

FODIP (THE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE)

England & Wales · Charity number 1189476

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-05-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE THE PROMOTION OF RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS HARMONY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY:A) PROMOTING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT BETWEEN JEWS, CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS AND THE WIDER PUBLIC;B) THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE, THROUGH DIALOGUE AND EDUCATION, WHERE COMMUNITY RELATIONS ARE THREATENED BY DIFFERENCES IN PERSPECTIVES REGARDING THE ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN CONFLICT AND OTHER RELATED GLOBAL PROBLEMS;C) EDUCATING THE PUBLIC CONCERNING RELIGIOUS ISSUES INVOLVING, AND APPROACHES TOWARDS, EVENTS AND PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Activities: Education, Training and Facilitation for young Muslims, Jews, Christians and of other faiths and noneInterfaith Study Tours to the RegionDialogue Programmes and ProjectsSeminars and Workshops

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£76,643	£84,945	-	-
2023-08-31	£109,068	£86,353	-	-
2022-08-31	£84,333	£35,449	-	-
2021-08-31	£43,203	£39,621	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr JANE LESLEY CLEMENTS MBE	Chair	2020-05-14
Mohammad Jawad Amin		2021-03-01
Muddassar Ahmed		2020-05-14
RABBI WARREN ELF MBE		2020-05-20
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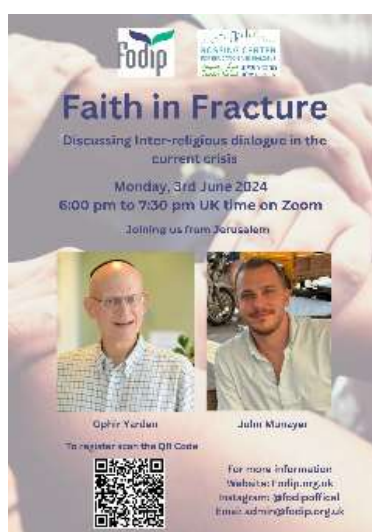
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Throughout this period, FODIP has provided targeted support, advice, and facilitated dialogue, helping the young people from our programmes. This allowed us to work within the existing structures and safe spaces we had already established to address the fear and frustrations experienced by our participants. We have strived to support local government initiatives through participation in roundtables, offering our expertise on the impact on our communities and offering approaches to sensitive responses to the situation.

Advice and guidance: FODIP remains a trusted source of support on issues relating to Palestine and Israel. We have continued to advise at local and national level, assisting a range of organisations, including those delivering programmes in educational settings, to help ensure sensitive and effective outcomes.

Training: While much of this year focused on supporting communities navigate through the challenges, FODIP has continued to deliver training where possible, recognising the importance of building confidence and skills to engage in this divisive issue.

Through our programmes we have trained TOMF participants who have gone on to work in interfaith and dialogue spaces equipping them to facilitate sensitive conversations around Palestine and Israel. They have gained invaluable practical experience and exposure to diverse perspectives, networks and narratives.

We also continued to invest in staff development and training to strengthen delivery, expertise, capacity and impact.

Creation of resources and diversifying income generation: Our methodology and approach involves a library of resources and activities FODIP has created to support programme delivery. This year, we have begun exploring ways to market these resources to help diversify our income and strengthen long-term sustainability.

FODIP was commissioned by an international organisation to write an article on tackling online hate, and to produce a series of short videos aimed at supporting young people in engaging with current issues in the region. These resources focus on mental health and wellbeing, and specifically address islamophobia and antisemitism

Recruitment and growth of FODIP Team: We successfully recruited a part time Project Manager for the TOMF programme replacing the previous post holder and a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer to enhance our reporting and impact measurement.

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We also strengthened our governance by appointing a new Christian trustee, a former participant in our Peacebuilders programme the previous year, bringing valuable lived experience and perspective to our board.

Visit to the Palestine and Israel – All planned tours and trips had to be cancelled. TOMF participants cancelled booked flights to the region for their visit that was to take place in Jan 2024. These will resume once it is safe to do so.

In the meantime, we continue to bring voices from the region to our participants through online engagements, ensuring connection, learning, and lived perspectives remain central to our work.

Public Engagement: Regular social media engagement, and participation in networking events has helped raise FODIP's profile and enabled contributions into important discussion

Testimonials

*“An exemplary session in how to share space for different beliefs, ideas and identities with respect and mutual, gentle support. I felt able to share openly in the session and I got a lot from the way the facilitators set up a safe, open and honest space. It felt safe to share thoughts in a scaffolded environment that allowed others to hold the expertise and lived experience -this meant I could share my own less formed and secure thoughts knowing I'd receive support in better shaping these. I would definitely recommend this session to others and hope to see it repeated at the University. It is responsible, vital, brave work and I'm proud that our Chaplaincy is undertaking it with this organisation”. **University staff member***

*“The session was a really important time to share how the events in the Middle East have shaped my life and to understand how it has done the same for other people. After the session I felt I had found greater comfort in addressing other people's perceptions of how Jewish students were feeling and I had also gained greater understanding as to how Muslim students were feeling too”. **Student***

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Financial Reserves

Reserves Policy

The members have agreed the reserves policy to leave enough to meet three months' running costs. This means that the reserves for the year are as set at 31st August 2024 of £14,747 (unrestricted) which is equal to more than four months' expenditure on costs (that is, rent and management).

Principal funding sources

The main source of income this year have been from The National Lottery Community Fund and donations were significantly higher than previous years. The delivery of seminars, consultation expertise and facilitation where appropriate, attract payment for such services.

Investment policy and objectives

The association has no long-term investments. All cash reserves are held in the Unity Trust current bank account.

Plans for future period

Aims for the forthcoming twelve months are:

- To establish a sound financial base
- To build capacity
- To utilise the ongoing programmes to raise the profile of the organisation;
- To continue to deliver our 3 major programmes.



Rabbi Warren Elf MBE
Joint Chair/Honorary Treasurer

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FODIP Income and Expenditure, 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024

	<i>Year ended 31st August</i>		<i>Year ended 31st August</i>	
	2024		2023	
	Total	Restricted	Total	Restricted
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>				
TNLottery	65,150.00	65,150.00	94,221.50	94,221.50
MB Reckitt	-	-	4,000.00	-
A4A Project	-	-	-	-
Peacebuilders Donations	-	-	6,950.00	6,950.00
Bury HCAW Grant	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
QWB Deposits	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOMF Deposits + Refund	575.00	-	809.54	-
Donations	7,978.74	-	636.51	-
Services	2,938.95	-	450.00	-
Total Income	76,642.52	65,150.00	109,067.55	103,171.50
<u>Expenditure</u>				
TOMF Project Worker	19,685.00	19,685.00	14,134.22	14,134.22
TOMF Project Director	33,000.00	33,000.00	26,500.00	26,500.00
TOMF Equipment	3,785.83	3,785.83	2,870.94	2,870.94
TOMF Venue	1,611.19	1,611.19	14,676.40	14,676.40
Payroll	238.92	238.92	183.15	183.15
TOMF Facilitation	4,639.60	4,639.60	2,109.50	2,109.50
TOMF Advert	-	-	56.03	56.03
TOMF Travel	3,308.11	3,308.11	3,339.52	3,339.52
Phone	375.88	-	215.00	-
Women's Voices	1,531.70	-	1,425.00	-
Bank Charges	72.00	-	72.00	-
Website	325.58	325.58	281.40	281.40
Office	6,285.32	6,285.32	5,763.54	5,763.54
Travel Expenses	742.12	742.12	700.08	-
Peacebuilders	-	-	12,764.24	-
A4A Project	744.01	744.01	386.60	-
QWB	--	-	500.00	500.00
Insurance	340.32	340.32	327.27	327.27
Fundraising	8,159.88	8,159.88	48.00	-
Safeguarding	100.00	100.00	-	-
Total Expenditure	84,945.36	73,623.46	86,352.89	70,741.97
Excess of Income	-8302.84		22,714.66	
Opening bank balance	99,125.49		76,410.83	
Closing bank balance	90,822.65		99,125.49	



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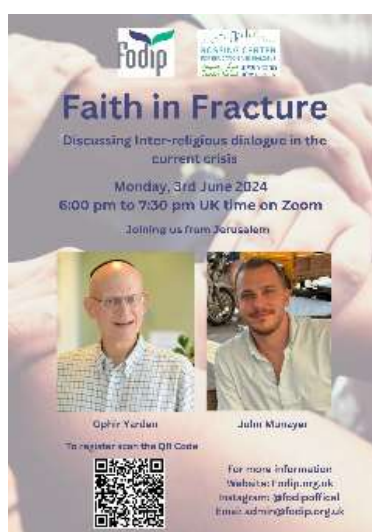
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Trustees report cont'd

Throughout this period, FODIP has provided targeted support, advice, and facilitated dialogue, helping the young people from our programmes. This allowed us to work within the existing structures and safe spaces we had already established to address the fear and frustrations experienced by our participants. We have strived to support local government initiatives through participation in roundtables, offering our expertise on the impact on our communities and offering approaches to sensitive responses to the situation.

Advice and guidance: FODIP remains a trusted source of support on issues relating to Palestine and Israel. We have continued to advise at local and national level, assisting a range of organisations, including those delivering programmes in educational settings, to help ensure sensitive and effective outcomes.

Training: While much of this year focused on supporting communities navigate through the challenges, FODIP has continued to deliver training where possible, recognising the importance of building confidence and skills to engage in this divisive issue.

Through our programmes we have trained TOMF participants who have gone on to work in interfaith and dialogue spaces equipping them to facilitate sensitive conversations around Palestine and Israel. They have gained invaluable practical experience and exposure to diverse perspectives, networks and narratives.

We also continued to invest in staff development and training to strengthen delivery, expertise, capacity and impact.

Creation of resources and diversifying income generation: Our methodology and approach involves a library of resources and activities FODIP has created to support programme delivery. This year, we have begun exploring ways to market these resources to help diversify our income and strengthen long-term sustainability.

FODIP was commissioned by an international organisation to write an article on tackling online hate, and to produce a series of short videos aimed at supporting young people in engaging with current issues in the region. These resources focus on mental health and wellbeing, and specifically address islamophobia and antisemitism

Recruitment and growth of FODIP Team: We successfully recruited a part time Project Manager for the TOMF programme replacing the previous post holder and a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer to enhance our reporting and impact measurement.

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We also strengthened our governance by appointing a new Christian trustee, a former participant in our Peacebuilders programme the previous year, bringing valuable lived experience and perspective to our board.

Visit to the Palestine and Israel – All planned tours and trips had to be cancelled. TOMF participants cancelled booked flights to the region for their visit that was to take place in Jan 2024. These will resume once it is safe to do so.

In the meantime, we continue to bring voices from the region to our participants through online engagements, ensuring connection, learning, and lived perspectives remain central to our work.

Public Engagement: Regular social media engagement, and participation in networking events has helped raise FODIP's profile and enabled contributions into important discussion

Testimonials

*"An exemplary session in how to share space for different beliefs, ideas and identities with respect and mutual, gentle support. I felt able to share openly in the session and I got a lot from the way the facilitators set up a safe, open and honest space. It felt safe to share thoughts in a scaffolded environment that allowed others to hold the expertise and lived experience -this meant I could share my own less formed and secure thoughts knowing I'd receive support in better shaping these. I would definitely recommend this session to others and hope to see it repeated at the University. It is responsible, vital, brave work and I'm proud that our Chaplaincy is undertaking it with this organisation". **University staff member***

*"The session was a really important time to share how the events in the Middle East have shaped my life and to understand how it has done the same for other people. After the session I felt I had found greater comfort in addressing other people's perceptions of how Jewish students were feeling and I had also gained greater understanding as to how Muslim students were feeling too". **Student***

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Financial Reserves

Reserves Policy

The members have agreed the reserves policy to leave enough to meet three months' running costs. This means that the reserves for the year are as set at 31st August 2024 of £14,747 (unrestricted) which is equal to more than four months' expenditure on costs (that is, rent and management).

Principal funding sources

The main source of income this year have been from The National Lottery Community Fund and donations were significantly higher than previous years. The delivery of seminars, consultation expertise and facilitation where appropriate, attract payment for such services.

Investment policy and objectives

The association has no long-term investments. All cash reserves are held in the Unity Trust current bank account.

Plans for future period

Aims for the forthcoming twelve months are:

- To establish a sound financial base
- To build capacity
- To utilise the ongoing programmes to raise the profile of the organisation;
- To continue to deliver our 3 major programmes.



Rabbi Warren Elf MBE
Joint Chair/Honorary Treasurer

Date 13/12/2024

THE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE (FODIP)

For the Financial Period

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FODIP Income and Expenditure, 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024

	<i>Year ended 31st August</i>		<i>Year ended 31st August</i>	
	2024		2023	
	Total	Restricted	Total	Restricted
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>				
TNLottery	65,150.00	65,150.00	94,221.50	94,221.50
MB Reckitt	-	-	4,000.00	-
A4A Project	-	-	-	-
Peacebuilders Donations	-	-	6,950.00	6,950.00
Bury HCAW Grant	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
QWB Deposits	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOMF Deposits + Refund	575.00	-	809.54	-
Donations	7,978.74	-	636.51	-
Services	2,938.95	-	450.00	-
Total Income	76,642.52	65,150.00	109,067.55	103,171.50
<u>Expenditure</u>				
TOMF Project Worker	19,685.00	19,685.00	14,134.22	14,134.22
TOMF Project Director	33,000.00	33,000.00	26,500.00	26,500.00
TOMF Equipment	3,785.83	3,785.83	2,870.94	2,870.94
TOMF Venue	1,611.19	1,611.19	14,676.40	14,676.40
Payroll	238.92	238.92	183.15	183.15
TOMF Facilitation	4,639.60	4,639.60	2,109.50	2,109.50
TOMF Advert	-	-	56.03	56.03
TOMF Travel	3,308.11	3,308.11	3,339.52	3,339.52
Phone	375.88	-	215.00	-
Women's Voices	1,531.70	-	1,425.00	-
Bank Charges	72.00	-	72.00	-
Website	325.58	325.58	281.40	281.40
Office	6,285.32	6,285.32	5,763.54	5,763.54
Travel Expenses	742.12	742.12	700.08	-
Peacebuilders	-	-	12,764.24	-
A4A Project	744.01	744.01	386.60	-
QWB	--	-	500.00	500.00
Insurance	340.32	340.32	327.27	327.27
Fundraising	8,159.88	8,159.88	48.00	-
Safeguarding	100.00	100.00	-	-
Total Expenditure	84,945.36	73,623.46	86,352.89	70,741.97
Excess of Income	-8302.84		22,714.66	
Opening bank balance	99,125.49		76,410.83	
Closing bank balance	90,822.65		99,125.49	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
FORUM FOR THE DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE (FODIP)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 AUGUST 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1189476

Set out on pages

10-11 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 Charity 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 (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

24 June 2025

Name:

Stephen Yaffe

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Financial Adviser Retired

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Section B

Disclosure

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FODIP (THE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1189476

Accounts

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**Registered Charity Number 1189476
CIO - ASSOCIATION Registered 14 May 2020**

**For the Financial Period
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Patrons:

Lord Harries of Pentregarth

Rabbi Dr Tony Bayfield CBE

Imam Qari Asim MBE

Members

Dr Jane Clements MBE (Joint Chair)

Rabbi Warren Elf MBE (Joint Chair/Treasurer)

Canon Marcia Wall (stepped down on 4 August 2023)

Muddassar Ahmed

Jawad Amin



FODIP - The Forum for Discussion of Israel and Palestine

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THE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE (FODIP)

**For the Financial Year
1ST SEPTEMBER 2022 – 31ST AUGUST 2023**

FODIP is a charitable incorporated organisation (registered on 14 May 2020) established to improve inter faith relations in the UK in the context of the Israeli Palestinian conflict.

Trustees report

Our Aims

FODIP's objects are:

The promotion of racial and religious harmony for the benefit of the public in particular but not exclusively by:

- a) Promoting mutual understanding and respect between Jews, Christians, Muslims and the wider public in the UK;
- b) The provision of assistance, through dialogue and education, where community relations are threatened by differences in perspectives regarding the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and other global problems;
- c) Resourcing the public concerning religious issues and approaches to peace and justice, involving events and people in the Middle East.

Objectives

In order to fulfil these aims, FODIP works through three main areas of activity:

- On a local level, resourcing and facilitating dialogue and education among local faith and inter faith groups on the Israeli Palestinian conflict;
- Through Study Tours to Israel and Palestine;
- At national level, acting as a point of information and advice, consulting and providing material for national organisations and institutions.

Governance

The board of trustees has not met formally during this period but there has been regular communication between trustees and the Programme Director and decisions made were confirmed online and through email.

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Trustees report cont'd

Activities

Summary

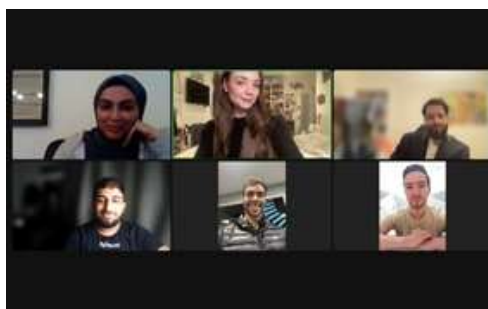
FODIP has successfully delivered a variety of activities aimed at implementing their aims and objectives during the period of September 2022 to August 2023. These activities have positively impacted at least 350 people both as direct participants and the broader communities involved. Direct engagements have occurred through:

- Training programmes
- Engagement and dialogue programmes: Peacebuilders, Breaking Barriers Creating Conversations, FODIP Ambassadors
- Visit to the region
- Facilitating dialogue with: Education institutions, community and voluntary groups, local council, national organisations, interfaith organisations, faith groups and places of worship.
- Advice and guidance
- Women's Voices Sports Programme: new participants from traditional communities join as participants and have been engaged to deliver the sessions.
- Tough Options Moving Forward: Engaged with 30 young people of faith and of no faith, from England and Northern Ireland. Engaged and collaborated with Corrymeela and other organisations with similar aims, and with experts and academics.
- Raised our profile and attended networking opportunities.

The activities have impacted positively to fostering dialogue, understanding, and increase in understanding. A significant contribution to our mission of promoting dialogue and interfaith understanding, as well as enhancing community participation through various engagements and specialised programmes.

FODIP Ambassadors

FODIP alumni continue to join as ambassadors and the group is growing. It supports and contributes to the vision of FODIP. This group met regularly in person and online discussing pressing issues and exploring ways to extend the impact of current programmes. This contributed to leadership development, increased positive communication and expansion of programmes, reaching wider audiences for participation. Whilst giving the ambassadors opportunities to develop and lead on the programmes that would make the most difference, they input into programme design and delivery.



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Questions Without Borders – Study Tours to the region

Attempts were made to arrange a visit to the region. A draft programme was produced in collaboration with organisations from the region and enquires regarding hotels and travel have been made. Many people are interested in participating through our tours, but have had challenges with safety, costs and dates. This has meant that the tour has been put on hold, with a waiting list of interested participants. Frequent communication is made with this group. Participants from previous tours have continued to stay engaged, communicating through WhatsApp groups and social media.



Contributing to research and sharing good practice

Being involved in the evaluation for our funders. Contributing to research and toolkits developed by academics and Think Tanks, including the Woolf Institute at The University of Cambridge to help measure the impact.

Attending and participating in workshops held by LSE, exploring how stories are used by Women of Faith from the UK and the region. Joining Christians, Jews and Muslim women from the UK and Palestinian and Israeli women to share good practice on peacebuilding.

Networking and raising profile

Connecting, building and maintaining relationships and contacts within the UK and in the region. Opportunities to increase our engagement into Europe and USA, with individuals and organisations reaching out for advice and guidance on tensions and issues they experience on the issue of Palestine and Israel. Addressing and tackling misinformation about FODIP and its work. Visiting the region to maintain connections.



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Breaking Barriers Creating Conversations

This has continued throughout this year. FODIP Ambassadors have taken the lead with driving this forward and addressing issues close to them. They have been part of the development and delivery of the sessions, bringing new participants to the sessions through their networks. An example of a workshop was a Places of Worship tour, where the Ambassadors arranged visits to a mosque, church and a synagogue. They also supported holding an interfaith iftar held during Ramadhan, with interactive exercises led by the Ambassadors. Other issues to be addressed are mental health and well-being, relationships, hate crime and connecting with nature.



Training and Development

As well as training and development for staff, we have offered guidance to volunteers, helping them build confidence and equip them with skills for employment.

Delivery of training and facilitating workshops

This year FODIP has delivered numerous bespoke workshops online and in person. Programmes were developed to reflect the experiences and issues for each institution. FODIP was invited to deliver an introductory session to year 10 and year 11 students at a school in Greater Manchester as part of their PSHE day, opening up dialogue in a safe space.

Advice and guidance

We have given advice and guidance on how to deal with sensitive situations arising in education institutions, faith organisations, local councils and colleagues/peers. This is often given one to one, and sometimes with a small group. FODIP Trustees and staff are involved together in planning and delivering these sessions.

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Trustees report cont'd

Peacebuilders Programme

The Peacebuilders project was a training course for Christians in leadership positions delivered over several months to 9 Christians, and funded by MB Reckitt. It developed skills and knowledge needed to lead and promote positive, informed dialogue among Jews, Christians, Muslims, and those of other faiths or none.

Students engaged with these complex issues through a combination of online and in-person sessions, benefiting from a diverse range of perspectives from communities both in the UK and the Middle East. Towards the end of the course, participants travelled together to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, where they experienced first-hand some of the topics discussed and listened to the stories of those living in the Holy Land.



Tough Options Moving Forward

Much of this year's focus has been on the Tough Options Moving Forward programme (TOMF). It has had a number of new recruits join the programme. Following on from a successful first residential, online and in-person workshops have been delivered at least once a month. One of these interactive Zoom workshops focused on adding to participants' dialogue toolkit and beginning to discuss difficult issues in relation to Israel and Palestine. Moreover, English participants met in Manchester in early February for a workshop focused on understanding significant events in the history of the Israel/Palestine conflict.

The second residential of the project was planned to take place from the 10th-13th March, but due to heavy snow was cancelled on the day and rescheduled for July. This time the Northern Irish participants travelled over and joined the English participants for four days at a venue in the Derbyshire countryside. A range of hybrid and in-person workshops were delivered, including workshops on antisemitism and islamophobia, UK interfaith engagement on Israel/Palestine, approaches to conflict transformation and the history of the troubles in Northern Ireland. Presenters and workshop facilitators, academics and experts have been engaged to input into the programme. Friendships are strengthening, new ones forming and an increase in openness and empathy can be noted.



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Trustees report cont'd

Evaluation of Tough Options Moving Forward

FODIP developed a proposal to secure an external evaluator for FODIP's Tough Options Moving Forward project to help assess the impact the project has made on the lives of the individuals involved and communities impacted. It will help inform strategies, direction and the support needed to continue the learning and development of the participants and project. The evaluation will help plan for the sustainability of this project and guide the development of new projects; identifying challenges and barriers encountered, whilst building on the outcomes, achievements and successes. The successful organisation will start in October 2023.



Women's Sports Programme

A small but important project which FODIP continues to run with a notable increase in participation by women from traditional backgrounds. The programme witnessed higher engagement. New participants attend by word of mouth from existing participants and are usually those from traditional backgrounds and who are least likely to engage in other activities. This increase in participation highlights the programme's effectiveness in reaching and involving this demographic. The sessions provide opportunities for participants to learn new sports and develop new skills, contributing to their overall personal growth. This programme creates a platform for women from different cultural and religious backgrounds to meet, interact, and form friendships.

Testimonials and blogs

FODIP participants have been encouraged to write blogs to share their experience of participating in FODIP programmes. Testimonials and blogs have been uploaded to our website.

An example of one is below:

“As a young teenager I didn't spend much time thinking about the Israel-Palestine situation. Like many people, I had a simplistic understanding of the conflict where I presumed Israel was right, Palestine was wrong, and all Muslims supported terrorism.

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However, my participation in FODIP provided me with a unique opportunity to engage in conversations with Muslim (and Christian) youth and gain a more nuanced understanding of the conflict. Through these discussions, I was exposed to perspectives and experiences that challenged my preconceived notions and helped me to see the issue from more than one perspective.

As a result of these conversations, I now find myself holding both pro-Israel and pro-Palestine positions, recognizing the complexities of the conflict and the need for a peaceful resolution that considers the rights and needs of both peoples. I'm grateful to FODIP for providing me with the opportunity to learn, grow, and engage in respectful dialogue with others who may hold different views than my own.”

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Financial Reserves

Reserves Policy

The members have agreed the reserves policy to leave enough to meet three months' running costs. This means that the reserves for the year are as set at 31st August 2023 of £9,900 (unrestricted) which is equal to three months' expenditure on costs (that is, rent and management).

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The association has no long-term investments. All cash reserves are held in the Unity Trust current bank account.

Plans for future period

Aims for the forthcoming twelve months are:

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Rabbi Warren Elf MBE

Joint Chair/Honorary Treasurer

Date 13/06/2024

THE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE (FODIP)

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FODIP Income and Expenditure, 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023

	<i>Year ended 31st August 2023</i>		<i>Year ended 31st August 2022</i>	
	Total £	Restricted £	Total £	Restricted £
<u>Income</u>				
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Donations	636.51	-	3,540.56	-
Services	450.00	-	3,525.60	-
Total Income	109,067.55	103,171.50	84,333.16	76,907.00
<u>Expenditure</u>				
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TOMF Project Director	26,500.00	26,500.00	16,075.00	16,075.00
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Website	281.40	281.40	286.24	-
Office	5,763.54	5,763.54	2,534.88	2,534.88
Travel Expenses	700.08	-	1,845.03	-
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QWB	500.00	500.00	-	-
Insurance	327.27	327.27	385.00	-
Fundraising	48.00	-	-	-
Safeguarding	-	-	112.00	-
Total Expenditure	86,352.89	70,741.97	35,449.31	30,375.04
Excess of Income	22,714.66		48,883.85	
Opening bank balance	76,410.83		27,526.98	
Closing bank balance	99,125.49		76,410.83	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
THE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE (FODIP)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1189476

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 08 / 2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity 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").

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Signed:

Date:

13/06/2024

Name:

Rhys McAllister-Parkes

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(if any):**

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Nothing to note.

FODIP (THE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1189476

Accounts

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**Registered Charity Number 1189476
CIO - ASSOCIATION Registered 14 May 2020**

**For the Financial Period
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Patrons:

Lord Harries of Pentregarth

Rabbi Dr Tony Bayfield

Shaykh Dr Abdal Hakim Murad

Members

Rabbi Warren Elf MBE (Joint Chair/Treasurer)

Dr Jane Clements (Joint Chair) – appointed 15 September 2020

Canon Marcia Wall

Muddassar Ahmed

Jawad Amin (appointed March 2021)



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Governance

The board of trustees has not met formally during this period but there has been regular communication between trustees and the Programme Director and decisions made were confirmed online and through email.

Activities

FODIP have continued to deliver extensive activities in the period September 2021 – August 2022 to implement their aims and objectives. The activities are summarised in this report, and are considered to contribute positively to those who participate directly in programmes and the wider communities represented. During this time over 300 new direct engagements were recorded, through training programmes and facilitating dialogue with education institutions, interfaith organisations, community groups and local councils. An additional 47 women engaged with the sports programme.

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FODIP Ambassadors

A growing number of FODIP Alumni joined as ambassadors, supporting and contributing to the vision of FODIP. This group met regularly in person and online discussing pressing issues and exploring ways to extend the impact of current programmes. This contributed to leadership development, increased positive communication and expansion of programmes, reaching wider audiences for participation.



Training sessions for interfaith organisations

Members of interfaith organisations are pushing to hold conversations on the Middle East, namely relating to Palestine and Israel. An increasing number of interfaith organisations have voiced concerns over being able to positively discuss these issues. FODIP have run closed sessions with their members to establish an approach to dialogue which can help to pave the way in continuing to hold the conversations needed. This has included ‘one off’ sessions as well as a programme of workshops equipping participants with tools and skills for positive cooperation.

Questions Without Borders

Despite being unable to arrange a visit the region during this time, previous participants have continued to stay engaged, communicating through WhatsApp groups and social media.



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Social Media

Followers on social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter has increased by 100%. Posts focus on upcoming opportunities to be involved and stories from our participants.

Engagement with Education Institutions

Bespoke programmes were developed to reflect the experiences and issues for each institution.

FODIP engaged with year 11, 12 and 13 students over 5 weeks at a secondary school in Bradford. Participants expressed gratitude in having permission to discuss and learn about an issue which is usually silenced in a school setting.

A Manchester based faith school invited FODIP to deliver an introductory session to year 8 and year 9 students as part of their PSHE day, opening up dialogue in a safe space.

FODIP staff and alumni were invited to attend a diversity event in a college in Manchester. This supported the local college in their vision to allow a safe space for all students to engage with tricky topics.

After extensive conversations with university leadership, and in collaboration with university staff, FODIP lead on the delivery of a training course for university staff and student councils on adopting the IHRA definition and understanding antisemitism for the university.



Bespoke Training for organisations working with young people and for local councils

As part of the commitment to promote positive dialogue, share knowledge and to equip people with tools to handle difficult dialogue, a bespoke 2 half day training course was delivered to a creative arts organisation funded by the local council to use drama and art to engage with difficult issues in schools. A training course was created to help address questions and deal with issues staff face during performances at schools through the local council.

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Facilitated expert listening sessions by FODIP staff were held for a number of local councils, bringing their council staff, members and communities together where they had experienced heightened tensions in community relations when issues in Palestine/Israel were escalating.

Tough Options Moving Forward

The two year Tough Options Moving Forward programme commenced with the recruitment phase in Jan 2022, with the successful appointment of Project Manager, Martha Scott-Cracknell who began work for FODIP in March. 25 participants have joined the programme, combined from England (Greater Manchester, Liverpool, Northeast England, and London) and Belfast. The participants are aged between 16 and 27 years old and mainly from Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths, albeit with ranging religiosity. We also have some participants from non-Abrahamic faiths and some of no faith.

This is a unique innovative programme in partnership with Corrymeela centre in Ballycastle Northern Ireland. The project brings together two groups of young adults, one from England (focusing in Palestine/Israel conflict) and another in Northern Ireland (focusing on NI troubles) to examine issues of conflict, conflict resolution and management within their own communities.



Participants have met in their respective groups, and also at a residential where the English participants travelled over to Northern Ireland and met up with the NI participants for a four-day residential at the Corrymeela centre in Ballycastle. Participants took part in a series of workshops that focused on understanding the Northern Irish context, the legacy of the Troubles, and how society has approached conflict transformation.

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Breaking Barriers Creating Conversations

FODIP Ambassadors supported the development of online workshops. Connecting young people from different faith traditions, namely the Abrahamic faiths to one another using Palestine and Israel. They helped to navigate emotions positively by creating a safe space to share, discuss and explore their own and others fears and hopes. This included 6 online workshops and some in person meetings. Some of the topics included addressing antisemitism and islamophobia, connection to the Holy Land and hearing the voices from Israelis and Palestinians working towards peacebuilding.



Online Webinars

During the pandemic FODIP hosted a number of online webinars taking engagement online. This enabled a wider audience and increased engagement on issues which were heightened during 2021. FODIP continued the online engagement in 2021 – 2022 building on and continuing communication through the virtual space.

The virtual setting allowed voices from the region to be heard in a safe setting, where online sessions are facilitated by expert FODIP staff and trustees.



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Women's Sports Programme

Successful funding applications has allowed this small but important programme to continue. Although COVID-19 had halted this project in the previous year; the sessions saw another increase in participation from previous years. The majority of women joining from traditional backgrounds. The programme encourages participating in physical activity with an opportunity to learn new sports, skills and meet women from different backgrounds to increase an understanding of the cohesive communities in Manchester and build friendships.

Training, Development and Raising FODIP's Profile

Development of staff and members of FODIP is fundamental to the success of FODIP and this is integral to build and grow the organisation. International, National and local events, training seminars and gatherings are attended to achieve this.



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Financial Reserves

Reserves Policy

The members have agreed the reserves policy to leave enough to meet three months' running costs. This means that the reserves for the year are as set at 31st August 2022 of £8,000 (unrestricted) which is equal to three months' expenditure on costs (that is, rent and management).

Principal funding sources

The main sources of income this year have been from The National Lottery, both the Community Awards Fund and the Awards for All scheme. In addition, donations and the delivery of seminars, consultation expertise and facilitation where appropriate, attract payment for such services.

Investment policy and objectives

The association has no long-term investments. All cash reserves are held in the Unity Trust current bank account.

Plans for future period

Aims for the forthcoming twelve months are:

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Rabbi Warren Elf MBE

Joint Chair/Honorary Treasurer

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FODIP Accounts, 1st September 2021 – 31st August 2022

Income

	£	Restricted £
TNLottery (TOMF Project)	66952.00	66952.00
A4A	9955.00	9955.00
TOMF Deposits Refund	360.00	
Donations	3540.56	
Services	3525.60	
Total Income	£84333.16	£76907.00

Expenditure

	£	Restricted £
TOMF Project Worker	7887.02	7887.02
TOMF Org – Prog Director	16075.00	16075.00
TOMF Equipment	466.22	466.22
TOMF Venue	177.20	177.20
Payroll	257.76	257.76
TOMF Facilitation	450.00	450.00
TOMF Advert	478.40	478.40
TOMF Travel	1613.14	1613.14
Phone	159.00	
Women's Voices	1705.00	
Insurance	385.00	
Bank Charges	72.00	
Website	286.24	
Office	2534.88	2534.88
Travel Expenses	1845.03	
Peacebuilders Project	510.00	
A4A Project	435.42	435.42
Safeguarding	112.00	
Total Expenditure	£35449.31	£30375.04

Opening Bank balance at 1.9.21	£27,526.98
Excess of Income over Expenditure	£48,883.86
Closing Bank balance at 31.8.22	£76,410.83

FODIP (THE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1189476

Accounts

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT, WITH ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
FOR
THE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL AND
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**For the Financial Period
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**Registered Charity Number 1189476
CIO - ASSOCIATION Registered 14 May 2020**

**For the Financial Period
14TH May 2020 – 31ST AUGUST 2021**

Patrons:

Lord Harries of Pentregarth

Rabbi Dr Tony Bayfield

Shaykh Dr Abdal Hakim Murad

Members

Rev Bob Day (Joint Chair) – resigned 15 September 2020

Rabbi Warren Elf MBE (Joint Chair/Treasurer)

Dr Jane Clements (Joint Chair) – appointed 15 September 2020

Canon Marcia Wall

Muddassar Ahmed

Jawad Amin (appointed March 2021)



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THE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE (FODIP)

For the Financial Year
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FODIP is a charitable incorporated organisation (registered on 14 May 2020) established to improve inter faith relations in the UK in the context of the Israeli Palestinian conflict.

Trustees report

Our Aims

FODIP's objects are:

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Governance

The members has met quarterly during this period, and more frequently for informal meetings and project delivery.

Activities

This was an unprecedented year due to COVID
FODIP carried out a range of activities for the period May 2020 – August 2021 in pursuance of its objectives and aims. The members consider that these activities, summarised in this report, provide benefit both to those who participate in specific events and the wider communities represented.

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Training and Development

As part of the commitment to provide skills enabling people in faith communities to speak about sensitive issues, FODIP delivered a 2 part training session on their 'Hear to Hear' methodology. This was attended by partner organisations, members and staff. Growing our links and networks is integral to increase our reach, staff, and members attended various online events and workshops in order to achieve this.

Online Webinars

Due to the pandemic, FODIP moved many of its planned in person workshops online using Zoom. FODIP hosted the online seminars using experts, professionals, academics and people with lived experiences. This enabled the important conversations and learning to continue. They were held using Zoom, this increased participation and reached far and wide with participants being able to join from around the globe. These were recorded and made available on YouTube.

The webinar titles included:

- The Sharia Courts in Israel: A Deep Insight
- Addressing Antisemitism and Islamophobia in Relation to Israel-Palestine
- Exploring Palestinian Nationalism and Zionism with FODIP
- Practical Challenges: A View from Bethlehem
- Seek to Promote or Hinder Peace?: Palestine and Israel
- How Islamophobia and Antisemitism can impact dialogue on Palestine and Israel
- Roots of Understanding with FODIP

Supporting other Initiatives

Scottish Interfaith Week

In November 2020 FODIP were invited to take part in the annual Scottish Interfaith Week. FODIP hosted an online informative session, 'Introduction to Religious Approaches to Palestine Israel in Judaism, Christianity and Islam'. This was part of a longer programme.

FODIP's Christmas 2020

FODIP put in an appearance at the St Edburgh's Church, Bicester Christmas Tree Festival.

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Balfour Project

FODIP delivered online training discussing interfaith relations in the UK, within the context of Israel and Palestine, to a group of young people who were part of the Balfour Project Fellowship Programme.

Support and Advice

Ongoing support and advice has been provided to education institutions, councils, individuals and interfaith groups. A letter by then Education Secretary Gavin Williamson stated FODIP as a trusted and reputable organisation to support dialogue on the issue of Palestine and Israel.

FODIP Ambassadors

FODIP were delighted to receive a grant from Awards for All through the National Lottery to fund the delivery of a programme of workshops with young people. The Young Ambassadors worked hard in developing a number of workshops which they co-delivered. These workshops focused on faith traditions in the UK, Antisemitism and Islamophobia, Difficult dialogue on the Holy Land and collaborated on a group discussion, with a group of Palestinians and Israelis, on how they build trust and cooperation between the two groups.

Listening Events

University of Salford

FODIP were engaged by University of Salford to help them start a conversation around their adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Associations (IHRA) definition of antisemitism. FODIP facilitated a Listening Event to provide a safe space for the University to consider ways to address antisemitism on campus and in the wider community, and to explore perspectives on the Israel/Palestine dilemma. It allowed space to consider the implications of the adoption for the University and stakeholders.

Local Councils

Due to local councils, education institutions and interfaith organisations facing difficulty in managing community relations in May 2021, FODIP were asked to intervene and help navigate cooperation especially between councils, their residents, parents, pupils and community members.

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Sporting Equals

FODIP were commissioned to deliver a small number of interactive workshops to young people in 5 boroughs of London. These workshops focused on learning and understanding faith communities in the UK. Due to COVID, only one was delivered in person and the others were delivered through an online interactive presentation and workshop.

Women's Sports Programme

We resumed our interfaith women's only keep active sessions when the government regulations allowed this to happen. Local trainers lead the women in physical exercise and keep fit sessions. These take place once a week, taking a break for religious holidays and festivals. Social distancing was observed and hand sanitizers were provided to provide women mainly from traditional backgrounds a safe and private space.

Funding

We are grateful to our donors and funders who enabled us to keep going and enabled us to plan strategically for future times.

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Principal funding sources

The main source of income is through small grants and donations. Restricted income came from 3 sources: Sport England, Sporting Equals and The National Lottery Awards for All scheme. In addition, delivery of seminars, consultation expertise and facilitation where appropriate, attract payment for such services, as do sales of publications.

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For the Financial Period

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FODIP Accounts, 14 May 2020 - 31 August 2021

Income	£
Donations	1579.90
Services	3700.00
Sport England	10000.00
Penny Appeal	8000.00
MB Reckitt	5000.00
Sporting Equals	6511.41
Awards for All	8335.00
Women's Sport	52.00
Bank Refund	24.46
Total Income	£43202.77

Expenditure	£
Programme Director	34835.00
Expenses	148.89
Women's Sports	856.00
Travel	23.41
Phone	72.00
Insurance	385.00
Bank Charges	107.71
Website	570.12
Office	143.88
Penny Appeal Project	1258.63
Accounts/Payroll	520.00
Services	700.00
Total Expenditure	£39620.64

Excess of Income over Expenditure 3582.13

Bank balance at 14.5.20 23944.85

Bank balance at 31.8.21 27526.98



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
FODIP (THE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2021	Charity no (if any)	1189476
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Set out on pages

Remember to include the page numbers of accounts, if any.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 08 / 2021 .

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

31/10/2022

Name:

Rhys McAllister-Parkes

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

AAT and ACCA Qualified

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Nothing to note