

The Erasmus Uganda Charitable Trust

Report and financial statements

Year ended 31st December 2023

Charity no. 1184049

The Erasmus Uganda Charitable Trust

Report of the trustees for the period ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the charity for the year to 31 December 2023.

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.

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 currently has just over 200 pupils of whom approximately 75% pay fees. This level of fees allows the school to operate at a small surplus on a day to day basis. There are 10 classes on site from the nursery school through to Primary 7. Academic results continue to be very good as is evidenced by the number of students progressing to secondary education

The main item of capital expenditure in 2023 has been for the construction of an additional 3 teachers houses. In 2024 the focus of the trust's expenditure will be to fund the provision of a sick bay/pharmacy. 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 (£7,139). 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

Full name	Paul N H Wright	Anthony R Brierley
Position	Trustee	Trustee
Date	16 October 2024	

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Statement of financial activities For the year to 31 December 2023

Receipts and payments	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total Funds	12m to 31 Dec
	£	£	£	2023	2022
				£	£
Receipts					
QEGS	280			280	4,430
Website	1,895			1,895	1,306
Individual donations	4,409			4,409	6,094
St Anne's Church	800			800	500
Total receipts	7,384			7,384	12,330
Payments					
School fees and medicals	-			-	203
Grant for desks and equipment	-			-	1,142
Grant for IT equipment	-			-	656
Grant for teacher's houses	4,967			4,967	1,116
Grant towards teachers' subsistence during Covid	750			750	4,302
Website development	683			683	99
Transport in Uganda and freight charges	-			-	833
Repairs and maintenance	560			560	2,811
Other expenses	106			106	113
Total payments	7,066			7,066	11,275
Net receipts	318			318	1,055
Cash funds last period end	6,821			6,821	5,766
Cash funds this period end	7,139			7,139	6,821
Statement of assets and Liabilities at the end of the period					
Bank account	7,139			7,139	6,821