



## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period** **1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**

**Charity name: Project WHY UK**

**Charity registration number: 1184910**

### **Annual Update**

#### **A Year of Change and New Beginnings**

This year, Project Why UK experienced several significant changes that will help shape the future of our work. We said farewell to two of our trustees, who left to focus on other commitments. While they are greatly missed, their departure has sparked exciting conversations about maintaining our connections to the charity, and we are exploring the creation of a "Friends of Project Why" group. This new initiative will provide a platform for ongoing engagement and support for those connected to the charity.

On a positive note, we are thrilled to welcome two new trustees to our board: Terry West and Krista Jarman. Terry has already made a tremendous impact, creating our new website ([www.projectwhyuk.org](http://www.projectwhyuk.org)), which offers an updated platform for our supporters to learn about our mission and make donations. Krista has been equally committed, travelling extensively this year and making a special visit to Project WHY in Delhi. During her time on the ground, Krista volunteered with the children, witnessing firsthand the incredible impact of your donations. She also captured powerful photos and videos, which we've shared across our social media channels. Krista is planning to post some insightful blogs in the coming year, which will give you an even closer look at the work we are doing together.

#### **New Partnerships**

We are also excited to announce a new partnership with Pahli Hill, a London-based restaurant that chose Project Why as their charity partner. Through this collaboration, Pahli Hill has generously committed to donating a percentage of their proceeds. This partnership

not only provides us with valuable financial support but also helps raise awareness of Project Why's work. We are grateful to Pahli Hill for their commitment and look forward to the continued success of this partnership in the years to come.

### **Grants made to Project WHY India**

Project WHY UK made a total of £26,251 in grants to Project WHY India during the financial year, in accordance with its grant-making policy. This policy details, in particular, the process by which grants can be applied for and the decision process followed by the trustees in respect of any such application.

A total of £3,270 was granted to Project WHY India under the "sponsor a teacher" campaign.

A total of £22,981 was granted to Project WHY India in general grants. These grants included funding for repairs to the Yamuna centre, furniture for the special section (including a music system), transport of students to school centres, salaries for teachers (not already funded through the "sponsor a teacher" campaign), desktop monitors, items for the beauty training centre including furniture and hairdryers and assisting student welfare which included the salary of a speech therapist and self-care lessons.

In our 22/23 year report, we outlined that Project WHY India had expressed their desire to restart their crèche facility at the GovindPuri school centre. This had been well established before the pandemic, very successful and provided early learning for the young children, giving them a head start when they started state schools and hopefully attending the school centres as students. The trustees were happy to hear of this initiative to restart the crèche and a grant request of £7,000 was funded in the 23/24 financial year (and included in the above figures). This grant included funding of refurbishment to the creche centre, furniture, office supplies, books, stationery and a music system. The trustees also paid grants to fund food for those children attending the creche.

The trustees have received feedback and post grant reporting in the form of receipts, photographs and discussions from Project WHY India as to all grant funds. The trustees are also continuing quarterly meetings with Project WHY India to receive an oral report and work collaboratively on furthering the charity's objects.

### **Project WHY UK Funding Initiatives and Support**

#### **Teachers' Salaries**

Through its successful 'sponsor a teacher' campaign, Project WHY UK continued to receive recurring donations, which were specifically ring fenced for contributions to the salaries of particular teachers. These teachers are from underprivileged backgrounds and still live in deprived areas.

Donations under this scheme totalled £2,616.

A total of £3,270 was granted under the "sponsor a teacher" campaign.

The difference between the two figures is accounted for by some donations still being held by the charity at the 22/23 year end and then granted in the 23/24 year.

### Ongoing Donations

Project WHY UK benefits from a number of regular donations and the trustees would like to thank everyone who donated over the 23/24 financial year for their ongoing support.

### A Foundation for the Future

Over the last year, the trustees have focused on setting the foundations for the charity to move forward. The trustees have spent time setting up the charity's new website and social media to be able to communicate their mission with donors and raise awareness of the charity more widely.

### Summary of Accounts

Donations received totalled £4,984 during the financial year 2023 to 2024. Of which: General donations were £2,368 (£1 of which was received into our Paypal account in the 22/23 year but was not reflected in the 22/23 accounts so has been reflected in this year's accounts).

Donations ring fenced for the "Sponsor a Teacher" scheme were £2,616.

Funds provided to Project WHY India totalled £26,251 during the financial year 2023 to 2024. Of which:

As per funding requests by PW India £22,981

"Sponsor a Teacher" scheme £3,270

Project WHY UK cash assets were £26,103 at the start of the 23/24 financial year and were £4,776 at the end of the 23/24 financial year.

### Further information required by the UK charity statement of recommended practice (SORP)

#### Charitable purposes and constitution (SORP 1.17 and 1.25)

Project WHY UK is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by a foundation constitution. Its charitable purposes are:

*"To further such charitable purposes (charitable under English Law) as the trustees see fit from time to time in particular, but not limited to, the advancement of education for the public benefit and the relief of poverty in India, through the provision of grants to charities and organisations furthering such purposes. To the extent that the Sri Ram Goburdhun Charitable Trust (Registered Charity Number S32978, India, its field based programme being known as Project WHY India), makes recommendations to the trustees to further these objects, the trustees may promote these objects through the provision of funds to the Sri Ram Goburdhun Charitable Trust."*

#### Public benefit (SORP 1.18)

In the course of their duties, the trustees of Project WHY UK confirm they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

#### Trusteeship and organisational structure (SORP 1.25 and 1.51)

In accordance with Project WHY UK's constitution, trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the current charity trustees, having regard to any potential candidate's skills, knowledge and relevant experience.

The charity was incorporated as a CIO on 15 August 2019. Two of the charity's founding trustees retired and two new trustees were appointed during the financial year. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

The trustees regularly communicate electronically and hold meetings to discuss both fundraising initiatives and to review their trustee duties and discuss any grant requests from Project WHY India. During the financial year, all trustee meetings were held electronically in order to allow the trustees to meet regularly given they are located in various locations across the UK.

#### Banking and property

Project WHY UK's bank account is held in the organisation's name, as a CIO, at Lloyds Bank. As such, none of the trustees hold title to any property belonging to the charity, nor are any funds held as a custodian trustee on behalf of others.



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
1st April 2023

To

Period end date  
31st March 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	2,368	2,616	-	4,984	5,658
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	1,876
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	2,368	2,616	-	4,984	7,534
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	2,368	2,616	-	4,984	7,534

### A3 Payments

Charitable activities	22,981		-	22,981	11,536
Restricted funds for "Sponsor a Teacher"	-	3,270	-	3,270	1,962
Other (bank charges)	60	-	-	60	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>23,041</b>	<b>3,270</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,311</b>	<b>13,498</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>23,041</b>	<b>3,270</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,311</b>	<b>13,498</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 20,673</b>	<b>- 654</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 21,327</b>	<b>- 5,964</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>24,935</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,103</b>	<b>32,067</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>4,262</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,776</b>	<b>26,103</b>

## 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>				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>4,262</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
	<b>Details</b>			

**B2 Other monetary assets**

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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**B5 Liabilities**

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		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

\*Note-£1 was received into the charity's PayPal account in 22/23 which was not reflected in the 22/23 accounts. That £1 is reflected in this year's accounts