



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 01/01/2023      Period start date To      31/12/2023      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"><li>• By providing administrative and expert support in collaboration with other public bodies to convicted individuals whose convictions may be unsafe;</li><li>• 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;</li><li>• By creating awareness about wrongful convictions and miscarriages of justice in England and Wales;</li><li>• By creating awareness of issues concerning the disclosure of evidence post-conviction through conducting research and by publishing useful</li></ul>

		<p>results; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By promoting education and conducting research into areas of criminal law.</li> </ul>
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 are continuing to explore social investment as a vehicle for fundraising and will have a policy in place in 2024.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>During the reporting period, 100 lawyers from Weil, Gotshal &amp; Manges (London) LLP provided 1000 hours of pro bono legal support with the case assessment process.</p> <p>The IPL was also supported by 3 lawyers working pro bono alongside students providing support to the active cases.</p>
Other		

#### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p>In the reporting period the charity has:</p> <p>March 2023 - hosted the IPL annual symposium online which was attended by 100 people</p> <p>Oct 2023 - fundraising drive for International Wrongful conviction day which raised awareness of our work</p> <p>Jan – Dec 23 - worked on five cases and submitted two applications to the CCRC. Five individuals received work on their claim to innocence that otherwise would not be able to afford it.</p> <p>Nov 23- the IPL provided written submissions to the Law Commissions review of the appeals process.</p>

**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 four 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	We achieved our fundraising target for 2023 through wrongful conviction day.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<b>N/A</b>
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	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>N/A</b>

## 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 will resume it fundraising in 2024 and will seek funding from grants for research and clinical legal education work.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>N/A</b>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<b>N/A</b>
Other		<b>N/A</b>

## 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"> <li>• Objectives and powers</li> <li>• Application of income and property</li> <li>• Benefits and payments to charity trustees and connected persons</li> <li>• Scope and powers permitting trustees' or connected persons' benefits</li> <li>• Conflicts of interest and/or loyalty</li> <li>• Charity trustees</li> <li>• Eligibility for trusteeship</li> <li>• Decision making powers</li> <li>• Meeting protocols</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Trustees are appointed in a standard interview process by at least three Board members.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• In selecting individuals as appointed trustees, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge, and experience for the administration of the CIO.</li> <li>• A trustee ceases to hold office if he or she: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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)</li> <li>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</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The charity trustees may delegate any of their powers or functions to a committee or committees, and, if 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	Para 1.51	N/A

network with which the charity works		
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	<b>1190617</b>
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	Gurvir Gill		09/12/21	
3	Alexa Curtis		01/07/24	
4	Lisa Helfer		09/12/21	
5	Nuala Walsh		09/12/21	
6	Rossana Rocchini		01/07/24	
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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

**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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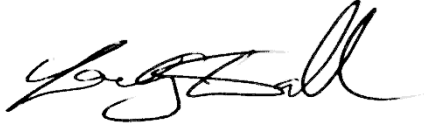



## Declarations

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)

Nuala Walsh	Lisa Helfer
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Position (e.g.,  
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee	Trustee
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Date

21/10/2024
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1190617

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

1/1/2023

To

12/31/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Paypal donation transfer	320	-	-	320	-
CAF donation	450	-	-	450	-
Making a musical donation	250	-	-	250	-
Amazon Europe credit	22	-	-	22	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	1,042	-	-	1,042	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		-	-		-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Wix website (Sept)	158	-	-	158	-
Board secretary Alison Kenyon (Dec)	153	-	-	153	-
Meal for interns (Dec)	42	-	-	42	-
Innocence Network conference ticket (Dec)	396	-	-	396	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	749	-	-	749	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	749	-	-	749	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 749	-	-	- 749	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	8	-	-	8	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	293	-	-	5	-

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

	Nuala Walsh	18-Oct-24
	Lisa Helfer	21-Oct-24