

# The Erasmus Uganda Charitable Trust

**Report and financial statements**

**Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**Charity no. 1184049**

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## **Report of the trustees for the period ended 31 December 2022**

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the charity for the year to 31 December 2022.

### **Objectives and activities**

The objectives of the charity are as follows: 1. The advancement of education for the public benefit by providing financial and practical support for equipment, teaching staff, accommodation and all aspects of schooling and education, mainly to the children and orphans at the Good Samaritan School, Wakiso, Uganda, but also in encouraging further development of educational establishments in the district. 2. To relieve the charitable needs of children, families and communities throughout Uganda as the trustees think appropriate.

The charity receives income from churches and Rotary Clubs in East Lancashire, individual donations as well as Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Blackburn (QEGS). The link with QEGS was established in 2011 when a party of schoolchildren raised funds and visited Uganda to complete maintenance work on school buildings at the Good Samaritan School. This arrangement provided funds for the charity, improved school facilities in Uganda and resulted in significant educational and skills benefits for students at QEGS. Visits to Uganda usually take place every other year.

The Good Samaritan School is a primary school in Wakiso District outside Kampala. Students are mainly from local families who attend on a fee paying basis. The school also takes in orphans from families who have been affected by AIDS. These children do not pay fees and require accommodation. Whilst the trust provides some funds for running expenses at the school, its main expenditure is in the form of grants for capital projects. Capital expenditure was significantly curtailed during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in their decisions during the year.

### **Achievements and performance**

The school roll, at 226 pupils, has returned to its former level following the Covid-19 epidemic and a further closure in late 2022 as a result of an Ebola outbreak in Western Uganda. Some students stayed on after the normal leaving date to ensure they obtained a route into further education. The local team is gaining confidence and academic results are excellent – among the best in the district. In 2022, 3 new teachers have been recruited, a bursar controls day to day finances and a computer has been obtained to assist with management. Desks and classroom equipment have been purchased with funds from the trust as well as additional teacher's houses. Student fee income now covers most of the normal expenditure of the school.

A nursery unit has been established with a very high percentage of fee paying students because the majority of their parents work. QEGS Blackburn organised another visit from 6<sup>th</sup> form students. A range of maintenance projects were completed. Future projects under consideration include a paved area outside the classrooms, three further new teachers houses, perimeter fencing and a health centre. A small regular income for the trust has been established through the website. Other individuals and organisations continue to support capital projects.

### **Financial review**

The charity has adequate cash reserves on hand at the year end (£6,821). The trustees monitor cash flow closely and time the commencement of future projects to coincide with known and expected inflows of cash from fundraising. Sufficient reserves are held to allow for unforeseen expenditure and events in addition to planned projects.

Funds are transferred to Uganda as requested by local management and against pre-agreed expenditure and projects with appropriate documentation.

### **Structure governance and management**

The charity has been active since 1993 originally under the auspices of St Anne's Church, Fence. As a result of an increase in the scale of operations, it was decided to formalise arrangements and The Erasmus Uganda Charitable Trust was created as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees. It was registered on 21 June 2019.

New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and serve for 3 years after which they may put themselves forward for re-appointment. There shall be a minimum of 3 trustees and a maximum of 12.

Formal trustee meetings are held biannually at which trustees consider broad strategy and areas of activity for the trust, including consideration of grant making, cash flow and reserves, risk management and performance. Day to day administration is delegated to trustees individually. The trust has no employees.

### **Reference and administrative information**

#### **Trustees**

Paul NH Wright  
J Anthony L Briggs  
Andrew Buckingham  
Anthony R Brierley

#### **Principal office**

Myrtle Grove, Wheatley Lane Road, Fence, Burnley, BB12 9EA

**Charity number 1184049**

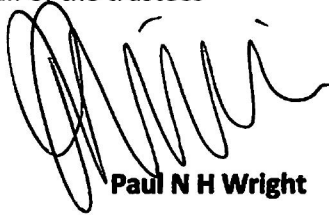
**Bankers – Barclays Bank, Manchester City 2, Leicester, LE87 2BB.**

**Declarations**

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

**Signed on behalf of the trustees**

**Signature**



**Full name**

**Paul N H Wright**

**Position**

**Trustee**

**Date**

**11 September 2023**



**Anthony R Brierley**

**Trustee**

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## Statement of financial activities For the year to 31 December 2022

Receipts and payments	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total Funds 2022	12m to 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
QEGS	4,430			4,430	120
Website	1,306			1,306	-
Individual donations	6,094			6,094	3,888
St Anne's Church	500			500	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>12,330</b>			<b>12,330</b>	<b>4,008</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
School fees and medicals	203			203	-
Grant for desks and equipment	1,142			1,142	-
Grant for IT equipment	656			656	-
Grant for teacher's houses	1,116			1,116	-
Grant towards teachers' subsistence during Covid	4,302			4,302	2,570
Website development	99			99	1,084
Transport expenditure in Uganda	833			833	-
Repairs and maintenance	2,811			2,811	97
Other expenses	113			113	75
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>11,275</b>			<b>11,275</b>	<b>3,826</b>
<b>Net receipts</b>	<b>1,055</b>			<b>1,055</b>	<b>182</b>
Cash funds last period end	5,766			5,766	5,584
<b>Cash funds this period end</b>	<b>6,821</b>			<b>6,821</b>	<b>5,766</b>
<b>Statement of assets and Liabilities at the end of the period</b>					
Bank account	6,821			6,821	5,766