

CHARITY NUMBER: 1177221

CHOOSE LIFE THE PRISONERS INITIATIVE

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Sefton CVS	-		3,375	
Grantscape	2,000		-	
Thomas Howell Grant	-		9,000	
Donations	5,719		-	
Independent Initiative Loan	4,700		1,300	
Other income	-		60	
Residents Top Up	7,573		7,112	
Training Income	-		2,100	
Rental Income	66,844		77,202	
	86,836		100,149	

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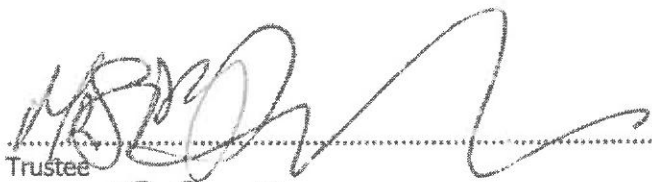
	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Rent payable	34,005		14,280	
Water rates	-		922	
Gas & Electricity	2,920		2,920	
Items for properties incl electrical	767		1,211	
Computers Software	555		-	
Salaries	37,475		37,394	
Employers pension contributions	945		2,442	
Employers National Insurance	-		3,158	
Website Hosting	312		1,104	
Maintenance	1,925		1,197	
Managers travel and subsistence	-		10	
Volunteers travel and subsistence	645		1,895	
Training	69		21,260	
Room hire	300		-	
Bank charges	2		9	
Accountancy	150		-	
Payroll Services	368		-	
Council Tax	3,823		6,313	
Insurance	1,343		694	
Cleaning	448		292	
Stationery & office supplies	72		686	
Telephone	994		920	
Internet	473		429	
Miscellaneous	-		177	
TV Licences	315		309	
Security costs	75		488	
Total payments	89,116		101,676	
Net payments for the year	£ 2,981		£ 2,331	

Monetary Assets:

Bank	59,041		55,969	
Cash	313		401	
	59,354		56,370	

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Trustee				
S P DONOGHUE				

22-11-21.

DENISE JONES 22.11.21
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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative. For the year ended 31st March 2021

I report on the accounts of Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative ('the charity') for the year ended 31st March 2021 .

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Anthony Deegan MAAT, MICB Pm.Dip
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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
From	04	2020	To	01	04 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1177221

Charity's principal address C/O The Independence Initiative

64-68 Balliol Road Bootle L20 7EJ

Postcode L20 7EJ

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	Dave Roberts	Chair	1998 -2019	Steering Committee
2	Kevin O'Brien		2017-2019	Steering Committee
3	Gary Groves		2017-2019	Steering Committee
4	Steve Donahue	Chair	16-04-19 ongoing	Steering Committee
5	Denise Jones		16-04-19 ongoing	Steering Committee
6	Simon Donahue		16-04-19 ongoing	Steering Committee
7	Andrew Leece		10-08-2020 ongoing	Steering Committee
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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

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Incorporated Body
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Through the CIO
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	<p>We asked Sefton CVS if they could assist us recruit Trustees. They held their normal Trustee information day and asked people if they would be willing to trustee for Choose Life.</p> <p>Fortunately, people volunteered and were elected on by the former Trustees.</p> <p>We have had no problems reference our trustees and they are still happy to sit on the board.</p>

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.

<p>As has been stated we our Chair was recruited and trained through the Sefton CVS. We then recruited one Trustee through word of mouth and asked a reliable and trusted volunteer to also sit as a Trustee.</p>
<p>Chair of Trustees</p> <p>Three Trustees</p>
<p>Project Manager, who runs the Project on a day-to-day basis, and reports, On a quarterly basis.</p>
<p>Simon Donoghue has resigned from the board due to work commitments..</p>
<p>The rest of the board remains the same.</p>

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The Charities objectives are to train people in recovery from drugs, alcohol and commonly ex-offenders to go into educational establishments and use their experiential knowledge to educate young people and professionals around the issues of addiction, drug dealing and county lines.

We also house men and women with serious addiction problems and commonly ex-offenders straight from prison in an abstinent environment.

We house up to nine men and women in our two supported houses in Anfield Liverpool. The residents have a background of homelessness, drugs, offending and mental health issues.

We have also trained similar people to go into schools, colleges, youth offending services and youth clubs and educate around the issues of addiction, drug dealing and county lines.

To date we have educated 130,000 young people, 5000 police officers and had over 500 volunteers.

Like every other Charity the Corona virus has hit Choose Life hard, it has stopped our face-to-face addiction education programme completely.

Although this year we are still really struggling to get face to face events we have had about three and had about ten zoom meetings.

Our big priority this year is to get the education part of the project. Evaluated. We are now in the fortunate position of having the project evaluated in the following way:

Liverpool John Moores under the stewardship of Karen Corteen will evaluate the adults educated by Choose Life.

Gloucester University under the stewardship of Sarah Nixon will evaluate the volunteers of Choose Life.

Suffolk University under the stewardship of Laura Polley will evaluate the young people.

Its thought this evaluation will take twelve months.

The two supported houses are being run as per normal.

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)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

The volunteers are the essence of Choose Life and the project, young people and professionals are amazed at their bravery and commitment to educating young people.

We encourage the more experienced volunteers to encourage the newer volunteers at all stages of training and delivering addiction education in the schools and colleges.

We normally take out three volunteers for every event.

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have had 35 residents through the doors of Choose Life houses.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have reserves of 58,971.85. Although the supported housing makes a small loss every month we believe we can make up this loss with the funding coming in from Choose Life

Although the SUPPORTED HOUSING Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil.

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.

The charity's principle funds come from Liverpool City Council housing benefits.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		22-11-21
Full name(s)	Steve Donoghue	Denise Jones
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Steering committee member
Date	01-04-2021	