

Religions For Peace United Kingdom

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Trustees' report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 March 2024

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INTRODUCTION

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees of the Religions for Peace UK (RfPUK) are pleased to present their annual report, together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. These are also prepared to meet the reporting and accounting requirements as specified by the Charity Commission.

This report provides an overview of the work of the RfPUK for the UK in 2023 - 2024. It highlights the achievements and performance of the charity in this period, and highlights the Charity's financial position and cash flow. The Trustees also provide an overview of the Charity's activities and financial position for the year ended 31 March 2024.

OBJECTIVES OF THE RELIGIONS FOR PEACE UK

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 Religions for Peace International, which is a global organisation with a coalition of representatives from the world's great religions dedicated to achieving peace.

Based upon deeply held moral principles widely shared by the world's faith tradition, RfPUK continues to promote a positive notion of peace that acknowledges the well-being of each person in a multi-dimensional understanding, recognising individual and communal responsibility of all to reject the misuse of religion in support of violence. RfPUK continues to uphold RfP global key priorities in our work to deliver

ACTIVITIES OF THE RFPUK AND THEIR PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

RfPUK envisions a world where diverse faith communities collaborate for peace and shared well-being. As part of the global Religions for Peace movement, we serve as an educational platform and cross-border network. Actively engaging with European and international partners, our strategic priorities align with the Sustainable Development Goals for an interconnected, peaceful, and sustainable future. Its work benefits the public in the United

Kingdom by helping to support the development of inter faith understanding and cooperation, serving a wide range of people and organisations. It achieves this through the activities which are detailed in this report.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

THE WORK OF THE RFPUK FOR THE UK IN 2023 - 2024

The RfPUK carries out its work of promoting interfaith understanding and cooperation through its 7 priorities:

1. Promote peaceful, just and inclusive societies;
2. Advance gender equity;
3. Champion a sustainable environment;
4. Nurture freedom of thought, conscience and religion;
5. Strengthen inter religious education;
6. Foster multi-religious collaboration and national partnership;
7. Wars, conflicts and arms trade education.

Each priority aligns with our multi-religious vision of peace and builds upon past achievements. Correspondingly, each objective relates to one or more Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), underscoring our commitment to sustainability. Our strategic goals are interconnected, with progress in one area positively impacting others.

RfPUK's Strategic Aims during the period were to:

- 1. Foster Multi-Faith Collaboration:** Enhance collaboration among diverse faith and belief communities in the UK to promote peace, harmony, and understanding.
- 2. Educational Outreach:** Expand our educational platform and network to reach audiences across Europe and the international arena, fostering dialogue and cooperation towards common objectives.
- 3. Engage Changemakers and Activists:** Provide opportunities for changemakers and activists to collaborate across faith lines, leveraging their passion for social justice and positive change.
- 4. Facilitate Interfaith Dialogue:** Create spaces for individuals of various religious and belief backgrounds to engage in meaningful dialogue, fostering understanding and cooperation.
- 5. Support Faith Leaders:** Offer resources and guidance to religious leaders interested in promoting peace and unity within their communities through interfaith dialogue and

collaboration.

6. Empower Community Leaders: Equip local leaders with the tools and resources necessary to mobilise and inspire their communities towards peacebuilding and religious literacy.

7. Partner with Educational Institutions: Collaborate with schools, universities, and educational organisations to incorporate religious literacy and interfaith dialogue into curricula, promoting diversity and inclusion.

8. Influence Government and Policy: Engage policymakers, government officials, and influencers in shaping policies that support religious freedom, tolerance, and community cohesion, leveraging our expertise to inform and guide initiatives.

9. Engage Media Outlets: Partner with media outlets and journalists to amplify stories about interfaith collaboration, religious literacy, and peacebuilding, fostering greater understanding and awareness among the general public.

10. Raise Public Awareness: Conduct public awareness campaigns to promote religious literacy and encourage engagement with diverse communities, contributing to the building of a more harmonious society.

These aims were pursued in 2023 - 2024 through the strands of work outlined in our report. At the core of RfPUK's mission are its seven priorities and the establishment of community links. These connections are vital to our work, facilitating collaboration and engagement across various sectors. The UK Youth Interfaith Network (UKYIN) and UK Women of Faith Network (UKWFN) play crucial roles in this endeavour. UKYIN represents a community of individuals, including believers, students, and young professionals aged 18 to 32, who are actively involved in driving positive change. Similarly, UKWFN serves as a platform for women of faith, who are committed to promoting peace and justice within their communities. Both groups serve as essential components of RfPUK's network, contributing diverse perspectives and expertise to our shared goals of fostering understanding, cooperation, and peace.

UK WOMEN OF FAITH NETWORK (UKWFN)

Throughout the year, the UK Women of Faith Network (UKWFN) has been steadfast in its mission to unite diverse women of faith across the UK, fostering peace and empowerment among leaders and supporters alike. Through collaborative efforts, UKWFN has made significant strides in addressing global challenges, promoting religious literacy, and confronting

gender-based issues, thereby highlighting the influential leadership and positive impact of women in society.

Promoting Religious Literacy

Interfaith Dialogue on Dignity of Women (Cardiff, Wales): On 17 April, UKWFN organised an evening of interfaith dialogue and learning on the "Dignity of Women – Scriptural Reflections" exhibition hosted by Cardiff United Synagogue, the event brought together members from diverse faith communities for insightful discussions and reflections on women's equality in religion. Participants appreciated the opportunity to engage openly and honestly, emphasising the importance of religious perspectives in promoting equality.

Gender Equality Symposium and the Dialogue to Action Toolkit Launch (London, England): On 15 June 2023, UKWFN convened a diverse group for the *Gender Equality Empowerment for All Symposium* at St Ethelburga's Centre for Peace and Reconciliation. The event featured speakers from past webinars and the Male Allies campaign against gender-based violence. The launch of the *Dialogue to Action Toolkit* aimed to empower participants to bring discussions on women's dignity and equality into their communities, fostering meaningful dialogue and tangible action.

Overcoming Gender-Based Challenges

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign

The UK Women of Faith Network (UKWFN) actively participated in the annual international campaign, *16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence*. Beginning on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and concluding on 10 December, the Human Rights Day, this campaign aimed to raise awareness and advocate for the eradication of gender-based violence. UKWFN contributed to this cause by expanding its video series, which can be accessed on their YouTube playlist: <https://bit.ly/3BYJ2LI>

Gender Equality Empowerment for All Symposium

The *Gender Equality Empowerment for All Symposium* took place on 15 June 2023 at St

Ethelburga's Centre of Reconciliation and Peace in London. This event marked the culmination of the *Gender, Equality, Empowerment, and Peace* project and introduced the associated toolkit. Recorded videos from the Symposium are available on YouTube, providing insight into discussions on gender equality and empowerment. Link to playlist: <https://bit.ly/4amsICI>

Visible Advocacy: Interfaith Male Allies in Our Midst Campaign

Shaykh Ibrahim Mogra and Jeeves Rohilla were part of our *Visible Advocacy: Interfaith Male Allies in our Midst* campaign, and supported us in the 15 June symposium. They shared their perspectives on male allyship, particularly in addressing gender-based violence, and highlighted their own efforts in promoting gender equality within faith communities. The discussions and examples provided by these Male Allies aim to inspire positive action and change. Link to playlist: <https://bit.ly/4ckR7KT>

Showcasing Women In Leadership

Through compelling storytelling and engaging discussions, UKWFN has effectively showcased the invaluable contributions of women leaders across various faith traditions. By highlighting the intersection of spirituality and contemporary society, UKWFN has inspired individuals to recognize and embrace the diverse leadership roles of women within their communities. These insightful discussions and narratives are captured in videos available on our YouTube channel.

Expert Speakers from Islamic, Jewish, and Baha'i Faiths: This playlist features expert speakers sharing stories of inspirational women from the Islamic, Jewish, and Baha'i faiths. These narratives highlight the contributions of women from diverse religious backgrounds, both past and present, to inspire contemporary audiences. Link to Playlist: <https://bit.ly/3GOxnI6>

World Interfaith Harmony Week Celebration: In celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week, 1 -7 February 2023, expert speakers shared stories of inspirational women from the Christian, Sikh, and Hindu faiths. This playlist commemorates the achievements and contributions of women across different religious traditions, emphasising harmony and cooperation among diverse communities. Link to Playlist: <https://bit.ly/4ahzPfN>

Inspirational Women Events: The Inspirational Women Events playlist features a collection of events organised by UKWFN to celebrate and honour inspirational women. Through these events, participants gained insights into the lives and accomplishments of remarkable women,

fostering empowerment and appreciation for female leadership. Link to Playlist:

<https://bit.ly/498uRAR>

Interfaith Dialogue and Women's Empowerment Initiative (Collaboration with the University of Glasgow): UKWFN partnered with the University of Glasgow to launch an Interfaith Dialogue and Women's Empowerment Initiative, comprising three significant elements:

- **Exhibition "Dignity of Women – Scriptural Reflections":** This exhibition, from 5 February to 6 March 2024 at the University of Glasgow Memorial Chapel showcased scriptural reflections on the dignity of women from various religious traditions, providing a platform to explore and celebrate the diverse perspectives on women's dignity across faiths.
- **Discussion Session "Can Interfaith Dialogue Promote Gender Equity?":** On 5 February 2024 at the University of Glasgow Memorial Chapel, an introductory session was delivered by Professor Iain McInnes, followed by a brief description of interfaith chaplaincy at the University of Glasgow by the Reverend Carolyn Kelly. The discussion, facilitated by Ravinder Kaur Nijjar, delved into the impact of interfaith dialogue on promoting gender equity, fostering insightful exchanges among participants.
- **Inspirational Women: Celebrating International Women's Day:** On 6 March 2024 at the University of Glasgow Memorial Chapel, Dr. Maureen Sier moderated this hybrid event, which featured esteemed panellists The Rt Revd Sally Foster-Fulton (Moderator, the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland), Isadora Quay (CEO, the Gender in Emergencies Group), and Dr. Nighet Nasim Riaz (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy Advisor, University of Glasgow). Together, they shared insights and experiences, celebrating the achievements and contributions of women while discussing avenues for further empowerment and gender equality.

UK INTERFAITH YOUTH NETWORK (UKIYN)

In the past year, the UK Interfaith Youth Network (UKIYN) has remained dedicated to its core principles of community service, ecological sustainability, and social justice, actively involving young people through a diverse array of events and programs.

Youth Leadership Through Service

UKIYN has been instrumental in promoting youth leadership by empowering young individuals to actively address societal challenges through service-oriented projects. By providing

opportunities for hands-on involvement, UKIYN has nurtured a generation of proactive leaders committed to making a difference in their communities. Access to all videos in this link:

<https://bit.ly/3FWWAI1>

Refugee Integration

A significant focus of UKIYN's efforts has been on refugee integration, recognizing the importance of supporting and empowering refugees in their transition to life in the UK. The RfP Humanitarian Fund Refugee Integration Project organised by Hillsong Church UK ran initiatives aimed at fostering understanding, empathy, and community engagement, striving to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for refugees to thrive.

UKIYN facilitated a series of sessions aimed at sharing experiences and furthering discussions on various topics related to refugee integration, community engagement, environmental sustainability, and social justice. These sessions provided valuable opportunities for participants to deepen their understanding, exchange ideas, and gain practical insights for implementing positive change in their communities.

Sharing the Refugee Integration Journey: This session delved into the experiences and challenges faced by refugees in their integration journey into UK society, fostering empathy and understanding among participants. Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/3wZ1MKR>

June 2023 - Community Cafe: This event focused on the refugee situation, the significance of the Community Cafe, volunteer engagement, working with asylum seekers, and trauma-informed practices. The event showcased the impactful efforts of volunteers in supporting those in need.

September 2023 - Camber Sands: Refugee guests from various troubled regions were taken to Camber Sands, offering them respite and a chance to connect with others while waiting for decisions on their statuses. The initiative aimed to facilitate their integration into British society.

February 2024 - Cambridge: 50 refugee guests from diverse backgrounds were taken on a memorable journey through Cambridge. This day of exploration and education epitomised our commitment to refugee integration and cultural exchange, fostering meaningful connections and enriching experiences for all involved.

UKYIN EcoPeace Cafe

The UKYIN EcoPeace Cafe has served as a unique platform for promoting environmental awareness and sustainability practices among youth and the wider community. Through interactive sessions and discussions, the EcoPeace Cafe has fostered dialogue and action on pressing ecological issues, demonstrating UKIYN's commitment to environmental stewardship:

- **Understanding the Impact of Science and Sustainability through Climate**

Mobilization: Participants explored the intersection of science, sustainability, and climate action, gaining insights into the importance of collective efforts in combating climate change.

Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/4cz6pMe>

- **Climate Change and the Coming Generation:** Explored the implications of climate change on future generations, highlighting the urgency for action and advocacy. Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/3v7M8MY>

- **Sustainable Architecture for a Better Tomorrow:** Discussed innovative architectural practices aimed at promoting sustainability and mitigating environmental impact. Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/4cnv4TK>

- **The Earth Charter: A Visionary Document:** Explored the principles and significance of the Earth Charter as a guiding framework for global sustainability and ethical stewardship of the planet. Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/43sa0r7>

- **Innovative Ways to Waste Management:** Presented creative solutions and strategies for effective waste management, emphasising the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling. Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/4a1DQ8g>

- **Gender Equality: Let's Talk and Practice:** Initiating conversations and actions aimed at promoting gender equality and challenging gender-based discrimination and stereotypes.

Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/3IKo4ml>

- **Let's Counter Hate Speech:** Addressed the harmful impact of hate speech and discussed ways to counter it through education, awareness, and advocacy. Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/3THCM3P>

- **Protecting Water Resources: A Way to Conserve the Ecosystem:** Highlighted the importance of water conservation and sustainable management practices to preserve ecosystems and ensure access to clean water for all. Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/3TI241A>

- **Youth Peace and Environment:** Explored the interconnectedness between peacebuilding efforts and environmental conservation, emphasising the role of youth in

fostering positive change. Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/43reLBI>

- **Restoring the Ecosystem through Planting Trees:** Discussed the significance of reforestation initiatives in restoring ecosystems, combating climate change, and preserving biodiversity. Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/4crwcWD>
- **Climate Justice for the Younger Generations: An Intergenerational Dialogue:** Facilitated dialogue between different generations on climate justice issues, highlighting the importance of addressing the needs and concerns of younger generations in climate action efforts. Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/4aia1QG>
- **Be the Change: Training on Facilitation:** This training session equipped participants with valuable facilitation skills, empowering them to effectively lead discussions and initiatives within their communities. Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/4cz7Wls>
- **Building a Community:** Participants learned about the principles and practices of community building, emphasising the importance of fostering inclusivity, collaboration, and mutual support. Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/43sASHK>
- **Mentorship:** This session focused on the significance of mentorship in personal and professional development, providing guidance on establishing meaningful mentor-mentee relationships. Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/3ILcN5i>
- **How to Implement Community-Based Projects:** Participants received practical guidance and strategies for initiating and executing community-based projects, empowering them to drive positive change in their localities. Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/3Vscsfu>
- **Reflective Practices:** This session encouraged participants to engage in reflective practices, fostering self-awareness, growth, and continuous learning in their personal and professional endeavours. Watch the session: <https://bit.ly/3TsLfXc>

Final project report: https://bit.ly/UKIYN_EcoPeaceCafe_Report

PUBLICATIONS

UKWFN Gender Equality Empowerment For All Toolkit

The UKWFN Gender Equality Empowerment For All Toolkit serves as a comprehensive resource for faith, interfaith, secular communities, and educational/governmental sectors. It aims to empower women by providing educational materials, spiritual wisdom from religious

scriptures, and actionable steps to challenge gender-related barriers and promote just and peaceful societies. Through a series of workshops and discussions, the Toolkit addresses various aspects of gender equality, including education, spiritual empowerment, climate change, and the recognition of women's contributions throughout history. Additionally, it emphasises collaboration between different communities to tackle common challenges and promote mutual understanding and respect. The Toolkit is adaptable for online, in-person, and hybrid formats, offering practical guidance and resources for empowering individuals and communities to take action towards gender equality and social justice. Link:

<https://bit.ly/3TJIV0r>

Be the Change Workbook

"Be the CHANGE" serves as a pivotal resource within our arsenal, designed to empower individuals towards fostering sustainability. Tailored for both novices and seasoned facilitators, this workbook offers invaluable insights and techniques spanning facilitation, group discussions, and ten thematic areas such as climate action and cooperation. It aims to equip readers with the essential tools and knowledge to confidently lead change initiatives within their communities, embodying our commitment to proactive engagement and sustainable progress.

Link: <https://bit.ly/4cpOqYe>

CONFERENCES, INTERFAITH EVENTS & NETWORKING

RfPUK actively participated in global and regional interfaith networks and events, fostering collaboration and addressing contemporary challenges. This involvement included representation at Religions for Peace Europe and International meetings, participation in interfaith summits and dialogues, recognition of women's contributions to interfaith work, engagement in international campaigns against gender-based violence, collaboration with other national chapters on environmental projects, and acknowledgement of RfPUK's efforts by international organisations like the Parliament of the World's Religions and Religions for Peace Italy.

Highlights:

- **28 September 2023: RfPUK Representation at ENIB Board Meeting**

RfPUK was represented at the European National Interreligious Bodies (ENIB) Board meeting,

where UK Chair Cinde Lee was appointed Secretary to ENIB. Discussions addressed conflicts in Europe and actions national chapters are preparing to address the impact in their communities.

- **29 September 2023: International Forum by IRCA in Tirana**

The Interreligious Council of Albania (IRCA) hosted the International Forum in Tirana, with the participation of ENIB (Religions for Peace Europe). The forum focused on interreligious cooperation, with praise for Albania's model.

- **1 October 2023: Interreligious Councils of Europe Visit to Albania**

Leaders of the Interreligious Councils of Europe visited Albania, engaging with religious leaders and institutions. The visit aimed to foster understanding and cooperation between European and Albanian religious communities.

- **November 13-15 2023: European Policy Dialogue Forum in Rotterdam**

The 5th edition of the European Policy Dialogue Forum, themed "Young People and Social Inclusion in Cities," took place in Rotterdam. Organised by KAICIID, the forum aimed to promote interreligious and intercultural dialogue and drive social inclusion and unity in Europe.

SHARING NEWS AND INFORMATION TO STRENGTHEN RFPUK COMMUNITY TIES

RfPUK remained committed to fostering strong community ties through the dissemination of news and information, bolstered by significant achievements and strategic initiatives undertaken during the reporting period.

A major achievement during the reporting period was the comprehensive update of RfPUK's database, ensuring compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) standards. This updated database facilitated efficient communication and engagement with stakeholders, enabling RfPUK to deliver updates and resources. Additionally, the implementation of regular newsletters served as a vital communication tool, keeping stakeholders informed about projects, initiatives, and opportunities.

RfPUK developed a strategic plan spanning from 2024 to 2026, with a primary focus on elevating visibility and engagement on social media platforms. RfPUK aims to utilise social media channels to expand its reach, foster dialogue on interfaith issues, and amplify its

message in today's interconnected world. RfPUK aims to strengthen community ties, promote interfaith understanding, and advance its mission of peace and cooperation through strategic online presence enhancements.

RfPUK prioritised governance and compliance efforts during the reporting period, undertaking comprehensive updates to its policies and procedures. These updates ensure alignment with regulatory standards and best practices, enhancing transparency, accountability, and operational efficiency within the organisation. Moreover, RfPUK successfully upgraded its compliance status with the Charity Commission, demonstrating its ongoing commitment to upholding the highest standards of governance and stewardship.

In response to the evolving nature of its work and the recommendations of the Charity Commission, RfPUK transitioned from an association to a foundation. This strategic transition reflects RfPUK's dedication to advancing interfaith dialogue, promoting community cohesion, and maximising its impact in line with regulatory guidelines. By aligning its organisational structure with its mission and objectives, RfPUK is poised to further strengthen its role as a leading advocate for peace, understanding, and collaboration among diverse faith communities.

RfPUK main social media channels are:

Website:	www.rfpuk.org
Facebook:	RfPUK www.facebook.com/ UKWFN https://www.facebook.com/UKWFN UKIYN https://www.facebook.com/rfp.ukiyn
Instagram:	https://www.instagram.com/religions4peace/?hl=en
Youtube:	RfPUK https://www.youtube.com/@RfPUK UKWFN https://www.youtube.com/@RfPUKWFN UKIYN https://www.youtube.com/@RfPUKIYN
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LinkedIn:	RfPUK https://www.linkedin.com/company/religions-for-peace-uk/
Linktree:	RfPUK https://linktr.ee/rfpuk UKWFN https://linktr.ee/rfp_ukwfn UKIYN https://linktr.ee/rfp_UKIYN

GOING FORWARD

- ***Equipping Faith and Belief Communities***

RfPUK remains dedicated to empowering faith and belief communities through the development of comprehensive resource packs, including workbooks, toolkits, and webinar recordings. These resources serve as tangible tools for communities to enhance their understanding, foster dialogue, and promote cooperation on interfaith issues. By equipping communities with these resources, RfPUK aims to achieve measurable outcomes and deliver tangible benefits to the public.

- ***Research and Academic Collaboration***

RfPUK is conducting a comprehensive study of Martin Birdseye's "Morality of the Nuclear Deterrent" flowchart to explore its ethical dimensions. This initiative aims to foster inclusive discussions on nuclear ethics and develop an educational program promoting critical discourse on nuclear issues. RfPUK aims to create materials to facilitate understanding of nuclear ethics and engage diverse audiences in ethical considerations related to nuclear weapons, with the ultimate goal of preparing for a disarmament-focused program.

RfPUK has developed a strategic approach to collaborate with universities, interfaith groups, and student societies. The organisation's strategy involves close cooperation with these stakeholders to promote interfaith dialogue. One notable example of this strategy in action was observed in Glasgow, where RfPUK successfully hosted events and an exhibition at the University of Glasgow to explore the dignity of women and promote gender equity through interfaith dialogue.

Moving forward, RfPUK has laid out plans scheduled for implementation between 2024 and 2026. These proposals span a diverse range of initiatives aimed at advancing the organisation's mission of fostering peace, understanding, and cooperation. Through rigorous research and collaboration, RfPUK aims to address various pressing issues, contributing meaningfully to the discourse on these topics.

- ***Digital advice and support***

RfPUK is expanding digitally with the launch of the Changemaker Network, a comprehensive digital library that gathers resources from its webinars and events. This initiative aims to streamline knowledge sharing and foster collaboration among stakeholders involved with RfPUK, amplifying its impact across diverse communities. Additionally, RfPUK's commitment to

transparency and accountability is evident in its recently published year-end report, which highlights key achievements and milestones attained during the reporting period. Stakeholders are encouraged to review the report for insights into RfPUK's operations and initiatives. Access the report here: <https://bit.ly/3ILdews>

NEW INITIATIVES

Parenting for a Changing World

RfPUK' programme launch is a big step towards helping parents navigate the challenges of raising kids in a rapidly evolving landscape. Focusing on strengthening families, this programme aims to promote understanding between different faiths, being more eco-friendly, and living peacefully together. Our aim is to give parents the tools they need to raise informed, empathetic, and resilient children. The first webinar, Digital Parenting with Dr. Elizabeth Milovidov on March 27th, tackled issues like online safety, cyberbullying, and the impact of social media on children and youth. RfPUK will be working on this programme throughout 2024, and we hope to see more aware, empowered parents and communities as a result.

Let Earth Breathe: Trees for Peace Campaign

This initiative aims to boost environmental consciousness and biodiversity through online campaigns promoting tree planting in the Religions for Peace Grove in Scotland. By leveraging social media on key environmental dates, we seek to educate the public on the scientific and cultural significance of trees while encouraging active participation. With a goal of planting 5 trees on 21 occasions in 2024, alongside engaging diverse audiences with educational content and fostering partnerships, our project strives to make a tangible impact on environmental conservation and foster a deeper appreciation for nature's interconnectedness within our communities.

EVENTS' PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT

RfPUK events have seen consistent participation, with an increasing trend in attendance and registration. During the period spanning from April 2023 to March 2024, RfPUK hosted a total of 21 events, including both online and in-person gatherings. Of these, 18 were conducted

online, with approximately 268 attendees participating virtually, while 3 events were held in-person, attracting a total of 50 attendees to the venues. These events served as platforms for dialogue, engagement, and community involvement, reflecting RfPUK's commitment to fostering positive social change and promoting interfaith dialogue.

During the period from April 2023 to March 2024, RfPUK, UKYIN, and UKWFN experienced significant audience growth across their respective media channels. On RfPUK's platforms, there was an increase in followers

- on Facebook from 736 to 755
- on Instagram from 100 to 145
- on LinkedIn from 27 to 113
- on X from 545 to 574.

Similarly, UKIYN saw growth

- on Facebook from 722 to 872
- on X from 105 to 122.

On UKWFN's social media platforms

- Facebook followers increased from 359 to 378
- on X from 95 to 110

Additionally, there was a noticeable increase in social media engagement. RfPUK experienced a remarkable 226% increase in reach and a corresponding 226% growth in content interaction, reflecting the growing interest and involvement in our initiatives and our increased presence online. These figures underscore our continued efforts in expanding our reach and fostering meaningful connections with our audience.

FINANCIAL REPORT

RfPUK adheres to an annual financial reporting schedule, with accounts prepared on a yearly basis, ending on 31 March. This consistent reporting framework ensures transparency and accountability in RfPUK's financial operations, providing stakeholders with timely and accurate insights into the organisation's financial health and performance.

This Board of Trustees keeps under review the management of RfPUK's financial and staff resources and the implementation of its work programme.

Please refer to our 2023-2024 financial report.

GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

RfPUK's decision-making bodies include the Board of Trustees and the General Meeting, with the Board of Trustees holding ultimate accountability.

The General Meeting:

- Reviewed previous operating year's report and accounts for the prior calendar year.
- There were no vacancies, therefore no election.
- Appointed auditors for the upcoming year.
- Addressed other relevant business matters.
- Reviewed compliance with renewal requirements mandated by the Charity

Commission.

The General Meeting, held virtually on 28 December 2023, conducted these activities.

Board of Trustees

Throughout the year, the Board of Trustees played a pivotal role in overseeing RfPUK's operations and ensuring adherence to organisational policies and procedures. Below are key highlights of the Board's activities:

Meeting Frequency: The Board convened seven times over the reporting period to deliberate on matters concerning RfPUK's governance and management.

Resignation: Regrettably, Mark Owen resigned from the Board on 21 August 2023, prompting adjustments in leadership and governance.

Charity Trustees' Responsibilities: Board members, serving as Charity Trustees, assumed responsibility for overseeing RfPUK's work, including policy formulation, procedural compliance, and performance monitoring.

Risk Management: The Board remained vigilant in identifying and addressing potential financial and operational risks, implementing robust risk management strategies to safeguard RfPUK's interests and sustainability.

Urgent Matters: As empowered by the Board, the Chair continued to act on urgent matters, in consultation with the Trustees as they deemed appropriate.

Staff and Volunteers

The day to day work of RfPUK is overseen by its Chair. At the end of the year the Chair was supported in working to implement the decisions of the Trustees and AGM by 4 freelancers.

RfPUK had assistance from 21 volunteers between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024. The Trustees are grateful to all who have given the gift of their time in this way.

Reference and Administrative Details

Status

Religions for Peace United Kingdom (RfPUK) was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO) - ASSOCIATION on 24 June 2020. This registration was subsequently amended on 23 May 2023 and changed to FOUNDATION model.

Registered Charity no: 1190089

Registered office and operational address

The registered office and operating address of the charitable company is Daly Stephens & Co, 106-108 Burnt Oak, Broadway, Edgware, HA8 0BE.

Board of Trustees

<i>Cinderella Lee</i>	<i>Trustee, Chair</i>
<i>Ravinder Kaur Nijjar</i>	<i>Trustee, Vice-Chair, and Chair of the UK Women Of Faith Network</i>
<i>Sheikh Ibrahim Mogra</i>	<i>Trustee</i>
<i>Prof Mark Owen</i>	<i>(Resigned August 2023)</i>
<i>James Cresswell</i>	<i>Trustee</i>

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 28 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Cinderella Lai-Si Lee', written in a cursive style.

Cinderella Lai-Si Lee

Trustee/Chair

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 2024.

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
20-22 Wenlock Road
London N1 7GU

Date: 12 November 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Gifts & donations	2a	0	(4,500)	(4,500)	0	12,500	12,500
Investment income	2b	51,008	0	51,008	58,086	0	58,086
Other income – bank interest	2c	2,503	0	2,503	2,102	0	2,102
Total income		53,511	(4,500)	49,011	60,188	12,500	72,688
Expenditure							
Charitable activities	3a	(64,970)	(47,099)	(112,069)	(49,191)	(38,729)	(87,920)
Total expenditure		(64,970)	(47,099)	(112,069)	(49,191)	(38,729)	(87,920)
Net income/(expenditure)		(11,459)	(51,599)	(63,058)	10,997	(26,229)	(15,232)
Gain /(loss) on Investment assets	9	13,560	0	13,560	(3,455)	0	(3,455)
Gross Transfers between funds	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net movements in funds		2,101	(51,599)	(49,498)	7,542	(26,229)	(18,687)
Total funds brought forward at 1 April 2023	9	1,191,591	263,480	1,455,071	1,184,049	289,709	1,473,758
Total funds carried forward at 31 March 2024	9	1,193,692	211,881	1,405,573	1,191,591	263,480	1,455,071

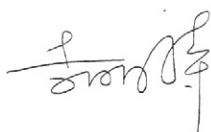
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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Office Equipment	5a	1,850	0
Investment assets Unrestricted	5b	1,407,362	1,436,717
Total fixed assets		1,409,212	1,436,717
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	229	204
Cash at bank and in hand		5,277	25,210
Total Current Assets		5,506	25,414
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(9,145)	(7,074)
Net current assets		(3,639)	18,340
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		1,405,573	1,455,057
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	8	1,193,692	1,191,591
Restricted funds	8	211,881	263,480
Total funds		1,405,573	1,455,071

Approved by the Trustees on 11. 11. 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Cinderella Lai-Si Lee

Trustee/Chair

The notes on pages 23-29 form a part of these financial statements.

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)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

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 Fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the difference between cost and its expected residual value over its estimated useful life.

Office equipment	25% Straight Line
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f 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.

g 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 2024

2 Income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
2a Gifts & donations						
Gifts & donations	0	(4,500)	(4,500)	0	12500	12,500
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	(4,500)	(4,500)	0	12,500	12,500
2b Investment income						
Dividends Income	51,008	0	51,008	58,086	0	58,086
	51,008	0	51,008	58,086	0	58,086
2c Other income						
Bank Interest	2,503	0	2,503	2,102	0	2,102
	2,503	0	2,503	2,102	0	2,102
Total Income	53,511	(4,500)	49,011	60,188	12,500	72,688

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

3 Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
3a Charitable activities						
Gross Salary	0	0	0	8583.74	11253	19,837
Pension	0	0	0	268.73	439	708
Rent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Membership fees	124	0	124	320	0	320
Advertising	75	0	75	348	0	348
Travel	523	0	523	234	0	234
Insurance	778	0	778	727	0	727
Event expenses	0	0	0	131	0	131
Website & IT expenses	3,592	0	3,592	1874	0	1,874
Fees payable	36,557	47,099	83,656	4319	14,783	19,102
Management fees	21,243	0	21,243	20858	0	20,858
Accountancy & Examination fees	1,325	0	1,325	1195	0	1,195
Donation payable	0	0	0	10050	0	10,050
Bank charges	60	0	60	72	0	72
Postage & Stationery	76	0	76	211	0	211
Charitable expenses	0	0	0	0	12,254	12,254
Depreciation	617	0	617	0	0	0
Total expenditure	64,970	47,099	112,069	49,191	38,729	87,920

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Fixed Assets

5a Fixed assets

Cost	Office Equipment	Total
	£	£
Balance at 01 April 2023	0	0
Acquisitions	2467	2467
Disposals	0	0
Balance At 31-03-2024	2,467	2,467
Accumulated Depreciation		
Balance at 01 April 2023	0	0
Disposals	0	0
Charge for the year	617	617
Balance At 31-03-2024	617	617
Net Book Value At 31-03-2024	1,850	1,850
Net Book Value At 31-03-2023	0	0

5b Fixed assets investments

	Unrestricted funds Investment assets £	Restricted Funds Investment assets £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds Investment assets £	Restricted Funds Investment assets £	Total Funds 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
Market value at 01 April 2023	1,119,759	316,958	1,436,717	1,118,049	316,958	1,435,007
Purchase of investments	18,919	0	18,919	25,889	0	25,889
Disposal of investment	(48,262)	0	(48,262)	(24,166)	0	(24,166)
Change in market value	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1,090,416	316,958	1,407,374	1,119,772	316,958	1,436,730
Investment Income	(12)	0	(12)	(13)	0	(13)
Investment Income - transfer to bank current account	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total value as at 31 March 2024	1,090,404	316,958	1,407,362	1,119,759	316,958	1,436,717

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

6 Debtors	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	229	204
	<u>229</u>	<u>204</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	8,535	6,464
Other creditors	610	610
	<u>9,145</u>	<u>7,074</u>

8 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Net current assets	103,288	(105,077)	(1,789)
Investment assets	1,090,404	316,958	1,407,362
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,193,692</u>	<u>211,881</u>	<u>1,405,573</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,191,591</u>	<u>263,480</u>	<u>1,455,071</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

9 Statement of funds

	Balance b/fwd 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain/(loss) on Investment £	Transfers £	Balance c/fwd 31 Mar 2024 £
Unrestricted funds:						
General fund	51,918	53,511	(64,970)	0	0	40,459
Investment assets	1,139,673	0	0	13,560	0	1,153,233
	1,191,591	53,511	(64,970)	13,560	0	1,193,692
Restricted funds:						
Investment assets	289,709	0	0	0	0	289,709
Charitable Activities	(26,229)	(4,500)	(47,099)			(77,828)
	263,480	-4,500	(47,099)	0	0	211,881
Total of Funds	1,455,071	49,011	(112,069)	13,560	0	1,405,573