

Annual Report April 2020/2021

- This year marked our 6th anniversary as an organisation, and 3rd year as a charity.
- We have had to change our main focus this year because of lockdown. We have been unable to easily send items abroad as we had done in the past.
- We have focused on fundraising, raising awareness and towards the end of the financial year on helping asylum seekers and refugees based locally.
- We have continued to expand and have 100 volunteers and are followed by nearly 4000 people on our Facebook page.
- We raised £24,500.
- Donated £23,000 to other organisations.

We have focussed on fundraising rather than collecting items, sorting, and salvaging.

This means we have been able to continue to support Anne in Athens, Care for Calais, and other charities for example based in the Balkans and Bangladesh.

As lockdown eased we have collected clothing and household items to distribute to asylum seekers housed locally. We have worked jointly with local charities, especially Welcome House.

Re: the future, we will have to move premises at the end of August. We are anticipating using our 3 containers to store items to distribute locally and we will continue organising and participating in fund raising events to raise more money to help asylum seekers locally and abroad.

Main activity April 2020/April 2021.

We have had some large fundraisers:

- Sponsored cycle ride, this was originally planned to go from Hull to Calais, but volunteers raised £6,200, Cycling and doing other exercise locally and individually.
- Birthday fundraisers, £2,500
- Mel Bonney £700
- Joe Solo – raised £5,000, which we sent straight to Care for Calais.
- We are now receiving regular donations of over £400 a month.

Other Activity.

- We took part in a national collection of hygiene products which were sent to Asylum seekers and refugees in Greece.
- Many masks were made and sold by volunteers to raise funds.
- We started a virtual quiz, which raises on average £200 a month.

- Part of our objectives as a charity is to raise awareness of issues relating to asylum seekers and refugees. We hosted 6 zoom events during the year, including the showing of the acclaimed documentary ,a Syrian Love Story, with a Q&A with the Director Sean McCallister. This session was chaired by Nadine Shah, a Mercury prize nominated musician.
We also heard about: MARDi, an organisation working with homeless asylum seekers in Paris, Action for Education, which works with children in Greece, Care for Calais, and Anne told us about the situation in Athens.

Local activity

Locally, over the last year (lock down permitted), we have been able to offer a service to families and individuals in the community to enable them to choose items that have been donated to us'

These have included :

- Items of bedding such as duvets, duvet covers, sheets and pillowcases: curtains and towels.
- Kitchen equipment, cooking utensils, crockery and cutlery. Bins and other household items.
- PAT tested electrical items such as lamps, slow cookers, hair dryers, Televisions, etc. (We have a volunteer who is a qualified PAT tester)
- Bric a brac, toys, and games.
- Items of clothing and shoes.

People can occasionally take the items they have selected with them at the time, but due to the quantity, we usually deliver them to their homes either on that day or as soon as we can. We have 'set up' a delivery group to accommodate this need.

We will often make a note of items they need/require and contact them when these have been donated. There is an understanding that we provide what we have had donated, although when specific items are viewed as necessary, we will purchase them from our funds. This would usually be if it involved items for babies, young children or for health and wellbeing.

We also signpost people to other organisations like Grow baby or the food bank.

The numbers of families and individuals vary, but we usually welcome around four or five in an average week. This is usually on Friday afternoons, although we can in exceptional circumstances and if we are able to, extend this and open at other times.

Working with Other Organisations

We have worked very closely with other relevant organisations in the city, especially Welcome House, which will soon be opening in the city centre to provide help and support to asylum seekers and refugees. We have provided support to homeless charities and organisations providing support to deprived families.

Some of the specific local activities included:

- preparing and delivering over 130 gift bags to the hotel, ready to give the people there a surprise at Christmas.
- HHfR Volunteers distributing much needed items (including cooking equipment, clothes, bedding, toys etc) from The Avenues Centre, to families that had been identified by Welcome House and HHfR.
- Delivering Christmas gift bags across the city to families that had been identified by Welcome House.

Future Development Locally.

After discussions with one of the Welcome House Volunteers, it has been decided that we will :

Work closely with Welcome House and other agencies in the city to identify and provide much needed support to the asylum seeking families housed locally as well as the young men housed in the hotel.

Conclusion

All of the last year we have been subject to restrictions due to the global pandemic. We have also been aware, that this has made the situation a lot more difficult for people already in a desperate situation, both in Hull and abroad.

We have found ways to be flexible and still achieve our objectives. Our income has more than doubled, and one of our future plans to continue to increase this by asking for regular donations.

We will have to leave our main centre at the end of August, and Hull CC has committed to providing us with different accommodation. We have been allocated a room at Welcome House, and will be working closely with them in the future.

We can only exist with the goodwill and energy of our many volunteers, and people who support us financially. It is clear that the situation for people seeking asylum globally is worsening, and we are keen to play a part, albeit very small in helping people in desperate circumstances both home and abroad.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Hull Help for Refugees	No (if any) 1176555
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 4/2/2020	To	Period end date 4/1/2021
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Donations	19,222	-	-	19,222
Events	4,714	-	-	4,714
Gift Aid	738	-	-	738
Other Income	13	-	-	13
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	24,687	-	-	24,687
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	24,687	-	-	24,687
A3 Payments				
Donations paid out	23,032	-	-	23,032
Operating Expenses	1,254	-	-	1,254
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	24,286	-	-	24,286
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Container	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,286	-	-	24,286
Net of receipts/(payments)	401	-	-	401
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,549	-	-	2,549
Cash funds this year end	2,950	-	-	2,950

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	3,223	-
	Cash at PayPal	727	-
	Less Deferred Income	- 1,000	-
	Total cash funds	2,950	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
	Deferred Income	1,000	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
	Container	Unrestricted	2,392
			-
			-
			-
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			-
			-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name
			Leonne Griggs

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Last year

to the nearest £

10,978
3,266
-
75
-
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14,319

-
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14,319

8,650
2,366
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-
11,016

2,392
2,392

13,408

911
-
1,638
2,549



**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

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**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

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**Current value
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**Current value
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**When due
(optional)**

Date of
approval

9/22/2021