

Kurikindi Foundation CIO
Annual Return
for the year 01.04.23 – 31.03.24.

Trustees' Annual Report
Annual Accounts

Organisation type: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered charity number: 1192677

Principal address: Flat 23, Montpelier Court, Montpelier Road, London, W5 2QN

Trustees

Patricio Hualinga, Chair (16.12.20 – present)

Ann-Marie Black, Treasurer (16.12.20 – present)

Shaun Higgins, Secretary (17.06.21 – present)

PLEASE NOTE: the term “indigenous” is recognised by the people it describes as an oppressive term coming from the language and culture of those who colonised the peoples of the Americas from the 15th Century onwards. Instead, these people have chosen to be described as the “original” people. It is this term that the Kurikindi Foundation embraces and refers to in this document.

Governance and Management

The charity is operated under the rules of its CIO (Foundation) constitution adopted on

07.12.20. Our organisation was founded and is chaired by a master shaman of the Kichwa people of Ecuador. One unique and important aspect of the Kurikindi Foundation is that it is founded-upon the shamanic values of the original people. These are practised in life and work by every one of our trustees. Trustees are appointed in accordance with our constitution, and with regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for our effective governance.

Our Aim

The Kurikindi Foundation exists to work in collaboration with original people communities, developing initiatives for people living in the Amazon rainforest, and advance the education of disadvantaged and wider communities globally. This is to facilitate vital outcomes in improved education, health, citizenship and community development, sustainable living and protection of the rainforest. The foundation delivers its projects in Ecuador.

Objectives

(1) To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public by:

- (a) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources;
- (b) the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities;
- (c) the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and re-generation.

Sustainable development is identified as that which addresses the needs of present communities without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

(2) To advance the education of disadvantaged and wider global communities, in subjects related to sustainable development and the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment. To promote a platform of exchange, study and research in such subjects provided that the useful results of such studies are disseminated to the public at large.

(3) To promote for the public benefit the human rights of indigenous (original) people, as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent United Nations conventions and declarations including ILO conventions 107 and 169 by all or any of the following means:

- Obtaining redress for the victims of human rights abuse;
- Relieving need among the victims of human rights abuse;
- Research into human rights issues;
- Providing technical advice to government and others on human rights matters;
- Contributing to the sound administration of human rights law;
- Raising awareness of human rights issues;

- Promoting public support for human rights.

In furtherance of that object but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to engage in political activity provided that the trustees are satisfied that the proposed activities will further the purposes of the charity to an extent justified by the resources committed and the activity is not the dominant means by which the charity carries out its objects.

Summary of Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit

No activities were undertaken in this financial year. For the record, our future work will address:

Education

To provide educational facilities and resources for indigenous children in rainforest communities, supporting the provision of state education.

Health

To establish small, funded Primary Care medical centres for indigenous rainforest communities, offering medical care integrating both modern and traditional medicine.

Citizenship and Community Development

To support indigenous rainforest communities in developing their understanding of the outside world and find sustainable, community-led ways to protect their cultural identity, knowledge and wisdom, and conserve their values and way of life.

Human and Legal Rights

To support indigenous rainforest communities in developing their knowledge and understanding of their legal rights and find community-led ways to maintain sovereignty and guardianship over their ancestral lands.

Environmental Regeneration

To develop and share effective methods of environmental regeneration with indigenous rainforest communities, that work in synergy with the local environment, achieved using local research, education and community decision-making processes.

Environmental Protection

To support and educate communities in their guardianship responsibilities towards preserving and protecting the rainforest and its diverse ecosystems. Disaster response and prevention strategies will also be developed to address the threat of oil spills and other external environmental threats.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, having due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Summary of Main Achievements

This annual report describes the Kurikindi Foundation's main achievements in its third financial year. During this time, we did not receive or spend any funds, or offer any services directly to the public. As a small team of three trustees working part-time on the charity, with no other staff or volunteers, this year was spent focussed upon continuing to develop the foundations of the organisation in order for it to fulfil its intended charitable functions in service to the public benefit. During this year we further developed:

1) Our Policies

Using guidance from the Directory of Social Change, we further added to, revised, expanded upon and developed our organisational policies, specifically with regard to our:

- Code of Ethics
- Financial Management & Control Policy
- Internal Financial Controls Review
- Charity Expenses Policy
- Trustee Payments Policy
- Equality & Discrimination Policy
- Grievance Procedure

- Serious Incident Policy and Procedure

This year, we also invested in a set of charity policies and procedures templates published by the Directory of Social Change to increase the robustness of our policies and procedures.

2) Our Digital Infrastructure

In having no plans to establish a physical office and our trustees being based in different locations, all our administrative systems need to be cloud-based, with all communications and meetings held digitally. We also need to ensure that our systems fully-meet all GDPR requirements and can be encrypted for the security and privacy of our data.

From this, last year we decided to use pCloud as our encrypted cloud document storage solution. However, in practice we found the solution was not straightforward to use and so chose instead to use MEGA, which offers the same functionality.

3) Design of the Kurikindi Foundation Website

Having begun work on the build of our website with design company Birds & Dinosaurs last year, we continued throughout this financial year on the build. The design process really encouraged us to think deeply about how we wanted to represent our organisation to the public, from the logo, colour palette and visual design to the messaging and writing of careful copy. On our journey of sourcing stock images for the website, we became very familiar with the intricacies of policy and legislation around fair stock image use (from which we then wrote a Use of Stock Images Policy in our following financial year).

CHARITY ACCOUNTS

Financial Overview

From 01.04.23 – 31.03.24, no funds were received or spent by the charity. The charity held no assets or liabilities. Most running costs (such as electricity, stationery or internet use) were negligible and were covered personally by the trustees. No trustee received any expenses remuneration or benefits in this financial period.

Financial Risks and Reserves

There were no deficits held or financial risks posed towards us as a charity during the financial year. As a going concern, it will be our aim and responsibility to accrue unrestricted funds over time to help us further develop our infrastructure and build sufficient reserves. We have a reserves policy that will be revised in an ongoing manner as our project and running costs are better understood.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Higgins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shaun Higgins, Secretary
14.01.25.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Kurikindi Foundation

Charity No:
1192677

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01.04.23.	To	Period end date 31.03.24.
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
None	0	0	0	0	0
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	0	0	0	0	0

**A2 Asset and investment sales,
(see table).**

None	0	0	0	0	0
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total receipts</i>	0	0	0	0	0

A3 Payments

None	0	0	0	0	0
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>					

	0	0	0	0	0
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
None	0	0	0	0	0
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	0	0	0	0	0
Net of receipts/(payments)	0	0	0	0	0
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	0	0	0	0	0

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

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
Categories	Details			

B1 Cash funds

	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
None	0	0	0
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	0	0	0
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
None	0	0	0
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
None		-	-

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B4 Assets retained for the charity’s own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
None		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
None			

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Shaun Higgins	30.12.24.