

FOCUS FOUNDATION
(Registered Charity No. 1194519)

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2021



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FOCUS FOUNDATION
CHARITY NUMBER: 1194519

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Name of Charity

Focus Foundation

Charity's principle address

Focus House
Ham Road
Shoreham-by-Sea
West Sussex
BN43 6PA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office	Dates acted if not for the whole period
Christopher Goodman	Chairman	
David Hill		
Heidi Skerritt		
Emma Stroude		
Elaine Goodman		

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document

Constitution

How the charity is constituted

Association

Trustee selection methods

Elected at convened meeting of charity trustees

Additional governance issues (*optional information*)

None

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running and charity (PB2)'.

The official 'objects' of Focus Foundation as per our constitution documents are: to advance such charitable purposes (according to the law of England & Wales) as the charity trustees see fit from time to time.

Focus Foundation is an independent grant-giving charity funding a wide range of programmes across the UK, and a philanthropic arm of Focus Group (www.focusgroup.co.uk)

Our mission is to Connect communities to make a positive and lasting difference to people's lives

Our core funding is directed at charities who support either underprivileged children & young people, or mental health, with a focus on grass roots charities where even small grants can make a huge difference to people's lives.

Our Grant Committee consider grant applications that meet our core criteria:

- The charity or community group must support one of our three core pillars;
 - Socially or economically underprivileged children or young people (24 or under)
 - Mental Health charities and initiatives
 - Charitable or community projects, local to one of Focus Group's regional offices
- The charity or community group needs to have an annual income of less than £2m
- The grant should be for a tangible project with clear and measurable benefits

They then assess the application looking at:

Efficiency. What proportion of its income is spent on core costs?

Governance. Is there clear direction, reporting and accountability?

Scope. Are the aims & objectives of the project clear, with measurable benefits?

Tangibility. Is the project funding something that directly benefits someone?

Impact. How many direct or indirect beneficiaries are there?

Budget. Is the project well costed and planned?

Sustainable. Are there long-term benefits to the community?

In summary we assess the scale, efficiency, governance of the charity, and the scope budget and impact of the project – we ensure the money is spent on something tangible, with measurable benefits, and we look for projects that offer a sustainable impact on people and the community.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Having become a registered CIO on the 18th May 2021, the first 6 months to our year end saw the charity mostly engaged in preparatory work, including developing its website, marketing material, writing policy documents, defining processes and agreeing a set of priorities for the year ahead.

Between our registration on the 18th May 2021 and our year end 30th Nov 2021, we ran one fundraising event raising £52,000 and approved 2 grants to the value of £3434.65

Significant Activities

In September 2021 we ran our first fundraising event, 'The Focus Group Golf Day in aid of Focus Foundation'. The event raised just over £52,000.

We began to receive grant applications from charities shortly after our registration, but these were largely generic unsolicited approaches, providing no detail on the project being funded. However it was not long before we began to receive more tailored approaches and were able to complete our assessment process. These resulted in 2 approved grants:

Bristol Association for Neighbourhood Daycare (BAND) had an application approved for £2000. The grant was to fund two 'Mental Health – Developing Children's Resilience' training courses. Run by accredited tutors, courses would be delivered to a total of 30 trainees working in childcare/schools/nurseries/youth-based organisations.

Henfield Youth Welfare Association (Henfield Youth Club) had an application approved for £1434.65. The grant was to fund the installation and upgrade of 7 computers. The project would also provide an educational activity for young people using the club who would get the opportunity to watch and take part in both the installation and upgrade of the machines.

Achievements against Objectives

For the period that this report covers we had limited activity, therefore reporting against objectives is difficult, however bringing things up to date, we can report on the following (as at September 2022):

Total no. of grants approved or issued:	15
Total sum of grants approved or issued:	£77,381
Total direct beneficiaries:	1649
Total indirect beneficiaries:	4764

We have also received excellent feedback from the charities we have worked with:

Dealing with Focus Foundation has been really a breath of fresh air, it's very unusual to have real contact with our funders...it's been a very human experience which feels appropriate but is very rare. (Kerry Evans – Brighton Therapy Centre)

They really appear to care about people and making lives better for young people and the community. (Debbie Slaughter – Henfield Youth Club)

Focus Foundation are listening to what the need are of the community and responding in a timely manner and that is what the community needs. (Cat Vizor – Esteem)

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Significant Events

In the financial year we raised £52,649.16, almost all of which came from one fundraising event. No grants were paid during the financial year and no costs were incurred by the charity.

Reserves

The trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months unrestricted charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to application for grants and ensure that there are sufficient funds available to cover support and governance costs.

Pay Policy for senior staff

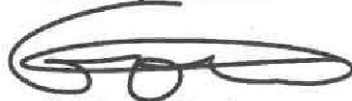
In the financial year, Focus Foundation had no paid employees, only volunteers.

DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Christopher Goodman

Position

Chairman

Date

28th September 2022

Independent examiners's report to the trustees of Focus Foundation

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 30 November 2021 set out on pages 5 and 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act")

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act

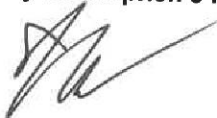
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by Mr Stephen J Moore FCCA (Independent Examiner)



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Date: 22/9/2022

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SECTION A RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
A1 Receipts				
Events	53,225	-	-	53,225
		-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	53,225	-	-	53,225
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc				
	-	-	-	-
<i>Total receipts</i>	53,225	-	-	53,225
A3 Payments				
Grants awarded	2,000	-	-	2,000
Fundraising fees	36	-	-	36
<i>Total payments</i>	2,036	-	-	2,036
<i>Net of receipts/payments</i>	51,189	-	-	51,189
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
<i>Cash funds available this year end</i>	51,189	-	-	51,189

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SECTION B STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £
B1 Cash funds			
Cash at bank	53,189	-	-
<i>Total cash funds</i>	53,189	-	-

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	When due
B5 Liabilities			
Grants awarded not yet paid	Unrestricted	2,000.00	< 1 year
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	2,000.00	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
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