevention programme involving life skills sessions, computer training and English language instruction.
- Life skills and medical help was given to victim shelters run by the Indian government. YouCanFreeUs continues to work closely with local government officials to combat Modern Slavery.

- Advanced planning was conducted for a new shelter home and training centre in the city of Kolkata.

Fundraising was also conducted for Ukraine and funds were used to purchase specific goods requested from Odessa including:


- food supplies
- clothing,
- medicine
- electricity generators

These goods were sourced in Romania under the supervision of YouCanFreeUs trustees from the UK and USA before being transported to Odessa where they were immediately distributed.

Specific financial support was also given to verified war widows and orphans providing them with food and accommodation.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the reporting period the charity held a balance of GBP 20,482
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity retains a positive bank balance deemed sufficient to run its anticipated advocacy and fund raising operations throughout the next year.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Reserves are targeted to be retained at GBP 20,000
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	n/a

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES		YouCanFreeUs			Charity No (if any)	1175146	
		Annual accounts for the period					
		Period start date	01/01/2022	To	Period end date	31/12/2022	
Section A Statement of financial activities							
Recommended categories by activity		Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)							
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies		S01	22,115	-	-	22,115	24,840
Charitable activities		S02	28	-	-	28	-
Other trading activities		S03	-	-	-	-	84
Investments		S04	27	-	-	27	-
Separate material item of income		S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other		S06	-	-	-	-	-
Total		S07	22,171	-	-	22,171	24,924
Resources expended (Note 6)							
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds		S08	152	-	-	152	107
Charitable activities		S09	17,592	-	-	17,592	12,899
Separate material item of expense		S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other		S11	369	-	-	369	11,506
Total		S12	18,113	-	-	18,113	24,512
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)							
Net gains/(losses) on investments		S13	4,057	-	-	4,057	412
Net income/(expenditure)		S14	-	-	-	-	-
Extraordinary items		S15	4,057	-	-	4,057	412
Transfers between funds		S16	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):		S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)		S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		S20	4,057	-	-	4,057	412
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		S21	16,425	-	-	16,425	16,013
Total funds carried forward		S22	20,482	-	-	20,482	16,425
Section B Balance sheet							
		Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets							
Intangible assets (Note 15)		B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets (Note 14)		B02	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets (Note 16)		B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 17)		B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		B05	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets							
Stocks (Note 18)		B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 19)		B07	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 17.4)		B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24)		B09	20,482	-	-	20,482	-
Total current assets		B10	20,482	-	-	20,482	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 20)		B11	-	-	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B12	20,482	-	-	20,482	-
Total assets less current liabilities		B13	20,482	-	-	20,482	-
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 20)		B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		B16	20,482	-	-	20,482	-
Funds of the Charity							
Endowment funds (Note 27)		B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 27)		B18		-		-	-
Unrestricted funds		B19	20,482		-	20,482	-
Revaluation reserve		B20				-	
Total funds		B21	20,482	-	-	20,482	-

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Memorandum & Articles of Association
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	Current trustees look at the skills, knowledge and experience of potential trustees. A minimum of 3 and maximum of 7 trustees are required, and trustees are appointed for a term of 3 years by resolution at a trustee meeting.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	YouCanFreeUs
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1175146
Charity's principal address	Suite # 214, 28 Old Brompton Road, South Kensington, SW7 3SS

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	Clarissa Drysdale-Anderson	Chairman of the Board		
2	Sujo John	Founder		
3	Donald Drysdale-Anderson	Trustee		
4	Merilyn Wilson	Trustee		
5	Naina Sharon Anand	Trustee		
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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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details **n/a**

Declarations

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Clarissa Drysdale-Anderson	Donald Drysdale-Anderson
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Position

Chair	Trustee
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Date

8 th January 2023
