

BENGAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1191373

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-09-21

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PRESERVATION AND ADVANCEMENT OF BENGALI ART, CULTURE AND HERITAGE, BOTH MODERN AND ANCIENT BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF: • BENGALI CULTURAL EDUCATION • SUPPORT IN REVIVING AND DEVELOPING TRADITIONAL BENGALI CRAFTSMANSHIP AND APPLIED ART OF BENGAL FOR ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY AND SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATES, SUCH AS, JUTE, PAPER, BAMBOO THROUGH EXHIBITIONS, SEMINARS. • CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC BENGALI MUSICAL AND THEATRE PERFORMANCE • SUPPORTING PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL TERRACOTTA BUILDING AND SITES OF BRITISH ERA CONNECTED TO BENGAL AND RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TOMBS CONNECTED WITH EMINENT BENGALI ENTREPRENEURS AND SOCIAL LEADERS IN UK.

Activities: Connecting the people with an aim to preserve and promote the heritage of Bengal in the UK through cultural, educational and artProviding support in reviving and developing traditional craftsmanship and applied art of Bengal Supporting preservation activities of historic and architectural terracotta building and sites of British era connected to Bengal

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- India
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£6,614	£16,114	-	-
2023-12-31	£0	£0	-	-
2022-12-31	£0	£0	-	-
2021-12-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Suranjan Som	Chair	2020-09-21
Bidisha Datta		2020-09-21
Debarati Goswami		2020-09-21
Jhuma Bhadra		2020-09-21
Koushik Chatterjee		2020-09-21
Sambrita Das		2021-06-21
Sourav Niyogi		2020-09-21

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ANNUAL TRUSTEES REPORT – YEAR ENDING 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Bengal Heritage Foundation presents the following report for the year 2024 (Jan–Dec 2024).

Following the successful transition to the Foundation model in 2023, the Trustees continued to strengthen the organization's structure, governance, and engagement with key stakeholders throughout 2024.

The Foundation built on its existing relationships and entered into **key collaborations with the British Council, the High Commission of India in the UK, and partners across the education and banking sectors**. These partnerships enabled the Foundation to broaden its reach, enhance programme quality, and contribute more meaningfully to cultural and educational initiatives.

The Trustees participated in and supported major community and cultural events that aligned with the Foundation's objectives of promoting Bengal's rich heritage, arts, and traditions within the UK and internationally. These activities were conducted in close collaboration with like-minded organizations and sister charities, ensuring alignment with our strategic objectives and fostering stronger community integration.

The Trustees also reviewed and reinforced governance processes to ensure continued compliance with Charity Commission requirements, maintaining a high standard of transparency and accountability across all Foundation activities. The trustees elected an additional trustee to the board Anamika Sarkar. For the coming financial year trustees also nominated working committee members.

Board of Trustees (2024)

- Suranjan Som – Chair

- Debarati Goswami
- Sourav Niyogi
- Koshik Chatterjee
- Jhuma Bhadra
- Bidisha Dutta
- Sambrita Das

Looking Ahead to 2025

In 2025, the Foundation aims to deepen strategic collaborations with cultural, educational, and financial institutions; scale community-facing programmes; and continue strengthening governance and impact measurement. Priorities include: expanding educational outreach with sector partners, developing sustainable funding pathways with banking partners and sponsors, and increasing bilateral engagement initiatives in partnership with the British Council and the High Commission of India.

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To this end, the first step was to establish a separate Bank Account for Bengal Heritage Foundation. We successfully completed the set up towards the end of 2022.

For the year 2023, the Trustees established some very important strategic relationships with the High Commission of India in UK and the High Commission of Bangladesh in UK. The Trustees participated in celebrating key events at the High Commission. The trustees also established strong relationships with British Council on framing our future programmes.

The trustees also partnered and collaborated in events around the society alongside likeminded, sister charities.

In the AGM conducted on 19th November, there was resolution put up to all members.

RESOLUTION : To change the Association model to Foundation model for CIO. Remaining all parameters remains the same.

The change was proposed to keep a continuation of the relationships established at a strategic level with several CEOs, High Commissions etc. A continuous change of Trustees over next 3-6 year horizon will not have the level of continuity.

The resolution was passed by ALL members without any opposition.

The new Member of trustees are now as follows

***Suranjan Som - Chair
Debarati Goswami
Sourav Niyogi
Koshik Chatterjee
Jhuma Bhadra
Bidisha Dutta
Sambrita Das***

Two existing and original trustees Mr Dipanjan Majumder and Mrs Pritha Mukherjee decided to resign from the board of trustees. The board thanks both of them for their tremendous support and help in establishing the organization. We look forward for a safe world and a better connectivity with far more actions in the future.

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We will start financial accounting for the CIO under the new accounting process and principles as soon as all the control framework, accounting software and policies are set.

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We established our CIO in midst of the most challenging year in recent memory. Covid 19 has had serious impact on our lives, our operations, funding and operations. Our primary objective in 2021 was to look after each other, well being and mental safety of all trustees and their families , support each other through a very difficult phase of everyone’s lives.

Due to the above we have had very limited activity for 2021 , restricted ourselves to virtual Trustee meetings and framed the overall governance , policies and structure under which we will embark our journey in 2022 onwards. Whilst doing this we also successfully supported our strategic partners and collaborators wherever possible through safe and secured programmes mostly virtual but few in person.

We will create elaborate framework, due diligence and management process with full transparency around finances using automated accounting software programme which has been put in place.

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