

BOSNIAN GENOCIDE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1191203

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-09-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ARE RESTRICTED SPECIFICALLY, IN EACH CASE ONLY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN THE SUBJECT OF THE BOSNIAN GENOCIDE. IN PARTICULAR, EUROPEAN, BOSNIAN AND BRITISH BOSNIAN HISTORY RELEVANT TO THE BOSNIAN GENOCIDE. FURTHERMORE, ADVANCEMENT OF THE SUBJECT IN RELATION TO OTHER GENOCIDES AND THE HOLOCAUST. TO PROMOTE RELIGIOUS AND RACIAL HARMONY, EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP BY ADVANCING THE EDUCATION ABOUT THE BOSNIAN GENOCIDE AND ITS CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE. TO PROMOTE THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF RACE, RELIGION, DISABILITY, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION BY RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF PREJUDICE AND RACISM IN SOCIETY INCLUDING THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT OF THE BOSNIAN GENOCIDE, AS WELL AS OTHER ACTS OF SYSTEMATIC DISCRIMINATION, IN PARTICULAR THOSE LEADING TO GENOCIDE AND THE HOLOCAUST.

Activities: We aim to humanise history through collection and preservation of survivor testimonies, personal objects and education about the Bosnian genocide by providing speakers, educational material, activity resources and much more, we hope to challenge perceptions of social justice, morality and human rights here in the UK.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£292	£6,949	-	-
2024-03-31	£250	£4,191	-	-
2023-03-31	£37,834	£4,005	-	-
2022-04-01	£150	£0	-	-
2021-04-01	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
RICHARD CARLTON	Chair	2025-02-20
HAKIJA STITKOVAC		2024-07-23
SIAUW-JUNG LIE		2020-09-09

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**



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During this financial year, the BGET team and our dedicated group of volunteers organized and participated in numerous events across the North East of England and in various cities, towns, and regions across the UK.

We facilitated commemorative and educational activities, events, exhibitions, and workshops in collaboration with local authorities, organizations, government institutions, charities, schools, colleges, universities, and NHS trusts. By bringing together people from all backgrounds—regardless of faith or belief—we aim to combat hatred and prejudice, promote peace, and honour the victims of the Bosnian Genocide.

Outreach: Education and School Work**I Am Because We Are school programme**

Survivor-led education remained at the heart of the Bosnian Genocide Educational Trust's work this year. Our core belief is that sustained engagement with survivor testimony — rather than one-off events — is essential if young people are to understand genocide as a human process with moral and civic consequences

Survivor Talks and National Outreach

Survivors continued to share their first-hand experiences in schools, community settings, and institutions across the UK. This year, we expanded our Survivor Talks Programme nationwide, delivering talks and education sessions in London, Edinburgh, Bradford, Newcastle, Sunderland, Ipswich, Stockton, Nottingham, and Swindon.

Our speakers worked with a wide range of audiences, including secondary schools, community organisations, universities, and civic bodies. We also contributed to national programmes and commemorative events through partnerships with organisations such as

the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, Hammersmith and Fulham Council, and the UK National Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony.

These talks remain an important part of our outreach. However, this year marked a strategic shift in our work: moving from predominantly standalone events towards a long-term, structured education model centred on our flagship schools programme.

Flagship Programme:

I Am Because We Are

The development and pilot delivery of I Am Because We Are has been the primary focus of the Trust's work this year and will continue to be the central focus of our education strategy moving forward.

I Am Because We Are is a survivor-led Holocaust and genocide education programme for UK secondary schools. It is grounded in lived experience, sustained learning, and reflective action. The programme is built around the South African philosophy of Ubuntu — “I am because we are” — emphasising shared humanity, responsibility, and interdependence.

Rather than relying on isolated survivor talks, the programme supports schools over time, enabling students to encounter survivor testimony through structured classroom learning, reflection, and dialogue before meeting survivors in person.

The School Pilot (Newcastle)

The programme was piloted in Newcastle in 2023–2024, culminating in a Learning Day Conference in July 2024. The pilot involved:

- 5 secondary schools
- Over 200 students (Years 8–10)
- 13 teachers
- 16 volunteers, including educators and community and faith leaders
- 3 genocide survivors present throughout the Learning Day Conference

Participating schools engaged with the programme over several months. Each school was allocated the story of one survivor — from the Holocaust, the Bosnian Genocide, or the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda — and received a bespoke Education Pack developed by the Trust in collaboration with experienced Holocaust and genocide educators.

Students explored survivor stories through photographs, personal objects, documents, filmed testimony, and guided activities. Learning focused on identity, belonging, exclusion, prejudice, and genocide as a process, rather than as a single historical event.

Teachers consistently reported that this sustained approach significantly deepened students' understanding and preparedness before encountering survivors.

Learning Day Conference and Survivor Encounter

The pilot culminated in a Learning Day Conference at Newcastle Civic Centre, hosted in the Banqueting Hall — placing survivors and young people at the heart of the city's civic space. Survivors did not speak from a distance. They moved between tables, sat with students, listened, answered questions, and engaged in dialogue. Students were active participants, sharing their own reflections, creative work, and personal responses.

For many students, this was the first time they had ever met someone who had lived through genocide. Teachers highlighted the depth of engagement, emotional maturity, and respect shown by students throughout the day.

The conference environment prioritised safety, dignity, and dialogue, ensuring survivor testimony was handled ethically and responsibly.

Legacy Projects and Ongoing Learning

A defining feature of I Am Because We Are is its emphasis on action and legacy. Students were supported to begin designing real, school-based legacy projects, intended to continue beyond the conference. These projects are supported throughout the academic year, ensuring that learning is carried forward into lasting change within school culture, rather than ending with a single event.

UK Bosnian Memory Archive

Alongside the pilot, we continued to develop the UK Bosnian Memory Archive, which underpins all our education work. This year, we recorded additional survivor testimonies, with a particular focus on the North East of England, documenting stories of persecution, displacement, refuge, and rebuilding.

Archive material directly informed the I Am Because We Are Education Pack, allowing students to engage with testimony ethically and in context before meeting survivors.

We are currently working with a filmmaker linked to Newcastle University to collate recorded testimonies into a public screening and exhibition, alongside the production of a one-hour feature documentary for education and public engagement.

Collaboration with the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust

Our longstanding collaboration with the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) continued to provide a national platform for our work. Our Chair participated in the UK National Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremonies in London and Scotland.

The London ceremony was televised live on the BBC and reached an audience of over 2 million people, significantly raising awareness of the Bosnian Genocide and survivor-led education.

Through HMDT, our speakers contributed to school programmes, civic institutions, and national commemorations. Several of these testimonies are now preserved within the UK Bosnian Memory Archive.

Publications and Media

Public awareness remains a core part of our mission. This year, trustees and speakers featured in national and international media, including BBC, ITV, and Bosnian outlets such as TV Hayat, N1 (CNN affiliate), Mostarski.ba, Avaz, and Vijesti.ba.

Engagement across our digital platforms increased significantly during Holocaust Memorial Day and UK Memorial Week in July, with thousands of people engaging via Facebook, LinkedIn, and our website.

Impact Metrics (Year Summary)

- 30+ survivor talks and education events delivered across the UK
- 2 million+ people reached through talks, exhibitions, and national media
- 5 secondary schools engaged in the I Am Because We Are pilot
- 200+ students involved in sustained, survivor-led learning
- Strong growth in social media engagement during key commemorative periods

Looking Ahead

I Am Because We Are now sits at the centre of the Trust's education work.

In 2025–26, the programme will expand across Newcastle, with increased school participation and two annual Learning Day Conferences. Following this phase, the programme will be launched nationally.

Future development will include:

- An expanded Education Pack with additional survivor stories
- Greater integration of the UK Bosnian Memory Archive
- Survivor school visits
- Teacher CPD and structured mentorship
- Improved accessibility for SEND and EAL learners

This programme will shape the Trust's outreach, partnerships, and resource development in the years ahead.

Diversity and Inclusion

We are committed to making our programs accessible to everyone. This year, we introduced translated materials, improved our digital accessibility, and worked with diverse community groups to ensure inclusivity in our workshops and events.

Call for Support

We invite you to join us in our mission to combat hatred and prejudice. Whether through volunteering, hosting survivor talks, supporting the UK Bosnian Memory Archive, or making a donation, your help is crucial.

Visit our website to learn more about how you can get involved or contact us directly to discuss opportunities for collaboration.

Acknowledgments

The achievements of the past 12 months would not have been possible without the unwavering dedication and hard work of our trustees and volunteers. Their efforts have allowed us to continue making a meaningful impact in communities across the UK.

Approved by the Trustee and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by a Chair Trustee



Print name Smajo Beso

Dated 16/12/2025

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Bosnia Genocide Education Trust.

I report on the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the Year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives 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 accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 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.

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.

Name: A Mohammed (ACCA)

Address: Alghazi, Springhill Gardens, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 6QS

Date: 16/12/2025

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations	292	-	292	250
Funding and Grants	-	-	-	-
Total	292	-	292	250
Expenditure on:				
Website		110	110	234
Admin			-	-
IT Expense		96	96	96
Insurance		-	-	96
Educational Activities	-	-	-	997
Depreciation of Tangible Assets		-	-	2,108
Charity activities	-	6,743	6,743	660
Total	-	6,949	6,949	4,191
Net income/(Expenditure)	292	(6,949)	(6,657)	(3,941)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	42	29,996	30,038	33,979
Total funds carried forward	334	23,047	23,381	30,038

Statement of Financial Position

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total this year £	2024 Total last year £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	2	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		334	23,047	23,381	30,038
Total current assets		<u>334</u>	<u>23,047</u>	<u>23,381</u>	<u>30,038</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		-	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>334</u>	<u>23,047</u>	<u>23,381</u>	<u>30,038</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>334</u>	<u>23,047</u>	<u>23,381</u>	<u>30,038</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		<u>334</u>	<u>23,047</u>	<u>23,381</u>	<u>30,038</u>
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds			23,047	23,047	29,996
Unrestricted funds		334		334	42
Total funds		<u>334</u>	<u>23,047</u>	<u>23,381</u>	<u>30,038</u>

Cashflow Statement

	01/04/2024 31/03/2025 2025	01/04/2023 31/03/2024 2024
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Year	30,038	31,871
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash received from donations and grants	292	250
Cash paid for services	(6,949)	(2,083)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	(6,657)	(1,833)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	-	-
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year	23,381	30,038

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional and presentation currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The charity has 6 volunteer employees to Year ended to 31 March 2025.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Computer and camera equipment – 50% per annum per Financial Year end.

2. Tangible Assets

	Computer/ Camera Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£
At 31 March 2024	4,216	4,216
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>4,216</u>	<u>4,216</u>
Depreciation		
At 31 March 2024	4,216	4,216
Depreciation	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>4,216</u>	<u>4,216</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2024	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

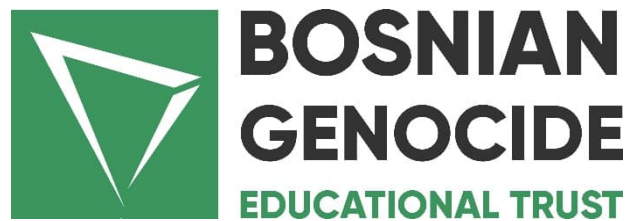
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UK Bosnian Memory Archive

We have made significant progress in expanding the UK Bosnian Memory Archive, which will serve as the foundation of all our educational efforts. This year, we recorded more survivor stories, focusing primarily on the North East of England. Looking ahead, we aim to expand this work nationally over the next couple of years.

The stories we have gathered so far will play a key role in our plans to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Bosnian Genocide in 2025. Although the project initially faced challenges due to the difficulty survivors often experience when speaking publicly, we have worked diligently to build trusting relationships with them.

In addition to recording stories, this project supports our goal of developing a database and network of speakers. By capturing their narratives, we are creating a valuable resource that will enable us to reach audiences across the UK more effectively.

Outreach: Survivor and Refugee Talks

This year, we significantly expanded our Survivor Talks Programme nationwide. We organized survivor talks in various towns and cities, including London, Bradford, Newcastle, Bristol, Brighton, Herefordshire, and Edinburgh.

Our speakers shared their personal stories with diverse audiences, including schools, community groups, and organizations, as well as government institutions such as the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, Diversity Trust, Show Racism the Red Card, the Ministry of Defence, the Department for Work and Pensions, the Cabinet Office, HM Treasury, and the Parliamentary HMD Ceremony.

Outreach: Education and School Work

Survivors continued to share their first-hand experiences in schools across the UK, a vital part of our educational mission. We believe that hearing these personal accounts is the most powerful way for students to learn about genocide and its impact.

This year, we partnered with Dr. Nicola Weatherall MBE, Lead Practitioner at Royal Wootton Bassett Academy's Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Programme (HPG), to develop educational materials for Holocaust Memorial Day 2024. This collaboration has proven invaluable, and we are honoured to work with Dr. Weatherall, who was awarded an MBE in 2017 for her contributions to Holocaust education, genocide prevention, and human rights education.

We are also developing an immersive school conference together, which will be launched during the Bosnian Genocide Memorial Week in 2024.

Additionally, we concluded our collaborative Making Peace Schools Programme with Show Racism the Red Card by delivering workshops at two more primary schools in the North East. In total, we have reached four primary schools in the region through this project.

Collaboration with the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT)

Our longstanding collaboration with the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust continued to flourish this year. One of our trustees and survivor speakers was invited to Jersey, where he spoke at multiple events, including schools, government institutions, and media engagements. He also participated in the HMD theme launch for Holocaust Memorial Day 2024.

Through HMDT, we have reached thousands more people and expanded awareness of BGET's work. Several other speakers also contributed by sharing their stories at schools, government institutions, and for our Memory Archive project.

Creative Projects and Exhibitions

This year, we hosted our first photography exhibition in London at the Bosnian Embassy. In collaboration with the family of renowned photographer Tom Stoddart and embassy staff, we organized a high-profile event attended by around 200 people. The exhibition received media coverage both in the UK and Bosnia.

This experience marked an important milestone for our trustees, as exhibitions and photography will play a central role in commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Bosnian Genocide. The event also raised the profile of our charity and generated public donations.

Publications and Media

Raising awareness about the Bosnian Genocide as a means to combat hatred and prejudice remains a core component of our work. Media outreach allows us to reach wider audiences. This year, our trustees and speakers featured in prominent outlets, including the BBC, ITV, Bosnian TV Hayat, and CNN affiliate N1.

Engagement on our social media platforms has also been strong, particularly during the UK Memorial Week in July and Holocaust Memorial Day. Thousands of people interacted with our content on X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, Instagram, and our website.

Future Goals

Looking ahead, we aim to:

- Expand the UK Bosnian Memory Archive nationally and integrate its use into school curriculums and public education.
- Plan and deliver commemorative events for the 30th anniversary of the Bosnian Genocide in 2025.
- Increase the reach of our survivor talks, particularly in underserved communities across the UK.
- Develop immersive workshops and digital tools to make our work more accessible.

Impact Metrics

- In the past year, we have achieved the following:
- 50+ talks delivered by survivors and speakers.
- 15,000+ people reached through talks, exhibitions, and media appearances.
- 4 schools engaged through the Making Peace Schools Programme.
- 200+ attendees at our photography exhibition in London.
- Significant growth in social media engagement, particularly during Memorial Week and Holocaust Memorial Day.

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Signed by a Chair Trustee



Print name Smajo Beso

Dated 22/12/2024

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives 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 accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 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.

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.

Name: A Mohammed (ACCA)

Address: Alghazi, Springhill Gardens, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 6QS

Date: 22/12/2024

Statement of Financial Activities

			2024	2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations	250	-	250	1,984
Funding and Grants	-	-	-	35,850
Total	250	-	250	37,834
Expenditure on:				
Website		234	234	233
Admin			-	25
IT Expense		96	96	147
Insurance		96	96	96
Marketing			-	107
Educational Activities	957	40	997	71
Stationery and Printing			-	168
Depreciation of Tangible Assets		2,108	2,108	2,108
Charity activities	537	122	660	1,050
Total	1,495	2,696	4,191	4,005
Net income/(Expenditure)	(1,245)	(2,696)	(3,941)	33,829
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	1,287	32,692	33,979	150
Total funds carried forward	42	29,996	30,038	33,979

Statement of Financial Position

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total this year £	2023 Total last year £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	2	-	-	-	2,108
Total fixed assets		-	-	-	2,108
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		42	29,996	30,038	31,871
Total current assets		42	29,996	30,038	31,871
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		-	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)		42	29,996	30,038	31,871
Total assets less current liabilities		42	29,996	30,038	33,979
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		42	29,996	30,038	33,979
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds			29,996	29,996	32,473
Unrestricted funds		42		42	1,506
Total funds		42	29,996	30,038	33,979

Cashflow Statement

	01/04/2023 31/03/2024 2024	01/04/2022 31/03/2023 2023
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Year	31,871	150
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash received from donations and grants	250	37,834
Cash paid for services	(2,083)	(1,897)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	(1,833)	35,937
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	(4,216)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	-	(4,216)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year	30,038	31,871

Notes to the Financial Statements

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Basis of preparation

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Tangible Fixed Assets

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Computer and camera equipment – 50% per annum per Financial Year end

2. Tangible Assets

	Computer/ Camera Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£
At 1 April 2023	4,216	4,216
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At 31 March 2024	4,216	4,216
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At 1 April 2023	2,108	2,108
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Net book value		
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Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number: CE023001

Charity number: 1191203

BOSNIAN GENOCIDE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023



Trustees	Smajo Beso (Chair)	Appointed 09 September 2020
	Siauw-Jung Lie	Appointed 09 September 2020
	Emily Scullion	Appointed 09 September 2020

Registered Office	35 Cragside Newcastle upon Tyne, NE7 7EJ
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Report of the Trustees

The trustees of the charity, present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the Year ended 31 March 2023.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are specifically for the public benefit in the following areas:

- To advance the education of the public benefit in the subject of the Bosnian Genocide, in particular, European, Bosnian and British Bosnian history relevant to the Bosnian Genocide. Furthermore, advancement of the subject in relation to other genocides and the Holocaust.
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- The organisation advances genocide education, specifically centring on the Bosnian Genocide, however, it also will educate on other instances of genocide including the Holocaust.

The charity organises and takes part in a variety of innovative educational events and activities throughout the year. All of our events and resources are based on internationally agreed principles of effective genocide / Holocaust education and contemporary research.

We encourage participants / audience to explore the complexity of the Bosnian genocide through hearing first-hand experiences of survivors and victims. All educational material is based on first-hand testimony.

The main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to our objects fall under 3 categories:

1. Research where we gather survivor and refugees' stories, personal objects and contribute to publications.
2. Education including provision of workshops and talks in schools, universities, for public and private organisations, and organising study trips to Bosnia.
3. Community projects in collaboration with other organisations, charities, and communities to coordinate art and cultural projects, and commemorative events and activities.

Further Aims

The Charity further aims to share insights from genocide survivors from Bosnia by reflecting on survivor's lived experience of war to reflect on its contemporary relevance.

- To humanise history by replacing faceless statistics and numbers with real human experience.
- To give a voice to those who lived through the genocide in Bosnia and came to the UK as refugees.
- To create opportunities for all people to be heard and have their stories validated.
- To empower those who believe they do not have a voice.
- To encourage people to challenge all forms of prejudice, hatred and discrimination.
- To promote peace and acts of peace.
- To facilitate dialogue about our differences and similarities.
- To support other peace initiatives and work with our local communities and different faith groups to promote peace.
- To inspire individuals to consider their responsibilities to their communities.
- To include the Bosnian genocide in the national curriculum.
- To inspire critical thinking, empathy, personal growth, and awareness of social issues.

Structure, Governance and Management

Bosnia Genocide Education Trust operates as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and decision are made by the board. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

The Board have the power to make bye laws and rules governing the affairs of the charity.

With a view to effectively govern, the Board authorises a committee of trustees to serve as the Office Bearers which includes the Chair, General Secretary and the Treasurer. The Office Bearers maintain a close link with centre to oversee the overall operation. In addition, the Board also elects sub- committees for the effective monitoring of different services and taking the lead on its behalf on matters relating to the services to ensure the best interest of the beneficiaries. The Board also, occasionally, sets up ad hoc working groups to look at specific matters and to report back.

Financial Review

For the financial year ended 31 March 2023 the main activities that the trust were involved in secure funding from grants and delivering presentation content.

As the organisation is starting to develop further the admin management involved:

- Update, restructuring and maintenance of website.
- Established data management systems.
- Established key roles within the trust.
- Developed network of volunteers and collaborators.
- Identified and applied to funding opportunities.
- Held regular trustee meetings.

Current Projects In progress

- Established UK Bosnian Memory Archive and began collecting survivor stories – these will be hosted on our website alongside the stories we have already collected and hosted. These stories will form the basis of all future educational resource.
- Organised and provided survivor talks with various schools, communities, organisations, and government institutions such as Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, Diversity Trust, Show Racism the Red Card, Ministry of Defence, Department for Work and Pensions, Cabinet Office, HM Treasury, Parliamentary HMD Ceremony etc.
- Organised and provided commemorative and educational activities, events, exhibitions and workshops with various local authorities across the country as well as organisations such as government institutions, charities, schools, colleges, and NHS Trusts etc.
- Organised our first exhibition, hosted by the Bosnian Embassy in London, in honour of late Tom Stoddart. We collaborated with the embassy, the family of Tom Stoddart and colleagues.
- Delivered the educational programme “Making Peace: Schools Programme” in collaboration with Show Racism the Red Card in 2 more schools in the North East.
- Holocaust Memorial Day 2023. Collaborated with local authorities, charities and organisations i.e. Skimstone Arts, Memorial Day Trust, Show Racism the Red Card, A Living Tradition etc. Provided survivor speakers for various events nationally – Newcastle, Stockton, Oxford, London to name a few places. Our survivor speakers spoke in a variety of settings including schools, government departments mentioned above and communities. Our survivors also featured in various national and international media (see more below) as part of our work for HMD.
- Art and cultural projects: We have continued our long term collaboration with Skimstone Arts to produce poems, songs and soundscapes using shared stories about Bosnia.
- Publications and media: Our speakers have been featured in national and international broadcasts including BBC, ITV, Bosnian TV channel Hayat and N1 and more. Our speakers/ survivors' appearances and contributions to BBC Radio

4, BBC Newcastle, BBC North East, ITV Tyne Tees News, ITV x, Spice FM,
Broadcasting Scotland.

Approved by the Trustee and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by a Chair Trustee



Print name Smajo Beso

Dated 25/01/2024

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Bosnia Genocide Education Trust.

I report on the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the Year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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Name: A Mohammed (ACCA)

Address: Alghazi, Springhill Gardens, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 6QS

Date: 25/01/2024

Statement of Financial Activities

			2023	2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations	1,984	-	1,984	150
Funding and Grants	-	35,850	35,850	-
Total	1,984	35,850	37,834	150
Expenditure on:				
Website	233		233	
Admin	25		25	
IT Expense	147		147	
Insurance	96		96	
Marketing	107		107	
Educational Activities	71		71	
Stationary and Printing	168		168	
Depreciation of Tangible Assets		2,108	2,108	
Charity activities		1,050	1,050	
Total	847	3,158	4,005	-
Net income/(Expenditure)	1,137	32,692	33,829	150
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	150	-	150	-
Total funds carried forward	1,287	32,692	33,979	150

Statement of Financial Position

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total this year £	2022 Total last year £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	2	-	2,108	2,108	-
Total fixed assets		<u>-</u>	<u>2,108</u>	<u>2,108</u>	<u>-</u>
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		1,506	30,365	31,871	150
Total current assets		<u>1,506</u>	<u>30,365</u>	<u>31,871</u>	<u>150</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		-	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>1,506</u>	<u>30,365</u>	<u>31,871</u>	<u>150</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,506</u>	<u>32,473</u>	<u>33,979</u>	<u>150</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		<u>1,506</u>	<u>32,473</u>	<u>33,979</u>	<u>150</u>
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds			32,473	32,473	-
Unrestricted funds		1,506		1,506	150
Total funds		<u>1,506</u>	<u>32,473</u>	<u>33,979</u>	<u>150</u>

Cashflow Statement

	01/04/2022 31/03/2023 2023	01/04/2021 01/03/2022 2022
Cash Balance at start of Year	150	0
Income received	37,834	150
Tangible Asset purchased	4,216	0
Expenses Paid for the Year	1,897	0
Cash Balance at End of Year	31,871	150

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting policies

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Basis of preparation

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2. Tangible Assets

	Computer/ Camera Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£
At 1 April 2022	-	-
Additions	4,216	4,216
At 31 March 2023	<u>4,216</u>	<u>4,216</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2022	-	-
Depreciation	2,108	2,108
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,108</u>	<u>2,108</u>
Net book value		
At 1 April 2022	-	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,108</u>	<u>2,108</u>

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2021		01	04	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Bosnian Genocide Educational Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1191203

Charity's principal address 35 Cragside

High Heaton

Newcastle Upon Tyne

Postcode

NE7 7EJ

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	Smajo Beso	n/a	Since 09 Sep 2020	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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- To promote religious and racial harmony, equality, diversity and good citizenship by advancing the education about the Bosnian Genocide and its contemporary relevance.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

• To promote the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race, religion, disability, gender, sexual orientation by raising public awareness of the causes and effects of prejudice and racism in society including the significant impact of the Bosnian Genocide, as well as other acts of systematic discrimination, in particular those leading to genocide and the Holocaust.
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Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Trust admin/ management

- Maintenance of website.
- Held regular trustee meetings.
- Developed network of volunteers and collaborators.
- Identified and applied to funding opportunities.
- Established key roles within the trust.

Projects

- Collected **survivor stories** and hosted these on our website as learning resources.
- Organised and provided **survivor talks** with various schools and organisations such as Show Racism the Red Card, Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, Ministry of Defence, Department for Work and Pensions etc.
- Organised and provided **commemorative and educational activities, events and workshops** with various local authorities across the North East as well as organisations such as the Northumbria Police and North East Ambulance Service, government institutions, charities, schools, colleges, NHS Trusts, Police, Unions etc.
- Delivered the **educational programme “Making Peace: Schools Programme”** with Show Racism the Red Card.
- **Holocaust Memorial Day 2022.** Collaborated with local authorities, charities and organisations i.e. Skimstone Arts, Show Racism the Red Card, Holocaust Memorial Day Trust etc.
- **Publications and media:** speaker/ survivor contributions to articles in the Independent, MSN, Belfast Telegraph, Chronicle Live, National Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony, local news etc. Our speakers have been featured in national and international broadcasts including BBC, ITV, Channel 4, Al Jazeera, Turkey’s TRT World, Bosnian TV channel Hayat, The Irish News and more.
- **Art and cultural projects:** Collaborated with Skimstone Arts to produce poems, songs and soundscapes using shared stories about Bosnia.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We are adhering to the Charity Commissions guidance on charity reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Smajo	Beso
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	31.01.2023	

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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- Collaborated with local charities, local authorities and Council of Faiths to develop an **annual interfaith event “Festival of Lights”**.
- **Holocaust Memorial Day 2021.** Collaborated with local authorities, charities and organisations i.e. Skimstone Arts, Show Racism the Red Card, Holocaust Memorial Day Trust etc.
- **Publications and media:** speaker/ survivor contributions to articles in the Independent, MSN, Belfast Telegraph, Chronicle Live, BBC *World Holocaust Day*, Channel 4 *Britain’s Forgotten War with Tony Robinson*, National Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony, local news etc. Our speakers have been featured in national and international broadcasts including BBC, ITV, Channel 4, Al Jazeera, Turkey’s TRT World, Bosnian TV channel Hayat, The Irish News and more.
- **Art and cultural projects:** Collaborated with Skimstone Arts to produce poems, songs and soundscapes using shared stories about Bosnia.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We are adhering to the Charity Commissions guidance on charity reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

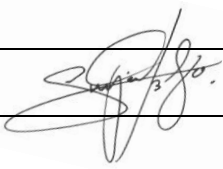
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

	
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26.01.2022