

FOOTWORK UK

England & Wales - Charity number 1197231

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-12-20

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND ADVANCE THE GOOD HEALTH OF THOSE AFFECTED BY PODOCONIOSIS AND OTHER SKIN-RELATED NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES IN AFRICA, ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA, OR IN ANY OTHER PART OF THE WORLD WHERE SUCH A DISEASE OCCURS, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: A. BRINGING TOGETHER NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ACTORS TO STRENGTHEN COORDINATION, COLLABORATION AND MUTUAL LEARNING;B. SUPPORTING MORE ENDEMIC COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS TO DEVELOP NTD MASTER PLANS AND LONG-TERM HEALTH STRATEGIES, ENABLING BETTER ACCESS TO, AND INTEGRATION OF, CARE;C. HARNESSING EVIDENCE -BASED ADVOCACY TO ACCELERATE THE ADOPTION AND SCALE-UP OF INTERVENTIONS FOR TREATMENT AND PREVENTION; ANDD. PROVIDING EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO REDUCE STIGMA AND ADDRESS THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE DISEASE.

Activities: We bring together national, regional and global actors to strengthen coordination and mutual learning; support endemic country governments to develop NTD Master Plans, enabling better access to, and integration of, care; harness evidence-based advocacy to accelerate the adoption and scale-up of interventions for treatment and prevention; and provide education and training to reduce stigma.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Burundi
- Ethiopia
- India
- Kenya
- Rwanda
- Uganda

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£47,509	£79,224	-	-
2024-07-31	£63,221	£329	-	-
2023-07-31	£0	£0	-	-
2022-07-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Philip Cotton	Chair	2026-02-03
Dr Asrat Mengiste Mergia		2024-03-11
Dr Lucinda Claire FULLER		2021-07-21
GRETHE LYKOU PETERSEN		2021-12-21
James Maughan		2023-03-21
Melanie Anning		2021-12-21
NANCY LEE		2021-12-21
Professor Gail Davey OBE		2021-12-20

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Organisations:	Brighton & Sussex Medical School provided infrastructure support such as internet calls.
Properties:	There are no properties held by the charity at this time.

Structure, governance and management.

Footwork UK is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) whose only voting members are its Trustees. The CIO is governed by the Constitution dated 13th December 2021.

James Maughan joined the board during the August 2024-July 2025 reporting period. A new Chair of Trustees has been identified and will start in the next reporting period.

Footwork UK hired a Resource Mobilisation and Strategy Manager who started on September 16th 2024 and will serve until 30th June 2026.

Financial Report

Footwork UK currently has a Treasurer's bank account with Lloyds Bank.

Balance 01/08/2024: £62,892.00

Balance 31/07/2025: £31,177.26

Income		Amount (£)
	Donations	25,400.00
	Grant funding	22,109.40
	Total income	47,509.40
Expenditure		
	Salaries	39,460.00
	Transfers to project partners	12,515.00
	International Conference expenses	26,780.45
	Instrumentl subscription	427.03
	Bank charges	41.79
	Total expenditure	79,224.27

Exemptions from disclosure

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Activities.

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Achievements and performance.

Highlights in the year August 2024 to July 2025:

Projects

- Continuing our activities in our second year for IZUMI Foundation funded programme “Building a sustainable future for podoconiosis elimination”. The UK-based activities included –
 - Hiring a new Resource Mobilisation and Strategy manager (September 2024).
 - Collating second year reports from partners in Ethiopia and Rwanda to provide an interim report to IZUMI Foundation, following which the third tranche of funding was released.
- Footwork UK was represented at the IZUMI Foundation Partners’ Meeting by Prof Gail Davey.

- Addis Ababa clinics. Following approval of a proposal and development of contracts with partners National Podoconiosis Action Network (NaPAN) and International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), three new clinics for podoconiosis patients were established in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. These were supported to donations from individuals to Footwork UK and are situated at Megbare Senay General Hospital, Gotera Health Center and Feres Meda Health Center. 155 patients were treated through these sites.

Governance

- Board Meetings were held in October 2024, February 2025 and June 2025.
- Footwork UK policies were adopted and will be available on the Footwork website in the future. The current list of policies is:
 - Conflict of Interest Policy
 - Ethical Policy
 - EDI Policy
 - Risk Management Policy
 - Safeguarding Policy

Fundraising

- The new Resource Mobilisation and Strategy Manager developed a fundraising strategy for approaching Foundations and Trusts.
- Over thirty foundations and trusts were shortlisted and seven grant applications were made during the reporting period.
- Footwork UK took a subscription of an online tool (Instrumentl) to improve the search of new leads and smoothen the process of application for grants.
- A new PayPal donation gateway was added to the website to facilitate donations

Advocacy

- Dr Claire Fuller led advocacy efforts culminating in the adoption of resolution 78:15 recognising skin diseases as a global public health priority at the World Health Assembly in May 2025. This will ultimately impact services for a wide range of skin conditions including podoconiosis.
- Footwork UK successfully organised the 2nd International Podoconiosis Conference in Kigali, Rwanda in January 2025. This was attended by over 100 participants representing more than 15 countries. The Conference platformed new podoconiosis related research and hosted a panel that addressed raising awareness of podoconiosis. A book of abstracts was shared with attendees.
- Prof Gail Davey attended the WHO Skin-NTD meeting in March 2025, where a podoconiosis focused side meeting led to a proposal for the formation of a regional podoconiosis elimination platform anchored in an African institution.

- A new five-year Footwork Strategy for 2026-2031 was approved by the Board and will be launched in the subsequent reporting cycle.

Trustee Actions

Prof Gail Davey liaises with academics doing research on podoconiosis worldwide, continues as Chair of the WHO Skin-NTD Operational Research Working Group and is leading the development of the Regional Podoconiosis Elimination Platform. Dr Asrat Mengiste Mergia serves as liaison between Footwork UK, the NTD NGO Network and the Ethiopian Ministry of Health. Dr L Claire Fuller led skin advocacy efforts at global level and provided Footwork UK with leads regarding potential funding sources. She remains Chair of the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD, www.ifd.org). Melanie Anning provided powerful input to the panel discussion at the 2nd International Podoconiosis Conference and supported development of the communications strategy of Footwork UK. James Maughan has developed links between Footwork UK and the World Doctors Orchestra and actively supports the Resource Mobilisation and Strategy Manager in developing potential new funders. He also attended the 2nd International Podoconiosis Conference. Grethe Lykou Petersen supported interviews for the Resource Mobilisation and Strategy manager, reviewed policy drafts and reports. Nancy Lee reviewed policy drafts and reports.

The public benefits of these actions are:

- **Accelerated dissemination of research findings** from global actors to strengthen training programs for healthcare workers on the prevention and treatment of podoconiosis.
- **Strategic oversight of care delivery projects** supporting individuals and communities affected by podoconiosis in Ethiopia and Rwanda.
- **Engagement with potential funders** to initiate discussions aimed at securing sustainable future financing.
- **Establishment of resource mobilisation infrastructure** in the UK to enable long-term funding and support mechanisms.

The trustees therefore confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission in exercising their powers.



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Examiner's unqualified report (for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts) with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Footwork Trust I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Footwork Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st July 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of 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 the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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: 

Name: Catherine Waage

Dated: 30th March 2026

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies: MAAT 20026262

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Financial Report

During the period reported, Footwork UK opened a Treasurer's bank account with Lloyds Bank. Income awarded by IZUMI Foundation was transferred into this account. Two donations were received during this reporting period, one from Pace Coffee, a Brighton-based organisation that donates a proportion of premium coffee sales to Footwork UK. Payment was made to advertise the Resource Mobilisation and Strategy Manager post.

Date	Description	Paid In	Paid Out	Balance
09/02/2024	Donation	1,000.00		1,000.00
14/02/2024	Project funding (IZUMI)	31,231.04		32,231.04
21/03/2024	Donation (Pace Coffee)	200.00		32,431.04
23/05/2024	Project funding (IZUMI)	30,790.08		63,221.12
24/05/2024	JobLadder UK		329	62,892.12

Exemptions from disclosure

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Activities.

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Achievements and performance.

In the year September 2023 to August 2024, we have delivered on our objectives by:

1. Executing the first year activities of our proposal “Building a sustainable future for podoconiosis elimination” funded by IZUMI Foundation. The UK-based activities included –
 - Signing a Contract between Footwork UK and University of Sussex to host the Resource Mobilisation and Strategy Manager post at the University of Sussex;
 - Collating reports from partners in Ethiopia and Rwanda to provide an interim report to IZUMI Foundation;
 - Developing and advertising a Job Description, holding two rounds of interviews and appointing to the post in the subsequent reporting period.

An interim report for the period May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024 was submitted on May 20th 2024 and reviewed by IZUMI Foundation who released the second tranche of funding in response.

Board Meetings were held in December 2023, March 2024 and June 2024. The following activities were conducted –

Fundraising

- Launch of a link between Footwork UK and Pace Coffee (<https://pace.coffee/giving-back>). Pace Coffee will donate £1 of every pack sold of Champion's Choice and the Podium Bundle to Footwork. One donation of £200 was made in this project period.
- Draft proposals developed to assist incoming Resource Mobilisation and Strategy Manager
- First year interim report received by IZUMI who responded "It was great to learn more about the activities that took place in Ethiopia and Rwanda, and we appreciated learning more about some of the challenges as well. We're glad to hear that both the Ethiopia and Rwanda sub-projects are leveraging health structures for greater awareness and sustainability."

Advocacy

- Successful negotiations to hold the 2nd International Podoconiosis Conference in conjunction with another large Neglected Tropical Disease meeting in Kigali, Rwanda in January 2025.

Trustee Actions

Prof Gail Davey liaises with academics doing research on podoconiosis worldwide, continues as Chair of the WHO Skin-NTD Operational Research Working Group and drafted the Interim Report to IZUMI Foundation. Dr Asrat Mengiste Mergia serves as liaison between Footwork UK and the NTD NGO Network and the Ethiopian Ministry of Health. Dr L Claire Fuller provided leads in regard to potential funding sources and remained Chair of the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD, www.ifd.org). Melanie Anning developed the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy and acted as interviewer for the Resource Mobilization and Strategy Manager post. James Maughan has developed links between Footwork UK and the World Doctors Orchestra and offered contacts to potential new funders. Grethe Lykou Petersen and Nancy Lee acted as interviewers for the Resource Mobilization and Strategy Manager post and reviewed the Interim Report to IZUMI Foundation.

The public benefits of these actions have been i) to rapidly bring the findings of research relating to global actors including WHO and NNN to support training of healthcare workers on prevention and treatment of podoconiosis; ii) to oversee projects bringing delivery of

care to people and communities affected by podoconiosis in Ethiopia and Rwanda; iii) to initiate conversations with funders aimed at securing future funding; (iv) to identify a venue and partner organisation for the 2nd International Podoconiosis Conference; and (v) to create an infrastructure enabling future resource mobilisation in the UK.

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Financial Report

During the period reported, Footwork UK was awarded income by IZUMI Foundation, but this was not transferred within the reporting period due to delays in setting up a UK bank account (see below). All activities were performed by the Trustees without payments being made. Neither Footwork UK nor Trustees act as custodians for any funds.

Exemptions from disclosure

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Achievements and performance.

In the year September 2022 to August 2023, our main activity was preparation of a proposal for funding to IZUMI Foundation, a Japanese foundation based in Boston, US. The proposal was for a 3-year project with total funding \$249,000. This was submitted in January 2023, and we heard this was successful in April 2023. The proposal is entitled “Building a sustainable future for podoconiosis elimination” and has three main objectives –

1. To improve the quality of care through training of health professionals in northern Ethiopia and Rwanda;
2. To improve the social determinants of health by increasing the ability of the poorest patients to treat themselves and prevent disease in their families by introducing hygiene-based income generation activities in northern Ethiopia;
3. To ensure sustainability of these activities by identifying new funders and supporting endemic governments to develop podo technical working groups.

Funding for the first two objectives (to be carried out in Ethiopia and Rwanda, total budget over three years, \$129,000), will run through Footwork International’s host, Social Good Foundation. Funding for the third objective (to strengthen infrastructure in the UK) will run through the Footwork UK bank account, with total funding over three years of \$120,000.

Following acquisition of this funding, agreements were signed between Social Good Foundation and our Ethiopian and Rwandan partners (National Podoconiosis Action Network, International Orthodox Christian Charities, both in June and Heart & Sole Africa, in July). Transfers of the first tranche of funding to cover Year 1 activities were made in July 2023, and activities commenced in both countries.

The third objective first required setting up a bank account in the UK. Footwork UK trustees assessed several options, and selected Lloyds Bank. The process of opening a Treasurers Account was protracted and was not completed within this reporting period, but eventually was successful in November 2023. Activities for the third objective, specifically the recruitment of a Resource Mobilisation and Strategy Manager, were therefore delayed into the subsequent reporting period.

Board Meetings were held in November 2022, March 2023 and July 2023. The following activities were conducted –

Fundraising

- Proposal development for IZUMI Foundation (as above)
- Identification of opportunity with World Doctors’ Orchestra for fundraising concert in 2026
- Job description for Resource Mobilisation and Strategy Manager post developed
- Support given to Dr Wendemagegen Enbiale for successful L’Oreal Social Responsibility Award covering podoconiosis and cutaneous leishmaniasis treatment in Ethiopia

Governance

- Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy finalised
- Safeguarding policy drafted

Trustee Actions

Prof Gail Davey was appointed Chair of the WHO Skin-NTD Operational Research Working Group in April 2023 and liaised with country partners over delivery of the IZUMI project. Dr Asrat Mengiste Mergia was Chair of the LF/Podo Disease-Specific Group of the Neglected Tropical Disease NGO Network (NNN <https://www.ntd-ngonetwork.org/about/nnn-structure/disease-specific-groups>), a global network of more than 80 NGOs working on conditions like podoconiosis. Dr L Claire Fuller remained Chair of the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD, www.ifd.org) and on the board of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) (www.ilds.org). In these roles, she contributes to WHO work on the Skin-related Neglected Tropical Diseases. Melanie Anning continued to promote news about podoconiosis. James Maughan, Grethe Lykou Petersen and Nancy Lee have identified fundraising opportunities and reviewed the proposal submitted to IZUMI Foundation.

The public benefits of these actions have been i) to equip global actors including WHO and NNN to support training of healthcare workers on prevention and treatment of podoconiosis; ii) to support delivery of care to people and communities affected by podoconiosis in endemic countries; iii) to initiate conversations with funders aimed at securing future funding; (iv) to identify other fundraising opportunities and events; and (v) to create an infrastructure enabling future resource mobilisation in the UK.

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Achievements and performance.

Since registration as a CIO in December 2021, Footwork UK has focused on resource mobilisation to enable the organisation to reach its objectives. Board Meetings were held in March and July 2022. The following activities were conducted –

Fundraising

- Resources for rapid briefing including Case for Support developed
- Fundraising strategy agreed
- Discussions with two potential funders (IZUMI Foundation and CRI Foundation) held
- Communications sub-group formed

Governance

- Board guidelines finalised
- Donations policy finalised

Trustee Actions

Dr Asrat Mengiste Mergia was appointed Chair of the LF/Podo Disease-Specific Group of the Neglected Tropical Disease NGO Network (NNN <https://www.ntd-ngonetwork.org/about/nnn-structure/disease-specific-groups>), a global network of more than 80 NGOs working on conditions like podoconiosis. Dr L Claire Fuller is Chair of the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD, www.ifd.org) and on the board of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) (www.ilds.org). In these roles, she contributes to WHO work on the Skin-related Neglected Tropical Diseases. Prof Gail Davey was asked by WHO to develop an online training course for community health workers on podoconiosis (at <https://openwho.org/courses/NTDs-podoconiosis-EN>). Melanie Anning has used multiple social media opportunities to promote stories about podoconiosis. Grethe Lykou Petersen and Nancy Lee have scoped grant opportunities and reviewed proposals submitted to IZUMI Foundation and CRI Foundation. Dr Asrat and Prof Davey conducted a follow-up call with CRI Foundation.

The public benefits of these actions have been i) to equip global actors including WHO and NNN to support training of healthcare workers on prevention and treatment of podoconiosis; ii) to increase awareness of podoconiosis in endemic countries and the UK; and iii) to initiate conversations with funders aimed at securing future funding.

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