



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 29/07/2020 Period start date To 31/12/2021
Period end date

Charity name: Innocence Project London

Charity registration number: 1190617

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Innocence Project London (IPL) provides students with the opportunity to review and investigate cases of convicted individuals who have maintained their innocence but have exhausted the criminal appeals process. The aim of our work is to submit an application to the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) on behalf of our clients. The CCRC is an independent body which reviews possible miscarriages of justice in the United Kingdom. In order for the CCRC to refer a case back to the Court of Appeal they need to identify new evidence, or a new legal argument not identified at the time of the trial, that might have changed the whole outcome of the trial if the jury had been given a chance to consider it. The IPL supports convicted individuals to make these applications pro bono, filling a gap in the criminal legal system where there is limited funding for lawyers to undertake this work.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By providing administrative and expert support in collaboration with other public bodies to convicted individuals whose convictions may be unsafe;• By making submissions to the Criminal Cases Review Commission on behalf of individuals who claim to be wrongfully convicted or who have suffered a miscarriage of justice;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By creating awareness about wrongful convictions and miscarriages of justice in England and Wales; • By creating awareness of issues concerning the disclosure of evidence post-conviction through conducting research and by publishing useful results; and • By promoting education and conducting research into areas of criminal law.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have complied with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and are fully aware of the charity's objects and purpose. The trustees have fulfilled their duties with the public benefit of IPL in mind at all times.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The IPL is not a grant-making charity and does not have a policy on grant making.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The board of trustees has yet to explore social investment as a vehicle for fundraising and does not have a policy in place.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>During the reporting period, 132 lawyers from Weil, Gotshal & Manges (London) LLP provided 1,400 hours of pro bono legal support with the case assessment process.</p> <p>The IPL was also supported by 7 lawyers working pro bono alongside students providing support to the active cases.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>In the reporting period the charity has:</p> <p>30 Sept 2020 - IPL hosted our first global event and webinar for 300 people, which was a talk by Californian IP Director Justin Brooks</p> <p>26 Oct 2020 - students from the IPL trained lawyers at Weil, Gotshal & Manges for case assessment work which upskilled Weil lawyers on the case assessment process and provided the students with exposure to a law firm</p> <p>Oct 2020 - website created for the IPL which provides clear information for prospective applicants, volunteers and donors</p> <p>March 2021 - hosted the IPL annual symposium online which was attended by 180 people from around the world</p> <p>Oct 2021 - fundraising drive for International Wrongful conviction da, which raised awareness of our work</p> <p>Nov 21-Jan 22 - IPL hosted a series of three online awareness raising events with the Clinical Legal Education Network (CLEO) aimed at legal educators and students around the world</p> <p>Sept 21-Aug 22 - worked on six cases and two in progress draft applications to the CCRC. Six individuals received work on their claim to innocence that otherwise would not be able to afford it</p> <p>Sept 21 - Weil, Gotshal & Manges instructed QEB Chambers to act on behalf of one of the IPL's clients on a pro bono basis. The client would otherwise not be able to afford this kind of support</p> <p>Dec 21 - recruited seven trustees to the board of IPL.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	As a new charity with only three trustees for almost the entirety of the reporting period, IPL did not set specific objectives.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	As a new charity with only three trustees for almost the entirety of the reporting period, IPL did not set specific fundraising objectives.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The IPL is funded by donations and grants for research and clinical legal education work.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The IPL is governed by a formal Constitution and registration with the Charities Commission which is subject to formal regulations in England and Wales.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<p>The IPL is structured as a CIO and is governed by a formal Constitution document that outlines the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives and powers • Application of income and property • Benefits and payments to charity trustees and connected persons • Scope and powers permitting trustees' or connected persons' benefits • Conflicts of interest and/or loyalty • Charity trustees • Eligibility for trusteeship • Decision making powers • Meeting protocols
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustees are appointed in a standard interview process by at least three Board members. • Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. • In selecting individuals as appointed trustees, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge, and experience for the administration of the CIO. • A trustee ceases to hold office if he or she: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retires by notifying the CIO in writing (if enough charity trustees will remain in office when notice of resignation takes effect to form a quorum for meetings) 2. Is absent without permission from the charity trustees, from all meetings held within six months and the trustees resolve that his or her office be vacated

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures		The charity trustees may delegate any of their powers or functions to a committee or committees, and, if
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adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	they do, they shall determine the terms and conditions on which the delegation is made. The charity trustees may alter those terms and conditions or revoke the delegation.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Innocence Project London is based at the University of Greenwich which also provides office space and ad hoc administrative support to the project whose students undertake the work.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Innocence Project London
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1190617
Charity's principal address	Queen Mary 219 University of Greenwich, Park Row, Greenwich SE10 9LS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	James Cairns		09/12/21	
2	Gurvur Gill		09/12/21	
3	Joanna Abeyie		09/12/21	
4	Lisa Helfer		09/12/21	
5	Nuala Walsh		09/12/21	
6	Tara Waters		09/12/21	
7	Robert Powell		09/09/21	
8	Eloise Newton		09/12/21	
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Louise Hewitt		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Robert Powell	Lisa Helfer
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Position (e.g.,
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee	Trustee
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Date

18 October 2022



Receipts and payments account

For the period from	29/07/2020	To
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Cardylitics fundriasing donation 22 June 2021	136	-	-
Amazon donation cheque 13 Sept 2021	188	-	-
Aamazon donation cheque 23 Nov 2021	53	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	377	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts		-	-
A3 Payments			
Wix website annual payment	122	-	-
Merchandise payment 21 Dec 2021	250	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	372	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	372	-	-

<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	- 372	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	5	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	372
		-
		-
	Total cash funds	5
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature

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31/12/2021

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Total funds

to the nearest £

Last year

to the nearest £

136	-
188	-
53	-
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377	-

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122	-
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372	-

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the period

Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £
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-	-
OK	OK

Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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powell	Oct 18, 22
elfer	Oct 18, 22