



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/07/2022 **To** 30/06/2023

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:</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 bodiesii) Providing training to a professional standard to organisations that provide services that further the purposes of the charity.2. 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.3. 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. Training workshops continue to be delivered through a mix of face to face and online platforms according to audience preferences and availability.</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 have adapted 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 and taking the lead on 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 Sky Project team have upskilled in hybrid and full virtual training sessions and continues to respond to the ongoing demand and need for its workshops and vital awareness raising campaigns.</p> <p>The Sky Project has delivered level 1 training to over 300 professionals across a range of sectors. 100% of respondents in 2022 rated the training sessions "excellent" and feedback is consistently positive throughout.</p> <p>Our appointed training consultant Charlotte Gage completed her evaluation process and achieved CPD accreditation. Charlotte is a real asset to the team and is engaging and well received in every training session she organises and delivers.</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>In July 2022 the charity continued to mark the National Day of Remembrance for victims of so called 'Honour' based abuse. The event this year focussed on victims of HBV and forced marriage from the LGBT community, featuring talks from leading charity Naz and Matt Foundation, and Hidayah.</p> <p>We continue to be grateful to all those who have attended the Forced Marriage Working Group this year. Multi-agency working and collaboration is key to reduce the number of forced marriages and 'honour' based abuse cases in the South West. Work is also underway to align the group within Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership and this continues into 2023 and beyond.</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 £8,801.
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. The team are exploring options for reducing some of these essential costs, which may include alternatives to banking options to avoid fees and switching virtual platform providers.
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. The cost of living crisis and levels of inflation has had a significant impact on bookings and donations for training in this reporting period. 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 £626.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not Applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	As described above
Other		

The Sky Project

Registered charity number 1186737

Statement of accounts for financial period 01/07/2022 - 30/06/2023

RECEIPT		Unrestricted funds to the nearest £
Donations for training delivered directly and via Eventbrite		604
Team Fundraising		22
Net Total		626
PAYMENTS		Payment to the nearest £
Zoom subscription for training delivery		177
Consultant Fees		330
Liability Insurance		109
Professional and website fees		1,129
Charity event and speaker fees		464
staff expenses		327
Net Total		2,536
Opening balance for this financial period		10,711
Total income		626
Total expenditure		-2,536
Total funds held at the end of financial reporting period		8,801
Other monetary Assets		Approximate Value
Company laptop		500

Agreed and signed on behalf of all trustees

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Sabeena Pirooz

Director

DATE: 18th April 2024

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)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

Signature(s)	<i>S Pirooz</i>
Full name(s)	Sabeena Pirooz
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Director
Date	18th April 2024