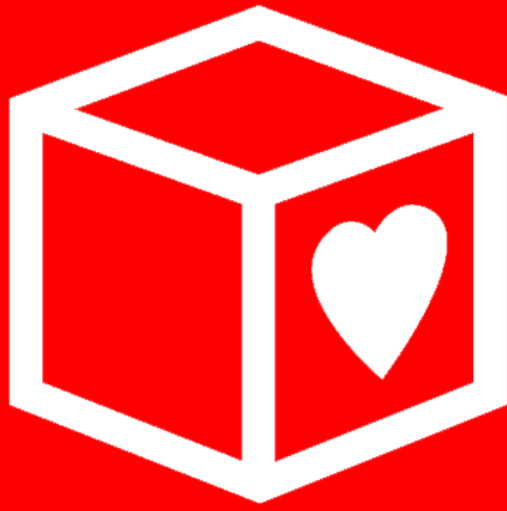




Red Box Project Annual Report

Red Box Project

Annual Report of Trustees for the year ending 30 September 2023

The trustees of the Red Box Project, registered in England and Wales 1192039, for the year beginning 1st October 2022 and ending 30th September 2023.

Trustees During the Reporting Year

During the reporting year, there were three trustees, who are noted below:

- Anna Miles MBE
- Clegg Bamber MBE
- Liesl Rose

The trustees noted above have met and agreed with the report before submitting it to the Charity Commission.

Signed:  Date: 31 / Jul / 2024

Introduction and Background

The Red Box Project was formed in March 2017, and registered as a charity in October 2020, to provide a practical solution to alleviate period poverty in educational settings in the UK. The principle of the Red Box Project was founded following the media report of a young person asking a teacher for period products whilst in school due to not being able to afford them.

The Red Box Project campaigned for the universal provision of period products in all educational settings so learners could still participate in their education regardless of whether they had the individual were menstruating or not.

At the start of 2019, The Red Box Project formed a partnership with Free Periods Limited to launch a legal campaign. In March 2019, the Government confirmed that they would implement a scheme across state-funded educational settings in England. This followed similar schemes that had been implemented in the devolved nations of Scotland and Wales in 2018 and 2019 respectively.

At the announcement from the Department of Education that the policy change would be implemented in January 2020, the Red Box Project board decided to change the focus from solution-led to advocacy-led, encouraging educational settings to sign up and be part of the new scheme introduced by the Government.

The Reporting Year

As a result of the government's policy scheme being introduced, and whilst the Board considered the purpose, active fundraising has been paused. Accepting of in-kind donations, such as period products, was also paused.

As the next chapter was decided by the Board, it was decided and agreed by the Board that a digital presence refresh would be undertaken. This was agreed to highlight the legacy of the campaign for period products in England and Scotland and ensure that information was easily accessible to the audience.

The Red Box Project was founded in Portsmouth and had a strong presence throughout all parts of the UK. In the middle of the reporting year, in December 2020, Northern Ireland approved a proposal for free period products to be made available to all learners and subsequent legislation passed through Stormont to

enable the scheme. The scheme was launched at the start of the 2021/22 academic year in September 2021.

Whilst the UK has always been the main focus of The Red Box Project, the concept and principle have reached various parts of the globe. Throughout the reporting year, the Board continued to support overseas projects, including in Moldova, Japan, Hong Kong, Monaco, and Ireland with advice and materials. All overseas projects are responsible for funding themselves through local fundraising, in line with the respective nation's codes of conduct and legislation.

Fundraising, Finances and Governance

As mentioned earlier in the report, the Board decided to suspend active fundraising activities due to a pause in active support operations. The Board recognise that new aims of the Charity need to be set, in line with the objectives.

The Trustees acknowledge that spending in the reporting year totalled £nil. With the current balance of the Charity being £16,930.86, the Trustees acknowledge that there is no significant financial risk to undertake the duties of the Charity.

The Charity continues to have no paid employees and continues to run through the voluntary dedication of the Board of Trustees.

During the reporting year, the Trustees met quarterly.

Looking to the future

As alluded to throughout this report, the future of the Charity is being considered by the Board and is yet to be confirmed. It is also recognised that as the UK continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic there are likely to be unforeseen challenges which could result in more people experiencing a period of poverty.

The outlook and future aims of the Charity will likely be reported in the next annual report of the Trustees.

Conclusion

It is acknowledged by the Trustees that the Charity hasn't been overly active in the reporting year.

The Trustees agree that this downtime has been used to ensure that any activity undertaken by the Charity can be undertaken with full commitment from the Trustees, an outlook that will continue into the next reporting year.

Accounts for Reporting Year (1st October 2022 - 30th September 2023)

1st October 2022 - 30th September 2023

Income - NatWest Account			Expenditure - NatWest Account			Note	Balance	
Note	Detail	Value	Note	Detail	Value			
			1	Web Hosting	£ 27.60	11	Opening Balance - NatWest Bank	£ 16,506.71
							Interest	£ -
							Closing Balance - NatWest Bank	£ 16,479.11
							Total Income	£ -
							Total Expenditure	£ 27.60
Totals			Totals					
	Income - 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023	£ -		Balance of all accounts	£16,930.86	11	Opening Balance - PayPal Account	£ 451.75
	Expenditure - 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023	£ 27.60					Interest	£ -
							Closing Balance - PayPal Account	£ 451.75
							Total Income	£ -
							Total Expenditure	£ -



Notes

1. Associated costs relating to the hosting of the Charity's website.