



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/07/2021 **To** 30/06/2022

Charity name: The Sky Project

Charity registration number: 1186737

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purposes of the charity are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To advance the education of the public, and public sector professionals, on the issue of forced marriage and honour-based abuse throughout England and Wales, in particular, but not exclusively by:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i) Delivering awareness talks and workshops in local communities and to professional bodies; andii) Providing training to a professional standard to organisations that provide services that further the purposes of the charity.1. To address the needs of people suffering from, or who are at risk of, forced marriage and honour-based abuse, by signposting to appropriate support and services.2. Creating a multi-agency network of available services and professionals to increase awareness of, and access for those people.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The charity's main activity remains the provision of educational, awareness raising talks and training presented to community and professional groups. This financial year the training workshops have been delivered through a mix of face to face and online platforms according to audience preferences and local guidelines with regards to social distancing and gatherings.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The charity takes full consideration of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Many charitable and third sector organisations that provide direct support to victims are adapting to hybrid working. This financial year has seen ongoing demand for</p>

		the Sky Project's training from wider groups and is testimony to the vital need for increased awareness of these issues and appropriate signposting for victims at the earliest opportunity.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity's volunteers have been of enormous value to the team including undertaking training, leading the group, a range of administrative, research and policy related activities to further the aims of the charity. Furthermore, they have undertaken personal fundraising ventures in support of the charity.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The pandemic continued to present enormous challenges with regards to open networking and providing face to face training. Despite this the Sky Project adapted well to hybrid training and has managed to meet ongoing demand for its workshops and talks.</p> <p>The Sky Project celebrated its belated 10 year anniversary with an inaugural conference in November. This was delivered virtually with renowned speakers from the Crown Prosecution Service, Avon and Somerset Police, a retired detective from the Metropolitan Police in London who was involved in a well reported honour killing, and a senior lecturer conducting research into male victims of honour based abuse. We were also privileged to welcome a survivor of forced marriage who was invited to talk about their experiences.</p>

		<p>Bespoke training has now been established for Avon and Somerset Police with targeted objectives to improve identification, documentation and tracking of potential FM/HBV cases.</p> <p>Our director was also invited to speak to the Police and Crime Commissioner and discuss collaboration and ongoing engagement.</p> <p>The Sky Project was nominated as a finalist at the Charity of the Year awards run by South West Business and Community Awards. A further nomination for finalists was received in the Bristol Life Awards for Charity of the Year which was attended by our Director and volunteer.</p> <p>Our Director has also been recognised for her pro bono work by receiving a 'True Honour' award from the Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation.</p> <p>Links have been established in South Wales to deliver a regular programme of training to trainee and qualified GP's as part of their safeguarding adults CPD. The programme has become well established and further links to primary care in Wales are being developed.</p> <p>Our Director continues to chair the Forced Marriage Working Group. The group has continued to build a network that can more holistically support potential victims. Work is also underway to align the group within Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership and this will continue into the next financial year.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Funds held in the charity bank account at the end of this financial reporting period were £10,711.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity has fixed essential annual expenses that must be met for the charity to remain operational. These costs include annual renewal of CPD accreditation, charity insurance, virtual training platform fees and website hosting fees. The amount to cover these costs is £1,682 currently.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	An agreed amount of £2,000 is to be always held within the current bank account. This sum is only to be used in the event of donations not being made for any one financial year.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>The following present potential risks to the charity continuing its work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The charity is dependent on donations and grant funding which is unpredictable. Implementing a reserve fund would provide 12 months security in the event of no grants or donations being awarded in any one financial year. 2. 2 trustees are also trainers who provide their services voluntarily alongside their full-time employment. To help mitigate against lack of availability to deliver sessions the charity has taken on a freelance trainer who is paid per session delivered, and for time used for any essential administrative work (e.g. meeting minutes, transcribing, arranging training sessions). 3. The trustees are currently exploring the option of increasing their number for added security and hope to do so within the next financial year.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principal and sole source of funding comes from donations and grants which totalled £2,241.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not Applicable

A description of the principal risks facing the charity		As described above
	Para 1.46	
Other		

Registered charity number 1186737

Statement of accounts for financial period 01/07/2021 -30/06/2022

RECEIPT	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £
Donations:	
Conference tickets, fundraising, donations for training delivered	2,241
Grants:	
Nil this financial period	
Total	2,241

PAYMENTS	Payment to the nearest £
Zoom monthly subscription for training delivery	173
Attendance at training events/charity awards	250
Liability Insurance	174
Website hosting annual fee	503
Office supplies/printing	36
Staff expenses	276
Conference speaker fees	200
CPD accreditation renewal fee	834
Team Christmas gifts	104
Charity donations	60
Bank account fees	30
Trainer payments for sessions delivered/admin	300
Total	2,940

Total funds held at the end of financial reporting period	10,711
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Other monetary Assets	Approximate Value
Company laptop	500

Agreed and signed on behalf of all trustees

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Sabeena Pirooz
Director

DATE: 6th March 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The charity's constitution was updated and adopted in October 2019, from the original version produced in 2010.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New trustees are currently selected through recommendation by the existing members. The charity is actively looking to increase the number of trustees to ensure wider representation of the professional groups it aims to work with.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Sky Project
Registered charity number	1186737
Charity's principal address	1 The Croft, Oldland Common, Bristol BS30 9SL

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sabeena Pirooz	Director	December 2019-present	
2	Shagufta Kauser		December 2019-present	
3	Dr Farook Sarfraz	Treasurer/Safeguarding lead	December 2019-present	
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	Bank	HSBC	62 George White Street, Cabot Circus, Bristol BS1 3BA
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

Signature(s)
Full name(s)
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)
Date

<i>SPirooz</i>
Sabeena Pirooz
Director
6 th March 2023