



Annual review and Financial Statements 2023

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Introduction

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2023. The report complies with the charity's Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organization, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)".



Meson Objectives and Activities

The object of the CIO is for the benefit of the public, the advancement of the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and the world, including the relief of those in need, particularly those who are vulnerable and marginalised from society for reasons of age, disability, ill-health, financial or other disadvantage by the provision of funds, items, or practical support.

There have been no changes to these objectives during the year.

Appointment of Trustees

The initial Trustees were appointed in agreement with our core values, beliefs and following the wider culture sector's approach to best practice on due care and diligence. This was aligned to the professional

operational rigor of the sector in order to meet the legal and financial requirements of the constitution of the organisation.

The procedure for appointment of Trustees in the future is by majority vote from the current Trustees.

The members of the Board of Trustees' of the Charity during the year ended 31 December 2023 were: -

Luke John Derbyshire
Sunil Rajan
Bianca Derbyshire
Ruth Berenice Romo Ortiz

The Trustees as at the date the accounts were approved were: -

Luke John Derbyshire
Sunil Rajan
Bianca Derbyshire
Ruth Berenice Romo Ortiz

Income

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Meson relies on Grants and donations.

Risk Management

The Trustees have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating along these lines is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year.

We are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Achievements and Performance

We spent this year raising money through various means such as giving presentations at churches, running fundraising events and selling coffee which was sourced from the Oaxaca region where we intend to run our projects in 2023. On top of giving presentations at churches and schools, we also raised awareness through our social media campaigns.

Financial Review Investment Strategy

We currently have in reserves of £883 which we plan to use to fund several feeding projects in rural communities in the Oaxaca region in 2023. We currently have 3 planned to take place with the aim of feeding 120 children living in impoverished communities. Further to this, these

feeding programmes will also include a weeklong children's programme which will focus on physical and spiritual wellbeing. This will be achieved by running fitness classes alongside practical nutritional workshops for parents with the intention of guiding on how to make informed food decisions to help choose a healthy diet whilst at same time not compromising cultural values. Additionally, we will be running craft workshops for all children that attend.

Reserves Policy

The charity's reserves policy is to hold approximately 10 months' expenditure in reserve although this is not always possible. Incoming resources for the year stood at nil, while outgoing resources were nil. This is a result of the global pandemic.

Public Benefit requirement

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Independent Examiner

Fumi Popoola of FP Associates Limited was appointed as the charity's independent examiner for the financial year.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 19 January 2025, and is signed on their behalf by:

Luke Derbyshire

Trustee

19 January 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees' on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023

I report on the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 11 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2)) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the governing document or constitution of the Charity for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosure in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds
	Notes	£	£	£
Receipts				
Receipts from generated funds		-	-	-
Grants		-	-	-
Other income	2	700	-	700
		-----	-----	-----
Total incoming resources		700	-	700
Costs of raising and generating funds		-	-	-
Net incoming resources available for charitable applications		-----	-----	-----
		700	-	700
		-----	-----	-----
Payments				
Charitable activities		1,470	-	1,470
Support costs of activities		-	-	-
Governance costs	3	85	-	85
		-----	-----	-----
Total resources expended		1,555	-	1,555
		-----	-----	-----
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before revaluations and		(855)	-	(855)
Transfer between funds		-	-	
		-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		855	-	855
Total funds brought forward		883	-	833
Total funds carried forward		28	-	28
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The notes on page 10 form part of these accounts

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	£
Fixed assets	
The value of assets owned are:	
Equipment	-
Bank & Cash Balances	
Investments	-
Cash at bank and in hand	28
Other Assets and Liabilities	
Assets	-
<i>Liabilities</i>	
Due for Independent Examinations	-
Expenses to be reimbursed	-

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 19 January 2025

Luke Derbyshire

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

2. Voluntary receipts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Donations	<u>903</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>903</u>
	<u>903</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>903</u>

3. Governance Costs

Bank charges	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>
	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>

4. Staff and Trustees

The charity does not have any employed staff. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any trustees during the year, not to any person connected to them.

5. Funds

There were no restricted funds in the year ended 31 December 2023.