



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	January	2024		31	December	2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Magna Carta World Peace and Sustainability Foundation

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1185381

**Charity's principal address** 1 Magna Carta Lane  
Wraysbury  
Staines-upon-Thames  
  
**Postcode** TW19 5AF

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dr Prem Sharma	Chair		
2	Prof Yinshan Tang	Treasurer		
3	Rev Robin Thomson	Secretary		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Prof Yu Xiong	
Mr Yuanfen Cheng	

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### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Foundation
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote national and international conflict resolution and reconciliation for the public benefit with a view to relieving suffering, poverty and distress and building and maintaining social cohesion and trust within and between communities by

1. Investigating and identifying probable causes of the conflict;
2. Examining probable solutions to the conflict through participatory research into relevant economic and social issues;
3. Mediating with parties to the conflict and others together to discuss such

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

<p>research and possible solutions enabling them to build relationships of trust;</p> <p>4. Recommending to the international community and parties involved the measures which, in the Trustees' opinion, are likely to result in the resolution or prevention of the conflict or the reduction of any humanitarian crisis that may ensue from the conflict;</p> <p>5. Publishing reports for the public benefit on the causes and recommended solutions of particular conflicts;</p> <p>6. Delivering services which address the charitable needs of those affected by conflict: provided that all activities shall be balanced and shall maintain or enhance the CIO's commitment to remaining impartial.</p>
<p>In view of the lack of understanding of the real causes behind conflicts, the Trustees will organise Conferences, Debates, Lectures, Research, and Workshops on all aspects of promoting World Peace, especially:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Matters covered or alluded to in the charity's declared objectives.</li> <li>2. Issues at global, international, and national levels such as tensions between communities.</li> <li>3. Relevant factors including economic, social, cultural, religious and spiritual. How do these hinder or support peace? And how does peace, or absence of peace, enhance or diminish public benefit?</li> <li>4. Factors relating primarily to women, who are particular victims of conflict but are not properly represented in peace processes and decision making. We will include them at all levels (see the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 of Oct 2000).</li> <li>5. Environmental issues where the many threats to our fragile ecosystem are also threats to peace.</li> </ol> <p>In planning these activities the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</p>

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

**Conferences**

We held a conference on 9 November 2024

**Peace is slipping away – but we can reclaim it.**

*- key themes of the **Magna Carta Peace Conference, 9 November 2024, St James Church, Woodley, Reading:***

**Peace and sustainability are connected:** The climate crisis threatens all of us with increasing instability. It knows no borders, said **Lord Sharma KCMG**, former president of COP 26: *“Each of us, in every part of the world, has a responsibility to play our role in tackling climate change and ensuring that we have peace and stability in the world.”*

**International conflicts are increasing:** **Yuan Yang MP**, the local MP for Earley and Woodley, highlighted current conflict areas and called for policies to bring peace with justice.

**We can all take local action for peace:** The Magna Carta World Peace Index analyses the causes of conflict between nations and also within nations. **Prof Yinshan Tang**, Vice Dean of Henley Business School, presented the Magna Carta World Peace Index's research: a lack of economic development can be a significant barrier to peace within countries. This significant finding needs more study. Greed is at the heart of many conflicts – when is ‘enough’ enough?

The **Deputy Mayor** of Wokingham Borough Council, **Cllr Carol Jewell**, who is also a local Councillor, pointed to the crucial need for understanding and communication in order to build an environment for peace. She identified local activities that bring people together, such as the monthly ‘Repair Shop’ and the South Lake Eco Trail.

The many barriers to peace are challenging, but **Rev Laurence Smith** advised that the best way to solve a puzzle is one piece at a time. He is Vicar of St James Church, providing local presence and support, like other community groups. Another local Councillor, **Shahid Younis**, highlighted the need for Council and local community organisations to work together more closely and intentionally.

The change for peace comes from within each one of us. **Brahma Kumari Sisters Jayanti** and **Aruna** invited us to look inside to find our inner core.

**Dr Prem Sharma**, **Chairman** of Magna Carta Foundation, reminded us that *‘the practice of peace is an exercise in becoming less selfish. If the whole world were willing to live in this way, no one seeking their own glory but the wellbeing of others, it would be truly transformative. But we have not lived that way, so we need to seek forgiveness and ask God’s help to change our leaders and to change us.’*

Peace comes from the top, from the leaders. We were told that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II once said *‘The waging of peace is the hardest form of leadership, but the most rewarding. It needs patience, resourcefulness and grit.’*

Peace also comes from the bottom, as each of us commit ourselves to loving service of others. That also makes us ‘feel good’, and spreads peace widely.

The conference talks are available at [https://youtube.com/live/N08vkyL\\_p5k](https://youtube.com/live/N08vkyL_p5k) (begins at 31 minutes)

Conference pictures and more information:

<https://themagnacartadotorg.wordpress.com/>

### Research

We continued to develop the **Magna Carta World Peace Index** – a project in collaboration between Magna Carta World Peace and Sustainability Foundation and Henley Business School, University of Reading.

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

It is our policy to maintain sufficient reserves to cover the necessary operations of the charity for a minimum of 6 months

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature(s)**



**Full name(s)**

Dr Prem Dutt Sharma

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chair

**Date**

8 October 2025

Date	Description and relevant calculations	Debit	Credit
01-Jan-24	Opening balance		
12-Jan-24	Cheque 000012 To Hoc Administration 2: (2023 conference)	1308.83	
16-Jan-24	Cheque 000013 to Xuejuan Fan (Domain registration)	74.3	
28-Mar-24	Commercial charges 01 Dec 23 to 29 Feb 24	122	
28-Jun-24	Commercial charges 01 Mar 24 to 31 May 24	120	
01-Aug-24	Faster payment from UKIIC ACCELERATION LTD		2000
30-Sep-24	Commercial charges 01 Jun 24 31 Aug 24	120.35	
11-Oct-24	Faster payment from Y Chen		2000
22-Oct-24	Faster payment from Mehrotara Manju Mehrotra Ravi		500
15-Nov-24	Cheque 000015 to St James church centre: (2024 conference)	1500	
29-Nov-24	cheque 000014 to Cake and Cream Ltd: (2024 conference)	124	
24-Dec-24	Cheque 000016 to South Asia Development partnership: (2024 conference)	468	
31-Dec-24	Commercial charges 01 Sept to 30 Nov 24	122.7	
<b>31-Dec-24</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3960.18</b>	<b>4500</b>



**Balance**

3080.34

1771.51

1697.21

1575.21

1455.21

3455.21

3334.86

5334.86

5834.86

4334.86

4210.86

3742.86

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