



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2024		31	12	2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Beyond Conflict

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1176499

Charity's principal address

C/O RDC, HOWARD KENNEDY,

NO 1 LONDON BRIDGE

LONDON

Postcode

SE1 9BG

### 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	Edna Fernandes	Trustee (Co-Founder/Director)	Whole Year	
2	Edmund Newell	Trustee	Whole Year	
3		(Chair)	1.01.24 -01.07.24	
4	Kishan Manocha	Trustee	Whole Year	
5	Gillian Dare	Trustee	Whole Year (co-chair 1.08-.2024-31.12.24	
6	Luke Tomkins	Trustee	Whole Year (co-Chair 1.08-.2024-31.12.24	
7	Abda Mahmood	Trustee	Whole Year	
8	Adam Perkins	Trustee	Whole Year	
9	Sara Hunt	Trustee	Whole Year	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year


### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Principal Honorary Ambassador	Sir Terry Waite	Hon Fellow, Trinity Hall, Cambridge
Legal Counsel	Robert Craig	Howard Kennedy LLP, 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9BG
Specialist Advisor	Sheikh Ramzy	<u>Director</u> , Oxford Islamic Information Centre, St Omer Road, Oxford, OX4 3HB

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Edna Fernandes , Honorary Executive Director

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Through personal networks and by consensus agreement among existing members of the Board.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All Trustees are given a copy of the Charity Commission's Guidance on the role and responsibilities of charities and are required to review these. We have not implemented any formal training procedures for new trustees. Trustees are only invited to join the board if they are seen to be sufficiently experienced and have approval of all the existing board members. Trustees are also reminded of key definitions such as the definition of public benefit and their role as trustees on a regular basis.

As a small volunteer-led charity, the Executive Director works with the wider team and partners/organisations to deliver our projects. These include advisors such as legal counsel, mental health experts and media and fundraising experts. People taking up advisory positions are also subject to board approval before we begin working with them. All our trustees and advisers work with us on a pro bono non payment basis

We have worked with several key delivery partners in the year, namely; the Ukrainian Welcome Centre based out of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Mayfair, which helps to support Ukrainian refugees who have been displaced to the UK as a result of the war in Ukraine; the United Jewish Israel Appeal; and Medical Aid for Palestinians. The latter two NGOs will run projects with funding from us in early 2024, using the monies we received from the London Stock Exchange Group Foundation.

As a Charity, we consider our key risk areas to be the safety of the volunteers and partners working on the ground. A second risk associated with our work because of the countries we work in is the need to be aware of avoiding unintentional provocative policies and activities and potential terrorist financing. We have continued to take several steps to mitigate these risks and vet all potential partners/donors thoroughly beforehand as part of our due diligence. We have in

place a Safeguarding policy approved by the Trustees and we check our Partners also have Safeguarding policies.

In order to reduce the risk of working abroad we have implemented several safeguards. These include partnering with trusted local organisations that already have a respected presence and experience working on the ground in the countries we are working in and carrying out rigorous due diligence following Charity Commission guidance. We also have liability insurance in place.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- 1) PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR CIVILIAN ADULTS AND CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA AS A RESULT OF WAR, TERRORISM AND DISPLACEMENT. SINCE WE WERE FORMED IN JANUARY 2018, WE HAVE CARRIED OUT PROJECTS SUPPORTING WIDOWS AND ORPHANS IN SOUTHERN IRAQ; FRONTLINE WORKERS IN THE ROHINGYA REFUGEE CAMP IN COX'S BAZAR CAMP IN BANGLADESH; HELPED UKRAINIAN REFUGEES AT THE POLISH BORDER AS WELL AS REFUGEES IN THE UK. AT THE END OF 2023, WE WERE APPROACHED BY A MAJOR DONOR. LSEG, TO SUPPORT TWO NEW PROJECTS IN RESPONSE TO THE ESCALATED CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IN EARLY 2024 THE CHARITY INITIATED TWO PROJECTS, VIA OUR LOCAL NGO PARTNERS, TO SUPPORT CIVILIANS AND FRONTLINE WORKERS IN THE PALESTINIAN WEST BANK AND SOUTHERN ISRAEL.
- 2) THE CHARITY SUPPORTS PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH FOR CIVILIANS, WORKING WITH CREDIBLE PARTNER NGOS ON THE GROUND.
- 3) THE ADVANCEMENT OF TRAINING FRONTLINE WORKERS IN CONFLICT & POST CONFLICT ZONES/REFUGEE CAMPS. THE AIM IS TO FACILITATE TRAINING OF FRONTLINE WORKERS, ESPECIALLY MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE REFUGEES/CIVILIANS SUFFERING FROM POST CONFLICT/DISPLACEMENT TRAUMA AND OTHER MENTAL HEALTH IMPACTS.
- 4) THE CHARITY SEEKS TO ADVOCATE ON THE NEED FOR GREATER PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT IN POST CONFLICT ZONES, PARTICULARLY FOR CHILDREN AND OTHER VULNERABLE GROUPS. WE DO THIS THROUGH PUBLIC EVENTS SUCH CONCERTS AND EXHIBITIONS, WITH OUR PARTNERS, AS WELL AS PUBLIC PANEL DISCUSSIONS WITH LEADING EXPERTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. WE ALSO SEEK TO RAISE AWARENESS VIA THE MEDIA.

Beyond Conflict's work in 2024 included running several projects as well as continuing to build relationships with our international partners.

- 1) Beyond Conflict continued to build its partnership with the Ukrainian Welcome Centre ("UWC"), based in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Mayfair, London in 2023 and 2024 providing music therapy to Ukrainian refugees currently living in England, utilising the UWC's network. This project was run by a young music therapist from Germany who has worked with refugee communities around the world. It was overseen by Beyond Conflict ('BC') and UWC and supervised by the Head of Music Therapy at the London Guildhall School of Music and the Charity's Ambassador, Adrian Snell, who is a music therapist and composer.
- 2) Following the successful music therapy project, Beyond Conflict again worked in partnership with the Ukrainian Cathedral on a joint exhibition with the NGO War through Children's Eyes and war artist Arabella Dorman called "Child at War" to raise awareness of the psychological and social impact of conflict on children. This was widely promoted and a number of schools attended. Beyond Conflict hosted a Panel discussion with experts on child trauma from around the world.
- 3) The charity continued to push its fundraising goals and we were extremely pleased to be recognised by two major organisations: London Stock Exchange Group Foundation has approved a further £20,000 in 2024 funding for us to spend on Middle East projects for 2025. We have allocated this, to support work again in the Palestinian territories and Israel, with scope to look at another project in the wider region:
  - a. Work with our Israeli partner UJIA and our Palestinian partner Medical Aid to Palestine started early 2024 and involved two separate work streams, continuing our work with those affected on both sides of the conflict.
  - b. BC's Rohingya partner and advisor Golam Abbas was appointed **Bangladesh's new National Coordinator for Refugees** by Prime Minister Professor Mohammed Yunus, the Nobel peace prize winner. Abbas reports directly to the PM and helps forge solutions for the Rohingya refugees as part of a wider mandate. His organisation carried out a scoping mission for a new inter-generational project in Cox's Bazaar in collaboration with Beyond Conflict.
- 4) Beyond Conflict works on the principle that the work is most appropriately and effectively carried out by local specialist organisations rather than imposing external programmes. We seek therefore to facilitate programmes initiated by local experts and actively seek out appropriate partners with a proven track record of effective work. A second principle is that we are non-partisan and non-political. We therefore seek to address trauma affecting various parties to a conflict as in the case of Israelis and Palestinians. All programmes facilitated by Beyond Conflict are followed by detailed evaluations identifying real impact and lessons learned. The quality of our evaluation, along with our non-partisan approach, has attracted new partners and funders. It has increased our credibility and led to invitations to participate in wider international initiatives on trauma in conflict.
- 5) Beyond Conflict also began working with two new partners; the United Jewish Israel Appeal ("UJIA") and Medical Aid for Palestinians ("MAP") with who will run the two projects in southern Israel and the Palestinian West Bank, using the funding being provided by the LSEG. Work began in early 2024.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

A number of volunteers assist the Trustees through pro bono work: the founder Trustee runs the day-to-day operations with support from the Chair, Treasurer, Legal Counsel, mental health advisors, video makers, social media and partners. We work with experts, including those on social media and fundraising.

Our charity is run entirely by volunteers at board and operational level, which allows us to dedicate all monies raised to the work concerned, barring minor administrative costs. As we seek to build on our work, we aim to increase the amount of money we raise and raise our profile internationally.

Going forward, since we have established a strong track record in our formation years, we seek to build on this by targeting institutional funding. This is with the aim of steadying our income stream to allow our projects to become sustainable on a longer term basis. Also we want to widen and deepen the scope of our work, to help more people and look at new projects that come to us.

We aim to continue to build our media profile by conducting more panel discussions, events with respected partners and via media interviews/articles.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In 2024 the main activities carried out by the charity related to fundraising and awareness raising activities and building an extensive network of partners as we worked towards the implementation of several planned projects in 2024/25. Our key activities and accomplishments in 2024 are as below:

- 1) Several fund raising activities were arranged by the Trustees and other supporters of the charity including a marathon, bake sales and other events, this raised around £2,000 for the charity.
- 2) Beyond Conflict continued to build its partnership with the Ukrainian Welcome Centre ("UWC") based in the Ukrainian Cathedral in Mayfair, London and the Ukrainian Cultural Association who ran a fund fund-raising concert with us. We ran a highly successful project providing music therapy to Ukrainian refugees currently living in England, utilising the UWC's network. The London Barbican Centre and head of music therapy at the Guildhall supported our work.
- 3) We strengthened our Board with the addition of two new Trustees with much valued expertise and international experience. We then reviewed our strategy and published our Mission Statement with core values, providing a road map for the next phase in our development.
- 4) The Charity continued its drive to try and secure institutional funding. In autumn 2023 we secured a funding agreement from the London Stock Exchange Group Foundation ("LSEG"), which donated £20,000 to fund concurrent projects in Israel and for Palestinians in the West Bank. These projects will aim to provide mental health support to people who have been affected by the conflict in the region and will begin in January 2024.
- 5) Beyond Conflict in collaboration with the West London Welcome Centre and War through Children's Eyes mounted its Child at War Exhibition at the Ukrainian Cathedral London in June in partnership with the Charity War through Children's Eyes arising from a competition for schoolchildren who express how war impact children to highlight the mental health impact in particular. The exhibition was curated by and included work by the renowned War artist Arabella Dorman and work by children gathered from schools which had been bombed based on a field visit to Ukraine.
- 6) Following the Exhibition, in June 2024 Beyond Conflict held a Panel Discussion on the Impact of War on Children with Psychotherapists and experts in children's mental health from a number of countries and journalists specialising in the human costs of conflict to raise awareness of the issue and encourage humanitarian organisations to include provision for responding to trauma as an integral part of their work in conflict areas.
- 7) In June 28, the Ukrainian Cultural Association will host a concert in Kensington in aid of BC. Please see the attached flyer and share/buy a ticket. Half the proceeds will go to support a disabled children's centre in Lviv, Ukraine which provides mental health support as well.
- 8) In March 2024, our Executive Director was invited by the Geneva Graduate Institute to co-host and moderate a global conference on mental health and conflict which reached out to a global audience working in this field. This led to various media interviews and articles which raised the profile of Beyond Conflict and supported our advocacy aim to encourage humanitarian organisations to include responding to conflict induced trauma in their programmes following conflict.
- 9) **The Association of Surgeons in Training Association** has made us their charity of 2025 and will be raising funds for us. They invited our

Executive Director to speak at their annual conference and gala dinner in Belfast in March 2025

- 10) July 2024 BC was awarded BC was awarded Best UK Mental Health Charity for Victims of War.





## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Beyond Conflict ended the year with cash reserves of £15,806 (FY23 £30,250) this reduction in cash at bank was driven by the funding of our partners, UJIA and Medical Aid to Palestine (each £10,000) using funding that was provided by London Stock Exchange Group at the end of 2023. In addition, the £5,000 contingency loan from a supporter to cover costs of the Child of War Exhibition was repaid. Subsequently, the same supporter then donated £5,000 to Beyond Conflict. A number of smaller donations were also received.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A – No funds are materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Beyond Conflict is still primarily fundraising from the general public through concerts, exhibitions and other fundraising efforts.

It is the intention of the Trustees to continue to focus on getting hold of institutional funding as a key priority. Institutional funding is regarded as a key step in progressing the work performed by the charity.

With no staff or premises, Beyond Conflict has been able to allocate almost all funds raised to enabling programmes to address the trauma and mental health of our priority beneficiaries, frontline workers, especially medical and emergency staff, and children and women caught up in conflicts. By participating in relevant national and international events mounted by key specialist professional and academic bodies and the quality of our post programme evaluation Beyond Conflict has been able to raise its profile and is increasingly listened to by policy and professional experts.

## Section F

## Other optional information

N/A

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Gillian Dare</i>	Adam Perkins
Full name(s)	Gillian A Dare	Adam C Perkins
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	Trustee
Date	7 October 2025	

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01-Jan-24

To

31-Dec-24

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and Legacies	14,204	-	-	14,204	27,737
Loans	-	-	-	-	5,000
Interest	29	-	-	29	14
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	14,233	-	-	14,233	32,751
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total receipts</i>	14,233	-	-	14,233	32,751
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Fundraising Expenses	2,191	-	-	2,191	303
Projects	20,000	-	-	20,000	8,232
Bank Fees	60	-	-	60	60
Other Fees	927	-	-	927	216
Repayment of Loan	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Donation Sharing - UCA	500	-	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	28,678	-	-	28,678	8,811
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	28,678	-	-	28,678	8,811
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	- 14,445	-	-	- 14,445	23,940
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	30,251	-	-	30,251	6,311
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	15,806	-	-	15,806	30,251

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Bank	15,805	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>15,805</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	