

ROHINGYA ACTION NORTH EAST

England & Wales · Charity number 1188575

Details

Other names	RANE
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-03-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF THE ROHINGYA PEOPLE OF MYANMAR (BURMA) LIVING IN COX'S BAZAR REFUGEE CAMP IN BANGLADESH THROUGH:A) PROVIDING GRANTS, ITEMS, SERVICES, HEALTHCARE PROJECTS TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEEDS AND/OR CHARITIES, OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO RELIEVE NEED;B) ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.2) TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF THE ROHINGYA PEOPLE LIVING IN THE NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND, WHO ARE SEEKING ASYLUM OR HAVE BEEN GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS THROUGH SIGNPOSTING TO ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION AND ADVISORY SERVICES/ORGANISATIONS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT.3) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY OF THE ROHINGYA PEOPLE BY PROVIDING WORKSHOPS AND INFORMATION.

Activities: One of RANE's main objective is to continue with the political campaign, to raise public awareness. We organise demonstrations/rallies and public meetings with local, national and international politicians and government ministers to raise the Rohingya Refugee crisis. RANE actively seeks donations to continue to provide aid work at the refugee camp providing vital essentials.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- Bangladesh
- Durham
- Gateshead
- Middlesbrough
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- Redcar And Cleveland
- South Tyneside
- Stockton-on-tees
- Sunderland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£0	£170	-	-
2024-03-31	£0	£1,000	-	-
2023-03-31	£194	£4,117	-	-
2022-03-31	£699	£2,500	-	-
2021-03-31	£5,699	£4,910	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Habibur Rahman	Chair	2019-06-26
Amad Ali		2021-06-26
Ann Veronica Schofield		2019-06-26
Farhana Ahmed		2019-06-26
Latifa Miah		2019-06-26
MICHAEL PHILIP BOWMAN		2019-06-26
Nosima Khatun Rahman		2019-06-26
Rashida Ahmed		2019-06-26
Shahida Uddin		2019-06-26
Sorwar Ahmed		2019-06-26
WASIM MOHAMMED		2019-06-26

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Annual Report 2024/2025

This year has been particularly significant for RANE, marked by a series of achievements in political advocacy, coalition-building, and innovative initiatives aimed at raising awareness of the Rohingya cause.

Political Campaigning and Advocacy RANE has been at the forefront of political campaigning, working tirelessly to influence policy and garner support for the Rohingya community. Our efforts included engaging with key stakeholders, lobbying for stronger international intervention, and raising awareness about the plight of the Rohingya people. These campaigns have not only amplified the voice of the Rohingya community but also strengthened our relationships with policymakers and influencers across the UK and beyond.

Strengthening Partnerships This year, we have continued to build on our longstanding partnerships with the British Rohingya Community (BRC) and the Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK (BROUK). These collaborations have been instrumental in our collective efforts to support the Rohingya community in the UK and abroad. Together, we have organized events, coordinated advocacy efforts, and provided crucial support to Rohingya refugees and diaspora communities.

Groundbreaking Initiative: Rohingya Memorial in Bradford One of the most significant milestones this year has been our leadership in the discussion and planning of establishing a Rohingya Memorial in Bradford. This initiative is set to make Bradford not only the first city in the UK but also the first in the world to unveil a memorial dedicated to the Rohingya. This memorial will serve as a powerful symbol of remembrance and resilience, honouring the victims of the Rohingya genocide and raising global awareness of their ongoing struggles.

In conclusion, the 2024/2025 period has been a year of growth, collaboration, and pioneering initiatives for RANE. We are proud of the strides we have made and remain committed to our mission of advocating for the Rohingya people and fostering a greater understanding of their plight in the UK and beyond.

Some of our highlights of the years:

Refugee Week 2024

RANE supported the North of England Refugee Service held on the Thursday, 22nd June taking the photo exhibition at the event which was well attended.

Also coordinated Jasmin Akhter participated and speaking at an event held in October 2024

We said goodbye to one of our trustee Ann Schofield who left RANE. We wish Ann all the best, moving to be with her children in south.

Rohingya Memorial Stone

In a groundbreaking meeting held in August 2023, the RANE (Rohingya Action Network Europe) Chair met with Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe, the Leader of Bradford City Council, to discuss a significant proposal: the establishment of a "Rohingya Memorial" at the peace garden of the Town Hall in Bradford. This meeting marked a pivotal moment in the ongoing efforts to honour the Rohingya community and highlight the city's role in supporting refugees.

Bradford holds a distinctive place in the UK as the only city that participated in the UNHCR Gateway Protection Programme during 2008/09, through which it welcomed around 100 Rohingya families. This programme was designed to provide a safe haven for refugees in need of protection, and Bradford's involvement highlights the city's commitment to humanitarian efforts and supporting vulnerable communities.

The proposed Rohingya Memorial would not only serve as a symbol of remembrance for the atrocities faced by the Rohingya people but also as a testament to Bradford's dedication to diversity, inclusion, and peace. It would be a place for reflection and education, ensuring that the history and experiences of the Rohingya are not forgotten. The memorial could also strengthen the connection between the city and its Rohingya community, fostering greater understanding and solidarity among all residents. We hope to unveil this memorial stone soon.

Rohingya Action North East
Projected Income & Expenditures
For The Period 01 Apr 2024 To 31 Mar 2025

Balance carried forward **£1,262.53**

Public Donation £0.00

Total **£1,262.53**

Less Expenses

Wages & Salary	£0.00
Web & donation platform management	£170.00
Printing/Resources/Photo Exhibition	£0.00
Rent, Rate, Power	£0.00
Phone & Stationery	£0.00
Relief Work	£00.00

£170.00

Excess income over Expenditure £ 1,092.53

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Some of our highlights of the years:

Ramadan Food Packs

Although RANE has not actively led any fundraising campaigns, the trustees made a meaningful decision to distribute Ramadan food parcels. These efforts provided essential support to nearly 100 families, ensuring they had the necessary provisions for the holy month.



Monfalcone, Italy Photo Exhibition

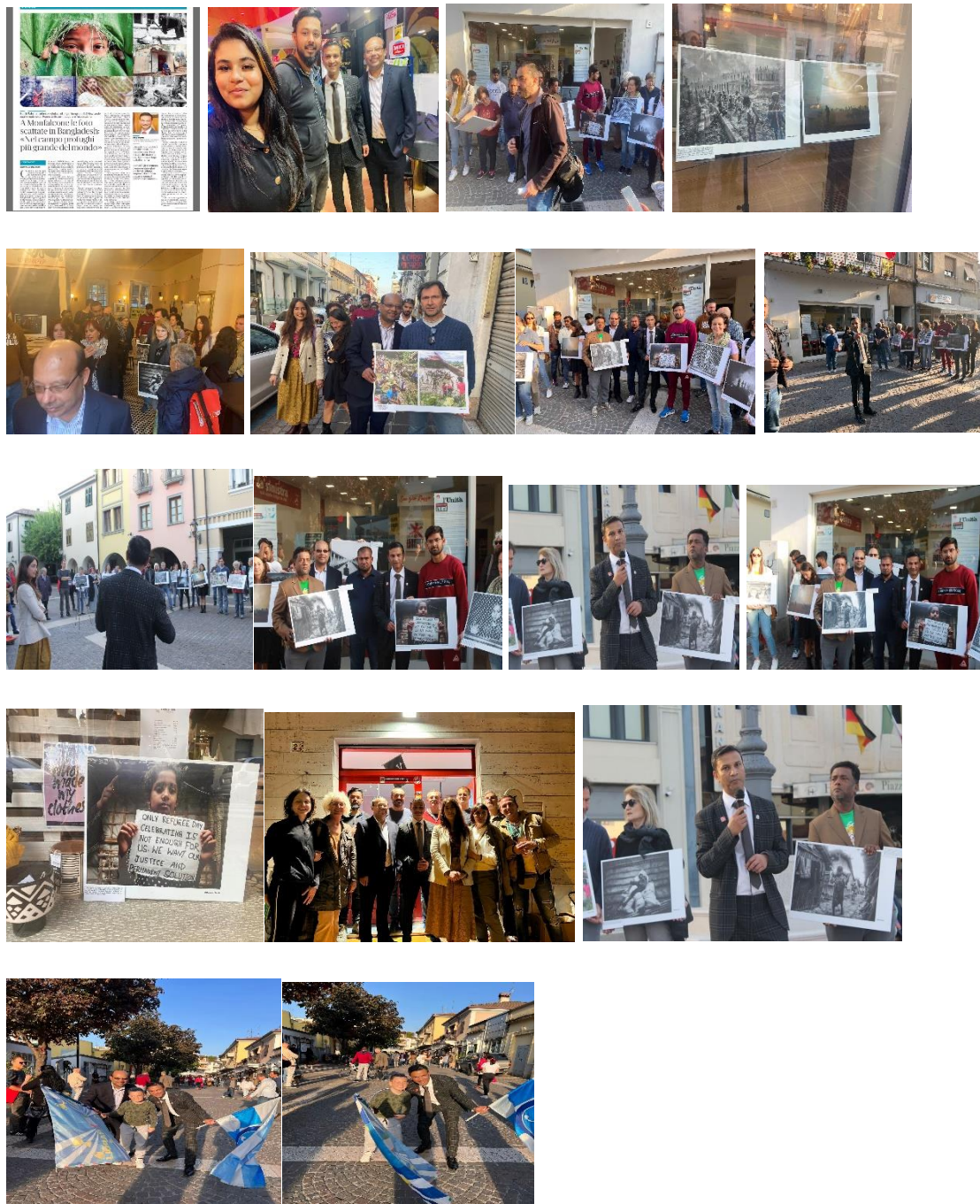
The photo exhibition in Monfalcone, Italy, serves as a profound act of advocacy, bringing the ongoing Rohingya crisis into the public eye through powerful visual storytelling. This exhibition, organized by activists, features images captured by Rohingya refugee photographers within the camps, offering an intimate and authentic glimpse into the lives and struggles of the Rohingya people.

The exhibition is not just a display of photographs; it is a mobile awareness campaign, traveling through various streets of Monfalcone and stopping at multiple locations. At each stop, the exhibition draws attention to the plight of the Rohingya, fostering dialogue and understanding within the community.

A notable aspect of this event is the involvement of Habib Rahman, the Chair of RANE (Rohingya Action Network Europe), who delivered keynote speeches during rallies held at different stops of the exhibition. Rahman, alongside trustee Amad Ali, engaged with both government officials and

local community members, strengthening ties between activists and raising the profile of the Rohingya cause in Italy.

This exhibition underscores the power of photography as a tool for social justice, transforming the streets of Monfalcone into a platform for empathy, education, and action.



Refugee Week 2023

RANE Trustee Amad Ali welcomed visitors to the Rohingya exhibition held during Refugee Week, organized by the North of England Refugee Service on Thursday, 22nd June. This day also marked the 75th anniversary of the Windrush.

The exhibition featured powerful images depicting life in the world's largest refugee camp in Cox's Bazar. These images were captured by Rohingya photographers, offering a unique perspective on the refugee experience.



Rohingya Genocide Remembrance Day 2023

The event marking the 6th anniversary of the Rohingya genocide on August 25, 2023, was a significant occasion that drew attention to the ongoing plight of the Rohingya people. This tragic event commemorates the forced displacement of nearly 800,000 Rohingya individuals from Myanmar by the Burmese military in 2017, a brutal campaign of violence and persecution that has left lasting scars on the community.

Ann Schofield, the Vice Chair of RANE (Refugee Action Network in Europe), highlighted the dire situation within the refugee camps where many Rohingya have been living in squalid conditions for years. Her remarks likely emphasized the urgent need for continued international attention and support for the Rohingya, who remain stateless and in precarious situations both in Bangladesh and elsewhere.

The event also featured voices from the Rohingya community itself, with two young women living in Newcastle sharing their personal experiences. Their testimonies would have brought a poignant, human perspective to the crisis, underscoring the ongoing impact on the lives of those who survived the genocide and are now rebuilding their lives far from their homeland.

Additionally, Nicu Ion, Newcastle's only Roma councillor, spoke at the event. His involvement highlights the broader solidarity among marginalized communities and the importance of advocacy and representation in addressing issues of injustice and human rights abuses globally.

This gathering not only commemorated a dark chapter in recent history but also served as a platform for raising awareness, fostering dialogue, and encouraging continued efforts to seek justice and a better future for the Rohingya people.



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Rohingya Action North East

Projected Income & Expenditures

For The Period 01 Apr 2023 to 31 Mar 2024

Balance carried forward	£2,262.53
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Public Donation	£0.00
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Total	£2,262.53
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Less Expenses

Wages & Salary	£0.00
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Web & donation platform management	£0.00
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Printing/Resources/Photo Exhibition	£0.00
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Rent, Rate, Power	£0.00
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Phone & Stationery	£0.00
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Relief Work	£1,000.00
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£1,000.00

Excess income over Expenditure

£1,262.53

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Annual Report 2022/2023

This was a challenging a year for us coming out of the pandemic and lockdown restrictions in terms of what we could achieve, nonetheless RANE has been as active as possible given the circumstances. We continued to offer aid relief and in this financial year we saw 2 Ramadan! RANE trustees agreed to release Ramadan food parcels helping almost 300 families in both the Ramadan with food and clothing for children.

Collaboration and joint working

RANE works closely with the British Rohingya Community (BRC) and Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK (BROUK).

On 14th July 2022 both the chair of RANE Habib Rahman and the president of Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK (BROUK) Tun Khin attended a Tribunal hearing to support an Asylum application of a Rohingya family living in Newcastle upon Tyne. This family along with another family have now received their Asylum. Both the families are living in Newcastle with their respective family.



Political Campaign in the UK

One of RANE's main objectives is to continue with the political campaign, to raise public awareness and we have continued to organise various online public meetings with members of the public as well as with local, national and international politicians. RANE in collaboration with a number of organisations organised **Rohingya Genocide Remembrance day - 26th August 2022** held at the Roma Access Centre in Newcastle upon Tyne.

On 25 August 2022, Rohingya Action North East marked the 5th Anniversary of the Rohingya Genocide Remembrance Day by holding an exhibition of photographs taken by Rohingya refugees in the camps of Bangladesh.

The exhibiting photographers were Zahangir Alam, Haider Ali, Salim Ullah Armany, Mohammed Hossain, Noor Hossain, Mainul Islam, Abul Kalam, Mohammed Salim Khan, Abdul Monaf and one photographer who wishes to remain anonymous.

RANE's chair Habib Rahman opened the proceedings. RANE's Trustees Ann Schofield and Henna Ahmed and two Rohingya teenagers who are now settled in Newcastle - Amna Amir Hossain and Amani Amir Hossain. Peter Saggar addressed the situation in Myanmar. Ann Schofield and Henna Ahmed emphasised the critical need for providing support to refugee women in the camps.

Also attending were members of Amnesty International from Newcastle and Sunderland, members from the Unison and Unite trade unions & Bill Corcoran of the Tyneside Irish Centre. Newcastle Councillors Abdul Samad and Dr Juna Sathian were in attendance.

In attendance was British based Journalist and Documentary Filmmaker Shafiur Rahman, the curator of the exhibition, thanked Habib Rahman for showcasing the work of Rohingya photographers. He then gave a short speech about his experiences at the Bangladesh/Myanmar border in 2017 and a brief overview of the photographs in the exhibition.





Amna Amir Hossain and Amani Amir Hossain - "The Geordie Rohingya girls". Resettled in Newcastle and attending Excelsior Academy Newcastle



The exhibition consisted of 14 images by 10 Rohingya photographers. Shafiur Rahman said

"This collection of photographs by Rohingya refugees is very different from the usual media depiction of Rohingya in Bangladesh. Photographs in the media reduce the complexity of refugee life, and deliberately emphasise negative profiling. There is a persistent strategy to attribute unfavourable characteristics to the Rohingya and to explicitly and implicitly suggest that they are socially undesirable and a burden. In the 5 years since 2017, an image landscape has been created which is hostile and bears little relationship to the ground realities of refugee life. In short, the media portrayal of the Rohingya in Bangladesh feeds the politics of hate and exclusion.

....In this collection the Rohingya photographers have been able to exercise their choice about what to portray and how to portray it. Their photographs reflect their emotions, their memories, their challenges and even their interests. There is daring, and there is risk taking. One of the photographers in this exhibition has been locked up in jail. Another one was interrogated for 9 hours and beaten. Several have had their phones checked and/or confiscated. One was made to do sit ups because the Armed Police Battalion officer in the camps found something he didn't like in the photographer's phone...."



Ramadan Food parcel distribution at the camp:

Some of the consented images of the Ramadan 2022 and 2023 relief



Rohingya Action North East
 Projected Income & Expenditures
 For The Period 01 Apr 2022 To 31 Mar 2023

Balance carried forward	£6,184.75
Public Donation	£194.46
Total	£6,379.21

Less Expenses

Wages & Salary	£0.00	
Web & donation platform management	£530.00	
Printing/Resources/Photo Exhibition	£586.68	
Rent, Rate, Power	£0.00	
Phone & Stationery	£0.00	
Relief Work	£3,000.00	
		£4,116.68

Excess income over Expenditure	£2,262.53
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RANE Annual Report 2021/2022

We were somewhat restricted due to the pandemic and lockdown restrictions in terms of what we could achieve, nonetheless RANE has been as active as possible given the circumstances. We said our goodbye to RANE's co-founder the late Nigel Todd and welcomed Amad Ali who took over Nigel's place as a Trustee

Political Campaign in the UK

One of RANE's main objectives is to continue with the political campaign, to raise public awareness and we have continued to organise various online public meetings with members of the public as well as with local, national and international politicians. Over this financial year RANE was unable to organise and arrange any relief work directly, however, we did manage to work with a number of UK and Bangladesh based organisations, offering our support and endorsement of their relief work and promoting their relief efforts with their Ramadan and winter appeals.

Collaboration and joint working

RANE works closely with the British Rohingya Community (BRC) and Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK (BROUK). RANE attended a number of virtual events held by both BRC and BROUK. RANE supported the Newcastle City Council and Voluntary Organisations organising the Holocaust Memorial Day events highlighting the Rohingya genocide.

In August 2021 RANE organised an online event presenting a collection of photos in partnership with Rohingya Photography Competition to showcase photos taken by Rohingya themselves.

The Rohingya Photography Competition is an annual event and there have been two iterations in 2020 and 2021. The initiative was taken by London-based documentary filmmaker Shafiur Rahman. A selection of photos has been exhibited by the Oxford Human Rights Festival in Oxford, UK in both 2020 and 2021.

Review of the exhibition by Professor Dina Siddiqui, Faculty of Liberal Studies, New York University: <https://forsea.co/rohingyas-auto-ethnographic-photo-exhibit-oxford-human-rights-festival/>

"To tell one's own story, to have a voice, to be heard, should never be things one has to strive for, but for the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, that too is an aspiration. Their photographs show their struggles and their reality. They also show hope. But above all they show their humanity. Hopefully they will reawaken ours." Shahidul Alam, Photographer & Writer, Time Magazine Person of the Year 2018, CPJ International Press Freedom Award Winner.

"The Next Generation" is a unique exhibition of photos, focusing on the daily lives of the one million Rohingya refugees who have fled from Myanmar to Bangladesh. Taken by refugees themselves, the photos provide a moving insight into the courageous and creative

ways that the refugees are coping with life in exile.” Jeff Crisp, Former Head of UNHCR Policy Development and Evaluation; Research Associate, Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford & Chatham House, London.



Thank you

A big thank you to North Tyneside Metropolitan branch of Unison for their ongoing support, once again supporting one of our online events this year, and all the funders and supporters for their support and generous donations.

Rohingya Action North East
Income & Expenditures
For The Period 01 Apr 2021 to 31 Mar 2022

Income

Balance carried forward	£7,985.49
Public Donation	£699.26
Total	£8,684.75

Less Expenses

Wages & Salary	£0.00
Web & donation platform management	£2,020.00
Printing and Resources	£480.00
Rent, Rate, Power	£0.00
Phone & Stationery	£0.00
Relief Work	£0.00
Total	£2,500.00

Excess income over Expenditure	£6,184.75
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RANE Annual Report 2020/21

Background on Rohingya Action North East (RANE)

In 2015 a group of Newcastle human rights activists and councillors held a public meeting with British Rohingya Community (BRC), this was followed by a public demonstration at Newcastle City Centre campaigning for the Rohingya cause. In February 2017 four Newcastle City Councillors and human rights activists visited the Rohingya refugee camp and witnessed the devastation themselves and it was from this visit the North East Solidarity with Rohingya People took shape and the campaign became stronger and stronger. In 2019 we rebranded and renamed the organisation, pursuing charitable status as Rohingya Action North East (RANE). In late 2019 we submitted our application for Charitable status and by March 2020 RANE became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). RANE, since its initiation back in 2016, has raised and distributed over £ 20k worth of aid at the refugee camp and is actively raising funds for their aid work as well as continuing with the political campaign for justice for the oppressed Rohingya people.





Political Campaign in the UK

One of RANE's main objective is to continue with the political campaign, to raise public awareness and we have continued to organise demonstrations/rallies and public meetings with members of the public as well as with local, national and international politicians and government ministers. RANE regularly provides updates from all of its visits to the Refugee camp and all its relief work.

Collaboration and joint working

RANE works closely with the British Rohingya Community (BRC), this organisation is based in Bradford. RANE Trustees regularly join and attend BRC's activities and events. RANE also works closely with the Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK (BROUK). Both of these organisations regularly attend all of RANE's activities and events and we often work collaboratively in relief work at the Refugee camp. RANE Trustees have attended and continue to support various organisations, delivering presentations and or supporting establishing events such as the Newcastle City Council and Voluntary Organisations organising the Holocaust Memorial day events highlighting every the Rohingya people.

Fundraising for the building of the Women's Centre at the camp

RANE is actively fundraising to establish a safe women's centre at the camp in various ways. RANE organised the 'Rise with Rohingya' fundraiser in October 2019, which was attended by British MPs, the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, the president of BROUK and the Chair of the Newcastle Buddhist Centre as well the CAP Foundation - a British based charity which RANE helped to establish a 'maternity clinic' at the camp.

Our Funders

We are grateful and thank all our funders : the generous members of the public, worshippers at local mosques, temple, Gurdwara, churches, those attending and donating during and at our events and those donating via various platforms. We say a huge thank you for all your kind and generous donations, please continue with your support.

Relief work at the camp

RANE often responds to urgent plea for support with winter food/clothing, flood and disaster appeal, emergency appeal and Ramadan food/clothing appeal

Thank you

A big thank you to Northumberland branch of Unison for their support, initially financially supporting RANE with its setting up expenses and contributing to our administrative expenses. We would also like to say a big thank you to Vertex Design and Constructions who have been one of our biggest individual funders, providing administrative expenses and large donations to each and every urgent and emergency relief work.

Finally a huge thank you to Amad Ali and his family for choosing RANE as one his charities for which the family fundraised whilst fighting Covid taking the 'A Million Steps to Fight Covid' - thank you for raising and donating the amazing amount of £4,131.72

We bid goodbye to one our Trustees and RANE founder members, Councillor Nigel Todd. Nigel, who was one of RANE's founder members and an important member of our team, sadly passed suddenly, but peacefully at his home aged 72 on the 26th march 2021. Nigel's input, wisdom and experience that he brought to the team will be dearly missed. We mourn him dearly and we wish and pray that he Rests In Peace. Ameen

Rohingya Action North East
Projected Income & Expenditures
For The Period 01 Apr 2020 To 31 Mar 2021

Balance carried forward	£7,196.57
Public Donation	£5,698.92
Total	<u>£12,895.49</u>

Less Expenses

Wages & Salary	£0.00	
Web designer	£1,410.00	
Rent, Rate, Power	£0.00	
Phone & Stationery	£0.00	
Relief Work	£3,500.00	
		£4,910.00

Excess income over Expenditure	<u><u>£7,985.49</u></u>
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