

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Period 12 May 2021 to 31 December 2021

for

Faith for the Climate

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and activities

The objects, for which the charity is established as stated in its governing document, are:

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 and encouraging people of faith, particularly in leadership roles to take effective action to tackle climate change and conserve natural 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 regeneration.
2. To advance the education of the public in subjects relating to sustainable development and the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment and to promote study and research in such subjects provided that the useful results of such study are disseminated to the public at large. Sustainable development means development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Ethos

Faith for the Climate exists to encourage, inspire and equip faith communities in their work on the crisis of climate change. Faith communities have a unique and precious role to play.

The Faith for the Climate charity provides means by which people of faith working on climate issues come together to learn from one another and to encourage and support one another in our faith-based work on the climate crisis. We know that faith communities, by coming together, have a powerful witness, voice and role to play in the wider climate movement.

Faith for the Climate was founded as a network in 2014 and became a registered charity (Reg No 1194434) in May 2021. Its offices are at St John's, Waterloo Road, London SE1 8TY although its trustees are located across the United Kingdom in Scotland, Birmingham, London and Hereford. FFTC is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and the Governing Document can be seen on the Charity Commission website at <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/5149833/governing-document>

Our partnerships

Faith for the Climate is committed to work collaboratively with other organisations which share our mission. FFTC:

- is an active member of the Climate Coalition, which is the largest organisation dedicated to action against climate change in the United Kingdom.
- is the UK national partner-founder of the international climate justice organisation, Greenfaith
- co-chairs the informal coalition of climate justice organisations, Make COP Count through its Steering Group which aims to ensure that diverse faith groups can contribute meaningfully to climate action before, during and after COP26 and 27
- is the only faith member of the working group of the Climate Justice Coalition (formerly the COP26 Coalition)
- has applied for membership of the Inter Faith Network UK.

We support people of every faith and every kind of faith-based action for the climate, including advocacy and prayer, lifestyle change and meditation, shareholder engagement and divestment, and non-violent direct action for the climate.

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Our network currently has over 450 members, including faith-based organisations and individual faith leaders and activists working on climate change, on a voluntary or professional basis. Membership of the network is open to any faith-based organisation, and people of every faith, working on climate change.

Public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and keep it in mind in all developments, to ensure that all our activities are delivering benefit to the public, as defined there.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Our activities and events

FFtC organises regular workshops for activists from a range of communities and organisations on specific subjects. Most recently these have included:

- September 2022 a workshop on Loss and Damage Action Day which led to an inter faith walk of witness on 22nd September in collaboration with secular groups such as Global Justice Now and OXFAM
- June 2022 on Women, the environment and sustainability
- February on advocacy principles and April 2022 on decarbonising our homes and places of worship

Our trustees and staff members are actively involved in a wide variety of conferences, seminars and media appearances:

- In 2021 eleven events with organisations such as Greenfaith International, Religions for Peace and SGI-UK and the Centre for Applied Buddhism
- In 2022 with the Brahma Kumari community
- July 2022: Building trust and respect with planet and community
- September 2022: Facing the Challenges of a rapidly changing world
- October 2022 inter faith film screening and panel event at Goldsmiths College to commemorate Black History Month and Faith4Climate Justice
- Our activities in Glasgow are summarised in a blog post here: <https://faithfortheclimate.org.uk/news/growing-within-ourselves-and-with-each-other/>

In 2022, FFtC initiated and chaired a series of High level Faith Leader meetings through which faith leaders are supported in sharing issues and concerns across their communities and organisations in relation to the climate and environment crisis.

Our resources

A key aspect of our work through 2020/ 2021/2022 has been the development of resources to assist smaller faith communities to develop their capacity to support climate concern and action in their communities. To this end we worked with four respected organisations: The Bahu Trust, Eco Dharma Network, EcoSikh and Hindu Climate Action, to produce events and resources.

Since 2019, we have partnered with the Climate Coalition and our members to produce faith-based resources for Show the Love, encouraging greater grassroots faith participation in that UK-wide week of action.

For 2021, we worked with Faith for the Climate members to update our seven Faith Resources, including new actions for campaigns.

For 2022, we shared the Climate Coalition's new Community Action Pack to equip organisations for their activities.

Our website was updated in 2022 and provides access to the great range of resources which have been developed by the faith and non-faith communities.

We provide a regular online newsletter and we have an active social media presence

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Our finances were managed until 31st December 2021 by the Bridge at Waterloo, registered charity no 1167768. Their accounts were independently examined by Steve Ellum Associates and filed with Companies House.

Our income for the year was £38,414 from the following sources: Calouste Gulbenkian Trust - Religions for Peace - Greenfaith - Network for Social Change - Other donations. We were also supported by a legacy given to us in 2020, and funding from the Polden Puckham charity.

Our expenditure for the year was £71,586, mainly on staffing. We incremented our staffing to provide support for the COP26 faiths operation.

The final balance of £42,219 was transferred to Faith for the Climate's own bank account at the beginning of 2022. Our first set of accounts will be filed with the Charity Commission after the financial year ending 31st December 2022.

FUTURE PLANS

Our strategic direction for 2022-25

We will focus on building an interfaith, grassroots movement in the UK that understands climate justice at local, national and global levels, and takes a variety of actions based on this understanding.

SMART objectives for 2022-25

1. Our grassroots movement-building will develop resources to equip and encourage local and national faith-inspired networks to take more climate justice actions.
2. Through effective messaging, and organising and/or supporting high-profile interfaith events, we will create political impact by pressuring the UK government to implement more ambitious and just climate policies.
3. We will raise our public profile by building new strategic partnerships with other secular and faith-based networks and media channels, and strengthening existing ones, for joint actions.
4. We will implement long-term governance and management strategies and policies in compliance with charity best practice.

Trustees agreed the 2022 Work Plan at their April meeting

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Our Trustees

Trustees are drawn from a range of significant faith communities present in the United Kingdom which are committed by their beliefs to the care of the planet and regard the present crisis of climate and environment as the most serious concern confronting the world.

Trustees meet quarterly to review the strategic direction of the charity, to monitor its financial health and to ensure compliance. In recent years the trustees have mainly met on zoom, but plan to have an in person meeting at the end of 2022.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1194434

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Principal address

St John's Church
Waterloo Road
London
SE1 8TY

Trustees

G Goddard (appointed 12/5/21)
D Young - Somers (appointed 24/11/21)
J B Cresswell (appointed 12/5/21)
T Patel (appointed 12/5/21)
J Jhutti - Johal (appointed 12/5/21)
H Ahmad (appointed 12/5/21)
I Sayed (appointed 12/5/21)
G Wilkinson (appointed 12/5/21)

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25.10.22 and signed on its behalf by:



G Goddard - Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities
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	Notes	Total funds £
NET INCOME		-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		-

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 December 2021

	Notes	Total funds £
NET CURRENT ASSETS		-
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		-
NET ASSETS		-
FUNDS	3	-
TOTAL FUNDS		-

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25th October 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:


G Goddard - Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 December 2021.

3. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/21 £
TOTAL FUNDS	-	-

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
TOTAL FUNDS	-	-	-

4. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 31 December 2021.