

Faiths Against Child Sexual Exploitation Trustees Annual Report and Accounts



For the period: 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

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, 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 2 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.

Projects

Youth Work

Young people

We supported a number of youth club sessions, supporting conversations and expression through art around current and emotive topics.

Schools work

We've built new relationships with schools, in particular a newly set-up alternative provision. This saw us engage with young people who had been excluded from mainstream school on a weekly basis, building rapport and planning ways to best engage them in our existing materials, and ways to provide support on a wider scale.

Mentoring

Building on our group-focused approach, we're developing a one-to-one provision for young people, including a faith-informed programme of engagement. This is rooted in research which shows faith guides through life challenges, offers a pathway to resilience, and has positive associations with happiness, well-being and life satisfaction. It also incorporates ideas of belonging and connectedness to promote resilience and mental health; is underpinned by a valuing of self; recognises the benefit of kindness and giving back; and utilises the cognitive reappraisal benefits of having belief.

Research

Further funding from The Tudor Trust has facilitated building on our research, expanding from the views young people have around Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), into the experiences of parents relating to the wider school culture along similar lines of perceptions and assumptions linked to faith and ethnicity. This project will be completed during our next financial year.

Podcast

The following podcasts were released during this period:

- Part 2 Face to Face with Amran Malik & Nauman Javaid (Cricket East and Wicketz)
- Face to Face with Amran Malik & Nauman Javaid (Cricket East and Wicketz)
- Luton Refugee Week discussion with Maria from Noah Enterprise
- Luton Refugee Week with Pauline and Nahida From Squared
- Luton Refugee Week Peter and Linda from Hightown Baptist
- Luton Refugee Week - Abderrahmane Mezdidoua from Discover Islam
- Luton Refugee Week with Revd David Kesterton
- Facing Issues: Thoughts around the investigation into Mike Pilavachi
- Facing the News: The Illegal Migration Bill moves to the Lords
- Facing Issues: Does the government 'do God?' Discussion on The Bloom Review
- Facing the News: Responding to Suella Braverman's comments
- Facing Issues: Volunteers, Refugees and Safeguarding
- The Casey Report with Chief Constable Trevor Rodenhurst

Refugee Week 2023

We marked Refugee Week 2023 by hosting a number of local organisations on our podcast, to discuss how they support refugees locally.

Training

Faith Sensitive Relationships and Sex Education

We continue to offer funded places (facilitated by Westhill Endowment funding) on our Faith Sensitive Relationships and Sex Education course after a successful pilot to a cohort including a head teacher, safeguarding leads, governors and teachers from four local special schools.

Safeguarding: Working with refugees

We've delivered online and in-person sessions of this course, with an elearning option in the works. This process has led to a new resources page on our website with various information relating to safeguarding, working with refugees, and various types of harm.

Bespoke sessions

We've delivered bespoke sessions including as part of a teacher training inset day to a local faith school. This covered the updated Working Together guidance and a safeguarding refresher.

Staff training

Our staff completed Suicide Prevention training via the Ollie Foundation.

Holding space sessions

As a safeguarding charity, we know the wellbeing of teachers plays a fundamental role in enabling the safety and wellbeing of children in our schools. Following the violence in Israel and Palestine, we offered a space for teachers in Luton who feel affected, to come together and talk, listen, and connect. This session intended to nurture a sense of solidarity in our shared devastation over the loss of life and ongoing harm, and the harmful language which we see in politics and media.

We know schools want to look after teachers' and pupils' wellbeing. Listening to how they feel is part of this - especially when there's a local or global issue which is likely to affect them. During the session, teachers shared the emotions they are navigating and what young people are experiencing, including the responses they are getting, or feel they should be getting, from their schools, and much more.



Future plans

We are looking forward to:

- Launching and growing our online training platform
- Developing our areas of research and sharing the findings nationally
- Establishing a one-to-one provision for young people, including wellbeing support and mentoring

Financial review

Funders

A special thanks to our funders during this period, The Tudor Trust and Westhill Endowment.

Reserves

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

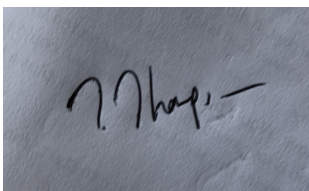
- Ensure any urgent unexpected expenses can be met
- Prevent the interruption of existing operations due to a delay in receiving expected funds
- Ensure the charity can meet essential ongoing administrative costs for a period of 6 months if no other funding is received
- Facilitate options for urgent projects in response to beneficiary needs and circumstances

Our current reserves limit is £22,000. This means any amount of unrestricted funds (ie. funds that are not designated to projects or other existing costs) up to and including £22,000 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:

A photograph of a piece of paper with a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature appears to be 'Tony Thompson'.

Tony Thompson, co-chair of the trustees

29th May 2024

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

on the accounts for the year to 31st March 2024 as set out on pages 9 – 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: May 29th 2024

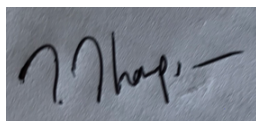
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

At 31st March 2024	Notes	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming Resources	3		
Voluntary income		-	25
Activities for generating funds		1,269	600
Charitable activities - Grants		81,200	40,000
Total Incoming Resources		82,469	40,625
Resources Expended	4		
Charitable activities		45,275	27,318
Total Resources Expended		45,275	27,318
Net movement in funds		37,194	13,307
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward		35,674	22,367
Total funds carried forward		<u>72,868</u>	<u>35,674</u>

BALANCE SHEET

At 31st March 2024	Notes	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		80,082	35,824
Total current assets		80,082	35,824
Short Term Liabilities	5	(7,214)	(150)
Total assets less liabilities		<u>72,868</u>	<u>35,674</u>
Charity Funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>72,868</u>	<u>35,674</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



Tony Thompson

Dated: May 29, 2024

The notes on pages 8 to 9 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 donations and grants is maintaining adequate reserves.

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: There are no restricted or designated funds for the charity.

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 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.

3 ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£
Voluntary Income - Donations	-	25
Activities for generating funds - Training Courses	1,269	600
Charitable Activities - Incoming Grants	81,200	40,000
Total Incoming Resources	82,469	40,625

4 ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Payroll	42,383	25,593
Staff expenses	-	-
Office	124	150
Subscriptions	1,229	285
CPD Certificate	1,389	1140
Governance	150	150
Total Expenditures	45,275	27,318

Transactions with trustees and related parties

None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any benefits from an employment with their charity or a related charity.

5 CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Accrual for Independent Examiner	150	150
Payroll Accrual	7,064	-
Total	7,214	150