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

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**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)**



**FODIP - The Forum for Discussion of Israel and Palestine  
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Quay Street  
Manchester M3 3JE**

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# **THE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE (FODIP)**

**For the Financial Year  
14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020 – 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**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 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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### ***Trustees report continued***

#### **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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## **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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 of £7,200 (unrestricted) which is equal to three months' expenditure on costs (that is, rent and management).

## **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.


## **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

# THE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE (FODIP)

## For the Financial Period

14TH MAY 2020 – 31ST AUGUST 2021

FODIP Accounts, 14 May 2020 - 31 August 2021

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
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
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£43202.77</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
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
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£39620.64</b>

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

**Set out on pages**

Remember to delete the page numbers of sections if relevant

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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Runcorn

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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