

# HERE FOR GOOD

England & Wales - Charity number 1177260

## Details

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1 To relieve the needs of migrants experiencing issues with their uk immigration status by providing such persons with free, high quality legal services which they could not otherwise obtain through lack of means or provision of legal aid; 2 The relief and assistance of people who are the victims of war, natural disaster or climate change, trouble or catastrophe, in particular by the supply of legal services and ancillary assistance to such persons seeking refuge in the uk; and 3 To advance such other charitable purposes as the directors at their absolute discretion may from time to time determine.

**Activities:** Free immigration services for vulnerable migrants living in the UK and their family members.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28		-	-	-
2024-02-29	£218,723	£308,908	-	-
2023-02-28	£361,113	£295,821	-	-
2022-02-28	£250,458	£241,312	-	-
2021-02-28	£252,209	£248,162	-	-
2020-02-29	£89,420	£74,349	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
KIM DENISE HOOPER		2018-02-21
Paul David Dossett		2021-05-30
TAHMID RAHMAN CHOWDHURY		2018-02-21

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HERE FOR GOOD



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## CEO's introduction

Here for Good truly is an extraordinary organisation, and it has been an absolute privilege to lead and work alongside such a talented and dedicated team of lawyers. Together, our collective efforts have made a tangible difference in the lives of the thousands of people we have supported. I remain deeply inspired by the commitment, resilience, and dedication of my colleagues and our partners.

This past year has not been without its challenges—for migrants struggling to secure their rights in the UK and for the sector working tirelessly to support them. The demand for our immigration services has been overwhelming, placing immense pressure on our caseworkers, who often support people in crisis while managing heavy caseloads. Compounding these difficulties is the persistent challenge of securing adequate funding, making it increasingly difficult to meet the growing needs of those we serve.

As a result, and despite everyone's best efforts, we have made the difficult decision to place the charity into dormancy. This pause will give the Board of Trustees time to reflect and strategically plan for the next chapter in Here for Good's journey.

This decision is by no means a reflection of the dedication of our team or the importance and demand for the work of organisations like Here for Good. Rather, it reflects the stark realities many of us face—finding a sustainable model that will allow the charity to thrive.

However, I am proud to say that Here for Good's exceptional legal expertise will carry on through the [Here for Good SAFE project](#), which will continue as a partnership between Wilson Solicitors and Seraphus. This project will remain actively engaged in challenging systemic injustices that threaten Europeans and their families.

I am immensely proud of everything we've accomplished as an organisation. I know many share my deep gratitude toward our co-founders, Bella Mosselmans and Tahmid Chowdhury, as well as the dedicated lawyers, including the network of pro bono lawyers across the UK, who have contributed to Here for Good over the years. Their work has provided life-changing, high-quality, and free legal advice to those in need.

Here for Good has helped thousands secure their immigration status in the UK and has impacted tens of thousands more through its strategic litigation efforts. It has been an honour to lead this organisation through such extraordinary times. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this journey—your unwavering support is what has made this work possible. Please join me in wishing the Board of Trustees all the very best as they guide the charity through its next phase.

Bella Kosmala  
CEO, Here for Good

## Message from trustees

For over six years, Here for Good has been at the forefront of protecting and championing the rights of European citizens and their families. In the face of systemic and political pressure, we are proud to have built a charity that is dedicated to its mission, collaborative with its partners, and focused on driving meaningful change for its beneficiaries.

In the last two and a half years, we have expanded our services to support migrants facing urgent and emerging legal issues. We were amongst the first organisations to launch a Ukraine advice scheme following Russia's invasion; and our Afghan strategic legal project has been focused on creating positive systemic change to the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP).

Some of our highlights this past year include:

- Launching our strategic partnership project 'SAFE' with Wilson Solicitors and Seraphus with the aim to challenge systemic injustices that put Europeans and their families at risk through strategic litigation and legal policy work.
- Supporting over a thousand people with complex immigration needs under the EU Settlement Scheme, the Ukraine Schemes and the Afghan Relocation and Policy Scheme, providing them with high-quality and trusted advice and representation, free of charge.
- Intervening in a number of Judicial Reviews to defend the rights of migrants, as well as bringing our own NGO challenge against the Home office arguing that applicants to the EUSS should have a right of appeal against any rejections of late applications as invalid. To find out more, please read our blog posts [here](#) and [here](#).

None of this would have been possible without the hard work and belief of so many.

Our staff and volunteers continue to go above and beyond the call of duty. Their work – in recent years, often dehumanised and delegitimised by politicians and in the press – makes a tangible difference to the lives of our beneficiaries. Without them, there would be no Here for Good.

Our partners, from grassroots NGOs to international law firms, have stood alongside us for years. Their support and commitment to shared values have motivated us to keep fighting for the change we want to see.

Our funders have empowered us to deliver innovative and diverse programmes over the years. Their patience and counsel have made it possible for Here for Good to thrive since we founded back in 2018.

And, most importantly, our clients have demonstrated enormous trust in our ability to safeguard their rights and livelihoods. Putting your faith in another person takes a huge amount of courage, and we are grateful to every individual who has given us the opportunity to make a difference.

The funding and immigration landscapes are changing in the UK. After many years of hard, often voluntary, work, now is a chance for us to reassess Here for Good's role and responsibilities in the sector.

We have always said that charities should be in the business of going out of business. While we know that the need for high quality, strategic legal services remains at an arguably all-time high – across

EUSS, Ukraine, ARAP, and other emerging crises – we are equally certain that this will only be achieved with sustainable, long-term solutions.

So, while we think to the future, we reflect on the past; and thank all those who have supported us in empowering migrants to stay *Here for Good*.

*Tahmid Chowdhury, on behalf of the Board of Trustees*

Kim Hooper  
Gary Simmons  
Paul Dossett

## **About Here for Good**

Here for Good empowers at-risk migrants to secure and safeguard their rights through free, high-quality legal services and strategic legal work. In a fractured immigration environment, the charity adopts a specialist and flexible approach to respond to emerging challenges in a collaborative, deliberate, enduring way.

We work in innovative partnerships to provide legal support to those most-in need, and to fight against unjust and unlawful policies. Our unique model, which can be deployed to plug gaps quickly and efficiently, ensures that no one gets left behind.

We currently provide free advice on the EU Settlement Scheme, the Ukraine Schemes and the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy. We are extremely proud to have successfully supported thousands to secure their immigration status in the UK and impacted tens of thousands more through our strategic litigation work.

## **Unique Legal Model**

Here for Good has a unique structure built on close partnerships. Our team of lawyers are based within law firms and legal centres where they benefit from the partner organisation's knowledge, expertise and supervisory and regulatory structures. We also have a network of skilled volunteer immigration lawyers taking on cases across the UK.

This model has enabled us to provide vital additional capacity across the UK, and provide free high-quality advice and support where it was previously not available. We can join up community-level referrals with specialist advice, and take on strategic litigation and policy work to challenge systemic issues.

## **Responding to Brexit**

Here for Good was originally set up to provide free and high-quality legal advice to Europeans and their family members post-Brexit who are unable to access legal aid to secure their immigration status under the EU Settlement Scheme. Our legal team and network of volunteer lawyers primarily work to support individuals experiencing homelessness; those in financial hardship; domestic violence and trafficking survivors; members of the Roma community; children in care; older people; and others with complex needs. Here for Good also conducts strategic litigation and policy work to uphold and advance the rights of the communities we support. This year we launched our strategic partnership project 'SAFE' with Wilson Solicitors and Seraphus with the aim to challenge systemic injustices that put Europeans and their families at risk.

## **Responding to other emergency immigration crises**

Immigration crises emerge at pace. Chronic and long term underinvestment in legal aid provision has left the sector unable to meet demand. Our unique model can be deployed to plug gaps quickly and efficiently, ensuring no one gets left behind.

Within weeks of the Ukraine scheme opening, we were able to use our partnership with Wilsons to assemble a team of lawyers to run our Ukraine Project, providing legal support and conducting

strategic work to ensure the scheme works fairly for all. This year we have also set up a partnership to respond to the lack of support available to Afghan refugees who fall outside the rules of the UK's Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy with the aim of creating systemic change. Here for Good will continue to respond meaningfully and intentionally to emerging immigration crises where free legal assistance is not available.

## Testimonials from partners and stakeholders

*'Here for Good has been such an important partner in so much of our work, I'll never forget the enormity of Here for Good's commitment throughout the London is Open campaign to bring advice and information to thousands of Londoners on their settlement rights. The Bellas, Tahmid and the whole team have achieved some incredible feats over the past few years. It's been a pleasure to work alongside you.'*

Hannah Boylan, Greater London Authority

*'HfG have been a tremendous force for good over many years and we have been lucky to have been a small part of that story.'*

Matthew Evans, The AIRE Centre

*'We will be eternally grateful for the amazing work that Here for Good has carried out in these past years. You have achieved extraordinary impact not only in people's lives but also in the shaping of the EUSS via the systemic challenges. I will never forget the incredibly positive atmosphere of the organisation's anniversary I attended last year and the numerous impactful stories about the work that you had been doing. You and the whole team at HfG should be incredibly proud of your historic achievements. We will certainly miss you. I am also very glad to hear that the SAFE project will keep essential work on the ground.'*

Jaime de Vilotta, the EU Delegation to the UK

*'Here for Good has been such a great organisation and the help they provided to EU nationals and their families was invaluable. It's a pity that it will cease its activity now but you never know what the future will bring.'*

Toni Petkova, Settled

*'We really enjoyed working with you and would like to thank you and the team for your critical work supporting migrants in need. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavours and hope that our paths cross again.'*

*We would also like to wish trustees all the best as they navigate Here for Good's next phase and we would be pleased to hear what trustees decide in due course.'*

Karen Lam, Blue Thread Foundation

*'Thank you for all the support you've provided to the most vulnerable in our community, in helping them apply for and obtain an immigration status under the EU Settlement Scheme. It has been a pleasure working with you and your team over the last few years.'*

Nadia Mihai, The Romanian and Eastern European Hub

## About our advice services

### EU Settlement Scheme advice service

The EUSS advice service is the core of Here for Good's work. The service was set up in 2018 following extensive research by the two co-founders which demonstrated a complete lack of free legal advice available for European citizens and their family members across the UK.

Years have now passed since the official EUSS application deadline but Here for Good's EUSS advice service continues to see a significant number of vulnerable individuals who require high-quality legal support. It is widely understood that the types of cases we are seeing are infinitely more complex.

This is due to the nature itself of the Scheme as the individuals who approach us for 1-2-1 support now generally represent the portion of population that was not reached by communications and outreach efforts in the last years; those who are still waiting for a decision to be reached in their application and may face connected issues; those who have struggled to submit a complete and effective application due to various vulnerabilities and those who have been refused and are looking to challenge this.

This impacts the complexity of applications and in turns affects the time spent on each matter and thus the potential volume of casework. In August 2023, the Home Office made changes to the Rules that had a huge impact on Here for Good caseload and capacity as cases became more complex, urgent and uncertain. By February 2024, the pressure on our services was so severe that we had to make the difficult decision to pause our EUSS referral service to allow our caseworkers to catch up.

Here for Good's blended approach to advice provision has however continued to be effective. With hubs in both London and the Midlands, and volunteers across the country, the charity has been able to take on cases from every corner of the UK. This has proven especially important given the high number of complex referrals received from other organisations, including many in the Home Office's grant-funded network.

Our in-house EUSS advice team consists of Bianca Valperga, Isobel Cairns and Leonie Fach (Isobel's maternity cover) who work from the AIRE Centre, Matthew Davies who works from Wilson Solicitors and George Hanvere, Elliott Dipper and Nikita Swift who work from Nottingham-based Paragon Law.

We provide advice over phone and email and also take on 1-2-1 referrals from organisations that work with particularly vulnerable Europeans and their family members such as refuges, homelessness services and local authorities. The phone service is public facing, whilst email advice and case referrals are means-tested. Some groups we support include:

- People with disabilities/ serious health conditions (e.g. physical or mental impairment)
- Homeless / rough sleepers
- Roma communities (and other similar vulnerable migrant or marginalised populations)

- Victims of trafficking/modern slavery
- Victims of domestic abuse
- Older people
- Care leavers
- Looked after children
- Economic vulnerability
- Precarious circumstances

About 40% of our clients identify as people of colour, over 70% are women and the majority of our clients are non-EEA nationals e.g. family members (23%) followed by Romanian nationals (19%) and Italian nationals (17%).

During the period 2023/2024 the EUSS advice service provided **free high quality legal advice to over 800 individuals through 1-2-1 casework, phone and email advice.**

Some feedback from Here for Good EUSS clients:

*“First time in my life I had to seek for help from a solicitor and I think that in the future I will make sure I am legally assisted whenever needed instead of trying to deal with the problem on my own. Having a solicitor on my side changed everything for the best. I felt I could relax and trust [name of H4G caseworker] 100%”*

*“Here for Good were absolutely amazing for our family from start to finish and I can’t recommend them highly enough. They offered us invaluable advice and help during the most difficult of times. They were knowledgeable, professional, quick and efficient and offered us the support we needed to obtain pre- settled status in a complex scenario when nobody else could help us. My family could have never afforded to pay for a similar service and the fact that Here for Good were there for us literally saved my mum and offered her the chance to be able to access the NHS care services that she needed. Here for Good have changed our lives for the better through the services they offer and I can’t imagine anything they could have done better as they went above and beyond to help us. Thank you so much.”*

A case study illustrating the struggle of applicants who are faced with long delays and anxiety as well as the amount of work that can exist behind a single client:

“M is a non-EEA national who is the primary carer of two EEA children. The EEA father is not involved and the mother suffered DV. M came to Here for Good in August of 2022 having submitted an application by herself in 2021. Her file was opened then and we proceeded to try and get in touch with the Home Office to understand the delay. Few weeks after this approach M received her refusal decision.

An administrative review was submitted in time in the autumn of 2022. This remained outstanding until July 2023. During this time M was very anxious and we worked to chase the Home Office for a decision frequently.

In July 2023 M was refused based on an unlawful interpretation of Home Office Guidance. An appeal was submitted and a pro bono barrister instructed.

Considering the unlawfulness of the decision a Pre-action Protocol letter was sent to the Home Office with the help of another Here for Good lawyer and a pro bono barrister. This was settled with the promise that the Home Office would relook the decision.

A new positive decision was finally issued in early 2024.”

### **EUSS strategic litigation and legal policy work**

Here for Good has continued to use its advisory service to inform our wider, more strategic activities in the sector. We feed into reports, speak at events and develop helpful resources for the sector to use. Here for Good’s strategic legal work is overseen by Bella Mosselmans, Here for Good’s co-founder and Senior Legal and Strategy Advisor.

The charity regularly attends the EUSS Alliance, coordinated by the New Europeans UK. We sit on the EU Delegation’s Monitoring Network and the EU Delegation’s Outreach sub-group, providing regular opportunities to inform grassroots activity across the sector based on its expertise.

Here for Good also works closely with the Independent Monitoring Authority (IMA) where we sit on their Litigation stakeholder group.

- Together with the AIRE Centre, Here for Good sent a [joint letter to the Home Office](#) in March 2023 highlighting issues relating to how their EUSS caseworkers handle the distinction between holding a passport and holding a nationality. Through our casework we are seeing a notable increase in requests for further evidence of their EEA nationality despite already having provided this. This is particularly prevalent in children’s cases where their first passport has been issued later in life.

Not only does this practice place an extra burden on the applicant within a strict 14 day deadline, these incorrect assessments also lead to unnecessary delays and outcomes. We are further concerned that the current approach may have a disproportionate impact on certain groups of applicants.

- In May 2023 Here for Good published [a report on the impact of Home Office decision making in EUSS applications](#), highlighting the many shortcomings that our lawyers had witnessed over the course of the years. This was sent to the Home Office as well as the IMA and the EU Delegation. With the help of the EU Delegation, a meeting was convened with the sector and several representatives from the Home Office in the autumn of 2023. During this meeting the Home Office clearly recognised the issues raised in the report and committed to addressing some of them, mainly through a refresh programme for its caseworker. The impact of this meeting and the promised improvements is being monitored by the IMA.
- As part of its policy and strategic litigation work, Here for Good intervened in two cases before the Court of Appeal (Celik v SSHD and Siddiqa v SSHD) to put forward arguments about the respect of the Withdrawal Agreement with regard to extended family members. Please

read our EUSS Legal policy officer and caseworker Bianca Valperga's blogs about the case to learn more about our arguments and the judgment which was passed down on the 31st July 2023.

<https://hereforgoodlaw.org/euss/here-for-good-and-the-aire-centre-intervene-in-celik-v-sshd>

<https://hereforgoodlaw.org/euss/celik-v-sshd-judgment-and-next-steps/>

- In September 2023, we published a [report outlining the changes and anticipated issues](#) with the Home Office's Statements of Changes to the Immigration Rules which came out in July that same year.
- In January 2024, our CEO was invited to sit on the panel of an event organised by the EU Delegation to the UK and Migration Exchange, hosted by the Embassy of Spain, raising awareness about the challenges of the EU Settlement Scheme and fostering strategic alliances between funders and organisations that support EU citizens. [This blog post](#) captures the event and the main arguments and recommendations made.
- In February 2024, the [response from Wilson Solicitors to the Call for Evidence for the Civil Legal Aid Review](#) was submitted (written with the resource support from Here for Good). The response includes suggestions for changes that could improve civil legal aid in the short, medium and long-term.

### The Here for Good SAFE project

This financial year also saw Here for Good launching a new strategic partnership funded by Paul Hamlyn Foundation - [the Strategic Alliance for Europeans \(S.A.F.E\)](#). This is a partnership between Here for Good, Wilson Solicitors and Seraphus to challenge systems that put Europeans and their families at risk.

The project combines our strengths in legal policy development, complex casework and strategic litigation to ease the constraints of the EU Settlement Scheme, so that people currently excluded by the scheme can have their rights protected by the scheme in future. Concurrently we consider changes needed to immigration law, so it reflects changes since Brexit with the aim of developing alternative protections for those excluded by the EUSS.

The project gathers case data, analyses trends and conducts research to support our policy work and strategic legal challenges. At the heart of this work is also increasing the capacity of charities already working on complex casework arising from fast paced changes to the EUSS landscape.

The core team consists of Mala Savjani and Nina Pulimood – solicitors at Wilsons Solicitors LLP – who undertake the strategic legal challenges of the project, and Anna Hawkes – lawyer at Seraphus – who



leads on the legal policy work for the project. The team works closely with legal policy colleagues at Seraphus and Bella Mosselmans and Bianca Valperga at Here for Good.

The project hit the ground running and has already achieved amazing results:

- In the light of the Home Office's changes to the Rules in August 2023, Here for Good decided to issue a judicial review challenge - a complex piece of litigation and a bundle amounting to 2000 pages containing witness statements from Wesley Gryk Solicitors, Polish Migrants Organise for Change, Seraphus and The3Million and a series of fifteen case studies as supporting evidence. To read more about the challenge, please read our blog posts [here](#) and [here](#).
- [Late applications guide](#) for legal advisers completed. Distributed to EUSS Alliance and Refugee Legal Group and on HfG website.
- Drafted a joint letter co-signed by advice and support organisations in the sector [calling on embassies and consulates to support the sector with funding](#).
- Training session on late applications under the EUSS with HFG's volunteer lawyer network members and their colleagues, delivered by Chris Benn from Seraphus.
- Developed a [template pre-action protocol \(PAP\) letter](#) to be used as a tool to assist individual applicants who applied to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) from 9 August 2023 onwards and have had their applications rejected as invalid for lack of reasonable grounds for submitting the application late.
- Identified key areas to be challenged via legal mechanisms (as distinguished from issues to be tackled via policy)
- Sent invalidity pre-action protocol letters to at least 15 clients with cases in order to find a suitable case for judicial review. All cases were settled and pre-settled and settled statuses have been obtained for clients.

The team also did the following:

- Submitted late applications for clients whose cases fell outside date for judicial review. These have all been successful.
- Gathered evidence from the sector of late applications overturned by new applications and/or PAP provided to EU Delegation and IMA to find basis to approach the Home Office. Indirectly assisted in the amending of the Home Office EUSS policy guidance document regarding late applications.
- Attended meeting with Roma Support Group regarding ILR wet stamp holders and evidence gathered founded basis for questions sent to the Home Office and EU Commission via the EU Delegation.
- Considered in detail the issues affecting applicants from Home Office Guidance change in August 2023. Liaised with Here for Good advice service and other organisations within the sector and the EUSS Alliance including the 3million, AIRE and Rights of Women.
- Involvement with the3million's Community Lawyering project, setting up workshops to gather intelligence from the sector.

### **Ukraine advice project**

The Here for Good Ukraine Project was set up in March 2022, following Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the launch of the UK government's two visa schemes 'Homes for Ukraine' and the 'Ukraine Family Scheme'. Here for Good launched a crowdfunding campaign which raised over £33,000.

The unique advice model of Here for Good makes us nimble and meant that we were able to set the project up quickly which enabled us to assist a large volume of clients very quickly and efficiently. The advice team sits at Wilson LLP and consists of Mala Savjani, Anais Crane and Rosa Pinard.

In 2023/2024, the Here for Good Ukraine Project provided the following types of advice:

- Dedicated phone line open from 10am-12 midday on Tuesdays and Thursdays (until September 2023 when we assessed that there did not appear to be a demand for the phone line)
- One-off advice via email
- 1-2-1 advice for complex cases
- Liaising with other organisations and legal providers and providing advice to them

The Here for Good Ukraine Project has a specialist advice provider within this area and there are very few other legal organisations who continue to provide specific immigration support to this group.

Key stats – referrals and advice provided in 2023/2024

- We had 81 referrals
- We advised 78 people (inc. phone, email advice and 1-2-1)
- We assisted 128 people in total (including dependants)
- We provided 1-2-1 support to 11 people with particularly complex cases

Our Ukraine advice service receives a lot of referrals from third country nationals who could qualify under the schemes, or where it seems unjust for them not to be granted some form of Leave Outside The Rules (LOTR).

The cases we are taking on are very complex, and are taking a minimum of around 5-6 hours of time. Where there is a refusal, and we then send a Pre-Action Protocol (PAP), the case can take 10-15 hours of time.

We also work alongside other organisations including DLA Piper's Pro Bono Ukraine Project, Asylum Aid, Praxis and Safe Passage and assist with cases where we have capacity to take on referrals.

*Significant complex cases with successful outcomes:*

Assisted a Ukrainian national to obtain a grant of refugee status in the UK after his Ukraine Scheme application was refused. His claim was based on fear of persecution as a gay, HIV positive man. We submitted extensive evidence in support of the asylum claim and liaised with the client who is extremely vulnerable with very precarious mental health.

Obtained leave to remain for a newborn baby outside the rules after her parents and sister arrived in the UK under the Ukraine Scheme.

Assisted a child to obtain leave to remain under the scheme following a lengthy Delay.

Assisted an elderly Russian man to obtain leave to remain to join his Ukrainian family members in the UK.

Assisted a couple in Ukraine to obtain leave to remain after a lengthy delay, meaning they were finally able to reunite with their daughter in the UK.

After submitting pre-action protocol letters in relation to refused application, have settled with the Home Office in multiple cases, where Home Office has agreed to reconsider negative decisions, often in complex cases which fall outside the rules and/or involve 3rd country nationals with Ukrainian family members.

### **Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP) project**

The Afghan Relocation and Assistance and Policy (ARAP) is a UK scheme aimed at Afghan nationals who worked for or with the British Government. It was launched in April 2021 with the aim of relocating to the UK those deemed eligible under ARAP.

However, the ARAP scheme has failed and keeps failing many individuals. It unfortunately has very narrow eligibility criteria, making it very challenging for individuals to be found eligible despite having very strong evidence. Moreover, individuals who applied under ARAP have been waiting a very long time for their application to be processed despite the urgency of the situation of those in Afghanistan. Many Afghans remain in danger of the Taliban as a direct result of their work and support to the UK and keep being denied a safe route to the UK for themselves and their families.

In 2023, Here for Good set up a pilot project with Wilson Solicitors to address the gaps in the ARAP Scheme. We are pursuing a handful of strategic legal cases with the ambition to create wider positive change for many Afghans. We are working on cases of a variety of different Afghan people, all of whom are at heightened risk of being targeted by the Taliban due to their assistance of the UK Mission. For example, former senior intelligence officials that assisted the British military or drivers of UK-contracted international development organisations. A number of those we are helping have young children and are currently stranded, having been denied access to safety in the UK.

Through being able to work on these strategic cases – and challenge refusals by the UK Home Office – Here for Good hopes to get guidance in place that provides this cohort of people an adequate route to safety in the UK.

The project also hopes to draw public attention to the huge injustices faced by many Afghan people who are being denied the UK's support after risking their own safety to support the UK. For example, our team contributed to the following news piece in Open Democracy -

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/robert-jenrick-afghan-female-lawyer-dave-doogan-resettlement-home-office/>

We hope that the UK Government will be encouraged to act urgently to address these injustices and grant people a route to safety and sanctuary in the UK.

## **Organisational updates**

### **People**

In this financial year we welcomed Leonie Fach onto the EUSS advice team as the volunteer coordinator and EUSS caseworker, covering for Isobel Cairns who was on maternity leave. We also welcomed Matthew Davies at Wilson Solicitors as an EUSS caseworker. We said goodbye to one of longest standing EUSS caseworkers George Hanvere who left our partner law firm Paragon Law.

We also welcomed solicitors Mala Savjani and Nina Pulimood onboard, based at Wilsons and heading up our strategic legal work as part of the SAFE project.

We also formed a team of six solicitors at Wilson Solicitors, each of them working a strategic case under the ARAP Scheme - Alaa Ahmed, Amelia Meldau, Isaac Abraham, Mathilde Vivares, Rebecca Hacker and Rebecca Morris.

### **Funding**

After many years of growth, during which we expanded our services to include specialist advice on the Ukraine visa schemes and the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP), Here for Good faced significant capacity challenges. We struggled to find the time and resources needed to dedicate to fundraising efforts that would sustain and expand our services. Additionally, we were unable to add capacity to take on crucial tasks such as fundraising, which further hindered our ability to secure vital income. Our core income stream—Home Office funding—has also consistently decreased, despite our repeated efforts to highlight the inadequacy of this funding model. Between the financial years ending 2021 and 2024, this funding dropped by over 60%, making it increasingly difficult to maintain our services at the necessary level.

However, during the financial year of 2023/2024 the following independent trusts and public bodies generously supported our work:

- AB Charitable Trust
- Paul Hamlyn Foundation
- Greater London Authority
- Home Office
- Trust for London
- Jubilee Foundation / Blue Thread
- ONTRA

### **Partnerships**

The migrants' rights sector is highly collaborative, and there's no doubt that Here for Good's work would not be possible without the support of its network of partners. Whether it's the experience of its legal partners, the specialised expertise of its charitable partners, or the logistical knowledge and

resources of its institutional partners, the charity's success is driven by its ability to draw on a pool of highly skilled and committed collaborators.

In the past year, Here for Good has strengthened its ties with existing partners, and established links with new organisations, allowing it to increase its capacity and impact.

### **Legal Partners**

AIRE Centre - London based legal charity. New volunteer coordinator and EUSS caseworker Isobel Cairns and legal policy officer and EUSS caseworker Bianca Valperga joined in January 2023.

IOM - we continue to work in our consortium with IOM as a Home Office grant-funded organisation providing EUSS advice to in-need Europeans and their families.

Paragon Law - Nottingham based niche immigration law firm. Advisers Nikita Swift, George Hanvere and Elliott Dipper split a part-time role providing legal advice relating to the EU Settlement Scheme over the phone, email and 1-2-1 casework.

Seraphus Solicitors - London based law firm providing legal policy expertise in the strategic SAFE project - a partnership between Here for Good, Wilson Solicitors and Seraphus.

Wilson LLP - Caseworkers Anais Crane and Rosa Pinard provide advice under the two visa schemes Homes for Ukraine and Ukraine Family Scheme as part of Here for Good's Ukraine advice project. Mala Savjani provided support as the strategy and policy lead. Another six caseworkers all work strategic cases under the ARAP scheme project run by Here for Good.

### **Referral partners**

The charity relies upon numerous not-for-profit organisations for complex case referrals. Partners include other organisations in the migrants' rights sector, as well as organisations who work with at-risk and vulnerable groups, such as charities tackling homelessness and domestic violence.

By drawing on the in-depth knowledge of these charities, gained working on the frontlines in their respective fields, Here for Good can more effectively support those who most need help.

### **Institutional Partners**

The support that Here for Good receives from established institutional partners is vital. The organisation works closely with the Greater London Authority and the Mayor of London, the EU Delegation to the UK and the Independent Monitoring Authority.

### **Since the year end**

#### **Casework**

- Our caseworkers across all three advice services continued to provide high-quality and free immigration advice to migrants in need.

#### **Strategic legal work**

- In the light of the Home Office's changes to the Rules in August 2023, Here for Good decided to issue a judicial review challenge - a complex piece of litigation and a bundle amounting to 2000 pages containing witness statements from Wesley Gryk Solicitors, Polish Migrants

Organise for Change, Seraphus and The3Million and a series of fifteen case studies as supporting evidence. To read more about the challenge, please read our blog [here](#) and [here](#).

### Legal policy and advocacy

- Here for Good was a member of the JUSTICE working group for, contributing to the report '[Reforming the EU Settlement Scheme: The Way Forward for the EUSS](#)', which was published in March 2024 and contained recommendations to the Home Office on the Scheme.
- Here for Good drafted and coordinated [a joint letter signed by advice and support organisations across the UK](#) working with EU citizens and their families affected by Brexit. The letter serves as an urgent appeal to EU Member States to take action in response to the need of many of your citizens living in the UK who struggle to secure and safeguard their rights in the UK, and the charity advice sector working tirelessly to support them. Our CEO was invited to Europe House to give evidence to representatives from EEA member states about the situation.
- We are also part of a research project on Roma people and their experiences of the EUSS, coordinated by the University of Sheffield.

### Objects, Governance and Legal Structure

#### Overview

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on the preparation of accounts by charities with gross incomes of less than £500,000 and comply with the charity's governing document.

#### Registration

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) no. 1177260 was formed on the 21 February 2018 and is governed by the conditions contained within its constitution.

#### Address

The charity's registered address is:

Here for Good, 15 Crosby Walk, London, E8 3DW.

#### Trustees

At the start of the financial year, the charity's trustees were:

Tahmid Chowdhury (Co-Founder), Isabella Mosselmans (Co-Founder), Paul Dossett, Kim Hooper, Gary Simmons and Zeena Luchowa.

During the financial year 2023/2024 we welcomed Carla Mirallas Martinez and Georgina Pope onto the Board.

At the end of the financial year, the charity's trustees were:

Tahmid Chowdhury (Co-Founder), Carla Mirallas Martinez, Georgina Pope, Paul Dossett, Kim Hooper and Gary Simmons.

## **Objects**

The charity's objectives are:

- To relieve poor persons across England and Wales – primarily those who are EEA citizens and their non-EEA family members living in the UK – by providing such persons with free, high quality legal services which they could not otherwise obtain through lack of means; and
- The relief and assistance of people who are the victims of war or natural disaster, trouble, or catastrophe in particular by the supply of legal services and ancillary assistance to such persons seeking refuge in the UK;
- To advance such other charitable purposes as the directors at their absolute discretion may from time to time determine.

## **Structure, Governance, and Management**

Here for Good is governed by its constitution.

The charity has an active and involved Board of Trustees. Each trustee has an equal vote in Board meetings. They retain complete oversight over the charity from a governance, financial and operational perspective. The Trustees meet as a Board every 6 to 8 weeks based on a structured agenda provided by the CEO.

The Board is supported in its role by the charity's CEO Bella Kosmala and co-founder and Senior Legal and Strategy Adviser Isabella Mosselmans, making up the charity's executive team together with co-founder Tahmid Chowdhury.

The non-founding Trustees have extensive financial, governance, accounting and immigration law experience which compliments the legal and operational skills of the co-founders and the CEO. The Trustees take steps to ensure that the Charity remains a going concern by scrutiny of the financial position at every Board meeting and the financial risks associated with any new projects proposed by CEO and executive team.

In the sixth year of operations, the charity directly or indirectly employed nineteen members of staff in total. Sixteen staff providing legal services were formally employed by partner law firms and seconded to work on the Here for Good project. Two made up the executive team and one was

hired on a freelance basis to support the charity's communications.

### **Financial Matters**

Only two members of Here for Good's board have access to the charity's bank account, on which major financial transactions are limited except with both signatories' consent. A third member of the board, independent of this and a chartered accountant, is responsible for drafting the annual statutory financial statements .

All trustees review budgets and financial forecasts in board meetings; they can also request these for inspection at any time. They all have sight of accounts in advance of their publication.

A full set of Here for Good's accounts, for the period ended 29 February 2024 follows.

### **FY6 Accounts**

#### *Accounts Overview*

A full set of accounts are attached as an appendix to this report, titled 'Here for Good FY6 Accounts'.

#### *Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees*

The independent examiner's report to the trustees is also included as an appendix to this report, titled 'Here for Good IE Report – FY6 Accounts'.

### **Statement**

As a Trustee, I am duly authorised to sign the accounts on behalf of Here for Good. To the best of my knowledge, the accounts are accurate and have been independently examined to a high standard.



Tahmid Chowdhury  
Trustee and Co-Founder  
31st October 2024

**Here for Good**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 29 February 2024**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ended 29.02.2024	Year ended 28.02.2023
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Donations and similar resources	1,291		1,291	21,798
Operating activities				
in furtherance of charity's objects	33,832	183,600	217,432	
in furtherance of charity's objects			0	308,195
Other income			<u>0</u>	<u>31,121</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>35,123</u>	<u>183,600</u>	<u>218,723</u>	<u>361,114</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds			0	649
Charitable expenditure				0
in furtherance of the charity's objects	39,731	256,817	296,548	294,178
Management and administration	<u>12,360</u>		<u>12,360</u>	<u>995</u>
Total resources expended	<u>52,091</u>	<u>256,817</u>	<u>308,908</u>	<u>295,822</u>
Net movement in resources	(16,968)	(73,217)	(90,185)	65,292
Total funds brought forward	<u>24,123</u>	<u>78,176</u>	<u>102,299</u>	<u>37,008</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>7,155</u>	<u>4,959</u>	<u>12,114</u>	<u>102,300</u>

**Summary Income and Expenditure Account  
for the year ended 29 February 2024**

	<b>Year ended 29.02.2024 £</b>	<b>Year ended 28.02.2023 £</b>
Gross income of continuing activities	218,723	361,114
Total expenditure of continuing operations	<u>308,908</u>	<u>295,822</u>
Net income / (loss) for the year	<u>(90,185)</u>	<u>65,292</u>

The summary income and expenditure account is derived from the Statement of Financial Activities above, which together with the notes to the accounts on the following pages provides full information on the movements during the year

**Balance Sheet as at 29 February 2024**

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current assets			
Cash at Bank		169,883	178,012
Debtors		<u>28,600</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>198,483</u>	<u>178,012</u>
Liabilities - amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals		<u>186,370</u>	<u>75,713</u>
Net current assets		<u>12,114</u>	<u>102,299</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>12,114</u>	<u>102,299</u>
Funds	3		
Restricted		5,138	78,175
Designated		0	0
Unrestricted		<u>6,976</u>	<u>24,124</u>
		<u>12,114</u>	<u>102,299</u>

**Approved by the Trustees on 30 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:**

**Gary Simmons** *GK Simmons*  
**Chair of Trustee Board**

the notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

## Here for Good

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 29 February 2024

#### 1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, accounting and reporting by charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st October 2019) (Charity SORP FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). Herefor Good meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Grants

Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on an accruals basis following the satisfaction of any pre-conditions

c) Donations, other income, fundraising and gifts

Donations, other income, gifts and fund raising are recognised in the accounts on a received basis. Gifts in kind are valued at their value to the charitable company

d) Expenditure and support costs

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred and includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation arises. Costs of raising funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income. Governance costs are those costs incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements

e) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The Trustees consider that the principal uncertainty regarding going concern relates to the ability to raise funds. The Trustees monitor results and budget to mitigate that risk.

f) Volunteers

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included

g) Taxation

No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the charitable company is entitled to exemption from tax afforded by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred

g) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

## 2 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the Trustees were remunerated directly or indirectly. (2023 Nil)  
During the year, no trustees received expenses (2023 Nil)

## 3 Funds breakdown

	<b>Balance 1.3.23</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Spend</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance 29.2.24</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
EUSS	59,132	109,962	167,278		1,816
EUSS SAFE		54,338	54,338		0
Ukraine	19,044	10,000	29,223	179	0
Afghan		7,155	3,833		3,322
EUSS SAFE legal report		2,145	2,145		0
Unrestricted	<u>24,123</u>	<u>35,123</u>	<u>52,091</u>	<u>(179)</u>	<u>6,976</u>
	<u>102,299</u>	<u>218,723</u>	<u>308,908</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,114</u>



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees**

Charity Name  
HERE FOR GOOD

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

29 February 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1177260

**Set out on pages**

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*(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 29/02/2024.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 Charities 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:** Riz Wasti

**Date:** 29/12/2024

**Name:** Syed Rizwan Wasti

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

CIMA UK

**Address:**

Unit 11, 81 Crampton Street

London. SE17 3BF

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

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

**HERE FOR GOOD**

England & Wales - Charity number 1177260

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# Accounts

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# 2022-23

## Trustees' Annual Report

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Charity number: 1177260



## **CEO's introduction**

Those working in migration policy in the UK know it is a complex and constantly evolving issue. This year gone was no exception.

I came onboard as CEO in March of 2022, and as I write this I have had the pleasure of leading Here for Good for exactly one year. I am grateful to the charity's two co-founders and previous Joint-CEOs, Bella Mosselmans and Tahmid Chowdhury, whose dedication and guidance has been invaluable, and to the advice teams and the Board for welcoming me into the Here for Good family. Bella Mosselmans has also stepped into the position of Senior Legal and Strategy Advisor to provide regular guidance and support. I am proud to head up a charity with such a clear mission - to secure and safeguard migrants' rights through free, high-quality legal services and strategic legal work.

In the year following the official application deadline to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS), the number of applications submitted to the Home Office from Europeans and their families apply remained high - well over 50,000 every month. Many applicants continue to struggle to access their rights under what has quickly become one of the most complex pieces of immigration law under the new post-Brexit immigration system. Five years into existence, Here for Good has carved out a reputation as a legal charity with high-quality and specialist advice for complex cases concerning in-need individuals, thanks to our excellent EUSS advice team.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine was perhaps the most defining event of 2022 and led to the creation of two new refugee visa routes into the UK - the Homes for Ukraine Scheme and the Ukraine Family Scheme. Thanks to Here for Good's unique model, we were able to quickly mobilise a team of lawyers and set up a new advice project supporting people fleeing Ukraine.

In the last twelve months, we have worked hard to make sure our work can have even more impact; amongst many things we have expanded our EUSS advice team, set up a Ukraine advice project, recruited a new volunteer network coordinator as well as created a new legal policy role to more strategically respond to systemic issues that we identify in our casework.

Looking ahead, it is clear that anyone in the business of upholding migrants' rights has their work cut out for them. Using the unique Here for Good model, we are determined to continue to respond meaningfully and intentionally to emerging immigration crises where free legal assistance is not available. In 2023/2024 we will be launching a legal partnership to respond to the lack of support available to Afghan refugees who fall outside the rules of the UK's Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy. We will also invest in our strategic work to create meaningful and wide-reaching change and develop our existing advice services to respond to our clients' needs in a more holistic manner.

Our key strategic risks are, as always, securing funding from government and independent funding bodies in a cost of living crisis; recruiting and retaining high quality lawyers to help us meet our objectives; and ensuring that our excellent volunteer network remains engaged. Together with the Board, I am committed to addressing these issues head on in the coming years.

Without the contributions of many others, we would not be in the position we are in; a position where we can make a truly positive difference to people's lives. To our partners, supporters, volunteers, staff, and, most importantly, clients - thank you for the trust you have placed in us and for your ongoing, unwavering support.

**Bella Kosmala**  
**CEO, Here for Good**

## **Message from trustees**

War, economic downturns, and an expansion of the hostile environment have all tested Here for Good's resolve over the past year. In what has been a complex, and too often fatal, year for charities across the country, we are proud to reflect on another successful 12 months supporting vulnerable migrants across the country.

In early 2022, my fellow trustees and I were on the search for a new CEO who could take Here for Good to the next level. We found Bella Kosmala, who in her vision, generosity, and poise embodied all the critical values we have as a charity. Since joining, Bella has restructured our EUSS team to strengthen the support we offer vulnerable migrants affected by Brexit; established our Ukraine service to support refugees fleeing conflict in Eastern Europe; and identified opportunities where we can make an even bigger difference as a charity.

Bella would be the first to say that she couldn't have done it alone. Our growing team continue to astound me with their professionalism, talent, diligence, and class. I had the pleasure of joining their away day the same week Here for Good celebrated turning five; it filled me with total confidence that the charity is in excellent hands as we look to support more at-risk migrants over the next five years.

That said, reflection should be short lived. Yes, we need to learn from our success and our mistakes. Yes, we need to celebrate the immense contribution our team has made to the UK immigration sector and people's lives; as well as our partners and funders who have supported us with such grace over the years. However, we also need to focus on the challenges ahead, dedicating the same commitment and passion that has underpinned our first five years.

Our CEO, Bella Kosmala, is settled in her role and firmly holding the reigns towards an increasingly effective future. As she drives the organisation forward, she will continue to be supported by Here for Good's co-founder, Bella Mosselmans, in her new strategic advisory role. The Board aren't just confident that the Bellas will deliver for our charity's beneficiaries; we're excited to support them and the wider staff team in this next phase of our journey.

After all, it's why we got involved. It's what makes us Here for Good.

**Tahmid Chowdhury, on behalf of the Here for Good Board of Trustees:**

**Isabella Mosselmans**

**Kim Hooper**

**Gary Simmons**

**Paul Dossett**

**Zeena Luchowa**

## About Here for Good

Here for Good empowers at-risk migrants to secure and safeguard their rights through free, high-quality legal services and strategic legal work. In a fractured immigration environment, the charity adopts a specialist and flexible approach to respond to emerging challenges in a collaborative, deliberate, enduring way.

We work in innovative partnerships to provide legal support to those most-in need, and to fight against unjust and unlawful policies. Our unique model, which can be deployed to plug gaps quickly and efficiently, ensures that no one gets left behind.

We currently provide free advice on the EU Settlement Scheme and the Ukraine Schemes. We are extremely proud to have successfully supported thousands to secure their immigration status in the UK and impacted tens of thousands more through our strategic litigation work.

### Unique Legal Model

Here for Good has a unique structure built on close partnerships. Our team of lawyers are based within law firms and legal centers where they benefit from the partner organisation's knowledge, expertise and supervisory and regulatory structures. We also have a network of skilled volunteer immigration lawyers taking on cases across the UK.

This model has enabled us to provide vital additional capacity across the UK, and provide free high-quality advice and support where it was previously not available. We can join up community-level referrals with specialist advice, and take on strategic litigation and policy work to challenge systemic issues.

### Responding to Brexit

Here for Good was originally set up to provide free and high-quality legal advice to Europeans and their family members post-Brexit who are unable to access legal aid to secure their immigration status under the EU Settlement Scheme. Our legal team and network of volunteer lawyers primarily work to support individuals experiencing homelessness; those in financial hardship; domestic violence and trafficking survivors; members of the Roma community; children in care; older people; and others with complex needs. Here for Good also conducts strategic litigation and policy work to uphold and advance the rights of the communities we support.

### Responding to other emergency immigration crises

Immigration crises emerge at pace. Chronic and long term underinvestment in legal aid provision has left the sector unable to meet demand. Our unique model can be deployed to plug gaps quickly and efficiently, ensuring no one gets left behind.

Within weeks of the Ukraine scheme opening, we were able to use our partnership with Wilsons to assemble a team of lawyers to run our Ukraine Project, providing legal support and conducting strategic work to ensure the scheme works fairly for all. Here for Good will continue to respond meaningfully and intentionally to emerging immigration crises where free legal assistance is not available.

## About our services

### 1. EU Settlement Scheme advice service

The EUSS advice service is the core of Here for Good's work. The service was set up in 2018 following extensive research by the two co-founders which demonstrated a complete lack of free legal advice available for European nationals and their family members across the UK.

Despite the official application deadline on the 30th June 2021, Here for Good's EUSS advice service continues to see a significant number of vulnerable individuals who require high-quality legal support. We provide advice over phone and email and also take on 1-2-1 referrals from organisations that work with particularly vulnerable Europeans and their family members such as refugees, homelessness services and local authorities. The phone service is public facing, whilst email advice and case referrals are means-tested. Some groups we support include:

- Roma communities (and other similar vulnerable migrant or marginalised populations)
- Homeless / rough sleepers
- People with disabilities/ serious health conditions (e.g. physical or mental impairment)
- Victims of trafficking/modern slavery
- Victims of domestic abuse
- Older people
- Care leavers
- Looked after children
- Economic vulnerability
- Precarious circumstances

We are increasingly providing support at the post-application stage eg. dealing with delays, appeals and administrative reviews.

Here for Good's blended approach to advice provision has continued to be effective. With hubs in both London and the Midlands, and volunteers across the country, the charity has been able to take on cases from every corner of the UK. This has proven especially important given the high number of complex referrals received from other organisations, including many in the grant-funded network and the recent increase of referrals from DWP.

Our in-house EUSS advice team consists of Bianca Valperga and Isobel Cairns who work from the AIRE Centre, and George Hanvere, Elliott Dipper and Julia Crellin who work from Nottingham-based Paragon Law. They provide advice through:

- A free phone advice line;
- A comprehensive email enquiries service;
- One-to-one support for complex casework;
- Strategic work

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**800**

In 2022/23 the EUSS advice team provided free, high-quality legal advice to **over 800** clients through 1-2-1 casework, phone and email advice.

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## Legal advocacy and influencing

Here for Good has continued to use its advisory service to inform wider activities in the sector. The charity sits on the EU Delegation's Monitoring Network and the EU Delegation's Outreach sub-group, providing regular opportunities to inform grassroots activity across the sector based on its expertise. This year we attended the inaugural EU citizens' gathering that they organised in London.

Here for Good also works closely with the Independent Monitoring Authority and the EUSS Alliance and feeds into reports, speaks at events and is developing helpful resources for the sector to use. Our legal policy officer was invited to speak on a panel hosted by Maternity Action and together with our CEO she has fed into a number of consultations e.g. Jubilee Foundation, Migration Exchange, JUSTICE and others.

### Advice service updates:

- The EUSS advice service has set up a new advice line bringing the service in-house, this means we will be able to monitor and evaluate calls much better in the future.
- To deal with demand, we have recruited an additional full-time EUSS caseworker and volunteer coordinator who sits at the AIRE Centre.
- To better address emerging issues under the EU Settlement Scheme, we have developed a new role together with one of our existing EUSS caseworkers, Bianca. She now undertakes legal policy work two days per week.
- To ensure that our EUSS caseworkers continue to develop their expertise within EUSS and stay immersed in EU law, we transferred a secondment to the AIRE Centre which are our newest legal partner.
- All EUSS caseworkers have received a refresher training course on our case management system CharityLog to better monitor and evaluate our casework.
- We continued to support our EUSS caseworkers with their professional development, sending them to various courses on intersecting issues such as benefits and domestic abuse training.

## 2. Ukraine advice project

The Here for Good Ukraine Project was set up in March 2022, following Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the launch of the UK government's two visa schemes 'Homes for Ukraine' and the 'Ukraine Family Scheme'. Here for Good launched a crowdfunding campaign which raised over £33,000.

The unique advice model of Here for Good makes us nimble and meant that we were able to set the project up quickly which enabled us to assist a large volume of clients very quickly and efficiently. The advice team sits at Wilson LLP and consists of Mala Savjani, Anais Crane and Rosa Pinard.

The Ukraine advice service consists of:

- Dedicated phone line open from 10am-12 midday on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- One-off advice via email
- 1-2-1 advice for complex cases
- Possibility of advising on strategic litigation and advancing Judicial Reviews where decisions are unreasonably delayed or an unlawful decision has been made on an application



Between the start of the project in March 2022 until March 2023, **the team received 377 referrals** and **advised 344 of them**. In total, they **assisted 581 individuals** (of which 129 were children).



The team took on **61 complex cases**, 41 of them were successful (8 of them were refused and the remaining withdrawn or outstanding).

As the war continued, it became clear that complex applications from unaccompanied children and third country nationals in particular were not being decided. This was a widespread issue across the sector and we applied for funds from the Strategic Legal Fund to work on this as a piece of strategic litigation.

In the initial months after the war began, applications under the Home for Ukraine Scheme made by individuals who were overstayers in the UK were being approved, but as we moved into August 2022, those applications started to be refused, showing that the Home Office were starting to take a more rigid approach in their decision making. We had seen multiple applications being granted outside of rules, but as we moved into the last quarter of the year, we began to see a few more refusals. Although the volume of cases started to decrease, the complexity of cases increased.

Applications under the Ukraine Schemes do not attract a right of appeal, although there are some applications that will raise Human Rights Grounds, i.e. those where the Applicant has family in the UK. We obtained counsel's advice and lodged an appeal in one of these cases. This raised an interesting wider point regarding the Ukraine Schemes and rights of appeal.

We worked alongside other organisations including DLA Piper's Pro Bono Ukraine Project, Asylum Aid, Praxis and Safe Passage and assisting with cases where we had capacity to take on referrals.

## Media

Here for Good was quoted in a number of media sources for our work on the Ukraine Schemes:

Mala Savjani quoted in NY Times in March 2022: [https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/08/world/europe/ukraine-uk-family-scheme-refugees.html?](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/08/world/europe/ukraine-uk-family-scheme-refugees.html?_r=1)

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Anais Crane quoted in The Guardian on 2 May 2022: <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/may/02/priti-patel-refugees-legal-action-homes-for-ukraine>

Mala Savjani quoted in a number of online articles regarding the issue of unaccompanied children's applications being put on pause:

- a. <https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/national/20123596.government-not-know-fleeing-ukrainian-minors-says-lawyer/>
- b. <https://news.sky.com/story/ukraine-news-live-lyschansk-donetsk-putin-12541713?postid=3859267>
- c. <https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/national/20123596.government-not-know-fleeing-ukrainian-minors-says-lawyer/>
- d. <https://www.politicshome.com/news/article/home-office-accused-of-making-it-as-difficult-as-possible-for-ukrainian-refugees-to-secure-visas>

Anais Crane quoted in The Independent on 13 October 2022: <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/russia-putin-ukraine-war-refugees-b2199443.html#r3z-adddoor>

### **Online Resources**

Soon after the project began, we created a number of online guides for applicants to refer to when completing application forms. These were step-by-step guides on how to make applications under the Family Scheme and later the Homes for Ukraine Scheme and Extension Scheme. We currently have 5 guides available on our website.

### **External meetings**

We attended a number of sector wide meetings set up by Doughty Street Chambers and Asylum Aid. We attended meetings with Hammersmith LA re: the issue of unaccompanied minors to come up with a strategy on how best to approach this issue.

We are one of the groups that form part of the Ukraine Advisory Panel and are working closely with Work Rights Centre on how the group can/should move forward. We feedback on immigration related matters. We also provided information to Work Rights Centre on the report they drafted in the last quarter of last year on the Ukraine Schemes.

We created a fact sheet for Stand with Refugees who have been providing sessions to Ukrainian citizens in the UK who have fled the war. Anais also attended an advice session of theirs and provided 1-2-1 in person advice to attendees.

We attended a site visit to the East European Resource Centre together with Work Rights Centre and Deputy Mayor of Communities and Social Justice Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard where we shared our experience from the Ukraine advice project.

## **3. Legal policy work**

Here for Good has dedicated staff members working on legal policy issues related to the EUSS and Ukraine Advice Scheme.

Bianca Valperga is our EUSS Legal Policy Officer working for Here for Good from the AIRE Centre. She is currently focused on a number of projects, including derivative rights, delays in decision making and pending prosecutions.

Here for Good coordinated a joint letter from over forty organisations funded by the Home Office to provide advice to vulnerable individuals under the EU Settlement Scheme (GFOs) and other EUSS advice providers in the UK, urging the Home Office to continue funding advice provision past 31st March 2023. You can [read the letter here](#).

Mala Savjani is our Ukraine Strategy and Policy Lead, working for Here for Good from Wilson Solicitors. The Ukraine team at Wilson Solicitors have been doing crucial work to ensure the scheme works fairly for unaccompanied minors. We successfully applied for funds from the Strategic Legal Fund to conduct pre-action work and research into challenging the Home Office's provisions (initial absence/ then lack of clarity) for unaccompanied minors under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

When we first started working on these cases, there was no guidance in place for children who were unaccompanied who were fleeing Ukraine. Their applications were on pause, and no guidance was forthcoming. This left a number of very young people at risk either in Ukraine, or in other European countries, while they had willing sponsors in the UK who were ready to house them and look after them.

Through various strategic work Here for Good contributed to the pressure on the Home office to issue guidance on unaccompanied children, which was finally issued on 15 July 2022: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-guidance-for-councils-children-and-minors-applying-without-parents-or-legal-guardians> Once this guidance was issued, a number of applications were decided, and it became clearer how to challenge applications that remained on pause, although decisions have not always been swift.

## Organisational updates

### People

2022 is the year that Here for Good welcomed onboard Bella Kosmala as the organisation's first external CEO. Bella joined from the Greater London Authority where she led on the Mayor of London's policy work around European Londoners during the Brexit process.

Co-founder Bella Mosselmans moved from being a trustee to join Bella Kosmala in the executive team as a Senior Legal and Strategy Adviser on a part-time basis.

EUSS caseworker Bianca Valperga took on an EUSS legal policy role for two days a week alongside her EUSS caseworker role, and transferred her secondment from South West London Law Centres to the AIRE Centre.

Isobel Cairns was recruited into the EUSS advice team on a full-time basis as the new volunteer coordinator and EUSS caseworker adding much needed advice capacity. Iso is based at the AIRE Centre and took over from Libby Attwood who was based at Bindmans.

Borimir Totev joined the organisation on a consultancy basis providing communications support.

### Strategic development

Work began to transfer the organisation's website to a new host in order to make better use of the site, such as adding dynamic content and making easy edits.

Here for Good applied and was granted status as a Living Wage Employer.

### Funding

During the financial year of 2022/2023 we secured funding from the following independent trusts and public bodies:

- Allen Lane
- AB Charitable Trust
- Trust for London
- Strategic Legal Fund
- Blue Thread
- Ludovica Foundation
- Jubilee Foundation
- Greater London Authority
- Home Office

### Partnerships

The migrants' rights sector is highly collaborative, and there's no doubt that Here for Good's work would not be possible without the support of its network of partners. Whether it's the experience of its legal partners, the specialised expertise of its charitable partners, or the logistical knowledge and resources of its institutional partners, the charity's success is driven by its ability to draw on a pool of highly skilled and committed collaborators.

In the past year, Here for Good has strengthened its ties with existing partners, and established links with new organisations, allowing it to increase its capacity and impact.

## Legal Partners

- IOM – we continue to work in our consortium with IOM as a Home Office grant-funded organisation providing EUSS advice to in-need Europeans and their families.
- Paragon Law – Nottingham based niche immigration law firm. Advisers Julia Crellin, George Hanvere and Elliott Dipper split a full-time role providing legal advice relating to the EU Settlement Scheme over the phone, email and 1-2-1 casework.
- South West London Law Centres – London based law centre. Adviser Bianca Valperga works full-time for Here for Good providing legal advice over the phone and by providing 1-2-1 casework. From June 2022, Bianca split her role to take on and develop a legal policy role 2 days/week. From January 2023 Bianca transferred to the AIRE Centre.
- AIRE Centre – London based legal charity. New volunteer coordinator Isobel Cairns and Bianca Valperga joined in January 2023.
- Bindmans – London based law firm. Libby Attwood, solicitor, managed the volunteer network and provided advice under the EU Settlement Scheme up until May 2022.
- Wilson LLP – Caseworkers Anais Crane and Rosa Pinard provide advice under the two visa schemes Homes for Ukraine and Ukraine Family Scheme as part of Here for Good’s Ukraine advice project. Mala Savjani provided support as the strategy and policy lead.

## Referral partners

The charity relies upon numerous not-for-profit organisations for complex case referrals. Partners include other organisations in the migrants’ rights sector, as well as organisations who work with at-risk and vulnerable groups, such as charities tackling homelessness and domestic violence.

By drawing on the in-depth knowledge of these charities, gained working on the frontlines in their respective fields, Here for Good can more effectively support those who most need help.

## Institutional Partners

The support that Here for Good receives from established institutional partners is vital. The organisation works closely with the Greater London Authority and the Mayor of London, the EU Delegation to the UK and the Independent Monitoring Authority.

## Testimonials

### Partners

*"I had the privilege of acting for Here for Good in their judicial review of the EUSS Covid-19 guidance, which was restrictive and discriminatory. The government withdrew the guidance following Here for Good's legal challenge. It takes a bold and dynamic charity to step up to be the claimant in a systemic judicial review, and it is a massive credit to Here for Good's board and staff that the challenge happened and was so impactful."*

**Ollie Persey - Barrister, Garden Court Chambers**

*"Here for Good is an indispensable Partner in our efforts to support European residents, and their family members, in the UK. Together we've provided a substantial amount of pro-bono time and we continue to refer vulnerable or at risk individuals to the Here for Good services, without which they would be vulnerable to the EU Settlement Scheme. We're proud of our partnership and all the valuable work the Here for Good team is providing to European residents in the UK."*

**Chris Desira - Solicitor Director, Seraphus Law**

*"We have referred vulnerable Eastern European citizens to Here for Good to be supported with immigration advice and applications under the EU Settlement Scheme for the last year. Our collaboration with the Here for Good team has always been very professional, the team always goes above and beyond in supporting the needs of the referred service users and is available to respond to our enquiries"*

**Nadia Mihai, The Romanian and Eastern European Hub**

*"the3million has been working with Here for Good since their inception and the feedback we have received from beneficiaries has been consistently positive. Here for Good is answering a need to support vulnerable EU citizens requiring legal representation and they are doing it with humanity and with compassion. A 5-star partner"*

**Nicolas Hatton - CEO, the3million**

### Clients

*"I am quite sure that even if ability to pay was no object, I would not have found someone as professional, capable and diligent as [our caseworker]. All along I had this sense that he cares deeply about his client and what happens to them and their case. In a process that to be honest is terrifying, these are invaluable qualities."*

*"[Our caseworker] had great patience and took us step by step to understand the needs of my client that I represented and her family. As the client's Social Worker, I am very satisfied with the level at which [our caseworker] understood my client's needs and supported us throughout the EUSS process successfully"*

*"We feel we were supported and treated with great care throughout the whole process! We truly believe 'Here for Good' has been a Godsend for us. We were like a lost ship in the ocean, with no hope before [our caseworker] found us"*

*"I cannot express enough how kind and helpful you have been throughout this process. You have always had a measured and informed position in regard to our situation and it has been a huge comfort to have your support throughout this process."*

## Looking ahead

Here for Good continues to go from strength to strength providing support responding to crises intentionally and responsibly.

In our EU Settlement Scheme advice service, we continue to take on complex cases from clients struggling to secure their rights. It is clear that we need to take a more strategic approach to improve the system. In order to do this, we are investing in more legal strategy work. In addition to creating a legal policy officer role, we are planning to add a solicitor role to the EUSS team in 2023/2034 in order to more systematically gather data, undertake strategic casework, engage with the Home Office, influence policy change and to litigate.

We are also looking to expand our legal partnerships such as new pro bono partners for our volunteer network, secondment partners for our in-house advice teams and for our strategic policy work.

In order to develop a more holistic advice service offering we will look to bring onboard a specialist benefits advisor who can advise across our services.

Here for Good will continue to respond meaningfully and intentionally to emerging immigration crises where free legal assistance is not available.

We will continue to offer a free advice service for people fleeing Ukraine together with Wilson LLP, our humanitarian response partner.

For 2023/2024 we have secured funding to set up a partnership with Wilson LLP to respond to the lack of support available to Afghan refugees who fall outside the rules of the UK's Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy. This project will have a different feel to the EUSS and Ukraine advice services in that it will focus on a handful of cases in order to create systemic change.

The organisation recently celebrated its 5th birthday, and in the coming months we will publish our strategy for the next five years. This will include plans for how to further develop the organisation as a core player in the legal immigration advice sector.

## Objects, Governance and Legal Structure

### Overview

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on the preparation of accounts by charities with gross incomes of less than £500,000 and comply with the charity's governing document.

### Registration

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) no. 1177260 was formed on the 21 February 2018 and is governed by the conditions contained within its constitution.

### Address

The charity's registered address is: Here for Good, 15 Crosby Walk, London, E8 3DW.

## Trustees

At the start of the financial year, the charity's trustees were: Tahmid Chowdhury (Co-Founder), Isabella Mosselmans (Co-Founder), Paul Dossett, Kim Hooper, Gary Simmons, Zeena Luchowa and Susan Trepekli.

At the end of the financial year, the charity's trustees were: Tahmid Chowdhury (Co-Founder), Paul Dossett, Kim Hooper, Gary Simmons and Zeena Luchowa.

## Objectives

The charity's objectives are:

- To relieve poor persons across England and Wales – primarily those who are EEA citizens and their non-EEA family members living in the UK – by providing such persons with free, high quality legal services which they could not otherwise obtain through lack of means; and
- The relief and assistance of people who are the victims of war or natural disaster, trouble, or catastrophe in particular by the supply of legal services and ancillary assistance to such persons seeking refuge in the UK;
- To advance such other charitable purposes as the directors at their absolute discretion may from time to time determine.

## Structure, Governance, and Management

Here for Good is governed by its constitution.

The charity has an active and involved Board of Trustees. Each trustee has an equal vote in Board meetings. They retain complete oversight over the charity from a governance, financial and operational perspective. The Trustees meet as a Board every 6 to 8 weeks based on a structured agenda provided by the CEO.

The Board is supported in its role by the charity's CEO Bella Kosmala and co-founder and Senior Legal and Strategy Adviser Isabella Mosselmans, making up the charity's executive team together with co-founder Tahmid Chowdhury.

The non-founding Trustees have extensive financial, governance, accounting and immigration law experience which compliments the legal and operational skills of the co-founders and the CEO. The Trustees take steps to ensure that the Charity remains a going concern by scrutiny of the financial position at every Board meeting and the financial risks associated with any new projects proposed by CEO and executive team.

In the fifth year of operations, the charity directly or indirectly employed twelve members of staff in total. Nine staff providing legal services were formally employed by partner law firms and seconded to work on the Here for Good project. Two made up the executive team and one was hired on a freelance basis to support the charity's communications.

## Financial Matters

Only two members of Here for Good's board have access to the charity's bank account, on which major financial transactions are limited except with both signatories' consent. A third member of the board, independent of this and a chartered accountant, is responsible for drafting the annual statutory financial statements .

All trustees review budgets and financial forecasts in board meetings; they can also request these for inspection at any time. They all have sight of accounts in advance of their publication.

## **FY5 Accounts**

### **Accounts Overview**

A full set of accounts are attached as an appendix to this report, titled 'Here for Good FY5 Accounts'.

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**

The independent examiner's report to the trustees is also included as an appendix to this report, titled 'Here for Good IE Report - FY5 Accounts'.

### **Statement**

As a Trustee, I am duly authorised to sign the accounts on behalf of Here for Good. To the best of my knowledge, the accounts are accurate and have been independently examined to a high standard.



**Tahmid Chowdhury**  
**Trustee and Co-Founder**

**Date: 6th June 2023**

Here for Good

Statement of Financial Activities

unrestricted

Incoming Resources

Donations and similar resources	21796.4
Operating activities	
in furtherance of charity's objects	23035.25
in furtherance of charity's objects	
Other income	31121.02
total incoming resources	75952.67

Resources expended

Costs of generating funds	649
Charitable expenditure	3
in furtherance of the charity's objects	9017.74
Management and administration	994.54
total resources expended	10661.28

Net movement in resources 65291.39

Total funds brought forward 37008.46

Total funds carried forward 102299.85

Summary Income and Expenditure  
for the year ended 28 February 2018

Gross income of continuing activities

Total expenditure of continuing operations

Net income / (loss) for the year

The summary income and expenditure account is derived from the Statement of Financial Activities above, which together with the notes to the accounts on the following pages provides full information on the movements during the year  
Here for Good

Balance Sheet as at 28 Febr

Current assets

Cash at Bank

Liabilities - amounts falling due within one year

Creditors and accruals

Net current assets

Total assets less current liabilities

Funds

Restricted

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Designated

Unrestricted

Approved by the Trustees on

2023 and signed on

the notes on the following pages form part of

Here for Good

Notes to the accounts for the

## 1 Accounting policies

- a) **Basis of preparation**  
Herefor Good meets the definition of a public benefit entity
  
- b) **Grants**  
Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities following the satisfaction of any pre-conditions
  
- c) **Donations, other income, fundraising and gifts**  
Donations, other income, gifts and fund raising are recognised  
Gifts in kind are valued at their value to the charitable company
  
- d) **Expenditure and support costs**  
Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred
  
- e) **Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis**  
The Trustees consider that the principal uncertainty regarding
  
- f) **Volunteers**  
The value of services provided by volunteers has not been
  
- g) **Taxation**  
No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the exemption from tax afforded by Section 505 of the Income Tax Act  
Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity
  
- g) **Funds**  
Restricted funds are where the donor specifies the use to

## 2 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the Trustees were remunerated directly or indirectly  
During the year, no trustees received expenses (2022 Nil)

## 3 Contingencies and Contractual commitments

In the opinion of the trustees at 28.02.2023  
there were no contingent liabilities and no contractual commitments

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restricted	year ended 28.02.2023	year ended 28.02.2022
	£	
	21796.4	22289
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0	31121.02	0
285160.12	361112.79	250458
0	649	0
		0
285160.12	294177.86	240922
0	994.54	390
285160.12	295821.4	241312
0	65291.39	9146
0	37008.46	27862
0	102299.85	37008.46

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	year ended 28.02.2023	year ended 28.02.2022
	£	
	361112.79	250458
	295821.4	241312
	65291.39	9146

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Notes	£	2023 £	2022
		178012.92	50887
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		85000	25000
		17299.85	12007.5
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year ended 28 February 2023

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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Here for Good

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1177260

**Set out on pages**

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*(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 28/02/2023.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:** Riz Wasti

**Date:** 13/04/2023

**Name:** Syed Rizwan Wasti

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

CIMA

**Address:** Unit 11, 81 Crampton Street

London SE17 3BF

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 brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

**HERE FOR GOOD**

England & Wales - Charity number 1177260

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# Accounts

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# Here for Good Trustees Report

FINANCIAL YEAR 4

01 MARCH 2021 - 28 FEBRUARY 2022

## **Trustees' Introduction**

This financial year presented significant challenges and growth opportunities for the charity. Amongst other things:

- The charity's executive structure began to shift, with a new freelance CEO position established;
- The EU Settlement Scheme application deadline was passed in June 2021, with a surge of activity pre-deadline and a change in the nature of the work post-deadline; and
- Opportunities to expand were explored given new settlement schemes announcements by the UK government.

Despite these changes, the charity remains financially and strategically resolute, ready to take advantage of new opportunities and innovations.

Without the contributions of many others, we would not be in the position we are in; a position where we can make a truly positive difference to people's lives. To our partners, supporters, volunteers, staff, and, most importantly, clients: thank you for the trust you have placed in us and your ongoing, unwavering support.

## **About Here for Good**

Here for Good was founded in February 2018 to empower EU, EEA and Swiss citizens, and their families, by helping them to secure their immigration status and rights in the UK. In particular, the charity's services are targeted at those most in-need, providing them with free and high-quality legal advice to secure their status in the UK.

Since then, Here for Good has grown to a position where it is now considered the 'go-to' charity in the European citizens' rights sector for complex cases. Key strategic partnerships, ranging from major institutions such as the Mayor of London and UN Migration Agency to not-for-profits like the3million, have been instrumental to the charity's growth.

Here for Good has several operational strands:

**Advice Guide** – a free online resource, written in accessible language and updated regularly. A printable version of the guide was produced this year.

**Support Mapping** – legal researchers have mapped the availability of advice providers and support services for European citizens across the UK on behalf of the European Commission and the Greater London Authority (GLA).

**The Advisory Service** – the core of Here for Good's work. Caseworkers provide free immigration advice to EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their family members living in the UK to help them secure their status. Through in-house caseworkers, a bespoke partnership with Paragon Law in the Midlands, and a growing network of pro-bono lawyers, the advisory service consists of:

- A free phone advice line,
- A comprehensive email enquiries service,
- One-to-one support for complex casework, and
- Outreach events run in collaboration with partners across England and Wales.

**Capacity Building Training** – a bespoke training programme for practitioners working with vulnerable migrants, to ensure the sector was in the strongest position possible to meet the demands of the EUSS deadline.

The charity has supported thousands of people directly and indirectly over the past year, and is in a strong position to do so again in the year ahead. In particular, the Ukraine War and associated immigration challenges presents an opportunity to support a newly vulnerable demographic of European nationals.

## **Objects, Governance and Legal Structure**

### Overview

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### Address

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### Trustees

At the start of the financial year, the charity's trustees were:

Tahmid Chowdhury, Charles Dixon Glanville, Kim Hooper, Marianna Koli, Isabella Mosselmans, Gary Simmons and Susan Trepekli.

At the end of the financial year, the charity's trustees were:

Tahmid Chowdhury, Paul Dossett, Kim Hooper, Zeena Luchowa, Isabella Mosselmans, and Gary Simmons.

### Objects

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The Board is supported in its role by the charity's two founders, Isabella Mosselmans and Tahmid Chowdhury. They sit on the Board whilst also volunteering their time, on a pro bono basis, as the charity's executive team. Together, they are primarily responsible for fundraising, partnerships and coordinating the charity's delivery of legal services. The founders enjoy a positive relationship with their fellow trustees, who are fully aware of their legal rights and obligations. The Board agreed to hiring a new freelance CEO from FY5, to support the charity's executive functions.

In the fourth year of operations, the charity directly or indirectly employed seven members of staff. Staff providing legal services were formally employed by partner law firms and seconded to work with Here for Good.

Two junior staff members were employed directly by the charity on part-time contracts, specifically supporting the charity's outreach, communications, fundraising and evaluation work. Others were hired on a freelance basis to support the delivery of specific projects.

All of these members of staff, alongside an increasing pool of volunteers, were primarily managed and coordinated by the charity's founders.

### Financial Matters

Here for Good has a Financial Controls Policy that is reviewed on a yearly basis.

All trustees review budgets and financial forecasts in quarterly or bi-monthly board meetings; they can also request these for inspection at any time. They all have sight of accounts in advance of their publication. A full set of Here for Good's accounts, for the period ended 28 February 2022, follows.

## **FY4 Accounts**

### Accounts Overview

A full set of accounts are attached separately through the Charity Commission portal.

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

The independent examiner's report to the trustees is also included as an attachment in the portal.

### Statement

As a Trustee, I am duly authorised to sign the accounts on behalf of Here for Good. To the best of my knowledge, the accounts are accurate and have been independently examined to a high standard.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tahmid', written in a cursive style.

Tahmid Chowdhury  
Co-Founder and Trustee

**Here for Good Income and Expenditure Account  
12m to February 28 2022**

	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Donations		22,289.14
restricted		154,802.84
unrestricted		73,366.34
		<b>250,458.32</b>
 <b>Expenditure</b>		
Intern	12,828.02	
Website	3,861.28	
Insurance	389.78	
Research	70.00	
Legal support	213,078.08	
Outreach	4,032.58	
Training and Subs	776.00	
Printing Advice Guide	6,275.92	
Design		
Event		
		<b>241,311.66</b>
 <b>Net income / (expense)</b>		<b>9,146.66</b>



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/ members of**

Charity Name  
Here for Good

**On accounts for the year ended**

28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Charity no (if any)**

1177260

**Set out on pages**

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(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 28/02/2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:** Riz Wasti

**Date:** 24/10/2022

**Name:** Riz Wasti

**Relevant professional**

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

**HERE FOR GOOD**

England & Wales - Charity number 1177260

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# Accounts

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# Here for Good Trustees Report

FINANCIAL YEAR 3

01 MARCH 2020 – 28 FEBRUARY 2021

## **Trustees' Introduction**

The past year has presented significant challenges, but also significant opportunities, for the charity. Covid-19 disrupted every aspect of all our lives, yet clearly disproportionately affected society's most vulnerable: the very people Here for Good exists to support.

In our third year, we saw Here for Good continue achieving what it was created to. Our staff and volunteers supported thousands of the most vulnerable European citizens with the most complex cases. Our legal partners trained hundreds of practitioners, to ensure the sector was prepared for the impending EUSS deadline. Our resources have been accessed hundreds of thousands of times, providing some reassurance to families across the country.

Without the contributions of many others, we would not be in the position we are in; a position where we can make a truly positive difference to people's lives. To our partners, supporters, volunteers, staff, and, most importantly, clients: thank you for the trust you have placed in us and your ongoing, unwavering support.

## **About Here for Good**

Here for Good was founded in February 2018 to empower EU, EEA and Swiss citizens, and their families, by helping them to secure their immigration status and rights in the UK. In particular, the charity's services are targeted at those most in-need, providing them with free and high-quality legal advice to secure their status in the UK.

Since then, Here for Good has grown to a position where it is now considered the 'go-to' charity in the European citizens' rights sector for complex cases. Key strategic partnerships, ranging from major institutions such as the Mayor of London and UN Migration Agency to not-for-profits like the3million, have been instrumental to the charity's growth.

Here for Good has several operational strands:

**Advice Guide** – a free online resource, written in accessible language and updated regularly. A printable version of the guide was produced this year.

**Support Mapping** – legal researchers have mapped the availability of advice providers and support services for European citizens across the UK on behalf of the European Commission and the Greater London Authority (GLA).

**The Advisory Service** – the core of Here for Good's work. Caseworkers provide free immigration advice to EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their family members living in the UK to help them secure their status. Through in-house caseworkers, a bespoke partnership with Paragon Law in the Midlands, and a growing network of pro-bono lawyers, the advisory service consists of:

- A free phone advice line,
- A comprehensive email enquiries service,
- One-to-one support for complex casework, and
- Outreach events run in collaboration with partners across England and Wales.

**Capacity Building Training** – a bespoke training programme for practitioners working with vulnerable migrants, to ensure the sector was in the strongest position possible to meet the demands of the EUSS deadline.

The charity has supported thousands of people directly and indirectly over the past year, and is in a strong position to do so again in the year ahead.

## **Objects, Governance and Legal Structure**

### Overview

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2021. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on the preparation of accounts by charities with gross incomes of more than £250,000 and comply with the charity's governing document.

### Registration

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) no. 1177260 was formed on the 21 February 2018 and is governed by the conditions contained within its constitution.

### Address

The charity's registered address is:

Here for Good, 15 Crosby Walk, London, E8 3DW.

### Trustees

At the start of the financial year, the charity's trustees were:

Tahmid Chowdhury, Charles Dixon Glanville, Kim Hooper, Marianna Koli, Isabella Mosselmans, Adam Spreadbury-Maher, Gary Simmons and Susan Trepekli.

### Objects

The charity's objects are:

To relieve poor persons across England and Wales – primarily those who are EEA citizens and their non-EEA family members living in the UK – by providing such persons with free, high quality legal services which they could not otherwise obtain through lack of means; and

To advance such other charitable purposes as the directors at their absolute discretion may from time to time determine.

### Structure, Governance, and Management

Here for Good is governed by its constitution.

The charity has an active and involved Board of Trustees. Each trustee has an equal vote in Board meetings. They retain complete oversight over the charity from a governance, financial and operational perspective.

The Board is supported in its role by the charity's two founders, Isabella Mosselmans and Tahmid Chowdhury. They sit on the Board whilst also volunteering their time, on a pro bono basis, as the charity's executive team. Together, they are primarily responsible for fundraising, partnerships and coordinating the charity's delivery of legal services. The founders enjoy a positive relationship with their fellow trustees, who are fully aware of their legal rights and obligations.

In the third year of operations, the charity directly or indirectly employed seven members of staff. Staff providing legal services were formally employed by partner law firms and seconded to work solely with Here for Good.

Two junior staff members were employed directly by the charity on part-time contracts, specifically supporting the charity's outreach, communications, fundraising and evaluation work. Others were hired on a freelance basis to support the delivery of specific projects.

All of these members of staff, alongside an increasing pool of volunteers, were managed and coordinated by the charity's founders.

#### Financial Matters

Two members of Here for Good's board have access to the charity's bank account, on which major financial transactions are limited except with both signatories' consent. A third member of the board, independent of this and a chartered accountant, is responsible for managing the accounts and finances. All trustees review budgets and financial forecasts in board meetings; they can also request these for inspection at any time. They all have sight of accounts in advance of their publication. A full set of Here for Good's accounts, for the period ended 28 February 2021, follows.

## **FY3 Accounts**

### Accounts Overview

A full set of accounts are attached as an appendix to this report, titled 'Here for Good FY3 Accounts'.

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

The independent examiner's report to the trustees is also included as an appendix to this report, titled 'Here for Good IE Report – FY3 Accounts'.

### Statement

As a Trustee, I am duly authorised to sign the accounts on behalf of Here for Good. To the best of my knowledge, the accounts are accurate and have been independently examined to a high standard.

Name: Tahmid Chowdhury

Signed:



Dated: 27 March 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Here for Good	No (if any) 1177260
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date March 1 2020	To	Period end date February 28 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Donations and Legacies	4,682	-	-	4,682
Grants	199,728	47,800	-	247,528
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	204,410	47,800	-	252,210
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	204,410	47,800	-	252,210
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	200,362	47,800	-	248,162
Other	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	200,362	47,800	-	248,162
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	200,362	47,800	-	248,162
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	4,048	-	-	4,048
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	23,816	-	-	23,816
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	27,864	-	-	27,864

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		27,864	-
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>27,864</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name

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**Last year**

**to the nearest £**

5,509
67,239
16,672
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89,420

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74,133
216
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74,349

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74,349
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15,071
-
8,745
23,816



**Endowment funds**

to nearest £

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**Endowment funds**

to nearest £

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**Current value (optional)**

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**Current value (optional)**

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**When due (optional)**


**Date of approval**




**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

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**Signed:** Riz Wasti

**Date:** 12/04/2022

**Name:** Riz Wasti

**Relevant professional**

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