

THE ARTICLE 11 TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1185631

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-10-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN THE UK WITH A PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON RIGHTS TO FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION UNDER ARTICLE 11 OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, IN ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:A) MONITORING AND REPORTING OF BREACHES OF OBLIGATIONS TO PROTECT THE HUMAN RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION;B) PROMOTING EFFECTIVE REDRESS FOLLOWING ANY BREACH;C) DISSEMINATING INFORMATION, ORGANISING EVENTS AND COMMISSIONING AND PUBLISHING RESEARCH ON THE EXERCISE OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION AND THE OBLIGATIONS AND DUTIES OF UK PUBLIC SERVANTS;D) PROVIDING TECHNICAL ADVICE TO GOVERNMENT AND OTHERS ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS;E) CONTRIBUTING TO THE SOUND ADMINISTRATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS LAW;F) COMMENTING ON PROPOSED UK HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION;G) RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, IN PARTICULAR RIGHTS TO FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION;H) PROMOTING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR PROTECTING RIGHTS TO FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION;IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS OBJECT BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY, PROVIDED THAT THE TRUSTEES ARE SATISFIED THAT THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES WILL FURTHER THE PURPOSES OF THE CHARITY TO AN EXTENT JUSTIFIED BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTED AND THE ACTIVITY IS NOT THE DOMINANT MEANS BY WHICH THE CHARITY CARRIES OUT ITS OBJECTS.

Activities: The Article 11 Trust will facilitate funding for, or commission the services of, research, training and legal support voluntary organisations, and exceptionally individuals, to defend the right to protest of

individuals, movements and communities within the UK.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£227,782	£210,726	-	-
2024-03-31	£159,014	£146,705	-	-
2023-03-31	£287,736	£129,793	-	-
2022-03-31	£56,975	£33,220	-	-
2021-03-31	£30,629	£26,760	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrea Brock		2026-04-14
Annu Mayor		2022-04-05
Charlie Holt		2026-04-14
Elio Sea		2024-06-04
Gregory Horne		2026-04-14
KEVIN ROBERT BLOWE		2019-10-04
Rowan Constantinou-Stygal		2019-10-04
Tyrone Anthony Scott		2024-02-06

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Trustees Report & Account For the year ended 31 March 2025

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The Article 11 Trust

Charity No : 1185631

Receipts & Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2025

Trust Information :

Management Committee:

Kevin Robert Blowe (Trustee)
Annu Mayor (Trustee)
Rowan C Stygal (Trustee)
Tyrone Scott (Trustee)
Thomas Barns (Trustee)
Sam Walton (Trustee)
Elio Sea (Trustee)
Ray Morrison (Trustee)
XX(Trustee with a dispensation)
Imogen Richmond-Bishop (Trustee)

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Trustee's Report

For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

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We recognise that much of the most important work in this cause is carried out by grass roots organisations, working directly with those who exercise their rights. However, these groups have found it increasingly hard to access the resources they need to undertake their vital work.

As such, the Article 11 Trust seeks to identify and work closely with these groups, securing funding for their charitable endeavours and promoting their work. This includes research and education into issues surrounding the right to protest, as well as direct legal guidance and training to people who attend protests

Charitable Objectives

Our Charitable Purpose as set out in our governing documents is:

The advancement of human rights for the benefit of the public in the UK with a particular emphasis on rights to freedom of assembly and association under Article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights, in all or any of the following ways:

- a) Monitoring and reporting of breaches of obligations to protect the human right to freedom of assembly and association;
- b) Promoting effective redress following any breach
- c) Disseminating information, organising events and commissioning and publishing research on the exercise of human rights to freedom of assembly and association and the obligations and duties of UK public servants
- d) Providing technical advice to government and others on human rights matters
- e) Contributing to the sound administration of human rights law
- f) Commenting on proposed UK human rights legislation
- g) Raising public awareness of human rights issues, in particular rights to freedom of assembly and association
- h) Promoting public support for protecting rights to freedom of assembly and association

In furtherance of this objective but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to engage in political activity, provided that the trustees are satisfied that the proposed activities will further the purposes of the charity to an extent justified by the resources committed and the activity is not the dominant means by which the charity carries out its activities.

Evaluation Summary

2024 – 2025 was a successful year for The Article 11 Trust in which it continued to expand its Small Grants Programme and were able to support eleven grantees to launch projects that meet its charitable aims.

The Article 11 Trust continued its partnerships with Netpol and Green and Black Cross to research and document infringements on the right to protest.

In terms of administration, The Article 11 Trust recruited one new trustee to our board who added to its fundraising capacity and developed a five-year strategy plan to increase the capacity of the organisation to support protest rights across the UK.

Charitable Activities

Small Grants Programme

Activities funded by these grants directly counter the chilling effect of protest laws in three principal ways. Firstly, they enable activists to access training in their rights, demystifying new legislation and allowing them to take informed decisions when deciding to engage in protest. Secondly, they fund practical support during and immediately after protests take place. This support is not prescriptive but is determined by the groups concerned. It may include, for example, training and equipment for legal observers, police station support for protesters who have been arrested, or software to enable back-office connections. Thirdly it supports longer term needs of protesters, for example court support, which is invaluable to those who become caught up in the criminal justice system.

The Article 11 Trust provided funding for eleven grassroots groups who carried out a range of projects. Much of the funding for the Small Grants Programme came from a grant from Lankelly Chase. Funding received from The Oak Foundation was allotted to its small grants programme and its administration costs. Several Know Your Rights trainings were funded, including train the trainer sessions which will greatly increase the capacity to share knowledge of protest rights across Britain.

The Article 11 Trust received closing grant reports from eleven grantees funded from 2023 – 2024. Notably these included funding to LGBT+ Migrants Rise who reached over 400 people at events, providing people affected by racism, transphobia and homophobia with education on their protest rights. The Article 11 Trust has continued to provide core funding for groups that support protestors to enact their article 11 rights such as Climate Action Support Pathway who have supported 400 people with legal support. The Article 11 Trust remains uniquely placed to support frontline organisations to provide expert support to protesters.

Documenting the use of powers to restrict protests

The Article 11 Trust funded several reports into the restriction of protests, including a report on the use of safeguarding powers to restrict article 11 rights in Wales and England, looking specifically at how families and young people have been targeted. In March 2025, Netpol published the State of Protest Policing Report 2024 which was funded by the Barry Amiel & Norman Melburn Trust in partnership with Article 11 Trust. In conjunction with the report launch, an event was held in-person in London with 120 attendees. This provided activists, journalists and law makers with an in-depth review of the ways in which article 11 rights have been restricted in Britain.

Governance and Administration

During the reporting period two trustees stepped down, and three new trustees joined the board of trustees to support the trust's fundraising activities. The Article 11 Trust received funding from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT) who's funding contributed towards the administrative costs of running The Article 11 Trust. Trustees oversaw a review of The Article 11 Trust's financial procedures to ensure that they conform to best practices. The administration consultant subsequently reviewed and enhanced the grant giving process of the organisation, to optimise the process for both grantees and the trust. They also supported the trustees in the Fundraising and Grant Giving Committees to carry out their roles of managing relationships and reporting to funders, and of approving grant-outs to recipients, respectively

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees have responsibilities to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.
- The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Law. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


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Kevin Robert Blowe (Trustee)

Date 29 January 2026...

Independent Examiners Report to the Members of The Article 11 Trust

I report on the attached Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set on pages 6 to 8 and have been prepared on an accrual basis.

Respective responsibilities of Management Committee and Examiner:

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement:

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement:

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



Hasina Jahan (MBA, M Com, DFT, MAAT)
Glory Community Accounting Services
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Date: 29/01/26

The Article 11 Trust

Charity No : 1185631

Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2025

<u>Receipts</u>	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Donations / Other	507	-	507	135
Grants	19,750	207,525	227,275	152,644
Gift Aid	-	-	-	6,235
Total Receipts	20,257	207,525	227,782	159,014

<u>Payments</u>	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
IT software /Website design & Developm	-	1,763	1,763	1,301
Consulting /Recruitment / Staff Training	-	19,696	19,696	18,600
Office equipment	-	-	-	90
General expenses	-	876	876	168
Grants to Beneficiaries	-	186,780	186,780	125,043
Insurance	-	839	839	755
Depreciation expenses	176	-	176	176
Accountancy fees	500	-	500	500
Bank charges	95	-	95	72
Total Payments	771	209,954	210,726	146,705
Net Receipts /(Payments)	19,485	(2,429)	17,056	12,309
Funds brought forward	15,272	183,105	198,377	186,068
Funds carried forward	34,757	180,676	215,433	198,377

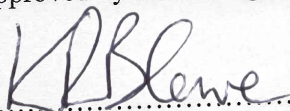
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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<u>Tangible Assets</u>			
Fixed Assets		-	176
 <u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash at Bank / in hand		215,933	198,791
 <u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Creditor & Accruals	2	(500)	(590)
(amounts falling due within one year)		215,433	198,201
Net Current Assets		<u>215,433</u>	<u>198,377</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>215,433</u></u>	<u><u>198,377</u></u>
 <u>Funds & Reserve</u>			
Unrestricted funds		34,757	15,272
Restricted funds		180,676	183,104
Total		<u><u>215,433</u></u>	<u><u>198,376</u></u>

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf by:



 Kevin Robert Blowe (Trustee)

Date...29 January 2026

The Article 11 Trust

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Notes of the Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2025

1.a) Accounting Policies

This financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are receipts generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their payments imposed by the funder or through the terms of an appeal.

c) **Receipts** : All receipts are included in the Receipts and Payments Account which are received during the year.

d) **Payments**: All payments are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Some of the expenses incurred this year but spent from last year restricted funds.

e) **Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation**: Any Assets more than £200.00 will be count as an fixed assets. Depreciation is provided to write off the assets in equal instalments over their useful lives.

Fixtures & Fittings
Computer

20% straight line method
25% straight line method

2. Creditors & Accruals

Accountancy fee
Other Creditors
Total

2025	2024
£	£
500	500
-	90
<u>500</u>	<u>590</u>

3. Fixed Assets

Cost
Depreciation
As at 31.03.2024
Charge for the Year
As at 31.03.2025

Net Book value 31.03.2025

2025	2024
£	£
705	705
529	353
176	176
<u>705</u>	<u>529</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>176</u>

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Evaluation Summary

2023 – 2024 was a successful year for The Article 11 Trust in which we greatly expanded our Small Grants Programme and were able to support nine grantees to launch projects that meet our charitable aims.

We continued our partnerships with Netpol and Green and Black Cross to research and document infringements on the right to protest.

In terms of administration, one trustee resigned, and we recruited one new trustee to our board. A consultant was hired to cover the work of the Organising and Partnerships Coordinator in January 2024, who was on long-term sick leave.

Charitable Activities

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Activities funded by these grants directly counter the chilling effect of protest laws in three principal ways. Firstly, they enable activists to access training in their rights, demystifying new legislation and allowing them to take informed decisions when deciding to engage in protest. Secondly, they fund practical support during and immediately after protests take place. This support is not prescriptive but is determined by the groups concerned. It may include, for example, training and equipment for legal observers, police station support for protesters who have been arrested, or software to enable back-office connections. Thirdly it supports longer term needs of protesters, for example court support, which is invaluable to those who become caught up in the criminal justice system.

We provided funding for nine grassroots groups who carried out a range of projects, primarily know your rights trainings so that activists can exercise their right to protest. We also continued our support of Activist Court Aid Brigade to provide court support for those exercising their right to protest. Much of the funding for the Small Grants Programme came from a grant from Lankelly Chase.

Documenting the use of powers to restrict protests

We have funded several new reports on the restriction of protests and the chilling effect this has had on article 11 rights. These included 'In Our Millions', a Netpol report on the policing of Palestine solidarity protests in Britain, and a research project conducted by David Mead, Professor of UK Human Rights Law at the University of East Anglia, into public knowledge of Article 11 rights and of legal constrictions on them.

Governance and Administration

During the reporting period, one trustee resigned, and the board successfully recruited one new trustee. To increase capacity the trust wrote and published recruitment adverts for a trustee legal specialist and a treasurer online. The Organising and Partnerships Coordinator, funded to provide administrative support for Netpol and The Article 11 Trust, went on long-term sick leave in the spring of 2023, and has since left the organisation. Additional funding from JRCT was used to create disability support for the staff member who was on long-term sick leave. To cover the administrative gaps, trustees managed the grants process until we hired a consultant to carry out administrative duties for the trust in January 2024. Our granting procedures have been reviewed and a smooth process for grantees and trustees has been developed, continuing our dedication to regulatory compliance through clear, consistent documentation.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'K Blowe', written in a cursive style.

Kevin Blowe

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Date:

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Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2024

Receipts

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Donations / Other	135	-	135	404
Grants	-	152,644	152,644	277,332
Solberga Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
Gift Aid	6,235	-	6,235	
Total Receipts	6,370	152,644	159,014	287,736

Payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
IT software /Website design & Developn	-	1,301	1,301	123
Consulting /Recruitment / Staff Training	-	18,600	18,600	379
Office equipment	-	90	90	90
Telephone / Internet	-	-	-	180
General expenses	-	168	168	1,223
Grants to Beneficiaries	-	125,043	125,043	126,365
Insurance	-	755	755	566
Postage / Printing / Stationery	-	-	-	18
Depreciation expenses	176	-	176	176
Payroll expenses	-	-	-	-
Accountancy fees	500	-	500	600
Bank charges	72	-	72	72
Total Payments	748	145,957	146,705	129,792
Net Receipts /(Payments)	5,622	6,688	12,309	157,944
Funds brought forward	9,650	176,418	186,068	28,124
Funds carried forward	15,272	183,106	198,377	186,068

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<u>Tangible Assets</u>			
Fixed Assets		176	353
 <u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash at Bank / in hand		198,790	196,289
 <u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Creditor & Accruals (amounts falling due within one year)	2	<u>(590)</u>	<u>(10,574)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>198,201</u>	<u>185,715</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>198,377</u></u>	<u><u>186,068</u></u>
 <u>Funds & Reserve</u>			
Unrestricted funds		£ 15,272	£ 9,650
Restricted funds		<u>183,106</u>	<u>176,418</u>
Total		<u><u>198,377</u></u>	<u><u>186,068</u></u>

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf by:



 Kevin Robert Blowe (Trustee)

Date...23 January 2025

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Computer

20% straight line method
25% straight line method

2. Creditors & Accruals

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy fee	500	500
Other Creditors	90	10,074
Total	590	10,574

3. Fixed Assets

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cost	705	705
Depreciation		
As at 31.03.2023	353	176
Charge for the Year	176	176
As at 31.03.2024	529	352
Net Book value 31.03.2024	176	353

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Trustees' Report

For the Year Ended 31st March 2023

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As such, the Article 11 Trust seeks to identify and work closely with these groups, securing funding for their charitable endeavours and promoting their work. This includes research and education into issues surrounding the right to protest, as well as direct legal guidance and training to people who attend protests.

Charitable objectives

Our Charitable Purpose as set out in our governing documents is:

The advancement of human rights for the benefit of the public in the UK with a particular emphasis on rights to freedom of assembly and association under Article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights, in all or any of the following ways:

- a) Monitoring and reporting of breaches of obligations to protect the human right to freedom of assembly and association;
- b) Promoting effective redress following any breach
- c) Disseminating information, organising events and commissioning and publishing research on the exercise of human rights to freedom of assembly and association and the obligations and duties of UK public servants
- d) Providing technical advice to government and others on human rights matters
- e) Contributing to the sound administration of human rights law
- f) Commenting on proposed UK human rights legislation
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Strategic Overview

2022-23 was dominated largely by the urgent need to respond to firstly the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Act, and then the new Public Order Bill, both of which pose a significant threat to Article 11 Rights.

Against this background we were able to secure significant new funding streams that have enabled us to support a substantial body of work conducted by our funding partners, analysing the implementation and impact of the new law, as well as ensuring protesters were able to access training on how to protect their rights. In addition to this, we recruited two new trustees and engaged ongoing third party administrative support, as well as funding new grantees for the first time to deliver valuable work, including legal observing and court support.

Goals

Funding

Further relationships with existing donors

Establish new relationships with additional donors

Secure grant funding for projects challenging the impact of the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill

Secure grant funding for the establishment of a Small Grants Programme aimed at grass roots support

Charitable Activities

Continue facilitation of a body of research and education work, both in respect of protest rights generally and the impact and consequences of the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill

Further sub-granting programme to groups working to further A11 rights

Close out the Barry Amiel & Norman Melburn Trust Research Fellowship

Governance and Administration

Expand the board of Trustees

Continue to improve internal policies and procedures to ensure rigorous compliance with charity law.

Obtain staffing resource for administrative, research and funding activities

Evaluation Summary

This has been a highly successful third year of operation for the Article 11 Trust, in which we met or exceeded our goals for the year. This was the first year of operation since Covid restrictions were fully lifted, and one in which major legislative changes were made to protest law, meaning it was critical that we could act effectively.

At a strategic level, we were successful in two major donation applications that have secured significant grants for the Trust. This has enabled us to respond effectively to the quickly changing environment brought about by the PCSC Act passing into law, and to plan a significant long term project supporting grass roots movements in exercising their Article 11 rights.

Through the Barry Amiel & Norman Melburn Trust's Research Fellowship, and subsequently a grant from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Foundation, we were able to facilitate significant research efforts into the changing landscape of protest. This culminated in a significant report into the policing of legal observers, as well as numerous other pieces of research.

Our ongoing core partnerships with Netpol and Green and Black Cross continued, and we welcomed significant new grantees such as the Activist Court Aid Brigade and Black Protest Legal Support. We also received the Scottish Community Aid Legal Project's report back on our grant to them in the last funding period, confirming the meaningful impact our funding has.

In terms of administration, we successfully recruited two new Trustees to our board, and engaged Netpol to provide ongoing administrative support through the employment of an Organising and Partnerships Coordinator. Our policies and procedures have been kept under review, and our demonstrable dedication to regulatory compliance was instrumental in our successful funding bids.

Charitable Activities

Responding to the PCSC Bill

The Article 11 Trust's main strategic objective in 2022-2023 continued to be responding effectively to the challenges posed by the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 which passed into law on 28th April. This was then followed by the new Public Order Bill 2022, which is expected to become law in the spring of 2023 and may prove even more deleterious to Article 11 rights.

As reported in 2021, we successfully applied for funding from the Barry Amiel & Norman Melburn Trust to embed a research fellow with Netpol, with the specific aim of researching protest policing and providing key insight into the impact the PCSC Bill. This work was carried out and concluded in September 2022. In order to both continue and further this work, in the light of the ongoing impact of the Act, we successfully applied for a grant from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Foundation to fund a full time staff member, whose time would be split between contributing to Netpol's work documenting and challenging the use of the Act, and assisting with the administration of the Article 11 Trust.

This work has had a significant impact, furthering the Trust's objectives. At a strategic level, a key accomplishment was compelling the publication of the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) Protest Operational Advice Document, following a Freedom of Information request by the Article 11 Trust. This document, although still flawed, is a significant improvement on the previous 2019 version and clearly indicates that the NPCC has listened to submissions from campaigners. However, the Trust continues to believe that Netpol's Charter of for Freedom of Assembly Rights, published last year, represents the best practical alternative. Further impact is demonstrated by the efforts of groups including Netpol that secured agreement from the Home Secretary that the impact of the Act would be reported upon.

Following the passing of the act, Netpol launched the Defend Dissent campaign, kicking off a year of intense activity aimed at defending the right to protest. This included beginning a long-term monitoring project, expected to run until 2024, tracking the impact of the Act. This is supplemented by the various reports Netpol has produced throughout the year supported by our BANM Research Fellow, documenting the impact of the Act and highlighting police actions against protesters, and legal observers. This included the in-depth report, "Protecting Protest – Police Treatment of Legal Observers in Britain". Other reports included an analysis of the changes to the law of highway disruption, an analysis of the police's threshold and terminology matrix – including the meaning of the term 'aggravated activist' and an investigation into so-called 'bullshit arrests'.

Article 11 Trust funding also enabled Netpol to respond quickly to the publication of the new Public Order Bill. Activities throughout the year included regular commentary, in depth explainers, a submission to Parliament on the Bill and a well-attended online webinar with Garden Court Chambers, examining its likely impact. In 2023, Netpol held its Aggravated Activism day, bringing together activists from a wide variety of protest movements to campaign for their rights and is set to continue this work through 2023-24

The Article 11 Trust was also able to support other organisations such as Green and Black Cross (GBC) in directly supporting activists to know their rights. Utilising research conducted by Netpol, GBC held ongoing know your rights sessions. These have been well attended and have contributed significantly to combatting the chilling effect of the legislation. They have reached large numbers of activists and a single event held in the summer reached over 150 participants. Further work is expected following changes to be introduced by the Public Order Bill.

Grass Roots Support

The Article 11 Trust continued its programme of funding for grass roots groups providing direct support to those exercising their right to protest. These grants vary in size and scope, depending upon the organisation's needs.

Activities funded by these grants directly counter the chilling effect of protest laws in three principal ways. Firstly they enable activists to access training in their rights, demystifying new legislation and allowing them to take informed decisions when deciding to engage in protest. Secondly, they fund practical support during and immediately after protests take place. This support is not prescriptive but is determined by the groups concerned. It may include, for example, training and equipment for legal observers, police station support for protesters who have been arrested, or software to enable back-office connections. Thirdly it supports longer term needs of protesters, for example court support, which is invaluable to those who become caught up in the criminal justice system

As part of this programme, the Article 11 Trust made a small grant to Black Protest Legal Support (BPLS), an organisation which offers legal advice and support for protesters in the UK for a one-off project supporting Legal Observers. Subsequently, we agreed to act as a pass-through to support a large two-year grant from Lankelly Chase to BPLS, to expand the staff team and pay for costs associated with core activities such as legal observing, care support to legal observers, transport to protests and so forth. This demonstrates the value that the Article 11 Trust adds as an intermediary, facilitating the transfer and good governance of charitable funds that may not otherwise be possible.

The Article 11 Trust also made smaller grants to grass roots organisations working to further the right to assembly. Notably, these included the Activist Court Aid Brigade, who received funds from the Article 11 Trust for the first time. In this case, it is anticipated that Article 11 Funds will contribute support hundreds of hours of court support across the grant periods.

The Scottish Community Activist and Legal Project, who received a grant last year, also reported back on their activities. Over 2,600 activists signed up to know your rights sessions, legal observer training and back office, and both 100 active legal observers and 24-hour legal support were provided during COP26. This included case-support guidance, independent witness statements from legal observers and emotional and practical support for defendants during court cases. In addition to grass roots support, SCALP was able to contribute to reporting protests by Netpol and the Article 11 Trust.

Small Grants Programme

The Article 11 Trust was successful in its application to Lankelly Chase for a significant grant to be used for the establishment of a small grants programme, with funds split between direct grant-outs and the associated administrative costs.

Initial work on establishing this programme has now begun with an exercise mapping potential funding targets and the establishment of compliance procedures for vetting suitable recipients and ensuring they are able to manage the use of funding appropriately.

Governance and Administration

We have been successful in recruiting two additional trustees, to help share the burden of work for the trust.

Across the year there have been a number of adjustments and improvements to the Trust's administrative processes. Initially these were spearheaded by the Research Fellow under the terms of the BANM Grant. After this closed in September 2022, the Article 11 Trust contracted with Netpol to continue providing administrative support through the employment of an Organising and Partnerships Coordinator, funded by a grant from JRCT, whose time would be shared between the activities of Netpol and the Article 11 Trust. Rachel Currie, who was formerly the Research Fellow was successful in her application for the post and has continued to make a tangible difference to our capabilities.

Access to this resource has enabled the Trust to improve its administration capabilities, relieving the Trustees of some of this burden, enabling them to focus on strategic considerations and particularly the creation of the Small Grants Programme. Two new committees have now been established, one with responsibility for managing relationships and reporting to funders, while the other is responsible for

approving grant-outs to recipients. These dedicated committees allow more time to be spent on these decisions, ensuring robust compliance with our regulatory responsibilities.

The Trust has also adopted Tresorit as its file management system, moving away from Google Drives. Tresorit is much more robust, allowing great security as well as organisation of core documentation.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees have responsibilities to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
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- The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Law. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'K Blowe', written in a cursive style.

Kevin Blowe, Trustee

Independent Examiners Report to the Members of The Article 11 Trust

I report on the attached Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set on pages 8 to 10 and have been prepared on an accrual basis.

Respective responsibilities of Management Committee and Examiner:

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
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Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement:

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement:

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



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Date: 6 March 2024

The Article 11 Trust

Charity No : 1185631

Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2023

<u>Receipts</u>	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	funds	funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	404	-	404	310
Grants	-	277,332	277,332	56,665
Solberga Foundation	10,000	-	10,000	-
Total Receipts	10,404	277,332	287,736	56,975

<u>Payments</u>	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	funds	funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Website design & Development	-	123	123	199
Recruitment / Staff Training	-	379	379	55
Office equipment	-	90	90	90
Telephone / Internet	-	180	180	494
Consulting	-	-	-	1,800
General expenses	-	1,223	1,223	1,545
Grants to Beneficiaries	-	126,365	126,365	27,665
Insurance	-	566	566	549
Postage / Printing / Stationery	-	18	18	-
Depreciation expenses	176	-	176	176
Payroll expenses	-	-	-	125
Accountancy fees	600	-	600	450
Bank charges	72	-	72	72
Total Payments	848	128,944	129,793	33,220
Net Receipts /(Payments)	9,556	148,388	157,944	23,755
Funds brought forward	94	28,030	28,124	4,369
Funds carried forward	9,650	176,418	186,068	28,124

The Article 11 Trust

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<u>Tangible Assets</u>			
Fixed Assets		352	529
 <u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash at Bank / in hand		196,289	28,045
 <u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Creditor & Accruals (amounts falling due within one year)	2	<u>(10,574)</u>	<u>(450)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>185,715</u>	<u>27,595</u>
Net Assets		<u>186,068</u>	<u>28,124</u>

<u>Funds & Reserve</u>	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted funds	9,650	94
Restricted funds	<u>176,418</u>	<u>28,030</u>
Total	<u>186,068</u>	<u>28,124</u>

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf by:



Kevin Robert Blowe (Trustee)

Date 6 March 2024

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Notes of the Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2023

1.a) Accounting Policies

This financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are receipts generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their payments imposed by the funder or through the terms of an appeal.

c) Receipts : All receipts are included in the Receipts and Payments Account which are received during the year.

d) Payments: All payments are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Some of the expenses incurred this year but spent from last year restricted funds.

e)Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation: Any Assets more than £200.00 will be count as an fixed assets. Depreciation is provided to write off the assets in equal instalments over their useful lives.

Fixtures & Fittings 20% straight line method
Computer 25% straight line method

2. Creditors & Accruals

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy fee	500	450
Other Creditors	10,074	
Total	10,574	450

3. Fixed Assets

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cost	705	705
Depreciation		
As at 31.03.2022	353	-
Charge for the Year	352	352
As at 31.03.2023	352	353

THE ARTICLE 11 TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1185631

Accounts

The Article 11 Trust

Charity No : 1185631

Trustees Report & Account For the year ended 31 March 2022

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The Article 11 Trust

Charity No : 1185631

Receipts & Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2022

Trust Information :

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Strategic Overview

2021-22 was a critical year in which we began to see how research and education can be used to challenge conventional narratives. Covid-19 restrictions now having been lifted protest activity continued, with numerous small and large events throughout the year, such as at the

Cop26 Conference in Glasgow. In addition, the government moved ahead with the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (PCSC Bill), which included measures explicitly aimed at restricting protest.

Against this background the Article 11 Trust continued our work to ensure that those engaged in protest are educated in their rights, and that public bodies entrusted with upholding those rights are held to account. We have steadily expanded our operations through the recruitment of staff, the formation of new relationships and an overall increase in activity to fulfil our charitable objectives.

Goals

Funding

Further relationships with existing donors

Establish new relationships with additional donors

Secure grant to fund Research Fellow

Charitable Activities

Continue facilitation of a body of research and education work, both in respect of protest rights generally and the impact and consequences of the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill

Support the adoption of Netpol's Protest Rights Charter by relevant bodies

Further sub-granting programme to groups working to further A11 rights

Establish A11T as independent public voice in support of Protest Rights

Governance and Administration

Continue to improve internal policies and procedures to ensure rigorous compliance with charity law.

Develop recruitment process in line with principles of diversity and inclusion

Obtain staffing resource for administrative, research and funding activities

Evaluation Summary

The Article 11 Trust's second full year of operation was broadly successful. The charity generally met or exceeded its goals for the year, as detailed below. In particular, as well as forming many new donor relationships, we successfully applied for the Barry Amiel & Norman Melburn Trust's Research Fellowship grant, which enabled us to recruit a Research Fellow to support our operations. They were instrumental in our successes this year.

As expected, our activities this year were principally focussed on responding to the passage of the PCSC Bill. Continuing our partnership with Netpol we were able to finance critical work educating the public on the potential consequences of the Bill and laying the groundwork to ensure its impact is monitored once it became law. Our ongoing partnership with GBC, and our new relationship with SCALP have enabled us to ensure an up to date understanding of protest rights is communicated to grass roots groups.

In terms of administration, we successfully ran our first recruitment campaign, dramatically increasing our operational capability through the addition of a Research Fellow. Our policies and procedures have also been kept under review, and have attracted praise from third parties and funders for their rigour.

Charitable Activities

Responding to the PCSC Bill

The Article 11 Trust's main strategic objective in 2021-2022 was to respond effectively to the challenges posed by the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill, which was announced following the publication of HMICFRS's report into protest policing, published in March 2021. After reviewing the Bill, the trustees concluded that it posed a significant threat to Article 11 Rights and that contributing to work opposing its passage was within our charitable objectives. The Trustees also concluded however that the Bill was highly likely to pass parliament and so focussed on activities to support protest rights once it had entered into law.

To achieve this, we successfully applied for a grant from the Barry Amiel & Norman Melburn Trust to embed a research fellow with Netpol, with the specific aim of researching protest policing and providing key insight into the impact the PCSC Bill would likely have on protest rights. We worked with our diversity and inclusion consultant to deliver a recruitment campaign over the summer that resulted in well over 100 suitable applicants, from whom we selected a candidate who began working with us in September.

The first key deliverable was our Respect or Repression report into the Cop26 protests, which was delivered within 44 days of their conclusion, based on the witness statements of more than 100 activists. It sought to hold the police accountable for their actions, with testimony including clear breaches of protesters' human rights. This report was promoted by members of the Scottish Parliament, as well as in the press and resulted in an official response from the Scottish Police Inspectorate, although they did not acknowledge the report's most serious concerns. Our Research fellow is now working on a second major report detailing the experiences of legal observers, believed to be the first work of its kind. Both these reports are valuable resources in themselves, but also provide a clear assessment of attitudes towards protest policing and the likely consequences of increasing police powers.

Throughout the passage of the PCSC Bill we produced regular commentary on individual amendments and political developments. These included graphical explainers for use on social media, covering technical elements in plain language, to help activists and campaign groups understand how their rights might be impacted by the changes. We have also planned to provide a forum to bring together grass roots groups in response to the Act, and the newly proposed Public Order Bill that seeks to further restrict the right to protest.

Additional Research and Support for Partner Organisations

Although critical to our work, the PCSC bill was not the whole focus of our research efforts. Throughout the year we also produced work on other subjects including a response to the government's proposal to replace the Human Rights Act with a British Bill of Rights, and explainers with respect to forming labour unions – another critical pillar of the right to freedom of association.

We have also worked with our partner organisations, in particular making grants to the Green and Black Cross and their counterparts in Scotland, SCALP, to support their valuable work in a year that contained both the G7 and Cop26 protests. Deliverables included multiple know your rights training sessions, both online and in person, arrestee support and the Child Q protests. We were also able to support Netpol in their wider work advocating for protest rights, for example the revelations in March 2022 that a Black Lives Matter group had closed after police attempts to instal an informer.

In addition our grant has supported Netpol's campaign for the Charter of Protest rights, which has also been endorsed by over 40 key organisations and a petition totalling over 200 thousand signatures. This campaign has provided a critical tool for holding the police to account for how they respond to protests, particularly in relation to the Code for the Policing of Protest, proposed by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Democracy and the Constitution, which is the same idea in all but name.

Governance and Administration

A fundamental change to the governance and administration of the Article 11 Trust was recruiting a research fellow to provide support for our activities. Early in 2021 we identified a need for additional staffing capacity and determined that the research fellowship grant offered by the Barry Amiel & Norman Melburn Trust presented a suitable opportunity to meet this requirement.. Our application was successful, as BANM agreed that with the PCSC bill the need was timely and they were confident we would support the Fellow.

This was our first recruitment campaign and we utilised our Diversity and Inclusion consultant to ensure that we recruited from as wide a pool as possible. In addition to how we framed the responsibilities of the role, this important exercise included drafting an equalities commitment and undertaking an accessibility assessment, as well as thinking about the language we use. The campaign resulted in over 140 applicants, of which the majority were suitable for the role. After a detailed shortlisting and interview process, we selected Rachel Currie to join us for one year in September. Netpol agreed to act as the host organisation, with the Article 11 Trust covering the costs of equipping and managing the position.

Rachel joining us has made a tangible difference to our capabilities and has demonstrated the need for the trust to ensure we are staffed in the future.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

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Date:

The Article 11 Trust

Charity No : 1185631

Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2022

<u>Receipts</u>	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Donations	310	-	310	629
Grants	-	56,665	56,665	-
Guerilla Foundation	-	-	-	15,000
Barry Amiel & Norman Melburn Trust	-	-	-	5,000
Resourcing Racial Justice	-	-	-	10,000
Total Receipts	310	56,665	56,975	30,629

<u>Payments</u>	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Website design & Development	-	199	199	1,585
Staff Training	-	55	55	-
Office equipment	-	90	90	-
Consulting	-	1,800	1,800	-
Telephone / Internet	-	494	494	-
General expenses	-	1,546	1,546	500
Grants to Beneficiaries	-	27,665	27,665	23,600
Insurance	-	549	549	534
Postage / Printing / Stationery	-	-	-	19
Depreciation expenses	176	-	176	-
Accountancy fees	450	-	450	450
Payroll expenses	125	-	125	-
Bank charges	72	-	72	72
Total Payments	823	32,397	33,220	26,760
Net Receipts /(Payments)	(513)	24,268	23,755	3,869
Funds brought forward	607	3,762	4,369	500
Funds carried forward	94	28,030	28,124	4,369

The Article 11 Trust

Charity No : 1185631

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
<u>Tangible Assets</u>			
Fixed Assets		529	Nil
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash at Bank / in hand		28,045	4,819
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Creditor & Accruals (amounts falling due within one year)	2	(450)	(450)
Net Current Assets		27,595	4,369
Net Assets		28,124	4,369

<u>Funds & Reserve</u>	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds	94	607
Restricted funds	28,030	3,762
Total	28,124	4,369

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf by:



Kevin Robert Blowe (Trustee)

Date 12 December 2022

The Article 11 Trust

Charity No : 1185631

Notes of the Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2022

1.a) Accounting Policies

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d) Payments: All payments are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Some of the expenses incurred this year but spent from last year restricted funds.

e)Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation: Any Assets more than £200.00 will be count as an fixed assets. Depreciation is provided to write off the assets in equal instalments over their useful lives.

Fixtures & Fittings	20% straight line method
Computer	25% straight line method

2. Creditors & Accruals

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accountancy fee	450	450
Total	450	450

3. Fixed Assets

	2022
	£
Cost	705
Depreciation	
As at 31.03.2021	-
Charge for the Year	176
As at 31.03.2022	529

THE ARTICLE 11 TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1185631

Accounts

The Article 11 Trust

Charity No : 1185631

Trustees Report & Account For the year ended 31 March 2021

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The Article 11 Trust

Charity No : 1185631

Receipts & Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2021

Trust Information :

Management Committee:

Kevin Robert Blowe (Trustee)
Rowan C Stygal (Trustee)
Daniel Weir (Trustee)
Thomas Barns (Trustee)

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Trustees' Report

For the Year Ended 31st March 2021

The Article 11 Trust is registered with the Charity Commission as a CIO with registration number 1185631.

Founded in 2019 and becoming active in 2020, the Article 11 Trust is dedicated to defending the right of assembly as guaranteed by Article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

We recognise that much of the most important work in this cause is carried out by grass roots organisations, working directly with those who exercise their rights. However, these groups have found it increasingly hard to access the resources they need to undertake their vital work.

As such, the Article 11 Trust seeks to identify and work closely with these groups, securing funding for their charitable endeavours and promoting their work. This includes research and education into issues surrounding the right to protest, as well as direct legal guidance and training to people who attend protests.

Charitable Objectives

Our Charitable Purpose as set out in our governing documents is:

The advancement of human rights for the benefit of the public in the UK with a particular emphasis on rights to freedom of assembly and association under Article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights, in all or any of the following ways:

- a) Monitoring and reporting of breaches of obligations to protect the human right to freedom of assembly and association;
- b) Promoting effective redress following any breach
- c) Disseminating information, organising events and commissioning and publishing research on the exercise of human rights to freedom of assembly and association and the obligations and duties of UK public servants
- d) Providing technical advice to government and others on human rights matters
- e) Contributing to the sound administration of human rights law
- f) Commenting on proposed UK human rights legislation
- g) Raising public awareness of human rights issues, in particular rights to freedom of assembly and association
- h) Promoting public support for protecting rights to freedom of assembly and association

In furtherance of this objective but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to engage in political activity, provided that the trustees are satisfied that the proposed activities will further the purposes of the charity to an extent justified by the resources committed and the activity is not the dominant means by which the charity carries out its activities.

Strategic Overview

2020-21 has been a uniquely demanding year. The Covid-19 pandemic introduced not only significant personal and administrative challenges, but also had direct implications for the exercise of Article 11 rights as severe restrictions to freedom of assembly were introduced.

The tension between the measures necessary to combat the pandemic and the right to assembly were made plain over the summer with the global resurgence of the Black Lives Matter movement and again in March 2021 in the wake of Sarah Everard's murder. A further threat to the right to assembly has also been introduced by the government in the form of the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill, sections of which are explicitly intended to restrict protest rights.

Against this background, the Article 11 Trust has sought to establish ourselves, both as an impactful charity, but also as a well governed and functional organisation. The trustees endeavored to balance the need to respond appropriately to the unique confluence of events with the recognition that we are still in the process of establishing ourselves organisationally.

Goals

This year, we have had two main areas of focus: aiding the effort to hold the police accountable for their actions and supporting the delivery of legal support work and education, with respect to the right to protest.

Within this strategy, our specific goals for the year were:

Funding

- Secure £20,000 funding across the year
- Establish relationships with multiple potential funding sources
- Establish small donations capability

Activities

- Host a launch event, bringing together relevant parties and showcasing what we do
- Facilitate the production of a body of Research and education work, specifically on holding the police accountable with regard to their impacting on Article 11 rights.
- Facilitate the provision of direct support to activists looking to exercise their rights.

Governance and Administration

- Agree internal policies and procedures, including a robust grants process
- Set up a website and other technical infrastructure
- Establish ourselves in a position to recruit further trustees and volunteers

Evaluation

Despite the uniquely challenging environment posed by Covid-19, the Trust generally met or exceeded its goals for the year, as detailed below. Notably, we exceeded our funding target for the year and importantly established relationships with additional funders to support our work in 2021-21.

In terms of our activity, the Trust was able to support the important work of Netpol, both generally and in particular in producing and disseminating a high quality report in the wake of the Black Lives Matter protests. We have also been able to support GBC in delivering training workshops to activists, covering resourcing and delivery costs.

Elsewhere, we were able to make available a small grant to help establish Bristol Cop Watch, supporting their first Know Your Rights event, and we were in a position to act as a passthrough for Resourcing Racial Justice's grant to Janet Alder for her valuable work on police harassment of campaigners. We also held a very successful launch event, despite the constraints of Covid-19 meaning we had to host it online.

Funded Activities

The activities of the Article 11 Trust this year focused on establishing key relationships within the infrastructure of activist legal support. In particular, partnering with the Network for Police Monitoring (Netpol) and the Green and Black Cross. In addition to this, towards the end of the year we were able to begin expanding our reach to additional grantees, laying the foundation for our wider work in the future.

Website and Brand

Although the Trust had a placeholder website, the Trustees agreed that a more professional online presence would be beneficial. Accordingly we commissioned Frontwards Designs to build a new website for us, including designing a logo and brand identity. The website also includes the capacity for online donations. The response to the website and branding has generally been positive, aiding us in our presentation as a reputable charity.

Recruitment

Due to the growth of activity in the past year, the Trustees are very keen to recruit more to the board so as to increase our capacity. A job description and basic recruitment plan have been agreed, with the objective of doubling the size of the board by December 2021.

Diversity and Inclusion

The Trustees acknowledge that at present the Article 11 Trust is not a diverse organisation and that although strong efforts have been made to be inclusive, there is work to do in this respect. We recognise that having the personal capacity to undertake a voluntary trusteeship is inherently a position of privilege but we nevertheless aim to take what steps we can to ensure that any barriers that exist are appropriately mitigated and overcome.

To aid us in this, the Trustees have engaged Momo Amjad, a diversity and inclusion consultant, to conduct an analysis of our practices and make recommendations for improvements. They will also advise on the Trustee recruitment processes.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees has responsibilities to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent ; and - prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis

The trustees is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Law. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Kevin Robert Blowe (Trustee)

Date: 19 January 2022

Independent Examiners Report to the Members of The Article 11 Trust

I report on the attached Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set on pages 6 to 8 and have been prepared on an accrual basis.

Respective responsibilities of Management Committee and Examiner:

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement:

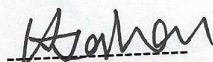
My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement:

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect :

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



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The Article 11 Trust

Charity No : 1185631

Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2021

Receipts

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £
Donations	629	-	629
Guerilla Foundation	-	15,000	15,000
Barry Amiel & Norman Melburn Trust	-	5,000	5,000
Resourcing Racial Justice	-	10,000	10,000
Total Receipts	629	30,000	30,629

Payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £
Website design & Development	-	1,585	1,585
General expenses	-	500	500
Grants to Beneficiaries	-	23,600	23,600
Insurance	-	534	534
Postage / Printing / Stationery	-	19	19
Accountancy fees	450	-	450
Bank charges	72	-	72
Total Payments	522	26,238	26,760
Net Receipts /(Payments)	107	3,762	3,869
Funds brought forward	500	-	500
Funds carried forward	607	3,762	4,369

The Article 11 Trust

Charity No : 1185631

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 Total £
<u>Tangible Assets</u>		
Fixed Assets		Nil
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash at Bank / in hand		4,819
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Creditor & Accruals (amounts falling due within one year)	2	<u>(450)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>4,369</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>4,369</u></u>

Funds & Reserve

	2021 £
Unrestricted funds	607
Restricted funds	<u>3,762</u>
Total	<u><u>4,369</u></u>

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf by:


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Kevin Robert Blowe (Trustee)

Date..19 January 2022

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2. Creditors & Accruals

2021

£

Accountancy fee

450

Total

450