

## **Connected by Humanity annual report 2020-2021**

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### **1. Charity details**

Charity name: Connected by Humanity

Charity number: 1189949

Address: 7 Dunoon Close, Reading, Berkshire, RG31 7YJ

### **2. Trustees**

Ella Cade-Smith (chair)

Richard Falkus

Aisha Antwi

Elena Uderzo

### **3. Charity structure**

- Connected by Humanity is run by 4 trustees. The four trustees were running the Connected by Humanity events and decided collectively to apply for charity status in 2019.
- Richard Falkus acts as a director voluntarily, as he is also the founder of the project.
- Ella Cade-Smith is the chair of trustees.

### **4. Activities and objectives**

In April 2020, we were at the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic and therefore all events were postponed until a time where we could act safely. We weren't sure how long the pandemic would last.

By January 2021, we knew that the pandemic would be lasting indefinitely, and we decided to move our events online.

We ran an event in February and March 2021 called Chatty Saturday which hosted approximately 10-15 people each. At these events we facilitated conversations by having small groups with a facilitator in each who would ask participants questions

in turn to facilitate conversation and human connection.

In 2020-2021, we also developed a partnership with the charity North London Cares. They were interested in having Connected by Humanity facilitate our Chatty events with their service users, who are isolated older people and isolated young people. By the end of the 2020-2021 period, we had arranged our first Chatty event with North London Cares and their service users for April 2021.

## **5. Achievements and performance**

Once we restarted our events, taking them online, we were successful in getting full or nearly full attendance at both our February and March events in 2021. We spread the word about our events through social media. We felt optimistic about the impact people were experiencing from their engagement during the event, and from the feedback they left (see below).

Our charitable object is to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded.

By running our events online and making it clear that donations were optional, we were able to promote social inclusion. People were able to attend events from anywhere in the country and connect with other people. We were warm and welcoming to all, making sure everyone felt included.

Here is some feedback from our first Chatty event on February 2021.

### **What was your experience of attending Chatty Friday?**

Very well thought out and organised. Really enjoyable.

Very positive at a time of massive stress.

I loved it. Thank you so much for creating such a well thought out space for us to connect. I'm really introverted/shy and so this is a great way to connect for me.

I loved it! It's always so nice to meet new people, listen to different experiences and learn from others. Some of the topics were really deep and thought-provoking, and sharing in this safe format can be a really healing experience for people who've been through tough times.

It was a wonderful evening. I shared and heard stories that I didn't think I'd be able to within a group of new faces. It's incredibly empowering, a fantastic way to meet people from different walks of life and such a positive way to spend an evening.

## **6. Other notes**

Connected by Humanity have no funds held by a custodian trustee and no reserves policy is necessary at this time.

## **Connected by Humanity Annual Accounts 2020-2021**

These accounts will share the following in relation to charitable activities carried out by Connected by Humanity:

1. How Connected by Humanity gets its money
2. How Connected by Humanity spends money
3. Expenditure and income for 2021-2022
4. Money in Connected by Humanity's bank account
5. Assets
6. Liabilities
7. Other important information

### **1. How Connected by Humanity gets its money**

Connected by Humanity at this stage has only received money from public donations. Usually during our events.

### **2. How Connected by Humanity spends money**

Connected by Humanity's only expenditure in this financial year is for the upkeep of our website: [www.connectedbyhumanity.com](http://www.connectedbyhumanity.com)

### **3. Expenditure and income for 2021-2022**

<b>Expenditure</b>	
Annual Squarespace website fee	£163.20
Overall	£163.20
<b>Income</b>	
Individual donations	£100
Event attendee donations	£64.11
Overall	£164.11
<b>Total</b>	+£0.91

### **4. Money in Connected by Humanity's bank account**

The balance of Connected by Humanity as of April 2021 is £88.92

### **5. Assets**

Connected by Humanity has no assets.

### **6. Liabilities**

Connected by Humanity owes no money.

### **7. Other important information**

Activity was limited during this financial year as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.