



# **THE TARIM NETWORK**

Charity Number: 1184295

## **Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements for the Period 01 April 2020 to 30 November 2021**

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### for the Financial Period from 01-April-2020 to 31-March-2021

## Reference & Administration Details

### Charity Details:

**Name(s):** The Tarim Network

**Number:** 1184295

**Address:** 15 Wincanton Court, Martock Gardens, London, N11 3GJ

### Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

Trustee name	Office	Appointed	Resigned
Zulfukar Ablikim	N/A	N/A	N/A
Archi Wallace Griffin	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nurezvace Aydin	N/A	N/A	N/A
Munawwar Abdulla	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sam Houdi	N/A	25/05/2020	N/A

### Names & Addresses of Advisors

Role	Name	Address
Bank	Metro Bank	1 Southampton Row, Holborn, London WC1B 5HA

## Structure, Governance & Management

### Description of the Charity's Trusts

#### Type of Governing Document:

Constitution

#### How the Charity is Constituted:

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

#### Trustee Selection Methods:

Any gaps identified in the knowledge and expertise of the existing Trustees is used to identify the preferred characteristics of new Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration and management of The Tarim Network. All potential trustees must have a formal interview with the existing Trustees to understand their motivation to be appointed and their skills and experience.

#### How New Trustees are Inducted and Trained:

All new Trustees will be provided with a copy of the Governing Document (Constitution) and the most recent Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements (if available). In addition, they will also be provided

the 'Fundamental Principles of the Tarim Network', which is a document that sets out the 8 values and principles of The Tarim Network including: Integrity, Open-mindedness, Respect, Innovation, Loyalty, Excellence, Positivity and Independence. This ensures that all trustees understand the values that The Tarim Network stands for and what is expected of everyone involved with The Tarim Network.

## Objects

The relief of those in need of the Uyghur youth community around the world through the promotion of community events and provision of educational services focusing on Uyghur arts, culture and heritage.

### Statutory Declaration on Public Benefit

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

## Executive Summary

The Tarim Network operates across the three pillars of Unite, Inspire and Advance. This year, we have further progressed the several projects that were launched last year. The below offers highlights of the previous year's activity. We aim to further these projects and develop entirely new concepts as the world continues to recover from the pandemic. Current projects include working to foster an online community linked by an interest and experience of Uyghur culture, as well as an online learning platform for the Uyghur language, caringly made possible by a global community of dedicated volunteers.

## Activities, Achievements & Performance

As a relatively young charity that was established in 2019, we have continued to progress the achievements of last year. We aim to achieve our charitable objectives through projects championed across three pillars: Unite, Inspire and Advance.

As the charitable objectives refer to supporting a global Uyghur youth community, and as particularly the lingering of the Covid-19 pandemic, our projects have operated digitally. As the charity develops and with more funding, we aim to provide more projects in person to further our charitable objectives.

### *Unite*

Projects under *Unite* aim to promote unity and community-building between Uyghur youth around the world and the general public that have an interest in the Uyghur culture. This is important as the Uyghur diaspora is disjointed, and many young Uyghurs experience identity conflicts from not being able to relate to their Uyghur identity. In addition, there is a lack of accessibility for the general public to engage with and to learn about Uyghur culture.

As part of *Unite*, we have introduced Uyghurs and non-Uyghurs to each other across the network as part of the Hello Tarim project. This is facilitated by showcasing individuals' profile stating through our social media, providing basic information and interests that can link members with each other. We have featured over 32 profiles.

Importantly, in October 2020 we showcased the rich Uyghur culture at the first virtual Uyghur transcontinental concert, 'Longing for Home: Uyghur Muqam in Exile' featuring Shohrat Turson (Australia), the Meshrep Uyghur Ensemble (Netherlands) and the SOAS Silk Road Collective (UK). This virtual event was livestreamed across social media and YouTube to great success with over 4,000 views. Following this event, we celebrated Noruz (New Year) by broadcast a concert on YouTube in March 2021 comprising of 7 different musical groups based around the world.

### *Inspire*

Projects under *Inspire* aim to motivate and encourage Uyghur youth in need to develop their capabilities and succeed as individuals and members of society. It is important to showcase role models that are relatable for young Uyghurs, while highlighting and acknowledging the contribution of Uyghurs to society for the general public.

The Tarim Talks podcast highlights the stories and journeys of prominent and up-an-coming Uyghurs to inspire and further connect the young Uyghur community. The podcast explores themes of identity, mentorship, life lessons and achievements. Interviews for this period include linguist and anthropologist Mirshad Ghalip, fashion designer Aziza Rozi and Biologist Askar Yimit. In total we have interviewed 5 guests from April 2020 to March 2021.

The Tarim Stars project highlights on social media the successes and works of bright Uyghur youth around the world, while providing access to further information for others who may be interested in similar fields. We have showcased a total of 16 Tarim Stars for this period.

We are working with Rene Cassin to collect art and written pieces for a contemporary anthology in celebration of our stories, culture, and individuality. This project has held multiple workshops open to the public to provide information and support on creative and nature writing, editing, and drawing. The aim is to publish an anthology comprised of short stories, poetry, essays, recipes/food writing, photography, illustrations, and other forms of visual art.

### *Advance*

Projects under *Advance* aim to further the knowledge and understanding of the community on a diverse range of topics, including but not limited to Uyghur culture, arts and heritage.

The Tarim Network Academy project was launched in early November 2020, which acts as an online educational platform to host classes. We are currently hosting the third term of Uyghur Exchange, which teaches the Uyghur language at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. There has been around 10-20 students across the three classes during each term of the Uyghur Exchange.

Tarim Seminars are one-off online lectures on a diverse range of subjects given by academics and professionals. Topics have ranged from Islamic finance to Uyghur Meshreps (Uyghur heritage). We have held a total of 7 seminars to-date.

We have also launched the Standard Uyghur Curriculum (Standard UC) project. The aim of the project is to create a comprehensive and standardised Uyghur language curriculum tailored for Uyghur children in the diaspora community. This is a medium to long-term project with the objective of publishing textbooks and exercise books for grades 1-10 (ages 5-15 years old).

We also set-up a the STEM Group, also known as "Uyghur Pen Ilimleri", this semi-formal group is for Uyghur students and professionals in STEM fields who would like to connect with other Uyghur scientists. Meetings are held once a month to discuss journal articles, papers, their own research. So far we have held at least 10 meetings.

Overall, through the three pillars of Unite, Inspire and Advance, we have made huge progress in furthering our charitable objectives and providing public benefit.

Due to our digital and volunteer based operating model, all expenses have been funded by donations from trustees and the general public. Volunteers make a significant contribution to the Tarim Network, as all projects are run by volunteers. There are currently over 25 volunteers at the Tarim Network on either a regular or ad-hoc basis.

### **Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves**

Currently, the charity operates digitally with the help from volunteers. This means there are minimal costs associated with the running of the charity. All associated software and IT costs are predictable as they are incurred on an annual subscription basis. Therefore, there is no charity policy on reserves. As The Tarim Network expands to offer physical projects, an appropriate Reserve Policy will be implemented.

### **Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit**

The Trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were materially in deficit at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

### **State of the Charity's Finances**

The main sources of income for the charity is donations by Trustees and the general public. The only source of expenditure are software and IT costs incurred on an annual basis as The Tarim Network predominately operates digitally.

There are no Restricted or Designated Funds.

### **Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the Charity**

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

### **Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt**

The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

## **Declaration**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report and authorised that it be signed on their behalf.



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The Tarim Network

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/04/2020



To

31/03/2021

### 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 £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	902	-	-	902	467
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	902	-	-	902	467
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
N/A	0	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	0	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	902	-	-	902	467
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Software and IT costs	303	-	-	303	467
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	303	-	-	303	467
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
N/A	0	-	-	0	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	0	-	-	0	-
<b>Total payments</b>	303	-	-	303	467
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	599	-	-	599	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	599	-	-	599	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash	599	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	599	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	N/A	0	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A	N/A	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A	N/A	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	N/A	N/A	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		ZULFUKAR ABLIKIM	06/12/2021	
		ARCHI WALLACE GRIFFIN	06/12/2021	