



THE TARIM NETWORK

Charity Number: 1184295

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Reference & Administration Details

Charity Details:

Name(s): The Tarim Network

Number: 1184295

Address: Lytchett House, 13 Freeland Park, Wareham Road, Poole, Dorset, BH16 6FA

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

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 our capacity to address more needs of the community grows. Current projects include providing opportunities for youth to advance their knowledge, their careers, and connect with youth in different parts of the world, 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, many of our projects have continued to operate digitally. We have begun to implement more in-person projects this year though, and are working to continue these projects in a sustainable way.

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 a total of 6 profiles. Our features also expanded to include events; members of TTN covered the Jana Cekara Film Festival and consequently the Jana Cekara art exhibition in Kazakhstan. They also covered a poetry recital and book event hosted by Yuksal and Clever Uyghur in Kazakhstan, the Uyghur artist exhibition "Medeniy Miras" in Uzbekistan, and the "Uyghur: Reclaiming Our Story" exhibition in Australia.

In March '23, The Tarim Network was asked to speak on a panel in Istanbul, Turkey regarding community building and volunteering to an audience of Uyghur youth in the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) Summit. Our co-founder was also asked to be a judge for a grant competition where groups pitched community empowerment-related projects for a chance at \$10,000. Overall, over 60 youth attended, and plans were made to stay in touch with them, and build on this project so that it could span multiple countries and further connect the Uyghur diaspora. Following this, TTN was asked to be part of implementing the next phase of YEP (read more in *Advance*).

In Feb '24, we began a Bilingual Book Club, which reads books and stories that are available in both English and Uyghur, with weekly discussions that alternate in language.

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 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 20 Tarim Stars for this period.

We continued Our Canvas, highlighting the stories and behind-the-scenes of Uyghur artists in the diaspora. Interviews with two more artists were featured in this period.

We created a revised edition of our anthology, *Under the Mulberry Tree: A Contemporary Uyghur Anthology*, with new translations, editor's notes, and comments from contributors. The new book was launched on May 1st, 2023. We hosted a public launch event at Harvard University (hybrid in person and online). It was reviewed by academics such as Dr Gulnar Eziz, Dr Eric Schluessel, and Dr Vanessa Frangville, and featured in journals like *Rungh*. To date, the book has been sold at local festivals, and we have been asked permission for it to be used in school curriculums in high school, higher education, and tutoring academies. It's also available in libraries around the world. In Feb '24 we announced a call-out for submissions for the next edition, and hosted a creativity workshop online as well as a 30 Day Creative Writing Challenge.

We posted a new episode of our podcast, *Tarim Talks*, where we spoke with a history professor about his journey into academia.

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. It also aims to create opportunities for youth in our network to access career-oriented opportunities to further their goals.

We organised a 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 ('23) similar to our partnership from '22.

In June '23 we held a 10-week Uyghur History Course through a curriculum created by one of our volunteers. This is the second year we ran the course. Over 60 students applied, and we accepted 25 to fulfil a rigorous and successful course, where we hosted guest academics to talk about some of the readings in our syllabus. We also posted reviews from our previous students.

This year we revitalised our effort to create an Uyghur Language Course. We were able to host 5-6 different classes (for different levels and timezones) that served about 180 students and spanned 3-4 months. We were also able to find a volunteer to teach an underserved population in our community, that is, Uyghur students who grew up going to schools that only taught in Mandarin Chinese. This was a semi structured class that went on for months, every week on Discord, so long as there were students who wanted to learn.

We hosted two seminars with one of our Tarim Stars about finance and national security, and hope to continue the series. We also partnered with a new youth initiative called Rawan Mentorship, a group in the US who help high school students apply to college, and have been aiding them in reaching a broader audience with their seminars on higher education and application writing.

The Access to Internships (A2I) project is an initiative to help Uyghur and Turkic youth gain access to internships by vetting, training, and creating a pipeline to internships at organisations that we create MOUs with. We created MOUs with a number of organisations and found internships for 3 people, and hosted interest meetings and workshops on how to get internships.

This reporting period we focused a lot on YEP. We helped organise an Ideathon Workshop Series in Kazakhstan, where youth in the community were able to attend panels, workshop their project ideas, and pitch them to a judging panel to receive grants. Three groups received grants of \$10,000 each, as did six groups from Turkey, as mentioned in *Unite*. We took care of managing and reporting the progress of the YEP funds, coordinating with local partners to make sure the grantees were receiving the support they needed and were tracking their progress and spending. This all culminated in a 3-day Transnational Conference in Istanbul (Feb '24), where groups from Kazakhstan and Turkey came together to reflect on their projects, attend more workshops and trainings hosted by local partners as well as panellists from the UK, Europe, and the US, get to know each other and share tips and ideas, and finally showcase their projects in a public fair. Each group was interviewed for our social media, and the interviews are available to watch on Youtube as well.

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, almost 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. We also had three independent contractors to support our Youth Empowerment Program in Kazakhstan and Türkiye.

Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The Tarim Network currently operates digitally with the invaluable support of volunteers. As such, the charity incurs minimal running costs, and all software and IT expenses are predictable, being based on annual subscriptions. Given this low-cost operational model, there has historically been no formal reserves policy in place.

However, as the charity continues to grow and explores the implementation of physical projects and expanded initiatives, the Trustees recognize the need to establish a reserves policy to ensure financial stability and sustainability.

The Trustees have agreed that a target reserve level of three to six months of core operating costs will be implemented as part of this future strategy. Reserves will serve to:

- Protect the charity against unforeseen financial challenges or income fluctuations.
- Ensure the continuity of key programs and activities.
- Provide funding for strategic initiatives that align with the charity's mission.

Reserves will be monitored and reviewed annually, with adjustments made as the organization's financial needs evolve. Until such time as The Tarim Network expands to require this policy, financial management will remain focused on maintaining transparency and minimizing costs.

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 primary sources of income for The Tarim Network include donations from Trustees and the general public, which continue to provide significant support. Additionally, funding for projects such as Access 2 Internships and the Youth Empowerment Program has been secured through subaward grants from partner NGOs. The charity also generated income through the sale of its publication, *Under the Mulberry Tree: A Contemporary Uyghur Anthology*.

The main expenditures include software and IT costs necessary for digital operations, costs associated with the creation and distribution of the anthology, and expenses related to conducting activities for the Access 2 Internships and Youth Empowerment Program initiatives.

Designated Funds remain allocated for the Standard Uyghur Curriculum project, which was specifically fundraised for via the LaunchGood platform.

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.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Tarim Network

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Tarim Network ('the CIO') for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on the following pages

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Caladine Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Date: 20 January 2025



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2023


To

31/03/2024

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	959	-	-	959	1,666
Grants	165,047	-	-	165,047	-
Anthology sales	1,605	-	-	1,605	-
Language classes donation	297	-	-	297	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	167,908	-	-	167,908	1,666
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
N/A	0	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	0	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	167,908	-	-	167,908	1,666
A3 Payments					
Software and IT costs	307	-	-	307	425
Publishing costs	1,425	-	-	1,425	215
Accounting	330	-	-	330	426
Translation work	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Fees	50	-	-	50	6
Beneficiary costs	130,105	-	-	130,105	-
Sundr costs	45	-	-	45	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	132,162	-	-	132,162	1,072
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
N/A	0	-	-	0	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	0	-	-	0	-
Total payments	132,162	-	-	132,162	1,072
Net of receipts/(payments)	35,746	-	-	35,746	594
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,892	-	-	16,892	16,298
Cash funds this year end	52,638	-	-	52,638	16,892

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	52,638	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	52,638	-	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	N/A	0	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A	N/A	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A	N/A	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	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	30/01/2025	
	Munawwar Abdulla	MUNAWWAR ABDULLA	30/01/2025	