



Trustees Annual Report

For the period: 2nd April 2021 - 31 March 2022

Registered charity number 1188740 (England and Wales)

Administrative details

Charity name: Faiths Against Child Sexual Exploitation
Also known as: FACES

Registered charity number: 1188740 (England and Wales)

Principal address: Hope Church Luton, Villa Road, Luton, LU2 7NT

Structure and governance

Trustees:	Peter Adams	24th March 2020 - current
	Tony Thompson	24th March 2020 - current
	Rehana Faisal	24th March 2020 - current
	Sujel Miah	24th March 2020 - current

Structure: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Governing document: Constitution

New trustees are selected in consideration of the skills, knowledge and experience they have, and are appointed by resolution passed by the existing trustee's. All trustees must read and understand all organisational policies, which reflect statutory and legal requirements and good practice procedures.

Faiths Against Child Sexual Exploitation was set up as a local coalition of Christian and Muslim places of worship and charities. These partner organisations are Azalea, Churches Together in Luton, Discover Islam, Inspire FM, Lantern, Luton Council of Mosques, Luton Sunni Council of Mosques and St Mary's Centre for Peace and Reconciliation and Youthscape in July 2016.

The charity has 7 members on the steering group including its trustees, and 4 paid members of staff.

Objectives and activities

Charitable objects:

- 1) The promotion of religious harmony for the benefit of the public by:
 - a) Educating the public in different religious beliefs including an awareness of their distinctive features and their common ground to promote good relations between persons of different faiths.

- b) Promoting knowledge and mutual understanding and respect of the beliefs and practices of different religious faiths.

2) To advance in life and help safeguard young people through:

- a) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.
- b) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially disadvantaged community of Luton in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

Updates

This year came with challenges as we recovered from the impact Covid-19 had on delivering projects, and staffing changes. We welcomed three new members of staff, while our development manager took maternity leave; collectively this prompted review and refreshing of our existing activities and adjustments in our day-to-day functioning as a charity, and our strategic outlook.

As a Christian and Muslim partnership, dialogue and learning from shared experiences as well as different perspectives is at the heart of what we do. We've continued to share the types of conversations we have as an organisation with a wider audience on YouTube. On our channel we talk about faith and our experiences and responsibilities as people of faith; safeguarding including challenges and best practice with an emphasis on accounting for difference and overcoming bias; identity and how this interacts with experiences of harm and responses to abuse; young people, community, and more.

Our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbqUta5R2bfgfctBWpXAgCw>

We offer training in safeguarding and identity and inclusion, facilitating learning environments that centre differing perspectives and drawing on real experiences and examples of challenges and best practices. During this period we delivered training to Bedfordshire Police to build awareness and knowledge and create space for personal and organisational reflection. We welcomed a small group of staff with a mixture of roles, and recognised the importance of engaging with higher level managers in order to support a top-down approach to change.

In December 2021, we officially launched our report, 'They believe this:' Taking pupils' religious beliefs into account in Relationships and Sex Education (RSE),

following research carried out with young people into their views on whether and how RSE should take faith into account. We welcomed educational staff and presented key areas of the research for discussion.

Future plans

As well as continuing to offer our existing package of training courses and youth workshops, we are working on adapting our youth work content to explore other areas that can increase vulnerability in and present a risk for young people, including violence, substance misuse, online activity, and criminal exploitation. Working with young people to build confidence and resilience against harm, we give opportunities to explore various scenarios and risks that young people face and provide insight and information around how to navigate common issues more safely.

Our training and research areas of work will complement each other in a new offer for schools and educators covering Faith Sensitive Relationship and Sex Education, with objectives to develop understanding about what faith sensitive RSE looks like in light of statutory guidance; recognise challenges in accounting for diversity and and explore solutions; and enhance understanding of young people's views around RSE.

With funding secured for additional research, we are in the process of deciding what would be most needed, welcomed and in line with our vision and objectives.

Financial review

Reserves

An amount of reserves are kept in order to safeguard the charity from unexpected financial implications, including to:

- Ensure any urgent unexpected expenses can be met
- Prevent the interruption of existing operations due to a delay in receiving expected funds
- Ensure the charity can meet essential ongoing administrative costs for a period of 3 months if no other funding is received
- Facilitate options for urgent projects in response to beneficiary needs and circumstances

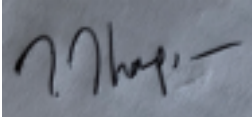
Our current reserves limit is £14000. This means any amount of unrestricted funds (ie. funds that are not designated to projects or other existing costs) up to and including £14000 may be reserved by the charity, for the reasons set out above.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Tony Thompson (Co-Chair)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tony Thompson', is written on a light-colored background.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF Faiths Against Sexual Exploitation of Children

on the accounts for the year to 31st March 2022 as set out on pages 8 – 14 in this document.

Respective responsibilities of trustees 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.

Independent examiner's statement

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.

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.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- 1) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Mervyn Thomas
128 Putnoe Lane
Bedford MK41 8LS

Dated: 20/07/2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year Ending 31 March 2022

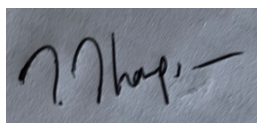
	Note	Year to March 31st.2022
Income from:		£
Voluntary Income		50
Activities for generating funds		725
Charitable Activities		45,408
Total income	3	46,183
Expenditure on:		
Generating funds		-
Raising funds		-
Charitable activities		23,816
Total Expenditure	4	23,816
Net income/(expenditure)		22,367
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward		-
Total funds carried forward		22,367

BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending 31 March 2022

	Notes	Year to March 31st.2022
Cash at bank and in hand		23,867
Total current assets		23,867
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,500)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		22,367
Total net assets		22,367
Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted funds		22,367

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



Tony Thompson

Dated:

20/7/2022

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

1.1 Basis of accounting

These 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.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

The Charity is a going concern. Income generation through members' donations is maintaining adequate reserves and restrictive funds are adequate.

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note 2.

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period.

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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. and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

2.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the church. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. Transfers are made from unrestricted to restricted funds as necessary to prevent restricted funds from going into deficit. The Endowment or Capital fund is to hold the Church Property.

2.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the church becomes entitled to the income, it is more likely than not that it will receive the resources and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the SoFA when receivable. Grants are included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria above are met and in the case of performance related grants income is recognised to the

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extent that the specified goods or services have been provided. Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the church where this can be measured reliably. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts. Investment income is included when received.

2.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT that cannot be fully recovered, which is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the church (as a charitable company) and include the audit fees and costs linked to the church's legal constitution.

2.5 Fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Equipment and fittings: 25% per annum on cost

No depreciation is provided on freehold land or buildings, following a change in accounting policy implemented in the Accounts for the period ended 31st March 2018.

2.6 Pension costs

Employees of the church are entitled to join a defined contribution pension scheme. The church contribution is limited to the contributions disclosed in note 3.

2.7 Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

2.8 Creditors

Creditors (including accruals) are recognised when due at the balance sheet date.

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3 ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	Total Funds 2021
Income	£
Voluntary income from Donations	50
Training Courses to generate funds	725
Income from charitable activities Incoming Grants	45,408
Grand Total Incoming Resources	46,183

4 ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Total Funds 2021
Expenditure on charitable activities	£
Payroll	21,318
Staff Expenses	242
Subscriptions	1,260
Other Purchases	896
Governance	100
Total expenditure on charitable activities	23,816

5 DEBTORS

None

6 LIABILITIES

	2021
	£
Accrual for Independent Examiner	(100)
Payroll Accrual	(1,400)
Total	(1,500)

7 FUNDS of the CHARITY

The Charity only has Unrestricted Funds