

The Article 11 Trust

Charity No : 1185631

Trustees Report & Account For the year ended 31 March 2024

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Receipts & Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2024

Trust Information :

Management Committee:

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

For the Year Ended 31st March 2024

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.

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

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.

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

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:

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

Kevin Blowe

Independent Examiners Report to the Members of The Article 11 Trust

I report on the attached Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024, 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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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>			
		2024 £	2023 £
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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Notes of the Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2024

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 l

Fixtures & Fittings
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