



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/04/2022 **Period start date** **To** 31/03/2023 **Period end date**

Charity name: Literacy Aid UK

Charity registration number: 1181990

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The charity facilitates literacy, cultural, art and holistic activities to vulnerable people, as well as re-commerce training to those who wish to distance themselves from traditional employment and become self-employed.</p> <p>The charity donates books, computers and other educational resources, as well as household and hygiene items to those who otherwise would not afford them.</p> <p>The charity facilitates re-commerce and circular economy training, advice and guidance to organisations, charities, educational institutions that aspire to cut down on business and trade waste and become carbon neutral.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Ensure universal, sustainable access to high-quality educational resources for all.</p> <p>Foster positive reading habits and attitudes towards global education.</p> <p>Equip under-resourced communities, schools, and libraries with excellent global reading resources.</p> <p>Reduce waste by redirecting gently used items away from landfills and</p>

		<p>encouraging their circulation until the end of their lifespan.</p> <p>Promote a circular economy mindset within the business world and communities.</p> <p>Empower individuals to attain their chosen place in society and contribute to a more equitable and inclusive community.</p> <p>The charity continues to deliver activities in the benefit of the community as mentioned in its governing document.</p> <p>The charity continues to support people into employment via long-term educational support, pre-employment training and IAG with progression routes.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees had had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers have been crucial contributors to the charity's range of activities. They have participated in meetings with trustees to provide updates on their work and offer insights into the needs of stakeholders, helping to refine and enhance the charity's initiatives as needed.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Conducted training courses titled "Shared Reading and Reminiscence for Wellbeing."</p> <p>Rescued numerous pre-loved items from being discarded in landfills and distributed them to underserved communities, catering to the needs of those in distress.</p> <p>Assisted individuals in securing employment or establishing their own businesses.</p> <p>Engaged in partnerships with other charities and social enterprises to ensure comprehensive access to enhanced services and support for all beneficiaries.</p> <p>Expanded our collaborations with more companies to facilitate their transition towards a more circular economy and their endeavour to achieve carbon neutrality in the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Pursued other endeavours aimed at providing enduring support to individuals striving to integrate into society and fulfil their aspirations.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	0
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity holds £7.50 in reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£7.50
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	The charity holds no funds.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The charity has not identified any uncertainties/concerns.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Memorandum and Articles of Association
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The charity is recruiting trustees via its partners. It is only the chair that identifies suitable candidates and informs the rest of the trustees at the board meetings. New trustees receive an induction and information pack and spend time in the office in Sunderland. The trustees are actively engaged with the charity's strategic direction and policy. They discuss and approve a strategic plan every year.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Literacy Aid UK CIO
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1181990

Charity's principal address	27 Norfolk Street, Sunderland, SR1 1EE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Catalin Constantine	27 Norfolk Street, SR1 1EE, Sunderland		Catalin Constantine
2	Walatta Israel Trew			
3	Dan Makaveli	27 Norfolk Street, SR1 1EE, Sunderland		
4	Sarah Robson			
5	Alexandra Collinson			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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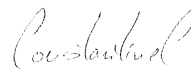
Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Catalin Constantine



Full name(s)

Catalin Constantine

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

22/01/2024