

**Change Drivers**  
**Accounts for the year ended**  
**31 January 2023**

**Registered charity number: 1181920**

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# **Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st January 2023**

Our mission is to inform the public on climate change and mobilise action by each of us, individually and together. Our goal is to create a dynamic and diverse network of people, who are inspired and equipped with the tools they need to catalyse climate action in their own way.

## **Objectives and activities for the public benefit**

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the information contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives for Change Drivers and in planning activities and setting policies for the year ahead.

The objectives of Change Drivers are:

- 1) To advance the education of the public particularly but not exclusively people under the age of 30 in such a way as the charity trustees think fit, including but not limited to in the subject of social and creative enterprise;
- 2) To develop the skills, capacities and capabilities of young people in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible adults.
- 3) To advance the education of the public on climate change, in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including but not limited to developing the skills, capacities and capabilities of individuals to stimulate a sense of urgency, agency and action to combat climate change.

## **Activities, achievements and performance during the year**

The main project hosted by Change Drivers during 2023 was Walk2COP27, a year-long initiative, which was informed by its predecessor Walk2COP26. The main objective was to catalyse action.

Change Drivers set out to catalyse climate action in three ways: firstly by creating opportunities for people to learn from each other, secondly by building solidarity between all those we engaged with, and thirdly by helping people make connections to help them with their own climate actions.

Our target groups were local authorities, environmental NGOs, universities and schools, businesses, faith groups, citizens and friends & family. The geographic focus was primarily 12 countries on the route from Glasgow to Sharm el Sheikh: Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt.

We framed climate action in terms of key outcomes which were re-iterated at every opportunity: net-zero (the outcome of reducing emissions in line with Paris agreement), resilience (the outcome of adapting to withstand the inevitable impacts of global warming), justice (resulting from ensuring both the process and outcomes of the transition we seek is inclusive and equitable), and circularity (the concept we need to build the systems we move to in a way that minimises the impact on the planet). There were 4 main activities people who joined us could engage in: the walk, attending townhalls, attending climate clubhouse sessions, and social media amplification.

## **The walk (run/ cycle/ travel in a wheelchair)**

Participants were encouraged to register on an app called atlasGO as a team, and then to walk/ run/ cycle or wheelchair as many kilometres over the 57 days. Kilometres walked translated into trees to be planted in Burundi by the Jane Goodall Institute.

1,661 participants from 68 countries grouped into over 150 teams walked 104,000 KMS, posted 1,325 selfies, and contributed to the planting of 200,000 trees to be planted in Burundi.

Teams used this initiative to highlight their own climate activities, strengthen and create new relationships, have fun and motivate themselves to do more exercise. The most engaged teams were 2 international companies, a youth NGO in Lebanon and the eco-congregation in Scotland.

## **The town halls**

To underscore the idea of a journey from COP26 in Scotland to COP27 in Egypt we held townhalls in the 12 countries over the 57 days.

Typically, a local group was established in each country, which helped set up the meeting, find speakers and market the event. In some countries these groups did a massive amount: creating their own activities, recruiting teams to walk, managing hybrid events, and promoting on local TV, radio, and across social media. The most active countries were Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Scotland and England.

Each townhall was an exposition of the challenges of climate change in that country and solutions. Speakers were typically a mix of NGOs, youth activists, business and governments (to minister level in some countries). Townhalls were hybrid or virtual, inclusive and were rich learning opportunities.

One additional townhall was run using collaborative software giving the chance to all participants to engage and tell their own story.

## **Clubhouse sessions**

Each participant could lead an audio only session on Clubhouse. We ended up with 28 club house sessions across the time of the walk with a huge breadth of topics including reflections on the floods in Pakistan, climate education and children, and climate activism in business.

## **Mainstream and social media**

We used our website/ Instagram / Facebook/ LinkedIn and Twitter to communicate with those who wanted to engage, and amplify our own and others' activities. All townhalls were recorded and made available on Youtube and summarised on LinkedIn.

For those interested, see this link to a 5 minute video summary: [Walk2COP27](#)

## **Structure, governance and management**

Change Drivers is a registered charity, number 1181920, and is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

At the trustees' meetings, the trustees agree on the broad strategy and areas of activity for the organisation, including consideration of grant making, reserves and risk management policies and performance. The day to day administration of grants and the processing and handling of applications prior to consideration by the Board is delegated to the Treasurer.

Recruitment and appointment of any future trustees shall be appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting.

In selecting persons to be appointed as trustees, the trustees shall take into account the benefits of appointing a person who through residence, occupation, employment or otherwise has a special knowledge of the area of benefit or who is otherwise able by virtue of his or her personal or professional qualifications to make a contribution to the pursuit of the object or the management of the charity.

Upon appointment each new trustee will receive an induction to the charity including a copy of the trust constitution and a copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts.

### **Risk Management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud, error and volunteer's health and safety when supporting the charity.

### **Reserves policy**

Change Drivers holds both unrestricted and restricted reserves. Unrestricted reserves provide protection against the immediate impact of funding changes and to provide cover for unforeseen, essential expenditure. Restricted funds are used as per the terms and conditions agreed with donors.

Each year our Trustee Board reviews our reserves policy and considers the appropriate level of unrestricted reserves. In doing so they consider the level appropriate for the current size and complexity of the organisation, the economic environment within which we are operating and the risks we are currently managing. Trustees also consider our current risk profile, balancing the need to reflect that risk whilst ensuring that we are not holding funds unnecessarily at the expense of committing funds to meet our charitable objectives.

## **Reference and administrative information**

### **Registered Charity Number**

1181920

### **Charity Name**

Change Drivers

### **Other names the charity uses**

Drivers for Change (DFC)

### **Principal Office**

38 Selcroft Road  
Purley  
CR8 1AD

### **Trustees**

Richard Collier-Keywood, Chair of Trustees (receded as Trustee and Chair on 31 Jan 2023)  
Laura Collier-Keywood, Treasurer (resigned as Trustee and Treasurer on 31 Jan 2023)  
Natasha Fortuin, Treasurer (Treasurer from 31 Jan 2023)  
Sam Baker, Chair of Trustees (from 31 Jan 2023)  
Rafi Addlestone (from 31 Jan 2023)  
Leonie Osborne (from 31 Jan 2023)

## **Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

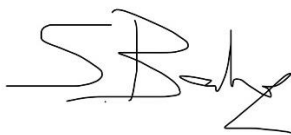
The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SB' followed by a stylized flourish.

Sam Baker  
Chair of Trustees

Date: 25/09/23

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Change Drivers**  
**Year ended 31 January 2023**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) do not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  .....

Name: K. A. MALTBY .....

Date: 25/9/2023 .....

Relevant professional qualification(s) of body (if any): .....



## Change Drivers

### Statement of Financial Activities Year ended 31 January 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Income</b>					
Donations and legacies		-	48,394	<b>48,394</b>	31,922
Investments		-	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>		-	48,394	<b>48,394</b>	31,922
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities:					
Charitable expenditure		-	51,391	<b>51,391</b>	28,906
<b>Total expenditure</b>		-	51,391	<b>51,391</b>	28,906
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>			(2,998)	<b>(2,998)</b>	3,015
Transfer between funds					
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		100	5,594	5,694	2,679
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		100	2,596	<b>2,696</b>	5,694

## Change Drivers

### Balance Sheet As at 31 January 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Tax refund	607	4,332
Bank	2,089	1,362
Total current assets	<u>2,696</u>	<u>5,694</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Amounts falling due within one year	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>2,696</u>	<u>5,694</u>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Sam Baker  
Chair of Trustees

Date: 25/09/23

## **Notes to the accounts**

### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

### **2. FUND ACCOUNTING**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charity objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund b/f</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Fund c/f</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General	100	-	-	-	100
Education	2,579	-	-	-	2,579
Climate	3,015	48,394	(51,391)	-	17
	5,694	31,922	(28,906)	-	2,696

### **3. INCOME RECOGNITION**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty or receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

### **4. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

All expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under the charitable expenditure activity headings with reference to activities performed in the year.

Costs of generating funds are those costs relating to fundraising for new donors or new projects. No costs of this nature were incurred during the year.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the Charity's constitutional and statutory duties. The only Governance costs incurred during the year are those relating to trustee expenses – see note 7 for further details.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

## **5. GRANTS MADE TO ORGANISATIONS**

£28,000 was given to Jane Goodall Institute Global during the year (2021/22: 0).

## **6. TAXATION**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

## **7. TRUSTEE EXPENSES AND REMUNERATION**

None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with Change Drivers (2021/22: 0).

## **8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There have been no related party transactions during the reporting period.

## **9. STAFF COSTS**

During the year the organisation has not employed any staff (2021/22: 0).

## **10. AUDIT, INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES FEES**

No fees have been paid in this reporting period for any audit, independent examination or other financial services (2021/22: 0).