



**CHARITY NAME: NONE ZEN CENTER**

**CHARITY NUMBER: 1190661**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD  
01/01/2024 - 31/12/2024**

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## **OBJECTIVES & PUBLIC BENEFIT**

## **OBJECTIVES**

AS OUTLINED IN THE NONE ZEN CENTER GOVERNING DOCUMENT - THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO ADVANCE THE BUDDHIST RELIGION, IN (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) THE UNITED KINGDOM, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, ACHIEVED THROUGH:

1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE RELIGIOUS PRACTICE AND STUDY OF ZEN BUDDHISM (IN ORDER TO LEAD PEOPLE TO ENLIGHTENMENT, LIBERATING THEMSELVES FROM THE SUFFERING OF LIFE I.E THE LOOP OF DUALITY) BY PROVIDING STRUCTURED AND ONGOING ZEN MEDITATION CLASSES, RETREATS, TRAINING, AND EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONGREGATIONS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
2. THE DELIVERY AND PASSING ON OF THE TEACHINGS AND PRACTICE METHODS OF THE CIO'S ZEN LINEAGES OF LINJI (JPN. RINZAI), CAODONG (JPN. SOTO) AND DHARMA DRUM, THROUGH THE STUDY OF ZEN DOCTRINES AND PRACTICING ZEN MEDITATION ACCORDINGLY IN THE ZEN MEDITATION CLASSES, RETREATS, TRAINING, AND/OR EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONGREGATIONS PROVIDED BY THE CIO, SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN ADVANCE THEIR ZEN LEVELS IN ACCORD WITH THE TEACHINGS.
3. THE WORSHIP AND APPRECIATION OF GAUTAMA BUDDHA AND ANCESTRAL ZEN MASTERS, THE TEACHINGS OF GAUTAMA BUDDHA AND ANCESTRAL ZEN MASTERS, AND THE ARYA SANGHA (QUALIFIED ZEN TEACHERS) WHO CARRY ON THE TEACHINGS OF GAUTAMA BUDDHA AND ANCESTRAL ZEN MASTERS, THROUGH THE PROVISION OF WORSHIP CEREMONIES IN ZEN RETREATS AND/OR EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONGREGATIONS (SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN BE INSPIRED BY THE EXAMPLES OF ENLIGHTENMENT TO ADVANCE THEIR ZEN PRACTICE).
4. THE PROVISION OF THE RIGHT CONCEPTS ABOUT ZEN BUDDHISM AND ZEN MEDITATION, AND THE SHARING AND PROMOTION OF THE ZEN MEDITATION EXPERIENCE THROUGH ZEN EVENTS AND/OR MEETINGS, WEBSITE, ONLINE SOCIAL MEDIA, PRINTED FLYERS, ETC

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

THE NONE ZEN CENTRE WILL RAISE AWARENESS OF THE BUDDHIST RELIGION THROUGH:

- PROMOTING AND PROMULGATING THE CORE BELIEF OF BUDDHISM WHICH IS TO KNOW THE TRUE NATURE OF SELF, TO GET ENLIGHTENED.
- PROMOTING, DELIVERING AND PASSING ON THE BUDDHA'S CORE TEACHING METHOD FOR REACHING ENLIGHTENMENT, SITTING MEDITATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CENTRE'S LINEAGES, THE LINJI (JPN. RINZAI), CAODONG (JPN. SOTO), AND DHARMA DRUM.

- ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP AN ORTHODOX AND ACTIVE ARYA SANGHA (THE COMMUNITY OF THIS CENTRE), TO OBEY BUDDHA'S TEACHING IN THE MAHAYANA SUTRA OF THE GREAT ASSEMBLY OF KSITIGARBHA'S TEN WHEELS THAT THE NOBLE CLERGY COMMUNITY IS BUILT UPON THE ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICE LEVEL (ZEN LEVEL) RATHER THAN THE FORM OF APPEARANCE AND LIFESTYLE/LIVELIHOOD TO ENSURE THE MONASTICS WOULD HAVE THE RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL CAPACITY TO BENEFIT THE PUBLIC BY LEADING THEM TO THE PATH OF ENLIGHTENMENT.

- WORSHIP AND APPRECIATE GAUTAMA BUDDHA AND ANCESTRAL ZEN MASTERS, THE TEACHINGS OF GAUTAMA BUDDHA AND ANCESTRAL ZEN MASTERS, AND THE ARYA SANGHA WHO CARRY ON THE TEACHINGS OF GAUTAMA BUDDHA AND ANCESTRAL ZEN MASTERS.

RELIGIOUS COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING:

-PROVIDING SEMINARS, TALKS, MEETINGS IN HIRED COMMUNITY CENTRE MEETING SPACES AND VIA ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCES.

RETREATS:

-LEAD PEOPLE TO ENLIGHTENMENT, TO KNOW THE TRUE NATURE OF SELF, OR TO REVEAL THE INNER BUDDHA AS GAUTAMA BUDDHA DID THOUSANDS YEARS AGO TO FULFIL THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF BUDDHISM, THROUGH PROVIDING INTENSIVE AND STRUCTURED TRAINING INCLUDING DAYLONG MONTHLY ZEN MEDITATION RETREATS.

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

WE BELIEVE THAT BY FOLLOWING GAUTAMA BUDDHA'S TEACHING AND PRACTICING ACCORDINGLY, PEOPLE WILL REVEAL THE TRUE NATURE OF SELF AND FIND OUT THAT THE TRUE NATURE OF SELF IS NO SELF, EVERYONE IS EQUAL, AND EVERYTHING IS AS IT IS; JUST AS GAUTAMA BUDDHA DID THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO.

THIS BELIEF COMES FROM THE ANCIENT INDIA WITH A HISTORY OF MORE THAN 2,500 YEARS. GAUTAMA SIDDHARTHA, WHO REVEALED THE TRUE NATURE OF SELF, WAS CROWN THE TITLE OF BUDDHA, THEN KNOWN AS GAUTAMA BUDDHA OR THE BUDDHA. HIS TEACHING WAS RESPECTIVELY CALLED BUDDHADHARMA (BUDDHA'S TEACHING), AND HIS FOLLOWERS, BUDDHIST; THEREFORE, THIS BELIEF, BUDDHISM.

AS TIME GOES BY AND BUDDHISM SPREADS WORLDWIDE, VARIOUS FORMS OF BUDDHISM EMERGE TO MEET PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS NEEDS IN DIFFERENT ERAS, ENVIRONMENTS, AND CULTURES. HOWEVER, REGARDLESS OF THE FORMS, THIS BELIEF IS WELL ACKNOWLEDGED AND COMMUNALLY SHARED BY ALMOST ALL BUDDHISTS AND BUDDHISTS CHURCHES (TEMPLES OR MONASTERIES), AND, AS SUCH, DEFINES THE CORE BELIEF OF BUDDHISM: TO GET ENLIGHTENED, TO

REVEAL THE TRUE NATURE OF SELF, OR TO BECOME A BUDDHA AS SIDDHARTHA GAUTAMA DID.

ZEN BUDDHISM INHERITS THE BUDDHIST'S CORE BELIEF AND DEDICATES IN PROMULGATING THE BUDDHA'S CORE TEACHING——SITTING MEDITATION OR LATER ZEN PRACTICE. AS A ZEN BUDDHIST CHURCH, WE BELIEVE THAT THROUGH ZEN PRACTICE, PEOPLE COULD REVEAL THE TRUE NATURE OF SELF, GET ENLIGHTENED, OR BECOME A BUDDHA.

BY PROVIDING ZEN CLASSES TO LEAD PEOPLE TO START THEIR ZEN PRACTICE, TO ADVANCE THEIR ZEN PRACTICE, AND TO REVEAL THE TRUE NATURE OF SELF OR BECOME A BUDDHA, THIS CHURCH IS PROVIDING THE RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR THE PRACTITIONERS TO WORSHIP THE BUDDHA, THE BUDDHA'S TEACHING, THE SANGHA (THE COMMUNITY OF ZEN TEACHERS AND MASTERS WHO HAVE REACHED CERTAIN ZEN LEVELS AND DELIVER THE BUDDHA'S TEACHING), AND THE PRACTITIONERS' INNER BUDDHAS (THE TRUE NATURE OF SELF).

## **ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS**

DURING THIS REPORTING YEAR, NONE ZEN CENTER DID NOT CONDUCT ANY ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING COVID RESTRICTION DISRUPTION. THE DECISION WAS TAKEN TO HALT ACTIVITY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

## **STRUCTURE AND TRUSTEES**

NONE ZEN CENTER IS A CIO.

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FOR THIS REPORTING YEAR WERE:

LAETITIA CHIRGARHULA - CHAIR, TRUSTEE - APPOINTED 29 JULY 2020

MATHEW EDWARDS - TRUSTEE - APPOINTED 29 JULY 2020

HUEYCHUAN HUANG - TRUSTEE - APPOINTED 29 JULY 2020

### **CORPORATE TRUSTEES – NAMES OF THE DIRECTORS AT THE DATE THE REPORT WAS APPROVED**

THERE ARE NO CORPORATE TRUSTEES AT THIS CHARITY DURING THIS REPORTING YEAR

### **NAME OF TRUSTEES HOLDING TITLE TO PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE CHARITY**

THERE ARE NO TRUSTEES AT THIS HOLDING TITLE TO PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE CHARITY DURING THIS REPORTING YEAR

## **FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES ON BEHALF OF OTHERS**

THERE ARE NO FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES ON BEHALF OF OTHERS DURING THIS REPORTING YEAR

## **FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOUNTING**

DURING THIS REPORTING YEAR, NONE ZEN CENTER DID NOT CONDUCT ANY ACTIVITIES DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS, RESULTING IN NO EXPENDITURE. NO CHARITABLE DONATIONS WERE RECEIVED. THE NET BALANCE OF THE CIO FOR THIS REPORTING YEAR IS £0.

FUNDS HELD AT START OF REPORTING YEAR	£0
ASSETS HELD	£0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£0
TOTAL INCOME	£0
<b>NET BALANCE AT END OF REPORTING YEAR</b>	<b>£0</b>

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**END OF REPORT & ACCOUNTS**

**PREPARED BY MATHEW EDWARDS JANUARY 25TH, 2026, AUTHORISED TRUSTEE  
OF NONE ZEN CENTER**