

FOCUS FOUNDATION
(Registered Charity No. 1194519)

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022



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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		Ceased acting 27th April 2022
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

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.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

In the year to 30th Nov 2022 our nascent charity introduced a series of fundraising initiatives and began to receive a significant number of grant applications. We saw total income of £242,728.05 and issued grant payments of £73,532.79 to 16 successful grant applicants.

Significant Activities

The year's total income of £242,728.05 was made up of fundraising (£142,728.05) and income from Focus Group (£100,000).

The most notable fundraising activities included the Focus Group Golf Day which raised £64,783.38, a charity ball organised by South West Comms which raised £48,124.01. We also held a series of fundraising challenges including skydiving, climbing Ben Nevis, paddleboarding and a kids summer charity challenge.

In the second half of the year in collaboration with Focus Group, we launched Payroll Giving. We saw over 100 of their staff opt to become regular donors and these funds are matched by Focus Group. The scheme raised £11,100 between June and November 2022.

In terms of grants, we approved and paid 16 grants in year, totalling £73,532.79. This saw an average grant size of £4,595.80. Based on the information provided by the grant applicants, these funds positively impacted a total of 6463 beneficiaries.

Achievements against Objectives

The charity continues to go from strength to strength in delivering its mission of Connecting Communities to help Change Lives. In the year to November 2022 we can report the following:

Total no. of grants approved or issued:	15
Total sum of grants approved or issued:	£73,533
Total direct beneficiaries:	1,699
Total indirect beneficiaries:	4,764

As at September 2023 we can report the following:

Total no. of grants approved or issued to date:	53
Total sum of grants approved or issued to date:	£273,343
Total direct beneficiaries to date:	14,363
Total indirect beneficiaries to date:	32,661

These grants have been evenly spread across our primary pillars of Mental Health, Underprivileged Children & Young Adults and Local Community Projects.

We are also pleased to confirm that Focus Group continues to fund 100% of the running costs of the charity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Significant Events

In the financial year our total income was £242,728.05.

16 grants were paid during the financial year totalling £73,532.79. Total costs of £19,407.87 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

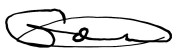
In the financial year, Focus Foundation had no paid employees, only volunteers.

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

29 Sep 2023

Independent examiners' 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 2022 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.

SJ Moore

Signed by Mr Stephen J Moore FCCA (Independent Examiner)

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Date: 29 Sep 2023

SECTION A STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

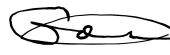
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
A1 Incoming Resources					
Events	114,367	-	-	114,367	53,225
Donations	117,261	-	-	117,261	
Payroll giving scheme	11,100	-	-	11,100	
<i>Sub total</i>	<u>242,728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>242,728</u>	<u>53,225</u>
<i>Total incoming resources</i>	<u>242,728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>242,728</u>	<u>53,225</u>
A3 Resources Expended					
Charitable activities					
Grants awarded	71,533	-	-	71,533	2,000
Cost of generating funds					
Fundraising fees	9,658	-	-	9,658	36
Governance costs					
IT system costs	10,749	-	-	10,749	-
<i>Sub total</i>	<u>91,940</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,940</u>	<u>2,036</u>
<i>Total resources expended</i>	<u>91,940</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,940</u>	<u>2,036</u>
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	<u>150,788</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,788</u>	<u>51,189</u>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Funds brought forward	51,189	-	-	51,189	
Total funds carried forward	<u>201,977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,977</u>	<u>51,189</u>

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

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
B1 Current assets:				
Cash at bank	133,397	-	-	133,397
Prepaid expenditure	68,580	-	-	68,580
				-
<i>Total cash funds</i>	<u>201,977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,977</u>

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	When due	
B5 Current Liabilities				
Grants awarded not yet paid	Unrestricted	-	< 1 year	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	201,977

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all trustees



Signature

Chris Goodman

Print name

29 Sep 2023

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