

**NOOR INTERNATIONAL TRUST**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**



# NOOR INTERNATIONAL TRUST

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**CHARITY INFORMATION*****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023***

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<b>Address</b>	Central House 13 Ravenhurst Street Birmingham B12 0HD
<b>Charity number</b>	1187144
<b>Charity trustees</b>	Miles Jarvis (Chair) Karen Priest David Lyall Simon Walker Matthew Partridge
<b>Bankers</b>	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Mr Colin Dadswell FCA DChA Caladine Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Chantry House 22 Upperton Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 1BF

**TRUSTEES' REPORT*****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023***

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The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**1 Constitution**

The Trust was formed by its Trust Deed dated 4 December 2019. The activities of the Trust were originally carried out within Churchcentral Trust (registered charity no 1118562) as a separate restricted fund. In March 2021 the assets of this fund were transferred to Noor International Trust and the activities have since been carried out by Noor.

**2 Objectives**

The objects of the charity are:

The relief of poverty and to advance the Christian faith for the public benefit:

- The support, mentoring and training of leaders of Christian churches and NGOs in the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia
- Organising conferences and workshops for leaders and church members
- Developing printed and online training materials
- Making grants to churches and NGOs sharing these charitable purposes
- Training UK churches to support and care for personnel working overseas
- Training teams working for the relief of suffering in different nations

**3 Governance and organisational structure**

The trustees met five times during the period. Following the appointment of the new chair and three new trustees in 2022, during 2023 a review of the charity vision, mission and strategy was undertaken and completed in April 2023. A review of policies and procedures is in progress and essential policies for staff and safeguarding are now in place.

A Special Meeting took place in December 2023 to update the Trust Deed concerning the requirement to meet physically in one location at least once per year. This stipulation was removed, and the Charity Commission informed.

The trustees have continued to monitor the impact of the conflict in the region where the charity is operating and the subsequent increased instability. Currently there is not a threat to the work of the charity or its staff and volunteers.

Throughout the year the trustees have been in regular contact with the employees and volunteers, being proactive in supporting them and contributing to their well-being.

Trustees have reviewed the charity management accounts at regular intervals through the year and emphasised the maintained priority of fundraising via different channels in the coming 12 months.

The trustees are responsible for recruiting new trustees and to ensure they receive training and have appropriate knowledge and experience for good governance and for delivery of the charity objectives. There were no serious incidents reported to the Trustees.

The trustees that served during the year were:

Miles Jarvis (Chair)  
Karen Priest  
David Lyall  
Simon Walker  
Matthew Partridge

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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**4 Review of activities***Leadership Training and Mentoring*

Church leaders and ministry team leaders in the Middle East, Turkey and Central Asia have continued to be mentored through online zoom coaching sessions or in person.

Topics have included, personal development, multi-cultural team dynamics, contextualising theology and conflict resolution.

*Organising conferences and workshops for leaders and church members*

The charity was involved in three leadership conferences during the period building on the success of the events in 2022. The Pakistan conference gathered local church leaders, their teams and trainees, a total of 50 people. The sessions focussed on theological training and leadership skills. Visits were also made to several of the churches so we were able to assess the leaders in the local setting and health and vitality of the church community.

Two further conferences for Christian believers from the Horn of Africa were organised. These events have taken place annually for several years and we have been able to assess the effectiveness of the training and enable an increase of the attendees contribution to the program of seminars. In total over 50 different people attended these events.

A smaller 'leadership forum' was convened for 3 days attended by leaders working in several different cultural settings. The aim was to facilitate mutual learning from one another about good practice in training and developing local Christian leaders and the skills needed to overcome specific challenges in those settings.

*Developing printed and online training material*

This was predominantly the activity of the 'Unreached' training initiative. For both governance and operational reasons, the work of 'Unreached' was moved to become part of another charity in September 2023 and all related funds were transferred.

The coaching of leaders in the region, undertaken by Noor, does result in the production of theological and cross-cultural resources used in the context the leaders are working in.

*No grants have been made to churches and NGOs during this period.*

*Training Teams working for the relief of suffering in different nations*

Ministry teams and church leaders in Turkey, Central Asia, Egypt, and the Middle East have received training, personal coaching and pastoral support throughout the year. This has been delivered through online coaching sessions, meetings in person and conferences.

**5 Public benefit**

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Trust Commission and believe that the objectives and activities of the Trust are for the public benefit.

Many of the church leaders and ministry team leaders receiving coaching and training are living and working in communities with significant economic challenges including working alongside refugees. These contexts present specific challenges which require ongoing coaching and learning. Also, living in these contexts impacts the people living there in personal ways and providing pastoral care and support to enable people to develop a sustainable lifestyle continues to be a priority for Noor.

Significant personal support has been given to ex-pat ministry individuals who have been impacted by the conflict in the region, helping them process the impact of the conflict on their activity and make important decisions.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

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**5 Public benefit (cont'd)**

The Charity's employee continues to live in the region and benefits from interacting and learning from other NGO workers and local ministry leaders.

**6 Financial review**

Total cash receipts during the year were £87,877 (2022: £63,846) and total payments were £81,238 (2022: £66,180) resulting in an overall surplus of £6,639 (2022: deficit of £2,334).

Cash funds held at 31 December 2023 amounted to £65,457 (2022: £58,818).

**7 Risk management**

The Trust has considered the risks it may face and confirm that systems have been established to mitigate them.

**8 Reserves**

The Trustees have agreed to hold reserves of three months operating costs for future years. The unrestricted reserves held at the year end exceed this amount.

**9 Future developments**

The trustees have agreed that during 2024 additional time will be given to raising the profile of Noor with the purpose of broadening the donor base and also strengthening existing donor relationships.

Approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Miles Jarvis  
Trustee

Date: 21st May 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
NOOR INTERNATIONAL TRUST*****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023***

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I report to the Trust's trustees on my examination of the accounts of Noor International Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Trust Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



**Colin Dadswell FCA DChA**  
Caladine Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road  
Eastbourne, BN21 1BF

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>						
Grants received	51,047	-	51,047	24,000	-	24,000
Gifts and donations	23,700	5,955	29,655	26,494	1,730	28,224
Gift Aid receivable	4,095	-	4,095	-	-	-
Unreached booking fees	-	514	514	-	1,958	1,958
Unreached Internship income	-	1,494	1,494	-	5,721	5,721
Yasam	-	150	150	-	3,890	3,890
Miscellaneous	922	-	922	53	-	53
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>79,764</b>	<b>8,113</b>	<b>87,877</b>	<b>50,547</b>	<b>13,299</b>	<b>63,846</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Wages, social security and pension	45,462	-	45,462	46,562	-	46,562
Travel and accommodation	8,068	-	8,068	6,189	-	6,189
Insurance	1,687	-	1,687	894	-	894
Conferences	688	-	688	90	-	90
Books	35	-	35	28	-	28
Phone and internet	801	-	801	775	-	775
Language	961	-	961	390	-	390
Administration	3,338	-	3,338	1,810	-	1,810
Unreached General costs	-	7,348	7,348	-	4,835	4,835
Unreached Internship costs	-	5,498	5,498	-	3,907	3,907
Yasam	-	7,000	7,000	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	352	-	352	700	-	700
	<b>61,392</b>	<b>19,846</b>	<b>81,238</b>	<b>57,438</b>	<b>8,742</b>	<b>66,180</b>
<b>Net receipts/ (payments)</b>	<b>18,372</b>	<b>(11,733)</b>	<b>6,639</b>	<b>(6,891)</b>	<b>4,557</b>	<b>(2,334)</b>
<b>Cash funds brought forward 1 January 2023</b>	<b>31,442</b>	<b>27,376</b>	<b>58,818</b>	<b>38,333</b>	<b>22,819</b>	<b>61,152</b>
<b>Cash funds carried forward 31 December 2023</b>	<b>49,814</b>	<b>15,643</b>	<b>65,457</b>	<b>31,442</b>	<b>27,376</b>	<b>58,818</b>

**The notes on page 8 form part of these Financial Statements.**



**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

***AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023***

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	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash at Bank and in hand	65,457	58,818
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Debtors		
Gift aid	2,693	3,410
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<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
<u>Creditors</u>		
Accruals	1,056	1,020
Pension	430	430
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	1,486	1,450
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Approved by the Trustees on 21st May 2024



Miles Jarvis  
Trustee

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

**1 Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared as a Receipts and Payments account in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

**2 Funds**

General funds represent monies received that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for applications on the general purposes of the charity.

Restricted funds represent monies received with specific purposes declared by the donor.

**3 Restricted funds**

	Balance at 1 Jan 22	Receipts	Payments	Balance at 1 Jan 23	Receipts	Payments	Balance at 31 Dec 23
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unreached General	2,026	3,688	(4,835)	879	6,469	(7,348)	-
Unreached Internship	2,190	5,721	(3,907)	4,004	1,494	(5,498)	-
Yasam	18,603	3,890		22,493	150	(7,000)	15,643
	<u>22,819</u>	<u>13,299</u>	<u>(8,742)</u>	<u>27,376</u>	<u>8,113</u>	<u>(19,846)</u>	<u>15,643</u>

The Unreached General fund represents monies received to be spent on costs relating to people relocating overseas, such as rent, training events and resources.

The Unreached Internship fund represents monies received for internship costs run by the Unreached Network, such as books, events, training and administration costs of the program.

The Yasam Fund represents monies received to support church planting in Turkey, specifically supporting several churches existing in the country.