

# **Religions For Peace United Kingdom**

Registered Charity No. 1190089

## **Trustees' report and Financial Statements**

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**Religions For Peace United Kingdom**

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# Religions For Peace United Kingdom

## Legal and Administrative Details

For the year ended 31 March 2022

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Registered charity no. 1190089

Principal address: Religions For Peace United Kingdom  
106-108 Burnt Oak Broadway  
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Trustees	James Bruce Cresswell	(appointed 1 July 2020)
	David Horner	(appointed 1 July 2020, resigned 8 March 2022)
	Jehangir Sarosh	(appointed 1 July 2020)
	Ravinder Kaur Nijjar	(appointed 1 July 2020)
	Ibrahim Mogra	(appointed 1 July 2020)
	Cinderella Lai-Si Lee	(appointed 1 July 2020)
	Mark Cristian Owen	(appointed 3 September 2021)

Primary Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd  
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Independent Examiner: Chaweevan Williams FCCA  
Chartered Certified Accountant  
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## 2021 - 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

### OVERVIEW

Religions for Peace United Kingdom (RfPUK) is a UK charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission (1190089). We are an independent chapter of the Religions for Peace International, which is a global organisation with a coalition of representatives from the world's great religions dedicated to achieving peace.

RfPUK is a constituent interreligious council within Religions for Peace Europe, and we work with our UK Women of Faith Network (UKWFN) and UK Interfaith Youth Network (UKIYN), each taking forward projects with their distinctive character and aims while sharing each other's support and networks.

Based upon deeply held moral principles widely shared by the world's faith traditions, RfPUK advances a positive notion of peace that acknowledges the well being of each person in a multi-dimensional understanding, we recognise individual and communal responsibility of all to reject the misuse of religion in support of violence. RfPUK shares the RfP global key priorities in

- Peaceful, Just, and Inclusive Societies
- Gender Equality for women and girls
- Environment awareness and action
- Freedom of Thought, Conscience, and Religion
- Interreligious Education to improve religious literacy
- Develop Local, Regional and International Partnerships

### STRUCTURE

Following the practice of other chapters of Religions for Peace globally, we invite senior religious leaders to be our Patrons who will help us shape our policies and improve our reach to faith communities.

Trustees are appointed to take on operation oversight of RfPUK through regular meetings, they are responsible for the management and guidance of RfPUK.

After converting into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), RfPUK has engaged staff members to take forward development and programmes. We also welcome volunteers to help with our initiatives. UKIYN has a Steering Committee and UKWFN has a Coordinating Committee. While we draw on the strength of peacemakers throughout UK, the aim of both Networks is to build mutual respect and pluralism among women and youth groups from different religious traditions by empowering them to work together to serve others, going beyond mere tolerance of diversity, drawing on the strength of their religious and ethnic identity to foster active cooperation between peoples of faith and of none.

## OUR WORK

2021 has turned out to be a year full of challenges, concerted efforts, new partnerships and growth for RfPUK. COVID was still affecting many of our planned activities and RfPUK's progress was indeed affected. Our scheduled programmes continued to take place over the internet, our development continues to evolve, and we are forging ahead to engage with our own projects as well as keeping keen interest in the strategies of our European and international partners.

Religions for Peace International has entered its 5th decade, under the leadership of the Secretary General Prof Dr Azza Karam, it has been a very busy time for the worldwide movement of Religions for Peace to realign our commitment and we have seen keen global contribution toward a set of key priorities for the future.

With the rapid advancement of our planned projects, in August we appointed Sabrina Pears to take up the position of Programme Manager at RfPUK. She comes to us with a wealth of knowledge, community ties and multi-faith project management experience and she will be in charge of launching new projects for RfPUK as well as developing our youth and women's network as we go from strength to strength, reaping the fruits of our work from past years.

RfPUK funded the second year of capacity building work of Faith for the Climate which exists to encourage, inspire and equip faith communities in their work on climate change, promoting

environmental awareness in thought, speech, worship and action, alongside and in partnership with secular environmental organisations. This work brought very positive results during COP26, where F4tC presented an exhibition, hosted multifaith talks and presentations.

In 2021, UKIYN launched a series of 3 webinars on “My Faith and the Environment: A positive interfaith youth response” throughout the year. Speakers were drawn from the Steering Committee as well as environmental activists. We reached and established contacts between faith youth groups, acted as a multifaith platform for participants to share their spiritual views as well as their experience in their work to safeguard the environment.

In June, some of the UKIYN Steering Committee members met face to face for the first time and the occasion gelled their friendship and made future cooperation more personable for all. In July, members of UKIYN presented a paper on youth activism in contemporary society to the RfP International Youth Forum Symposium, receiving acknowledgement from far and wide. During the August bank holiday weekend, our youth joined the First Ever London Interfaith Fun Run spearheaded by Maccabi GB and Faith and Belief Forum, it was a perfect opportunity to meet new friends and fundraise for our worthy cause.

In October, Eda Molla Chousein our Youth Coordinator represented UKIYN in the RfP Conference on Generational Dialogue in Lindau, she spoke passionately about the aspiration of UK youth on environmental issues and reported on their continued commitment. In November UKIYN took part in the Inter Faith Week and launched a pilot of their religious literacy improvement programme to visit St Ethelburga Peace Centre and the London Buddhist Centre. This marks the beautiful start to bringing understanding and the wish for peace and concord to youths of various faith backgrounds and of none. Some members of the Steering Committee participated in COP26 in November, representing their own faith groups and our “COP26 A[er]math” webinar in December gave them good opportunity to recount their experience in Glasgow and share their plans ahead.

The past year had been an extraordinary one for UKWFN. There were series of webinars, one focussed on the mental health well-being of women during the COVID pandemic, one on environmental concerns and issues, one on the inspirational work of women of faith, and the most recent was on planting trees and restoring biodiversity. These 11 webinars in the past year covered key priorities UKWFN shares with Global Women of Faith Network in claiming equal partnership in

addressing and bringing actions to women of faith in the UK, showcasing the achievements as well as aspirations of the many women who are formidable actors in making the world a safer and better place for us and for our future generations.

UKWFN Chair Ravinder Kaur Nijjar worked all year to bring the Network's effort to raise environmental awareness culminating in the intense participation at COP 26 in her capacity as Chair of UKWFN as well as a Sikh faith representative. She presented the Women of Faith Statement for COP26 produced by the RfP International Women's Coordinating Committee and the Glasgow Multi-faith Declaration to HRH Prince Charles at the Kirking of the Scottish parliament. This is the first time in the history of UN climate change conferences that a statement by women of faith globally has been made to denounce the destruction of the environment. She attended the COP26 Prayer Vigil, was one of the speakers at Religions for Peace International's office event addressing "Making Peace with Nature", and as a result of COP26 and a firm commitment to the future, UKWFN launched the "Let Earth Breathe, Plant Trees and Restore Biodiversity" campaign, which will be an ongoing effort to share the science as well as the spiritual approach to pay heed to the dilemma our planet is in.

## THE FUTURE

Looking towards 2022, we may not know what the pandemic will bring, or what unsure measures we need to deal with, but we are now well prepared to carry out our work in whatever formats that best suit our times. We look forward to exciting beginnings in the New Year as we wish everyone Peace at heart, Peace at home, Peace amongst our countries, and Peace for the Planet which we all call HOME.

## OUR TEAM

Patrons:

Bhai Sahib Dr Mohinder Singh Ahluwalia, Sikh

Imam Dr Abduljalil Sajid, Muslim

The Venerable B Seelawimala, Buddhist

Vinay Shah, Jain

## Trustees / Officers

Jamie Cresswell, Trustee/ Chair

Ravinder Kaur Nijjar, Trustee/ Chair, UK Women of Faith Network

David Horner, Trustee/ Secretary

Prof Mark Owen, Trustee/ Acting Treasurer

Jehangir Sarosh, Trustee

Sheikh Ibrahim Mogra, Trustee

Cinde Lee, Trustee

## Staff

Sabrina Pears, Programme Manager

Eda Molla Chousein, Youth Coordinator

Shirley Choi, Finance Officer

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



James Bruce Cresswell

Trustee

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**Independent examiner's report to The Religions For Peace United Kingdom (Charity no 1190089).**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

Where the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a registered member of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that:

- (1) In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give 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 the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulation 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.
- (2) 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.



**Chaweevan Williams FCCA**  
Chartered Certified Accountant  
Verdant Accountants Limited  
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Date: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

# Religions For Peace United Kingdom

## Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>					
Gifts & donations	2a	200	0	<b>200</b>	0
Investment income	2b	45,281	0	<b>45,281</b>	0
Other income – bank interest	2c	1,672	0	<b>1,672</b>	0
<b>Total income</b>		<b>47,153</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47,153</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Charitable activities	3a	(47,711)	(27,249)	<b>(74,960)</b>	0
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>(47,711)</b>	<b>(27,249)</b>	<b>(74,960)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(558)</b>	<b>(27,249)</b>	<b>(27,807)</b>	<b>0</b>
Gain /(loss) on Investment assets	9	(7,459)	0	<b>(7,459)</b>	0
Gross Transfers between funds	9	0	0	0	0
<b>Net movements in funds</b>		<b>(8,017)</b>	<b>(27,249)</b>	<b>(35,266)</b>	<b>0</b>
Total funds brought forward at 1 April 2021	9	1,192,066	316,958	<b>1,509,024</b>	1,509,024
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31 March 2022</b>		<b>1,184,049</b>	<b>289,709</b>	<b>1,473,758</b>	<b>1,509,024</b>

# Religions For Peace United Kingdom

## Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investment assets Unrestricted	5	1,435,007	1,291,018
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>1,435,007</b>	<b>1,291,018</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	6	204	0
Cash at bank and in hand		47,781	223,424
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>47,985</b>	<b>223,424</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(9,234)	(5,419)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>38,751</b>	<b>218,005</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<b>1,473,758</b>	<b>1,509,023</b>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds	8	1,184,049	1,192,066
Restricted funds	8	289,709	316,958
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>1,473,758</b>	<b>1,509,024</b>

Approved by the Trustees on 24th January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



James Bruce Cresswell

Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form a part of these financial statements.

# Religions For Peace United Kingdom

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2022

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### a Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015). The basis of accounting has been changed from Receipts & Payments to an Accrual basis.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and under the going concern basis. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity is responsible in law.

#### b Funds accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

*Unrestricted funds* - general funds which can be used for the charity ordinary purposes.

*Restricted funds* - a) income from trusts which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the charity for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund unless permission is sought from donors to reallocate the fund.

#### c Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

##### *Gifts & donations*

Donations and gifts are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities ("SOFA") when receivable. Gift Aid is included in the accounts based on amounts recoverable at the balance sheet date.

##### *Investment income*

Investment income comprises interest receivable on cash balances and income from equity investments. The income is recognised on an accruals basis.

##### *All other income*

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

##### *Gains and losses on investments*

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at 31 March each year.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### d Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

#### *Charitable Activities*

Liability is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

#### *Support Costs*

Support costs are allocated to charitable activities within the SOFA.

#### e Investment

Fixed asset investments are included in the balance sheet at their open market value. Any changes in the value in the year whether realised or not, are reported in "Gains/(losses) on investments assets" in the SOFA.

#### f Current Assets

Amounts owing to the charity as at 31 March in respect of donations or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2022

### 2 Income

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>2a Gifts &amp; donations</b>					
Gifts & donations		200	0	200	0
Gift Aid		0	0	0	0
		<u>200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>2b Investment income</b>					
Dividends Income		45,281	0	45,281	0
		<u>45,281</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,281</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>2c Other income</b>					
Bank Interest		1,672	0	1,672	0
		<u>1,672</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,672</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>47,153</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>47,153</u>	<u>0</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2022

### 3 Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>3a Charitable activities</b>				
Gross Salary	5705	17494	23,199	0
Pension	696	0	696	0
Rent	200	0	200	0
Membership fees	153	0	153	0
Advertising	648	0	648	0
Travel	756	0	756	0
Insurance	657	0	657	0
Event expenses	0	0	0	0
Website & IT expenses	944	0	944	0
Fees payable	5015	9,431	14,446	0
Management fees	20958	0	20,958	0
Accountancy & Examination fees	1055	0	1,055	0
Donation payable	10775	324	11,099	0
Bank charges	149	0	149	0
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>47,711</b>	<b>27,249</b>	<b>74,960</b>	<b>0</b>

Expenditure in 2021 £Nil was attributable to Unrestricted & Restricted funds.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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### 5 Fixed assets investments

	Unrestricted <u>funds</u> Investment assets £	Restricted <u>Funds</u> Investment assets £	Total <u>Funds</u> 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Market value at 01 April 2021	974,060	316,958	<b>1,291,018</b>	1,076,080
Purchase of investments	176,527	0	<b>176,527</b>	214,938
Disposal of investment	(32,538)	0	<b>(32,538)</b>	0
Change in market value	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
	<b>1,118,049</b>	<b>316,958</b>	<b>1,435,007</b>	<b>1,291,018</b>
Investment Income	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
Investment Income - transfer to bank current account	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
<b>Total value as at 31 March 2022</b>	<b>1,118,049</b>	<b>316,958</b>	<b>1,435,007</b>	<b>1,291,018</b>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2022

<b>6 Debtors</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>204</b>	0
Other prepayments	<b>0</b>	0
	<b>204</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals	<b>6,360</b>	5,419
Other creditors	<b>2,874</b>	0
	<b>9,234</b>	<b>5,419</b>

## 8 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net current assets	66,000	(27,249)	<b>38,751</b>
Investment assets	1,118,049	316,958	<b>1,435,007</b>
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>1,184,049</b>	<b>289,709</b>	<b>1,473,758</b>
<b>At 31 March 2021</b>	<b>1,192,066</b>	<b>316,958</b>	<b>1,509,024</b>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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### 9 Statement of funds

	Balance b/fwd 1 Apr 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain/(loss) on Investment £	Transfers £	Balance c/fwd 31 Mar 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>						
General fund	218,006	47,153	(47,711)	0	(176,527)	<b>40,921</b>
Investment assets	974,060	0	0	(7,459)	176,527	<b>1,143,128</b>
	<b>1,192,066</b>	<b>47,153</b>	<b>(47,711)</b>	<b>(7,459)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,184,049</b>
<b>Restricted funds:</b>						
Investment assets (Gift from the estate of Mr.D.Stevens)	316,958	0	(27,249)	0	0	<b>289,709</b>
	<b>316,958</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(27,249)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>289,709</b>
<b>Total of Funds</b>	<b>1,509,024</b>	<b>47,153</b>	<b>(74,960)</b>	<b>(7,459)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,473,758</b>