

Yorkshire Education Society Annual Report

Trustees' Annual Report for Yorkshire Education Society

The purpose of this report is to provide a comprehensive overview of the Yorkshire Education Society's activities and financial performance for the period of 18 February 2023 to 17 February 2024. The Yorkshire Education Society is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), officially registered under the Charity Registration Number 1197191. The charity is situated at 1039 Leeds Road, Dewsbury, WF12 7HY.

Established in December 2021, the Yorkshire Education Society is dedicated to advancing education and the Islamic religion for the public benefit in the UK. The organization aims to empower young people through education and careers guidance, fostering their development into mature individuals and active members of society. Additionally, the Society strives to promote understanding and awareness of Islamic beliefs through various community-oriented initiatives.

The financial records of the charity are maintained by Clientax Chartered Certified Accountants, located at Suite 30, Batley Business Park, Batley, WF17 6ER. Throughout the year, the Yorkshire Education Society has engaged in a range of activities aimed at fulfilling its objectives, including educational programs, community lectures, religious classes, and mosque renovation projects. These efforts not only enhance the services provided but also contribute significantly to the local community's spiritual and educational landscape.

This report will detail the Society's structure, governance, activities, financial position, and the impact it has made over the year, reflecting its commitment to serving the community and advancing its stated objectives.

Objectives

The Yorkshire Education Society is committed to advancing education and promoting the Islamic religion for the public benefit. The charity's objectives are twofold, focusing on the development of young people and the broader community's understanding of Islamic beliefs and practices.

Firstly, the Society aims to enhance education for young people by providing tailored education and careers guidance. This initiative helps young individuals realize their full potential, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to thrive both personally and professionally. By offering structured educational programs, the Society nurtures the capabilities of children and young adults, helping them to grow into

responsible and well-rounded members of society. This guidance not only prepares them for future careers but also instills a sense of purpose and belonging, essential for their overall development.

Secondly, the Yorkshire Education Society seeks to advance the Islamic religion through community engagement and outreach. By providing a space for worship, prayer meetings, and workshops, the Society fosters an environment where individuals can deepen their understanding of the Islamic faith. This initiative aims to raise awareness of Islamic beliefs and practices, paving the way for interfaith dialogue and mutual respect among diverse community members. The Society's efforts to increase awareness also include organizing lectures and events that invite the broader public to learn about Islam, thereby dispelling misconceptions and promoting harmony within the community.

These objectives not only benefit the individuals directly involved but also have a ripple effect, positively impacting the wider community. By empowering young people and promoting understanding of Islam, the Yorkshire Education Society plays a crucial role in building a cohesive, informed, and respectful society. Through its initiatives, the charity addresses the educational needs of the youth while fostering an inclusive environment for all, regardless of background or belief.

Structure, Governance, and Management

The organisational structure of the Yorkshire Education Society is designed to ensure effective governance and management of its charitable activities. At the helm is the Board of Trustees, responsible for the overall control and strategic direction of the charity. The Board is composed of dedicated individuals who volunteer their time and expertise without any remuneration. The current board members include Mohammed Abdullah Sheikh, alongside trustees Mohammed Yunus Sheikh, Faraaz Hussain, Umar Dhadiwala, Hasaan Shafiq Rafiq, and Aamir Mohamed Madari. Each trustee plays a vital role in decision-making, contributing to the Society's mission of advancing education and the Islamic faith.

Trustee recruitment and appointment are conducted by the existing board members, ensuring that new trustees align with the charity's objectives and governance requirements. This process is crucial for maintaining a leadership team that is committed to the Society's mission and is equipped with the necessary skills and perspectives to guide its initiatives effectively.

Risk management is a key focus for the trustees, who continuously assess potential risks facing the charity. This ongoing evaluation enables the Board to implement proactive measures to mitigate identified risks. Policies and procedures are established to safeguard the charity's operations, ensuring that all activities are conducted in compliance with legal and regulatory standards. The trustees are committed to transparency and accountability, regularly reviewing risk management strategies and adapting them as needed to respond to changing circumstances.

In summary, the structured governance framework of the Yorkshire Education Society, led by a dedicated Board of Trustees, ensures that the charity operates efficiently while fulfilling its objectives. By prioritizing effective recruitment and risk management, the Society is well-positioned to continue making a positive impact within the community.

Activities and Achievements

The Yorkshire Education Society undertook a variety of impactful activities throughout the year 2023, reflecting its commitment to education and community engagement. One of the most significant initiatives was the implementation of educational programs aimed at both children and adults. Daily religious educational classes were conducted for young learners aged 4 to 16, alongside adult sessions that catered to a wider audience. These classes provided essential knowledge about the Islamic faith, nurturing a sense of belonging and spiritual growth among participants.

In addition to regular classes, the Society hosted several programs and lectures led by esteemed religious scholars and experts. These events not only enriched the community's understanding of Islam but also offered an opportunity for attendees to engage with knowledgeable figures, fostering a deeper connection to their faith. The recognition of outstanding students from the Madrasah was another highlight of the year. Acknowledging their commitment and achievements through awards served to motivate students and reinforce the importance of education within the community.

Support for converts to Islam was a further area of focus. The Society provided physical, mental, and spiritual assistance to new Muslims, helping them navigate their journey and integrate into the community. This outreach promotes inclusivity and understanding, ensuring that all members feel valued and supported.

Community engagement initiatives were prevalent throughout the year, including fortnightly lectures featuring special guests that drew attendees from across the nation. These gatherings not only facilitated knowledge sharing but also strengthened community bonds. The Society also organized various Ramadan activities, such as communal iftars, which fostered unity among local communities. The "Ramadan Series," a conference featuring workshops and guest presentations, provided additional opportunities for learning and reflection during this significant month.

A key achievement of the year was the mosque renovation project, which transformed the place of worship into a more welcoming and functional space. The renovations included new prayer areas, classrooms, and dedicated sections for women, alongside essential upgrades like a CCTV system, solar panels, and central heating. Major structural repairs and interior updates were also completed, enhancing the overall environment for worship and community gatherings.

Through these diverse activities, the Yorkshire Education Society has successfully delivered public benefit, reinforcing its commitment to education and community development.

Financial Review

The financial activities of the Yorkshire Education Society during the year 2023 were primarily centered on the mosque renovation and construction projects. These initiatives were crucial for enhancing the functionality and sustainability of the charity's facilities, thereby enabling better service delivery to the community.

The mosque renovation project was the focal point of the charity's financial efforts. It was funded largely by generous donations from individuals and local communities who recognized the importance of having a modern and accessible place of worship. The total expenditure on the renovation exceeded initial projections due to the extensive scope of the work required. The renovations included creating new prayer areas, dedicated classrooms for educational purposes, and a separate women's prayer section, ensuring that the mosque serves all members of the community effectively.

Additionally, significant investments were made in upgrading the mosque's infrastructure. This included the installation of a new CCTV system for enhanced security, solar panels to promote sustainability, and a modern central heating system to ensure comfort during colder months. The completion of major structural repairs and roofing work was essential in safeguarding the mosque's integrity and longevity. New carpeting and interior updates further improved the aesthetic and functional quality of the space.

The charity maintained a transparent accounting process throughout the year, closely monitored by Clientax Chartered Certified Accountants. Regular financial reviews were conducted to ensure that funds were being utilized effectively and in alignment with the charity's objectives. By the end of the year, the successful completion of the mosque renovation not only met immediate needs but also positioned the Yorkshire Education Society for future growth and community engagement initiatives.

Overall, the financial outcomes of 2023 reflect a year of significant investment in physical assets that underpin the charity's mission, ultimately enhancing its capacity to serve the community in a meaningful way.

Volunteers and Community Support

Volunteers play a vital role in the operations of the Yorkshire Education Society, contributing their time and skills to enhance the charity's activities and outreach. However, it is important to note that the Society does not maintain a year-round pool of regular volunteers. This absence can be attributed to various factors, including the fluctuating availability of community members and the specific nature of the projects undertaken, which often require targeted efforts rather than ongoing engagement.

To address this, the trustees actively focus on the recruitment and development of volunteers for specific projects and events. This approach allows the charity to harness community enthusiasm and expertise during particular initiatives, maximizing the impact of volunteer contributions. The trustees create targeted outreach campaigns to engage potential volunteers, utilizing local networks, social media platforms, and community

events to spread awareness about upcoming projects. By clearly communicating the goals and needs of each initiative, the Society encourages individuals to participate in ways that align with their interests and availability.

The development of volunteers is equally important. The trustees ensure that volunteers receive adequate training and support to perform their roles effectively. By fostering an inclusive environment, the Society not only empowers volunteers to contribute meaningfully but also cultivates a sense of belonging and community spirit. This is particularly vital for events such as educational programs and community lectures, where volunteers often help with organization, logistics, and participant engagement.

Through these concerted efforts, the Yorkshire Education Society demonstrates its commitment to utilizing volunteer support as a means of enhancing its operations. By focusing on targeted recruitment and volunteer development, the charity can harness the collective strength of the community to further its mission and serve the public benefit effectively.

Acknowledgments

The success of the Yorkshire Education Society in fulfilling its mission and achieving its objectives throughout the year 2023 is fundamentally attributed to the invaluable support and contributions from our donors, volunteers, and community members. We express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has played a role in cultivating an environment where education and understanding of the Islamic faith can thrive.

To our generous donors, your kindness and commitment to our cause have been instrumental in enabling us to undertake significant projects, particularly the mosque renovation and educational programs. Your financial contributions have allowed us to not only enhance our facilities but also expand the reach of our educational initiatives, ensuring that we can provide quality resources and opportunities for our community. Each donation, regardless of size, has made a meaningful impact, and for that, we are truly thankful.

We would also like to extend our deepest appreciation to our dedicated volunteers, whose time and effort have been vital to the implementation of our activities. Your willingness to step forward and assist in various programs, from educational classes to community lectures, exemplifies the spirit of service that lies at the heart of our organization. The countless hours you have dedicated to supporting our initiatives have enriched the experiences of participants and strengthened our community ties.

Moreover, we recognize the importance of community support in our endeavors. The encouragement and participation from local residents have not only motivated us but have also fostered a sense of unity and collaboration within the community. Your engagement in our events and activities has created a vibrant atmosphere where individuals feel connected and valued.

Together, the contributions of donors, volunteers, and community members have woven a tapestry of support that underpins the Yorkshire Education Society's mission. As we look to the future, we remain committed to nurturing these relationships and continuing

our collective efforts to advance education and promote understanding of the Islamic faith for the benefit of all.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees of the Yorkshire Education Society bear significant responsibilities in ensuring the charity operates in compliance with applicable laws and standards. One of their primary duties is the preparation of the annual report and financial statements. The trustees are tasked with producing these documents in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011. This responsibility entails presenting a true and fair view of the charity's financial position, ensuring transparency and accountability in financial reporting.

In addition to reporting obligations, the trustees are responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets. This involves implementing effective financial controls and oversight mechanisms to protect the charity's resources from fraud and misuse. The trustees must actively monitor financial transactions and ensure that all assets are utilized according to the charity's objectives and in the best interests of the community it serves. Regular reviews of financial practices are essential to maintain the integrity of the charity's operations.

Compliance with legal and regulatory requirements is another critical area of responsibility for the trustees. They must ensure that the charity adheres to all relevant laws and regulations governing charitable organizations in the UK. This includes maintaining proper governance structures, conducting regular risk assessments, and implementing policies to mitigate identified risks. By fostering a culture of compliance, the trustees can ensure that the charity not only meets its legal obligations but also operates ethically and responsibly within the community.

Furthermore, the trustees are also responsible for the recruitment and appointment of new board members. This process is crucial to maintaining a diverse and skilled board that reflects the charity's objectives and enhances its governance. By ensuring that new trustees align with the mission of the Yorkshire Education Society, the board can continue to effectively guide the charity toward achieving its goals.

Through these responsibilities, the trustees play a vital role in ensuring the long-term sustainability and success of the Yorkshire Education Society, ultimately benefiting the community it serves.

Mohammed Sheikh

On behalf of the trustees

YORKSHIRE EDUCATION SOCIETY
CHARITY COMMISSION REFERENCE NO: 1197191

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 17 February 2024.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) 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
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our 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 or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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 our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (a) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the

accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;

have not been met; or

(b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 15 December 2024

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 18/02/2023	To	Period end date 17/02/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Income/Donations	128 477	-	-	128 477	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	128 477	-	-	128 477	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	128 477	-	-	128 477	-
A3 Payments					
Building works, supplies and materials	101 808	-	-	101 808	-
Light and Heat	2 358	-	-	2 358	-
Rates	524	-	-	524	-
Office supplies	510	-	-	510	-
Rent	4 000	-	-	4 000	-
Telecomms and data	386	-	-	386	-
Bank charges	67	-	-	67	-
Admin	55	-	-	55	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	109 708	-	-	109 708	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	109 708	-	-	109 708	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	18 769	-	-	18 769	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	750	-	-	750	-
Cash funds this year end	19 519	-	-	19 519	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in bank	6 581	-	-
	Cash in hand	12 938	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	19 519	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	1039 Leeds Road, WF12 7HY		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Loans	20801	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	M.A. Sheikh	Mohammed Sheikh	17/12/24