



Tees Valley of Sanctuary

Trustees' Annual Report

1st Feb 2023

31st Jan 2024

Charity name

Tees Valley of Sanctuary

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1193792

Charity's principal address

60 The Avenue

Linthorpe

Middlesbrough

Postcode

TS5 6SB

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	Satinder Collins	Chair		
2	Samsoudini Moussa	Co-Chair		
3	Maya Rishmawi	Treasurer	Until 04/02/2024	
4	Pete Widlinski		Until 31 st Jan 2024	
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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		
	None			

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

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)

CIO in the Tees Valley

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by Board

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.

TVoS has a group of volunteers and members from whom we try to select our trustees. Trustees are usually familiar with our work or they may attend some of the workshops offered by City of Sanctuary.

TVoS has the following policies in place:

- Internal Financial Controls
- Due Diligence
- Conflicts of Interest
- Social Media
- Safeguarding

Section C Objectives and activities

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

TVoS is part of the bigger City of Sanctuary movement which follows these objects:

Encouraging towns, areas, places, organisations and institutions to become welcome and safe, through the provision of information, advice and support;

Advancing the education and training of people who are refugees or asylum seekers;

Liaising with other private, voluntary and statutory organisations on relevant issues

Promoting activities to foster understanding between the general public, refugees and asylum seekers

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)

Activities undertaken:

- Working with schools and colleges to encourage them to become Schools of Sanctuary
- Promoting community cohesion through our work with schools and colleges
- Providing training for sectors of the NHS to improve their understanding of refugee issues.
- Promoting a better understanding of the mental health of refugees and asylum seekers.
- Work alongside a researcher on theory of change to enable collaborative working on mental health.
- Feedback to refugee charities of research findings.
- Working with UASC (Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children) to gain knowledge of their needs.
- Attending training, workshops, meetings and AGM to learn from and share with other CoS groups.
- Supporting campaigns that will improve the lives of the RAS community.
- Awareness raising about refugee rights.

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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

There has been an increase in the number of schools applying to become schools of sanctuary. Four schools have achieved the award and two school and two colleges are working towards accreditation.

There is a greater awareness of the mental health issues that can affect people seeking sanctuary.

After training provided to TEWV NHS, Stockton and Middlesbrough MIND, jobs were created for people to work specifically with the RAS community.

There is improved use of mental health services and a specialist service specifically for people seeking sanctuary has begun to provide group therapy sessions for different communities.

Work to obtain Local Authority of Sanctuary status is ongoing in three out of five of our region's LAs.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity does not have any reserves as yet.

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.

Funding is through donations
Expenditure is related to services TVoS provide and meetings attended relating to our work

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)	Satinder Kaur Collins	
Full name(s)	Satinder Collins	Samsoudini Moussa
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Co-Chair
Date	05/03/2024	

TVoS Accounts Jan 2023 to Jan 2024

Total receipts	50	-	-		8,718
A3 Payments					
21/07/23 City of Sanctuary	60	-	-	60	-
21/07/23 City of Sanctuary	120	-	-	120	-
29/10/23 Maya Rishmawi	50	-	-	50	-
20/10/23 Amy Whittaker	207	-	-	207	-
20/10/23 Katharine Lam	127	-	-	127	-
Bank Charges	72	-	-	72	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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Sub total	636	-	-	636	8,082