



THE TARIM NETWORK

Charity Number: 1184295

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements for the Period 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

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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	26/09/2022

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' profiles through our social media, providing basic information and interests that can link members with each other. In this period, we have featured over 22 profiles.

Due to the extended lockdown periods in many of our Network's locales, we initiated Tarim Connect. Over 100 people applied and were sorted into 5 group chats in which they could talk and get to know each other. This project was formally disbanded a year later as restrictions eased, although contacts continued to stay in touch.

The Tarim Network collaborated with Good Faith Productions to present an evening with Rahima Mahmut, Abbos Kosimov, and the Silk Road Collective of Uyghur music and culture. This was held on November 27th, 2021 in London, UK. A video produced from this event garnered over 700 views on Youtube

For the March '22 Noruz, we collected videos and images from our network to create a small video that brought together Uyghur traditions from 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 Google engineer Sherzat and

print shop entrepreneur Subi Imam. The podcast was featured on The Sunday Magazine on CBC Radio in Canada.

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 21 Tarim Stars for this period.

We began a new project called Our Canvas highlighting the stories and behind-the-scenes of Uyghur artists in the diaspora. We've produced three beautiful videos this year highlighting the music troupe Silk Road Collective and artist Camilla Dilshat. Our website also hosts art from three other artists in the diaspora.

We worked with Rene Cassin to collect art and written pieces for a contemporary anthology in celebration of our stories, culture, and individuality. This project held multiple workshops open to the public to provide information and support on creative and nature writing, editing, and drawing, totalling 4 free workshops. We then held the Uyghur anthology launch party to celebrate the publication of *Under the Mulberry Tree: A Contemporary Uyghur Anthology*, Vol. 1. The first was held online in February '22 including 8 speakers and performers. The in-person launch event was held in March '22 in London, UK. The book has been sold at local festivals, and we have been asked permission for it to be used in school curriculums both in high school and higher education. It has also been reviewed online by The New Arab.

In '22, we were asked by the Yet Again UK team to help connect them with Uyghur artists who would be able to provide work for an exhibition in the Portcullis House in collaboration with Nus Ghani MP. Works from five artists and poets in our network were showcased along with artists from other communities facing genocide.

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 hosted the third term of Uyghur Exchange, which teaches the Uyghur language at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels at the end of 2021. There has been around 10-20 students across the three classes during each term of the Uyghur Exchange.

We hosted a pilot collaboration with the Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. We vetted four volunteers to work as conversation partners for their 8-week Uyghur language summer course ('22) and made some great connections that we hope to further in the coming years.

In June '22 we held a 10-week Uyghur History Course through a curriculum created by one of our volunteers. Over 90 students applied, and we accepted 20 to fulfil a rigorous and successful course, where we hosted guest speakers Joshua L. Freeman, Eric Schluessel, Eset Suleyman, Nabijan Tursun, and Ablet Kamalov.

Tarim Seminars are one-off online lectures on a diverse range of subjects given by academics and professionals. Topics this period have included Uyghur music and ethical entrepreneurship. We have held a total of 8 seminars to-date, including one in collaboration with Yet Again UK.

We have 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 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 and have posted a number of our group's presentations on our website. This group was formally closed in October '22.

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 Designated Funds in relation to the Standard Uyghur Curriculum project.

Overall the accounts for the year show a surplus of £15,699 (2021: £599) and closing reserves of £16,298 (2021: £599)

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.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Tarim Network

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2021



To

31/03/2022

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	16,687	-	-	16,687	902
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,687	-	-	16,687	902
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
N/A	0	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	0	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,687	-	-	16,687	902
A3 Payments					
Software and IT costs	211	-	-	211	303
Publishing costs	375	-	-	375	-
Accounting	300	-	-	300	-
Translation work	102	-	-	102	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	988	-	-	988	303
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
N/A	0	-	-	0	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	0	-	-	0	-
Total payments	988	-	-	988	303
Net of receipts/(payments)	15699	-	-	15699	599
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	599	-	-	599	-
Cash funds this year end	16298	-	-	16298	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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	16298	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	16298	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	N/A	0	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details			
	N/A	Fund to which asset belongs N/A	Cost (optional) -	Current value (optional) -
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
	N/A	Fund to which asset belongs N/A	Cost (optional) -	Current value (optional) -
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details			
	N/A	Fund to which liability relates N/A	Amount due (optional) -	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		ZULFUKAR ABLIKIM	26/01/2023	
		ARCHI WALLACE GRIFFIN	26/01/2023	