

Christadelphian Aid to Refugees and Asylum Seekers (CARA) (Charity 1199446)

Annual Report for June 2022 to March 2023

The Trustees of Christadelphian Aid to Refugees and Asylum Seekers ('CARA') are pleased to present their first Annual Report of the Charity, for the period to 31 March 2023.

Structure and Governance

The Charity, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation CIO), was approved by the Charity Commission on 24th June 2022, with the registration number 1199446.

The founding Trustees of the Charity were drawn together from the UK Christadelphian community, each of them bringing direct experience of asylum seeker support, wider charity governance expertise and specific skills required to lead a new organisation. We thank Sarah Joiner for her enthusiasm and leadership as the initial Chair of CARA pre registration. Following her request to step down Gordon Dawes joined the Trustee group in April 2022 as Chair, to finalise registration and provide interim leadership through launch.

The Trustees also commenced steps to recruit two or more representatives from church members with personal experience of being asylum seekers and now granted Leave to Remain in the UK, to provide real insight and balance to our deliberations and decisions.

The Trustees and other committee members met as a Managing Committee once a month, to progress the launch and work of the Charity. A considerable amount of work was done via email and Zoom calls between each meeting.

The Managing Committee initiated roles and responsibilities of Trustees in relation to the Charity, and to deploy skills and competencies in relation to the requirements of the Charity and current Charity Commission guidance.

The skills and suitability of applicants for future Trustee roles and committee member roles will be assessed against the anticipated strategic needs of the Charity going forward, a skills matrix and an interview with the trustees. Vacancies will be advertised via appropriate channels through the UK Christadelphian community, to maximise experience and encourage diversity. Prospective trustees and members of the Managing Committee will be encouraged to attend at least two meetings as observers, before formal commitments are made by both the individual and the Charity. Trustee appointments will be on four year terms, and no trustee will serve more than 12 years in total, as per Charity Commission guidance.

The Trustees and other committee members give their time voluntarily and, other than reimbursement of any approved, out of pocket expenses, receive no remuneration or other benefits from their role.

Objectives and Activities

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The focus of our activities is, as per our registration:

1. The provision of grants and other support to UK Christadelphian ecclesias (churches) so that they may relieve the financial hardship of refugees, asylum seekers and those granted Leave

to Remain, and their families, in their locality in particular through the provision of services including but not limited to, English classes, transport costs to and from church activities, food costs and hospitality associated with church work, purchase of basic essentials, costs of seeking accommodation including transport, a bed, cooking and cleaning materials, and advice and support on education, qualifications and job search, and accessing essential public services.

2. To advance the education of the community in general about the issues relating to refugees, asylum seekers and those granted Leave to Remain, via upkeep of a website, production of bulletins, webinars and online presentations and the provision of support via phone and other media.

CARA is working to underpin the work of over 100 ecclesias (churches) supporting the still-increasing numbers of both members and non-members seeking asylum. CARA will focus on those churches which are starting to run short of their own resources. Most seeking asylum arrive with very little, receive strictly limited money and are not allowed to work.

Our churches, now with CARA grants in support where needed, will be able to continue to provide some basics - supplemental food, clothing, essential care and other basic needs for those who have come to us.

CARA is also developing a digital library of resources to assist the support of refugees, and a network of skills and experience in this work to help ecclesias respond to this important work.

Achievements and performance

The new Charity was formally launched to the network of UK Christadelphian churches in September 2022, following careful work to 'nest' it clearly within the wider landscape of other Christadelphian Charities to ensure good liaison with two particular interfaces. Trustee meetings include a representative from Christadelphian Benevolent Fund (CBF) and Christadelphian Outreach Group (COG).

Further materials were emailed to those churches hosting the largest numbers of asylum seekers, to encourage requests for funds.

Banking arrangements were initiated with HSBC. A very welcome major donation to establish CARA funding was received from The Williamsburg Christadelphian Foundation (WCF) in the US, for which we were especially grateful. Funds started to flow from both churches and individuals in the UK, as reported below.

Initial publicity materials and a website were developed, and an online grant application process. Trustees also refined our criteria for reviewing and accepting grant requests, and developed the financial rules and regulations CARA will operate to.

Financial Review

In the period ended 31st March 2023 the Charity received income of £53,853.26 and made expenditure of £4,626.95 (£4,250.00 grants).

As at 31st March 2023 the Charity held net assets of £49,226.31 represented by bank balances.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report set out above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Wood', written over the text 'Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees'.

Andrew Wood

(Chair from September 2023)

Date 7th March 2024



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

CHRISTADELPHIAN AID FOR REFUGEES AND
ASYLUM SEEKERS (CARA)

1199446

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

24/06/2022

To

31/03/2023

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					
DONATIONS	53,853	-	-	53,853	-
BANK INTEREST	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	53,853	-	-	53,853	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	53,853	-	-	53,853	-
A3 Payments					
GRANTS (UK)	4,250	-	-	4,250	-
BANK CHARGES	43	-	-	43	-
INTERNET CHARGES	334	-	-	334	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,627	-	-	4,627	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,627	-	-	4,627	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	49,226	-	-	49,226	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	49,226	-	-	49,226	-

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	BANK ACCOUNTS	49,226	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	49,226	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees



Print Name

RICHARD CHERRY

Date of approval

26/02/2024



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Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Charity name
CHRISTADELPHIAN AID FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS (CARA)

Report to the trustees/
members of

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1199446

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023

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 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 which gives me
cause to believe that in any material respect

a. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or

b. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Name:

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

Neil Smith		Date:	08/03/2024
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