HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1201416

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT[S] OF THE CIO IS:TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS (AS SET OUT IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ("UDHR") AND EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (ECHR) AND SUBSEQUENT UNITED NATIONS CONVENTIONS AND DECLARATIONS, TO INCLUDE RULINGS OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS (ECTHR) AND REGIONAL CODES OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH INCORPORATE THE RIGHTS CONTAINED IN THE UDHR AND ECHR AND THOSE SUBSEQUENT CONVENTIONS AND DECLARATIONS) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MEANS:• MONITORING ABUSES OF HUMAN RIGHTS;• OBTAINING REDRESS FOR THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE;• RELIEVING NEED AMONG THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE;• RESEARCH INTO HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES;• PROVIDING TECHNICAL ADVICE TO GOVERNMENT/S AND OTHERS REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS THROUGH LAW;• CONTRIBUTING TO THE SOUND ADMINISTRATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS LAW THROUGH LITIGATION, ADVOCACY, TRAINING AND INFORMATION SHARING AS REGARDS HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS; • COMMENTING ON PROPOSED HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION;• RAISING AWARENESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES;• PROMOTING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS;• PROMOTING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AMONG INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATIONS; • INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY OF HUMAN RIGHTS;• ELIMINATING INFRINGEMENTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS;• PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION OF REPORTS AND ARTICLES IN RELATION TO INFRINGEMENTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CIO'S OBJECT BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER TO ENGAGE IN ALL LEGITIMATE ACTIVITIES, POLITICAL OR OTHERWISE, PROVIDED THAT IN THE CASE OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES THE TRUSTEES ARE SATISFIED THAT THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES WILL FURTHER THE PURPOSES OF THE CIO TO AN EXTENT JUSTIFIED BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTED AND SUCH POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ARE NOT THE DOMINANT MEANS BY WHICH THE CHARITY CARRIES OUT ITS OBJECTS.

Activities: We promote human rights through advocacy, education, and support. We work towards this through a combination of coaching and support; human rights and international law education and advocacy; research, monitoring and urgent actions on human rights violations; and utilising human rights complaint mechanisms. We empower individuals and communities to uphold and protect human rights.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£110,141	£106,939	-	-
2024-08-31	£78,015	£59,398	-	-
2023-08-31	£30,725	£7,152	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MEHMET OZDEMIR	Chair	2022-12-09
BURHAN ALI EROL		2022-12-09
Dr BENGISU BASSOY		2022-12-09
Dr HUSAMETTIN ERDAMAR		2022-12-09
ELIF KANLIOGLU		2022-12-09
ILKER URKMEZ		2022-12-09
MELIKE GURAY		2022-12-09
MERVE ASLANGOREN		2022-12-09
TUGRUL KARAKAYA		2022-12-09

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Accounts

HUMAN RIGHTS
SOLIDARITY

Annual Report 2025

Human Rights Solidarity
(Charitable Incorporated Organization)
Trustees Annual Report
and financial statements
for the year ended
31 August 2025
Company No: CE031022
Charity No: 1201416

HUMAN RIGHTS
SOLIDARITY

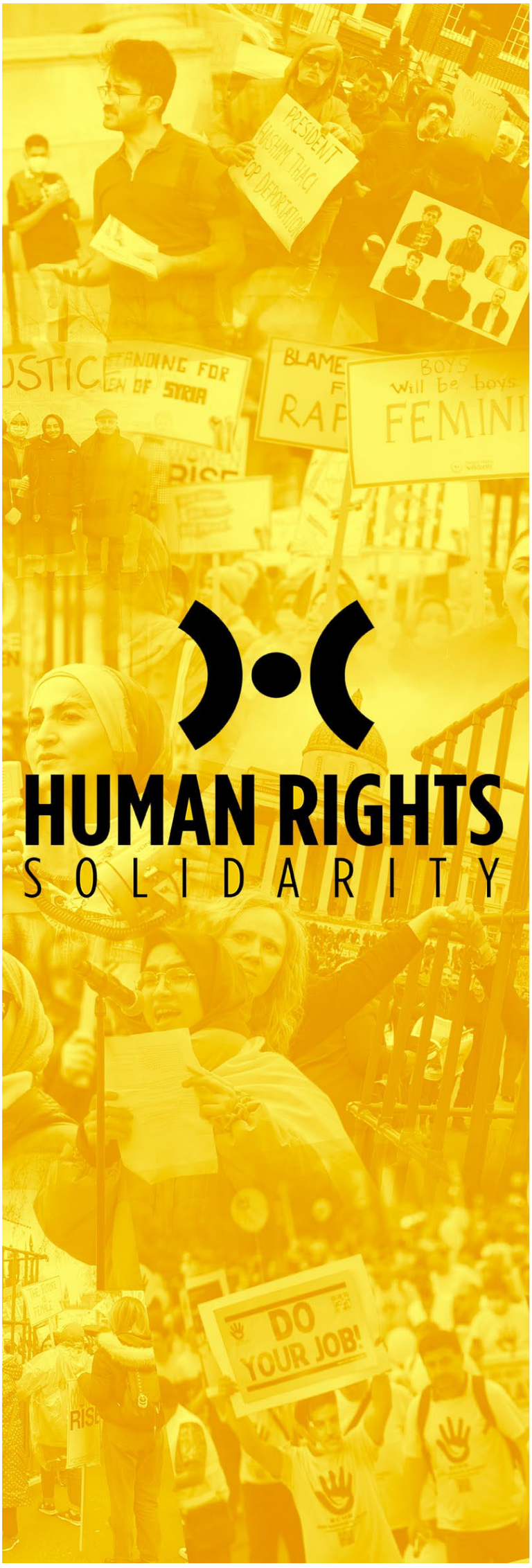
Act Today, Build Tomorrow

- We define ourselves not by the injustices and human rights violations we fight against, but by the future we want to build.

- The heart of our work is the desire to protect human rights in order to leave a better world for future generations.

- For us, the future is an open code that needs to be written and rewritten. When we code the future, we prioritise:

- Fundamental rights and freedoms instead of state interests;
  The power of the righteous instead of the righteousness of the power;
  Responding to change rather than following old plans and goals set by past generations.



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HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY (CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANIZATION)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Mehmet Ozdemir (Chair)
Merve Aslangoren
Dr Bengisu Bassoy
Dr Husamettin Erdamar
Tugrul Karakaya (Treasurer)
Melike Guray
Burhan Ali Erol
Elif Kanlioglu (Secretary)
Ilker Urkmez

Key management Personnel: Mehmet Ozdemir, Executive Director

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Company Registration Number:
CE031022
Charity Registration Number: 1201416
Date of incorporation:
21 DECEMBER 2022
Constitution: Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees ('Foundation' model constitution)

Bankers:
HSBC Bank plc
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HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their report along with the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025. This report includes reference and administrative information, as outlined on the first page, and forms an integral part of our annual review. The financial statements adhere to the current statutory requirements, our governing documents, and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP), in line with FRS 102 accounting standards.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Purposes and Aims

The objects and purposes of the Human Rights Solidarity, as set out in our Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees, are to promote human rights (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ("UDHR") and European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and subsequent United Nations Conventions and Declarations, to include rulings of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and regional codes of human rights which incorporate the rights contained in the UDHR and ECHR and those subsequent conventions and declarations), for the benefit of the public by all or any of the following means:

- Monitoring abuses of human rights;
- Obtaining redress for the victims of human rights abuse;
- Relieving need among the victims of human rights abuse;
- Research into human rights issues;
- Providing technical advice to government/s and others regarding the implementation of human rights standards through law;
- Contributing to the sound administration of human rights law through litigation, advocacy, training and information sharing as regards human rights standards;
- Commenting on proposed human rights legislation;
- Raising awareness of human rights issues;
- Promoting public support for human rights;
- Promoting respect for human rights among individuals and corporations;
- International advocacy of human rights;
- Eliminating infringements of human rights;
- Preparation and publication of reports and articles in relation to infringements of human rights.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit and consider that both the objects and purposes of the Trust, and the activities undertaken to achieve these objects and purposes are for the public benefit. When reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities, the Trustees have regard to the public benefit of the organisation. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

The Trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity throughout each year. The Trustees review the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the Trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Growing Hope Amid Challenges: Strong Steps for Human Rights

The past year has been one of growing challenges for the global struggle to protect human rights. The spread of wars, the strengthening of authoritarian regimes, the deprioritization of human rights by democratic governments, deepening economic crises, and the escalating climate emergency have all made advocacy more difficult than ever.

Despite these adversities, **Human Rights Solidarity (HRS)** did not merely endure its third year—it grew, strengthened, and expanded its impact. With the unwavering commitment of our board and volunteers, we launched new projects, expanded our advocacy network, and reached more people than ever before.

Building on a Strong Foundation

This year marked the consolidation of our seven thematic committees, designed for a more systematic approach to human rights advocacy. The **Women's Rights**, **Refugee and Migrant Rights**, and **Youth Committees** led the way with innovative and impactful projects. I believe that in the coming year, all our committees will operate even more actively and effectively.

What You Will Find in This Report

This report offers an overview of HRS's projects, campaigns, research, and awareness initiatives throughout the year. We continued investing in human rights education and developing projects that empower young people and refugee women while promoting inclusion and active citizenship. Our initiatives addressing violations in Turkey and Afghanistan reflect HRS's growing capacity for international advocacy. Meanwhile, in the UK, we launched important programs raising awareness of knife crime.

Highlights of Our Work

Our acclaimed **"Humanity Cartoons"** exhibitions continued to defend refugee and migrant rights through art. Based on our survey of refugee women's integration, we launched **"Act, Speak, Integrate,"** providing certified English courses for women.

We deepened partnerships with **King's College London**, **City St George's**, **University of London**, and **University of Sheffield**, co-hosting panels on refugee and migrant rights. The report *"Knife Crime in the United Kingdom"*, prepared by City St George's students during their HRS internship, inspired new awareness programs in high-risk schools.

The **Women's Rights Committee** became a strong voice for victims of domestic violence, while the **Youth Committee** grew through projects combining sports, education, and activism. The

"Unscreen Yourself" project, addressing screen addiction, is expanding to new schools. Our **"School of Governance (SoG)"** program remains a flagship initiative, training the next generation of human rights advocates.

Our Guiding Principles

At HRS, we reaffirm our belief in the universality of the right to life and the indivisibility of human dignity. We uphold the rights in the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, defending them without distinction of identity, faith, or geography. To strengthen these values, we collaborate across civil society, academia, government, and the private sector.

Looking Ahead with Hope

We believe difficult times exist not to weaken hope but to build resilience. Guided by our principles and the dedication of our volunteers, we look to the future with confidence.

In the coming term, we aim to present our knife crime research and policy recommendations to **Parliament**, while **SoG participants** develop innovative models for human rights education. We will launch a new program for students aged 8–12, introduce initiatives supporting refugee and migrant integration, and continue publishing evidence-based human rights reports.

Human Rights Solidarity remains a voice of hope, unity, and justice—committed to amplifying that voice, reaching more people, and defending human dignity everywhere.

Sincerely yours,

HRS Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Mehmet Ozdemir

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ACT TODAY, BUILD TOMORROW!

HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY – ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE, EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

At Human Rights Solidarity, we continue to stand firm in our commitment to advocate for, support, and empower individuals affected by human rights violations. As a UK-registered charity (Charity Number: 1201416), we serve asylum seekers, refugees, immigrants, and other marginalised communities by providing a platform for advocacy, education, and community integration.

Over the past year, we have extended our reach, formed new partnerships, and increased our visibility within both the human rights and community sectors. Our growing network has allowed us to amplify our impact, engage more beneficiaries, and strengthen our role as a bridge between marginalised communities and wider society.

Our mission remains clear: to illuminate human rights issues and nurture a new generation of defenders who are young, dynamic, innovative, and equipped to make meaningful change. We believe that awareness, education, and advocacy are the foundations of a just and equitable society. Through our programmes and campaigns, we empower individuals to stand up for their rights and to become active agents of justice and solidarity

Our Core Activities

Advocacy & Policy Engagement: We continue to organise impactful campaigns, prepare reports, and submit recommendations to international and national human rights bodies including the UN, EU, and UK institutions.

Education & Training: Through webinars, seasonal schools, and specialised workshops, we help participants develop the knowledge and skills necessary for effective human rights activism.

Community Mobilisation: We engage and empower immigrant communities to take an active role in defending human rights and shaping inclusive policies.

Professional Development: We support immigrant and refugee legal professionals, academics, and students in the UK by offering mentorship, career guidance, and integration support.

Awareness Campaigns: We use social media, exhibitions, art, and cultural events to raise awareness and foster meaningful public engagement with human rights issues.

Sport & Social Activities: We promote well-being, inclusion, and community cohesion through sports and social events that bring together youth immigrants, refugees, and their families.

Believing that only fully integrated communities can defend and enjoy their rights, HRS plays a crucial role in facilitating the integration of refugees and migrants into UK society. We provide practical guidance, educational support, and professional pathways for displaced legal professionals and human rights defenders seeking to rebuild their lives and careers.

Our educational and community initiatives address vital areas including education, health, finance, housing, and protection from discrimination and violence, ensuring that individuals and families receive the support they need to thrive.

At the heart of HRS lies a passionate team of volunteers and professionals such as human rights activists, lawyers, educators, and community advocates, driven by a shared belief in justice, dignity, and equality. We are proud to maintain an inclusive, safe, and welcoming environment where our programmes remain accessible, responsive, and empowering for all.

Through collective effort and shared vision, HRS continues to be a beacon of hope and solidarity. As we look to the future, we remain dedicated to expanding our partnerships, deepening our impact, and strengthening our visibility, ensuring that human rights are not only protected but also actively upheld, celebrated, and advanced across every community we serve.

OUR TEAM STRUCTURE

The Board of Trustees

The governing body of Human Rights Solidarity consists of a **chairperson and eight trustees**. Each trustee brings valuable knowledge and experience in fields such as **human rights, law, philanthropy, education, IT and accountancy**. United by a shared commitment to the **rule of law, democratic development, and global peace**, they form the cornerstone of our organisation.

The **Board of Trustees meets quarterly**, as well as whenever necessary, to oversee governance and ensure that HRS remains aligned with its mission and values. The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** is held each **January**, bringing together trustees and senior management to review the charity's progress and strategic direction.

Management Board

The **Management Board** is responsible for overseeing daily operations, financial management, project coordination, and the implementation of our programmes and campaigns. It ensures that our advocacy, research, and educational activities are delivered effectively and transparently.

As of 2025, the management team consists of **six members**:

- **Executive Director**
- **Communications Officer**
- **Financial Manager**
- **Volunteer Coordinator**
- **General Project Manager**
- **Fundraiser**

Regular weekly meetings are held every Tuesday, and we also coordinate the Monthly Executive Meeting every second Tuesday including more detailed project and admin-related discussion.

Advisory Board and Public Benefit Committee

The **Advisory Board**, established by the Board of Trustees, is composed of professionals and experts who voluntarily provide consultancy and strategic advice. Their diverse expertise strengthens the organisation's capacity for long-term planning and innovation. Regular meetings are held throughout the year, including a dedicated session during the Annual General Meeting.

Youth Board (YouthAct)

Human Rights Solidarity places a high priority on youth engagement. A significant proportion of our founding members are young individuals aged between 16 and 25. We believe that empowering today's youth with knowledge of human rights and the rule of law is vital for building a peaceful and just future. Through the Youth Action (YouthAct) group, we channel their energy and enthusiasm into active human rights advocacy. The Youth Board meets weekly.

Regional Representatives

As of **August 2025**, Human Rights Solidarity has a network of **36 Regional Representatives** covering all major cities across the UK. These representatives play a key role in organising local activities, raising awareness of HRS's mission, and strengthening community engagement. **Monthly coordination meetings** are held, which include sessions on human rights education to ensure consistent values and practices across regions.

Personnel and Volunteers

Human Rights Solidarity is powered by a dedicated and passionate team of staff and volunteers. Our achievements in advocacy, education, research, and community support are made possible through the commitment of over **230+ active members and volunteers**. We deeply appreciate the time, energy, and expertise each individual contributes to advancing our mission and promoting human rights for all.

COMMITTEES

Committees are essential to the efficient functioning of Human Rights Solidarity. They enable specialization, foster collaboration, and ensure that key projects and advocacy areas are effectively managed. Each committee is responsible for planning and executing relevant projects and meets weekly to strategize and coordinate activities.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Fundraising Committee manages regular fundraising operations and several core projects, including membership engagement, financial sources and funding, and community-driven initiatives.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION COMMITTEE

This committee focuses on freedom of expression, thought, media, belief, and access to information. It works with UK and EU organizations to coordinate events, panels, conferences, reports, campaigns, books, and films.

LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

This committee protects the rights of human rights organizations, activists, legal professionals, and labour union representatives, ensuring their access to justice and legal protection.

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

This committee advocates for asylum seekers, refugees, and immigrant communities while combating xenophobia, antisemitism, Islamophobia, and racism.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS COMMITTEE

This committee promotes gender equality and works against oppression, violence, and discrimination based on gender or sexual orientation.

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE RIGHTS COMMITTEE

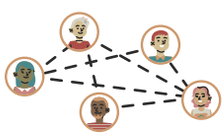
This committee advocates for the right to a healthy and sustainable environment and promotes awareness and action on environmental justice.

YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE

This committee supports youth activities in human rights advocacy through art, activism music, film, and other creative projects.

7 COMMITTEE

9 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



36 REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

237 REGISTERED MEMBER

TRUSTEE & VOLUNTEER INDUCTION AND TRAINING

Human Rights Solidarity is dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of governance, leadership, and safeguarding. To uphold these standards, we ensure that all trustees and volunteers receive comprehensive training and induction to equip them with the knowledge and confidence to fulfil their roles responsibly and effectively.

We provide **free access to the ICAEW's online training modules**, which offer an in-depth overview of:

- The legal and financial responsibilities of charity trustees
- Strategic and operational decision-making
- Best practices in safeguarding and volunteer management

In addition, as members of London Youth, Directory of Social Change, Fundraising Regulator and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), we actively utilise their free and discounted training opportunities. These include workshops, webinars, and resources covering topics such as youth engagement, volunteer management, leadership, and safeguarding. We also make regular referrals to NCVO training sessions for trustees and volunteers to ensure continuous professional development and alignment with sector best practice.

This structured training approach ensures that trustees and volunteers understand their legal obligations, their duty of care towards beneficiaries, and the positive impact of their contributions.

Upon joining the organisation, each staff, trustee and volunteer undertakes a detailed **induction and training programme**, which includes:

1. **Meetings with Key Personnel**
New trustees and volunteers meet fellow board members, senior staff, and team leaders to gain insight into the organisation's structure, culture, and operational priorities. These meetings help build a strong, collaborative, and informed leadership team.

2. **Understanding HRS Operations**
The induction provides a comprehensive overview of Human Rights Solidarity's day-to-day operations, partnerships, and community projects. It also introduces our approach to advocacy, social justice, and human rights education.

3. **Compliance with Health & Safety Regulations**
All induction and training activities are carried out in full compliance with current Health & Safety standards, ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone involved.

4. **Safeguarding and Volunteer Management**
Safeguarding is a core component of all trustee and volunteer training. Participants receive clear guidance on HRS's safeguarding policies and procedures, including protocols for reporting concerns, supervising volunteers, and ensuring the welfare of all beneficiaries. We are committed to maintaining a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for everyone who engages with our work.

To reinforce our commitment to accountability and excellence, all trustees are required to complete the ICAEW training modules and obtain certification. This process demonstrates their readiness to lead with integrity and uphold the highest safeguarding and governance standards.

Through this thorough and continuous training system, Human Rights Solidarity ensures that its trustees and volunteers are not only legally and financially competent but also deeply aligned with our mission, values, and duty of care towards every individual and community we serve.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees of Human Rights Solidarity confirm that they have conducted a comprehensive review of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the charity, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and Charity Commission guidance on risk management (CC26). The Trustees recognise their overall responsibility for ensuring that appropriate systems and procedures are in place to identify, assess, and manage risk effectively.

The charity operates a formal risk management framework designed to safeguard its assets, reputation, and beneficiaries while supporting the achievement of its charitable objectives.

Our approach includes the following key components:

1. **Comprehensive Risk Register**
A detailed risk register is maintained and regularly updated. It identifies strategic, operational, financial, reputational, safeguarding, and compliance risks, along with the mitigating actions and responsible leads. This register serves as a central tool for continuous monitoring and accountability.

2. **Regular Trustee Review**
The Board of Trustees reviews the risk register on a rolling basis during quarterly meetings and whenever significant new risks arise. This process ensures that Trustees maintain an informed understanding of emerging risks and can respond promptly and proportionately.

3. **Public Benefit and Compliance Assessment**
When assessing risks, the Trustees give particular consideration to the charity's public benefit duty under the Charities Act 2011. This ensures that all activities remain compliant with charity law, align with our stated purposes, and continue to promote human rights and social justice in the public interest.

4. **Operational and Administrative Oversight**
The Management Board meets regularly to identify and manage day-to-day risks. These include issues related to safeguarding, data protection, financial management, and project delivery. Prompt reporting and escalation procedures are in place to ensure transparency and swift resolution.

5. **Safeguarding and Data Protection**
Specific attention is given to safeguarding vulnerable beneficiaries and to ensuring compliance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018. Policies are reviewed annually, and all staff and volunteers receive relevant training.

Through these structured processes, Human Rights Solidarity maintains a proactive approach to risk management. The Trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to reduce exposure to major risks to an acceptable level, ensuring the charity remains resilient, compliant, and effective in delivering its mission.

FUNDRAISING STRATEGY

Fundraising Approach

As a growing charity, **Human Rights Solidarity,** continues to strengthen its fundraising capacity and diversify its income streams in line with best practice under the **Charity Commission's guidance on fundraising (CC20)**.

In 2024–2025, HRS achieved significant progress by **appointing a professional Fundraising Officer**, marking a key step towards building a sustainable and strategic fundraising framework. Our current fundraising structure includes:

• One professional Fundraising Officer

• One volunteer bidwriter.

• One trustee with responsibility for oversight of fundraising activities

• Three volunteers supporting donor engagement, community fundraising, and events

Our fundraising approach focuses on transparency, accountability, and long-term relationship building with donors and partners. We continue to prioritise the following funding streams:

1. **Trusts and Foundations** – A substantial proportion of our funding is secured through successful grant applications to charitable trusts, foundations, and philanthropic organisations.

2. **Individual Donations** – Regular and one-off contributions from individual supporters remain a vital component of our unrestricted income.

3. **Community and Online Fundraising** – We host digital campaigns and online events to expand our reach and attract new supporters.

4. **Corporate and Payroll Giving** – We are registering on major digital fundraising and corporate giving platforms, including **Benevity**, **Enthuse**, and **Give as You Live**, to reach a wider donor base and encourage workplace giving.

5. **Government and Local Authority Grants** – We are actively exploring opportunities for government-funded community programmes and public grant schemes to diversify our income portfolio.

Volunteering, Membership, and Community Engagement

HRS's **Volunteering and Membership Programme** continues to play a vital role in strengthening our community base and fostering sustained engagement.

By August 2025, our membership has grown to **over 200 members**, reflecting our expanding network of active supporters. Membership donations totalled approximately **£7,500** in the last financial year, providing essential unrestricted funding to sustain our human rights advocacy and community programmes.

Volunteer Members receive:

• Monthly newsletters and exclusive updates

• Priority invitations to events and training sessions

• Access to strategy and feedback discussions

We also make use of our **London Youth, DSC** and **NCVO** memberships to provide free and referred training sessions for volunteers and trustees, enhancing their fundraising, safeguarding, and leadership skills.

Fundraising Performance 2024–2025

The past year has seen strong fundraising performance, demonstrating effective management and community engagement.

• **Total funds raised:** £87,000

• **Cost of fundraising:** £3,450 (covering marketing, platform, and event costs)

• **Net funds secured for projects:** £83,550

This represents a high return on investment and a strong indicator of our growing fundraising capability.

In **December 2024**, HRS participated in the **Big Give Christmas Challenge** campaign with a target of **£6,999** and successfully raised **£7,500**, surpassing expectations. The funds were directed towards **human rights advocacy**, **legal aid support for refugees**, and **educational empowerment workshops for migrant women**.

Compliance and Standards

HRS is registered with the **Fundraising Regulator**, reaffirming our commitment to **ethical fundraising**, **transparency**, and **compliance with the Code of Fundraising Practice**.

All activities are conducted in accordance with:

• The **Charity Commission's CC20 guidance** on trustee fundraising responsibilities

• The **Fundraising Regulator's Code of Practice**

• The charity's internal **Safeguarding and Data Protection Policies**

Oversight of fundraising activity is ensured by:
• The **Public Benefit Committee**, which evaluates impact and compliance
• The **Board of Trustees**, which monitors strategic alignment with the charity's mission

Future Goals

Looking ahead to the **2025–2026 financial year**, Human Rights Solidarity aims to:

• Raise **£105,000** through a balanced mix of grants, donations, and memberships

• Expand the membership base to **over 250 active members**

• Strengthen engagement with major donors and corporate partners

• Register with additional **digital giving platforms** to enhance online visibility and participation

• Develop a pipeline for **government and local authority grant opportunities**

• Continue improving fundraising capacity through **trustee and volunteer training**

Through these strategic actions, Human Rights Solidarity is building a sustainable fundraising model that ensures financial resilience, promotes accountability, and enables the charity to continue its mission of advocating for change and empowering communities.

SERVICES, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Overview

Human Rights Solidarity is dedicated to advocating for and supporting marginalised communities, including victims of human rights violations, refugees, migrants, and racially minoritised groups. Our mission is to promote and protect human rights, empower individuals through education, and facilitate social integration for disadvantaged populations, especially youth.

During 2024–25, HRS expanded the scale and geographic reach of its services. We continued to provide legal assistance, educational programmes, community engagement activities, social and sports initiatives, and advocacy efforts aimed at building the capacity of individuals to understand, defend, and enjoy their human rights. Our work supported asylum seekers and refugees through skill-building workshops, mentoring, psychosocial support, and public awareness campaigns designed to help them rebuild their lives, seek employment, and integrate confidently into society.

The organisation operates through a dedicated network of activists, educators, volunteers, and legal professionals. We strengthened partnerships with local councils, community centres, charities, migrant-led organisations, and schools to ensure that immigrant and refugee communities receive timely and appropriate support. Through structured initiatives such as digital literacy courses, mental well-being programmes, English & Rights classes, youth mentoring schemes, and employment support, we empowered hundreds of individuals to navigate life in the UK. Human rights education remained a central pillar in all capacity-building activities.

KEY AREAS OF OPERATION

Our activities in 2024–25 are categorised under the following main headings:

1. Training Activities

Education remained a cornerstone of our approach. We delivered periodic training programmes on human rights, activism, community organising, digital well-being, safeguarding, and organisational leadership. Workshops were tailored for youth, migrant women, and professionals in community support sectors. This year saw a significant increase in youth-focused digital well-being and online reading programmes across multiple UK regions.

2. Reporting Activities

Research and reporting continued to be a crucial pillar of our mission. HRS conducted evidence-based research and prepared detailed reports on rights violations and issues affecting vulnerable groups. These reports informed policy discussions, parliamentary briefings, and civil society advocacy at UK, European, and international levels.

3. Field Actions

Our activists continued to stand publicly against injustice and human rights violations. We participated in national and international human rights marches, organised public exhibitions such as the “Justice Wall,” hosted awareness campaigns, and carried out peaceful demonstrations, amplifying the voices of victims and highlighting systemic issues.

4. Legal & Economic Assistance

HRS provided guidance, referrals, and hardship support to asylum seekers, refugees, and vulnerable community members. We collaborated with legal professionals and specialist organisations to deliver accurate information on asylum procedures, rights awareness, and access to justice.

5. Public Awareness

We continued to implement public engagement initiatives aimed at improving understanding of human rights, immigration, and asylum. Our seminars, panel discussions, and community workshops encouraged the public to approach migrants and refugees with empathy, recognising their positive contributions to society.

6. Social Integration Support

We expanded integration-focused services with language support, employment training, digital literacy courses, youth mentoring, cultural programmes, sport activities and community social events. These activities helped individuals build social connections, develop new skills, and gain confidence in their new environment.

ADDITIONAL KEY AREAS OF OPERATION (PILOTED IN 2024–25 AND TO BE EXPANDED)

1. Research & Policy Development (piloted in 2024–25)

We initiated small-scale policy briefs and research activities on human rights concerns affecting migrants and refugees in the UK. Our aim is to develop this into a structured programme producing consultation responses, thematic research, and policy recommendations.

2. Legal Rights Awareness & Community Advocacy

While HRS does not engage in strategic litigation, we support communities by strengthening legal rights awareness and advocating on issues affecting daily life, including immigration procedures, integration barriers, discrimination, and youth safety challenges such as knife crime. This area will evolve into a proactive public policy and community legal education stream.

3. Crisis Response & Humanitarian Support (UK-Relevant)

Aligned with the UK context, we monitor and respond to human rights concerns affecting asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants, including risks of destitution, inadequate accommodation, and procedural injustices. We aim to build structured response mechanisms through partner-led humanitarian assistance.

4. Monitoring & Compliance Oversight (piloted in 2024–25)

We began piloting internal mechanisms for monitoring government policies, asylum processes, access-to-services trends, and compliance with international human rights standards. Future development will include structured monitoring of detention conditions, asylum case processing, and systemic risks.

5. Coalition-Building, International Partnerships & Institutional Engagement (piloted in 2024–25)

We explored partnerships with international organisations and EU-based networks. In the coming years, we plan to expand cooperation through consortium building for EU-funded projects, partnerships for cross-border human rights campaigns, and steps towards international institutional engagement such as potential ECOSOC membership efforts.

COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

Reaching diverse communities and aspiring activists remains a central priority for HRS. We continue to expand our engagement through seven specialist committees at our headquarters and 36 volunteer regional representatives across the UK.

Our key outreach activities include:

- Weekly and monthly online and in-person community forums
- Cross-sector partnerships with UK and international human rights organisations
- Public engagement events such as exhibitions, panels, conferences, and cultural programmes
- Digital advocacy campaigns on critical human rights issues
- Regular youth, women's, migrant, and regional committee meetings
- Human rights training and development programmes for young people and adults

CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR – EXPANSION OF SCALE & PARTICIPATION

2024–25 marked a major increase in both reach and impact:

• Participant numbers doubled in digital literacy, youth mentoring, and community education sessions.

• Geographic reach expanded to all UK regions through regional coordinators.

• Major expansion in youth programming, including "Unscreen Yourself", knife crime prevention and cultural walking programmes.

• New partnerships with councils, community centres, and European human rights networks.

• Enhanced research capacity, with multiple submissions to UK, European, and international bodies.

These developments demonstrate substantial organisational growth and increased capacity to serve marginalised communities.

CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR – STRENGTHENING ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITY

HRS invested significantly in its internal systems during 2024–25:

• Recruitment of new coordinators and specialised volunteers

• Strengthened monitoring and evaluation procedures

• Expanded training for staff and volunteers

• Improved communication and coordination systems across regions

• Growth in fundraising capacity, enabling more sustainable long-term planning

KEY PROJECTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS: SUMMARY

Combating Hate Speech and Crimes Project

Objective: To identify and report hate speech and hate crimes rapidly spreading on social media and to take action to help prevent them.

Activities: Between **2024 and 2025**, approximately 20 volunteers monitored Turkish-language accounts on the social media platform X, reported hate speech, and submitted complaints to the platform. However, due to X's policy of protecting accounts that spread hate speech, the project was suspended at the end of the year.

Impact: Volunteers gained greater awareness of hate speech and related online offences. Many hateful posts were removed by the platform, and sanctions were imposed on several accounts.

Third and Fourth March for Justice in Strasbourg

Objective: To defend justice in the face of ongoing human rights violations in Türkiye and to call for the implementation of European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) rulings.

Activities: HRS co-organized demonstrations in front of the Council of Europe building in Strasbourg, France. The third demonstration took place on **October 2, 2024**, and the fourth on **June 20, 2025**. As part of both events, HRS prepared a **15-meter-long "Justice Wall."** A group of HRS volunteers also took part in the **"Journey to the Rights"** cycling protest from London to Strasbourg. The six-member cycling team and other HRS volunteers joined over **3,000 participants from across Europe**, chanting for "law and justice."

Impact: The demonstrations drew attention to the Council of Europe's inaction regarding Türkiye's non-compliance with ECtHR rulings, raising both public and political awareness of the issue. HRS volunteers also gained valuable experience in exercising and advocating for their democratic rights before international institutions.

‘World Human Rights Day Action’ (December 10, 2024)

Objective: To raise public awareness of the significance of World Human Rights Day, promoted by the United Nations, and to contribute to society’s understanding of rights and justice.

Activities: We erected a **15-meter-long “Justice Wall”** opposite the **Prime Minister’s Residence (10 Downing Street)** in Whitehall. On this canvas wall, we displayed information highlighting human rights violations occurring in Türkiye and around the world. Hundreds of people wrote messages calling for the protection of human rights on the Justice Wall. HRS volunteers also interviewed participants about the significance of the day.

Impact: Hundreds of attendees—and many more who observed the event—became more aware of human rights and ongoing violations. The activity helped strengthen participants’ sense of justice, equality, and civic responsibility.

Arezo: Remote Education Support for Afghan Girls

Objective: To provide distance learning opportunities for girls in Afghanistan who have been prevented from attending school or receiving an education under the Taliban regime.

Activities: Through the **“Arezo (Hope)”** project launched by the **HRS Women’s Rights Committee**, nearly 100 Afghan girls received support in English and other basic subjects. Volunteer teachers based in Afghanistan contributed to delivering the lessons.

Impact: Girls who had been deprived of their right to education regained access to learning opportunities, even if in a limited capacity. More importantly, the project helped restore their hope for a better future.

Endangered Lawyers Day Action for Justice in Belarus

Objective: To raise awareness of the persecution of lawyers in Belarus and advocate for the release of imprisoned legal professionals.

Activities: On January 24, HRS held a demonstration in front of the Belarusian Embassy in London, calling for the release of lawyers imprisoned on politically motivated charges, including **Maxim Znak**. The event urged the Belarusian government to end the prosecution and disbarment of legal professionals.

Impact: The action helped draw international attention to the situation of Belarusian lawyers. It received support from **UN Special Rapporteurs** and international legal organizations, and was referenced by **The TIMES,** amplifying the call for justice.

Panel on the Integration of Refugee Women at King's College

Objective: To present the results of HRS's survey assessing the integration experiences of refugee women of Turkish origin and to gather academic recommendations for improving integration outcomes.

Activities: On February 25, King's College London hosted a panel discussion titled **"Refugee Women and Integration,"** featuring experts from HRS, the University of Oxford, and the Refugee Employability Program. The event included a summary of the survey findings and academic insights on addressing the challenges refugee women face during the integration process.

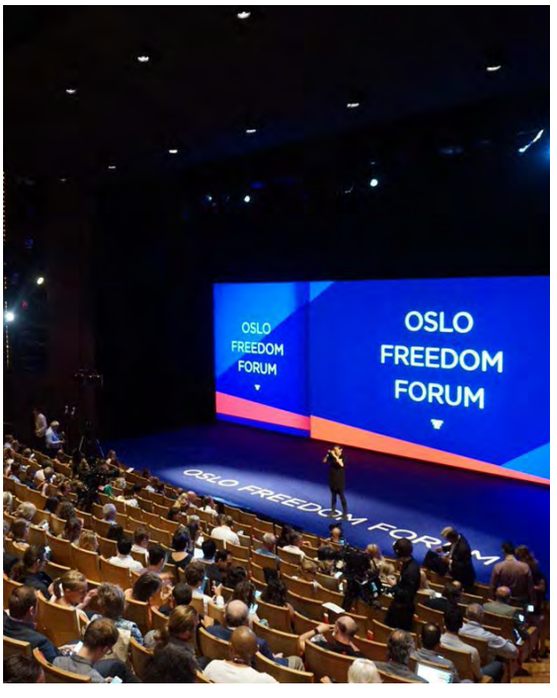
Impact: The panel highlighted the comparatively positive integration experiences of Turkish-origin refugee women. Students, researchers, and refugee communities gained a deeper understanding of these women's integration journeys through comparative findings and evidence-based recommendations.

Refugee and Asylum Support & Integration Service

Objective: To provide practical, educational, and emotional support that helps refugees and asylum seekers navigate the asylum process, stabilise their lives, and integrate confidently into UK society.

Activities: HRS supported individuals with asylum applications, accommodation requests, and understanding Home Office correspondence. We signposted people to qualified immigration advisers, helped them prepare documents and evidence, and provided guidance on banking, budgeting, and accessing entitlements such as Universal Credit.

Impact: Service users gained clearer awareness of their rights, improved access to legal and welfare support, and felt less isolated and better informed. Our advocacy helped resolve issues around housing, benefits, and unfair treatment, contributing to safer and more stable lives for refugees and asylum seekers.



HRS Volunteer Training and Capacity Building Programme

Objective: To equip volunteers with essential skills in campaigning, community organising, communication, and human rights advocacy, while strengthening HRS's overall organisational capacity.

Activities: HRS created a structured training pathway accessible online and in person. Workshops cover the basics of campaigning, community organising, social media use, and meeting facilitation. Training also includes non-violent direct action, safety, risk awareness, de-escalation, and the legal responsibilities of different roles during public actions.

Impact: The programme develops volunteer skills in campaigning, public speaking, organising, and human rights work. Volunteers become more confident, informed, and effective, enabling HRS to deliver stronger projects, respond quickly to human rights issues, and build a skilled and resilient activist network across the UK.

Unscreen Yourself: Digital Wellbeing Workshop

Objective: To raise awareness among young students about digital dopamine addiction and promote healthier screen habits.

Activities: The HRS Youth Committee held interactive sessions with Year 7–9 students at Mentor Wise's weekend schools in North and South London. Through short discussions and activities, students explored why screens are addictive and how excessive use affects attention and well-being.

Impact: Students gained practical awareness of their digital habits and strategies to reduce screen time. The workshop also encouraged participation in the related book club, introducing human rights through engaging stories.

Oslo Freedom Forum Participation

Objective: To strengthen HRS's international advocacy by engaging with global human rights actors, building cross-border partnerships, and highlighting the ongoing persecution of Turkish dissidents.

Activities: HRS participated in the 2024–2025 Oslo Freedom Forum in Oslo, attending talks by prominent dissidents, workshops on movement-building, and panel discussions on democratic resilience. Our team connected with activists, journalists, and policymakers from over 40 countries and took part in joint advocacy initiatives.

Impact: The Forum broadened HRS's international network, enhanced collaboration opportunities, and increased global awareness of human rights violations in Türkiye. The insights gained will guide and strengthen our future advocacy efforts.

International Women's Day March with Million Women Rise

Objective: To highlight global gender-based violence and inequalities, with a special focus on women and girls denied access to education—particularly Afghan girls—and to amplify the voices of women facing systemic oppression.

Activities: On March 8, HRS joined the Million Women Rise march in London. The HRS Women's Rights Committee emphasized the issue of education rights during the demonstration. At Trafalgar Square, committee representative Asiye Betul delivered a powerful poetic speech addressing the injustices faced by women worldwide.

Impact: The march contributed to widespread visibility for women's rights issues, bringing diverse communities together in solidarity. HRS helped strengthen public awareness of gender-based violence and the educational exclusion of Afghan girls within one of the world's largest women-led demonstrations.

Participation in the 69th UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69)

Objective: To contribute to global dialogue on gender equality and amplify the voices of women from marginalized communities at a major UN platform.

Activities: From March 10–21, 2025, HRS took part in **14 panels** at CSW69 at the **UN Headquarters** in New York, joining sessions organised by the Journalists and Writers Foundation and partner NGOs from seven countries.

Impact: HRS helped bring diverse perspectives to an influential global forum, supporting efforts to address structural gender inequalities and advance commitments to women's rights worldwide.

Participation in a Community Event for Migrant Children

Objective: To support the social and emotional wellbeing of migrant children by creating a welcoming environment for confidence-building, self-expression, and community connection.

Activities: HRS joined a community event at Reading Community Hall attended by over 100 participants, including 52 migrant children. Our team led music, dance, and interactive speaking activities, and delivered an impromptu clown performance and workshop that encouraged play, communication, and trust-building.

Impact: Children gained confidence, built friendships, and improved social and language skills in a joyful, supportive setting. The event strengthened community ties and opened new opportunities for collaboration with local authorities on future integration and child well-being initiatives.

World Press Freedom Day Justice Wall Demonstration at The Guardian

Objective: To raise awareness of global threats to press freedom, highlight the situation of imprisoned journalists, and call for international solidarity against censorship and repression.

Activities: On May 3, World Press Freedom Day, HRS displayed the portraits of 11 imprisoned journalists—representing nearly 400 jailed worldwide—outside *The Guardian*'s London headquarters. A five-meter "Justice Wall" invited the public to write messages of support. Exiled Turkish and Ethiopian journalists, Guardian editors and reporters, and international press freedom organizations joined the demonstration.

Impact: The event amplified global concern over escalating attacks on independent journalism and honoured those imprisoned for reporting the truth. Strong participation from media professionals and human rights groups reinforced a unified call to defend justice and protect press freedom.

Right for Right: Cycling for Justice in Six Countries

Objective: To draw attention to ongoing human rights violations and legal injustices in Türkiye over the past decade, and to remind the Council of Europe of its responsibility to ensure the implementation of European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) rulings.

Activities: In June, HRS volunteers joined coordinated demonstrations across six countries, cycling varying distances in groups. Activists rode in **London (UK), Sydney (Australia), Amsterdam (Netherlands), Frankfurt (Germany), Bern (Switzerland), and Strasbourg (France)**—calling on Türkiye to restore the rule of law and democracy. Some volunteers also took part in the **Justice March** held in front of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on 20 June.

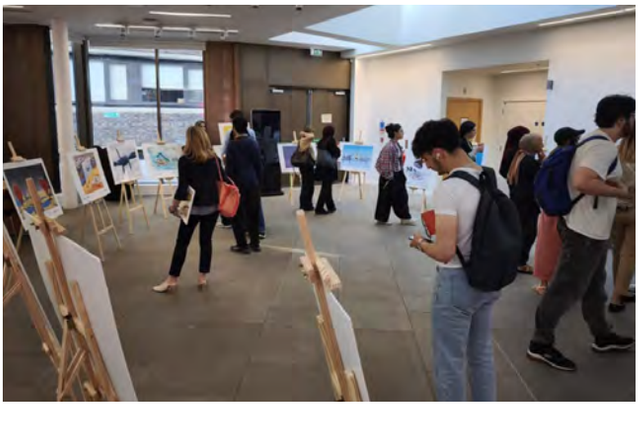
Impact: Throughout their routes, activists raised awareness about human rights violations in Türkiye, informing local communities and gaining support for their demands. The campaign increased visibility of these issues across multiple countries and strengthened international solidarity.

Human Rights Workshop at London & Birmingham

Objective: To strengthen human rights awareness within the Turkish community by promoting learning, reflection, and dialogue, and to encourage individuals—especially young people—to engage in human rights advocacy.

Activities: HRS held full-day human rights workshops in **North London and Birmingham**, bringing together students and adults (**200** participants in total) to discuss the evolution of human rights, their roots in Islamic and international sources, and current global challenges. Sessions also addressed volunteering, feminism, and activism through social media. Interactive group activities encouraged participants to share perspectives and promote equality.

Impact: Participants gained a stronger understanding of human rights concepts and current issues, leaving motivated to advocate for dignity and justice in their communities. Certificates were awarded to recognise their engagement and learning.



Panel on Understanding Refugees at City St George's, University of London

Objective: To create an inclusive space for dialogue on displacement, home, and belonging during Refugee Week by bringing together diverse voices from academia, practice, and lived experience.

Events: HRS hosted a panel discussion at City St George's, University of London. The panel featured experts in law, community outreach, and human rights advocacy, as well as individuals with lived experience as refugees. Speakers shared insights on legal protections, integration challenges, and strengthening public narratives around displacement.

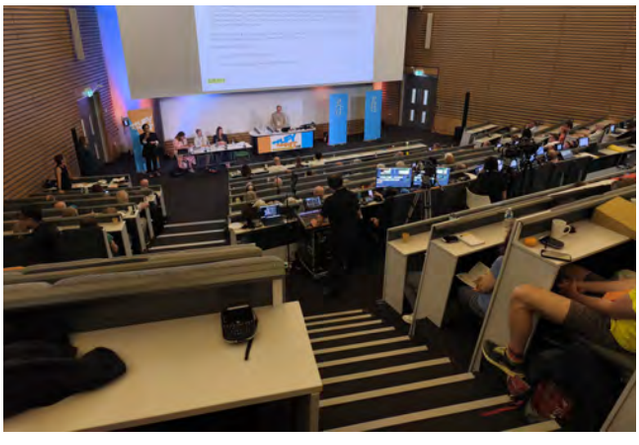
Impact: The event deepened the academic community's understanding of refugee issues and encouraged greater engagement with the realities of displacement. By amplifying refugee voices, the programme gained recognition on the university's official website, further enhancing HRS's visibility and credibility.

International Cartoon Competition and Exhibitions

Purpose: To communicate immigration and refugee issues to the public through the powerful and expressive storytelling of art and artists.

Events: Winning works from the *Humanity Cartoons* competition were exhibited at multiple venues, including universities such as King's College London and City St George's, University of London, as well as in cities including Oxford, Sheffield, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Hull, and Newcastle.

Impact: The exhibitions offered the public an opportunity to learn about the experiences of immigrants and refugees, fostering greater understanding and empathy for their challenges.

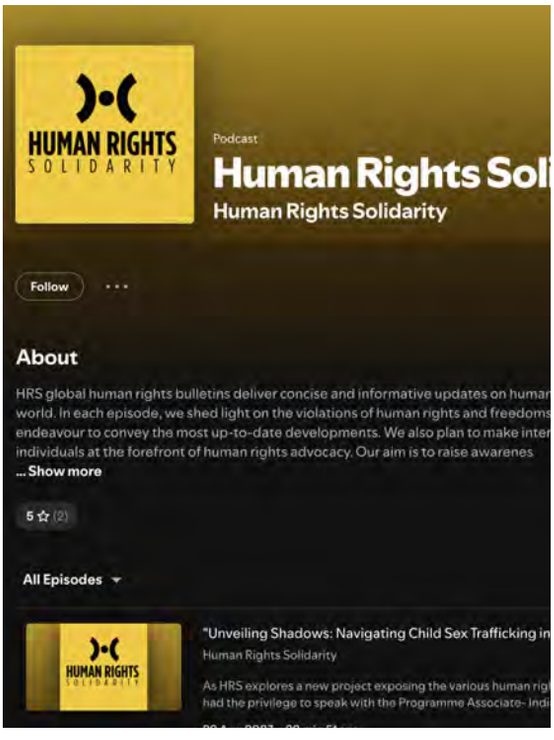


Attending Amnesty International Annual General Meeting

Objective: To strengthen HRS's advocacy practice, connect with peer human rights organisations, and align our strategic direction with broader UK human rights movements.

Activities: HRS delegates attended the Amnesty International UK AGM on 5–6 July 2025 at the University of Warwick. They participated in workshops and sessions on activism, movement resilience, political prisoners, refugee rights, and organisational development. Delegates also exercised voting rights on key resolutions and joined wellbeing and peer-support activities for frontline activists.

Impact: The AGM provided strategic insight into global human rights challenges, improved our understanding of refugee and border issues, and reinforced our approach to supporting political prisoners. Wellbeing sessions strengthened internal resilience, while organisational guidance will inform HRS's long-term planning and strategic review.



Radio Solidarity – Ongoing Podcast Series on Spotify

Objective: To deepen public understanding of UK and global human rights issues through accessible, conversation-led podcasts and to encourage young listeners to engage in informed advocacy.

Activities: HRS produced monthly *Radio Solidarity* episodes on Spotify and other platforms. Highlights included an interview with Dr. Chloe Gilgan on the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) and refugee protection, and a discussion with Uyghur poet and academic Aziz Isa Elkun on human rights abuses in Xinjiang.

Impact: The series made complex human rights topics more understandable, particularly for students and young activists. Listeners reported increased awareness, empathy, and motivation to stay engaged. The project also gave HRS volunteers hands-on experience in research, interviewing, and ethical storytelling, strengthening youth-led advocacy.

Reports and Proposals to National and International Organizations

Objective: To inform and influence national and international policymaking for the advancement and protection of human rights.

Activities: In 2024, Turkey was selected as HRS's primary focus country, leading to the preparation and submission of four detailed Universal Periodic Review (UPR) reports to the United Nations. Alongside these international submissions, HRS produced a comprehensive research report on youth knife crime in England, analysing its social, economic, and structural dimensions.
The knife crime report, *A Root Cause Based Approach to Tackling Youth Knife Crime in the UK*, examined underlying drivers such as socioeconomic deprivation, the exploitation of youth by criminal networks, and the mental health challenges facing vulnerable communities. The research underscored the need for early interventions, community-led strategies, and policy reforms grounded in human rights and public health principles. Key insights highlighted the importance of coordinated, multi-agency approaches involving educators, healthcare professionals, social workers, the NHS, and law enforcement to achieve lasting change.

Impact: Through these national and international submissions, HRS contributed to the identification and prevention of human rights violations, informed public policy discussions, and raised awareness around pressing issues affecting both the UK and global communities. The evidence-based analysis presented in our reports helped shape dialogue among policymakers, civil society actors, and international bodies.

UN Human Rights Reporting and UPR Engagement

Objective: To document human rights violations in Türkiye and contribute evidence-based reports to the United Nations Human Rights Council, ensuring international scrutiny and accountability.

Activities: Building on previous years' UPR submissions on children's rights, press freedom, torture, religious persecution, and Türkiye's compliance with 216 UPR recommendations, HRS continued its documentation and advocacy efforts. Key activities included:

- Updating and expanding our human rights database to support accurate reporting.
- Preparing social media leaflets, infographics, and communication materials to raise awareness.
- Sharing findings with partner organizations to enhance coordinated advocacy.
- Preparing additional inputs for the 49th UPR Session, focusing on ongoing violations and emerging patterns of repression.

Impact: HRS strengthened the evidence base available to UN mechanisms, ensuring that continuing human rights violations in Türkiye remain visible in international forums. Our streamlined publicity and data efforts improved accuracy, expanded reach, and supported collaborative advocacy to influence global human rights policymaking.

FUNDED PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Breakfast, Talk and Walk: Learn Your Rights and British History at Roundtable

Objective: To strengthen social cohesion and deepen rights awareness by bringing together young people, asylum seekers, refugees, and local residents for regular discussions on British history, democracy, and social issues.

Events:

• Monthly roundtable breakfast sessions were held over an 18-month period.

• The programme concluded in April 2025, with an average attendance of 15–20 participants per session.

• Thematic discussions focused on British history, human rights, media, governance, and youth safety.

• Educational visits and exercise walks took place in parks, museums, and historic sites to support wellbeing and cultural learning.

Funding and Support:

• **Greater London Authority (GLA)** – Building Strong Communities Fund.

• **Go! London Foundation Grant** – *Breakfast, Walk, and Learn British History and Your Rights* project.

Impact:

• Increased participants' understanding of democratic values and human rights.

• Reduced social isolation and strengthened community relationships and integration.

• Improved physical fitness and mental wellbeing through long group walks.

Youth Community Project – Hoops for Hope (Completed)

Objective: To support the integration, social well-being, and empowerment of immigrant and refugee youth through basketball training and mentoring.

Activities:

• Weekly supervised basketball training sessions.

• The programme concluded in **June 2025**, with an average weekly participation of **20 students** and a total reach of **100 young people**.

• Activities promoted social participation and community integration through sport.

Financial Support & Partnerships:

• **Sport England** – Small Grants Programme

• **National Express Foundation Grant** – provided funding for expanding the initiative

• **Mentor Wise (North London Branch)** – delivered sessions within a weekend school setting

Impact:

• Improved physical and mental well-being among immigrant and refugee youth.

• Reduced social isolation by offering a structured, positive recreational environment.

• Strengthened community cohesion through regular, team-based sports activities.

Move and Muse: Walking Through History in Central London

Objective: To deepen participants' understanding of the UK's heritage while offering refugees and migrants the opportunity to explore London's rich history and culture.

Activities:

• Regular and guided historical walking tours.

• Approximately **30 refugees and migrants** participate in each session.

• Tours are led by experienced guides and include visits to London's major historic sites, museums, and cultural landmarks.

Financial Support:

• London (TfL) - Walking and Cycling Grants London (WGCL) programme

Impact:

• Enhanced participants' knowledge of British history and culture.

• Supported social and cultural integration into UK society.

• Promoted physical and mental well-being through regular group walks and shared learning experiences.

Speak, Act, Integrate: Refugee Women's Empowerment Project

Objective: To create a safe and inclusive space in London where refugee women can learn, connect, and build confidence through language training, creative activities, and community support.

Activities:

• Weekly three-hour English lessons for Turkish-speaking refugee women.

• Interactive sessions led by an expert instructor, with active participation from students.

• A total of 20 women took part, practising English and strengthening communication skills.

Funding and Support:

• Big Give Christmas Grant

• Comic Relief Community Fund

• The Swan Mountain Trust

Impact:

• Improved English-speaking skills and a deeper understanding of British culture.

• Increased self-confidence and strengthened social connections among participants.

• Supported women's integration and enhanced their sense of belonging in their local communities.

Community Project – Human Rights Training for Migrants

Objective: To provide essential human rights training to migrants, particularly focusing on asylum seekers, empowering them with knowledge of their rights in the UK.

Activities:

• Titled Welcome Aboard: Immigrant Transition & Support Services project provided human rights training sessions.

• Sessions attended by around 450 individuals, primarily Turkish asylum seekers and refugees.

• Plans for expanding the program to include asylum seekers from other nationalities.

Funding & Support:

• National Lottery Community Fund Grant**.**

• Edgar E Lawley Foundation Grant

Impact:

• Equipped asylum seekers with essential knowledge to navigate life in the UK.

• Empowered migrants to advocate for their rights and well-being.

• Created a support network for vulnerable individuals facing integration challenges.

Knife Crime Project – Protect Our Youth

Objective: To address the rising rates of youth knife crime in England by identifying root causes, raising awareness, and equipping young people and their families with strategies to stay safe. The project aims to promote a community-based, preventative, and human-rights-centred response.

Activities:

• Conducted research on the socioeconomic and psychological factors contributing to youth knife crime.

• Delivered awareness workshops for young people, parents, and community members.

• Facilitated discussion sessions around safety, risk factors, and early intervention approaches.

• Engaged local schools, youth groups, and community organisations to disseminate findings.

• Developed accessible materials—leaflets, infographics, and briefings—to support public understanding.

Funding & Support:

• The Law Society Charity

• Garfield Weston Foundation

• Asda Foundation

Impact:

• Increased awareness among families and young people on the risks and root causes of knife crime.

• Strengthened community capacity to identify early warning signs and support at-risk youth.

• Contributed to evidence-based dialogue on human-rights-oriented approaches to youth violence.

• Supported safer, more informed communities equipped with tools to protect vulnerable young people.

Youth Empowerment – YACT: Empowering Immigrant Youth

Objective:
To support immigrant and refugee youth in developing confidence, leadership skills, and a stronger sense of belonging in the UK.

Activities:

• Delivered regular youth empowerment sessions focusing on leadership, communication, and wellbeing.

• Organised mentoring support for immigrant youth facing integration challenges.

• Provided social, educational, and recreational activities to strengthen peer networks.

• Engaged families and community organisations to reinforce positive youth development.

Funding & Support:

• The Weaver Trust

• SYP Trust

• Tesco Stronger Start (Healthy Futures)

Impact:

• Improved confidence, resilience, and social integration among immigrant youth.

• Strengthened support systems through mentoring and community engagement.

• Helped young people feel more connected, supported, and empowered in their new environment.

In addition to the funded projects**,** we applied for and received funding from various sources to support its initiatives:

1. Ford Trust Small Grant & Ten percent Foundation – Small grant for IT equipment, specifically a tablet to enhance digital access for training sessions.

2. Hilden Trust Grant – to fund 24 human rights workshops for refugees and asylum seekers over 24 months. The workshops cover topics such as discrimination, legal rights, healthcare, education, and employment to empower participants with knowledge and advocacy skills.

3. **The Barclays Community Sport Fund – Women's Football & Fitness for Refugee Communities** – Funding to deliver a football and fitness programme designed specifically for refugee and immigrant women, promoting physical wellbeing, confidence, and community connection through weekly sport and fitness sessions.

HRS successfully secured multiple grants to support youth, asylum seekers, and migrants through sports, education, and community-based initiatives. The organization has demonstrated a strong impact by fostering integration, well-being, and empowerment in migrant communities across the UK.

CASE STUDY

My Journey with HRS: Finding Purpose, Community, and Solidarity

During my time living in Newcastle in 2023, I volunteered with another respected charity. It was through our jointly organised "Humanity Cartoons" exhibition that I first connected with HRS. As a lawyer from Turkey, I was naturally drawn to the human rights focus of the exhibition and the involved organisations. After moving to London, I began volunteering with HRS in March 2024 and transitioned to a part-time role in June 2024, a position I have held since August.

In my time with HRS, I have actively contributed to various projects, including initiatives aimed at combating hate speech. I also chair both the Migrant Rights Committee and the Turkish Lawyers' Adaptation Group, continuing to lead these efforts. Additionally, I helped organise Human Rights Education Days and hosted one of the sessions. We continue to curate "Humanity Cartoons" exhibitions in different cities, expressing migrant experiences through art has been both empowering and deeply meaningful for me.

Through HRS, I have built strong and sincere friendships. These relationships have been instrumental in helping me establish a social circle in the UK and avoid feelings of isolation. The working environment at HRS is inclusive, supportive, and inspiring, where I feel heard, valued, and able to express myself freely. Working alongside people from diverse cultural backgrounds has strengthened my empathy, communication, and intercultural collaboration skills.

One of the greatest values HRS has provided me is the opportunity to experience the power of solidarity, collective effort, and meaningful contribution to society. This journey has significantly enriched both my personal and professional development.

Zehra Kucukarslan

Plans for Future Periods

During the 2024–2025 reporting year, Human Rights Solidarity strengthened its organisational foundation, expanded its volunteer network, and developed a broader portfolio of educational, advocacy, and community programmes. Building on this momentum, HRS will continue to scale its impact throughout 2025–2026 with a strategic focus on growth, capacity-building, and deeper engagement across the UK and internationally.

Personnel and Volunteer Expansion
HRS will continue to expand its staff team, regional representatives, and volunteer base to meet increased programme demand. Strengthening coordination systems, enhancing training, and expanding committee structures will remain core priorities to ensure high-quality delivery of our advocacy, education, and community projects.

Enhanced Human Rights Training and Education
Following significant growth in our educational programmes—particularly human rights workshops, digital well-being training, and refugee integration courses—HRS plans to broaden its training offer to reach more communities. This will include expanded workshops on governance, youth empowerment, digital resilience, and rights awareness for asylum seekers and refugees.

Strengthened Advocacy, Monitoring, and Reporting
HRS will intensify its documentation of human rights violations, particularly those affecting refugees, migrants, legal professionals, and victims of political persecution. We will expand engagement with UK institutions, the European human rights system, and the United Nations through policy submissions, public events, and international advocacy initiatives.

Deepening Community-Based Initiatives
HRS will continue to deliver and expand projects such as women's empowerment programmes, youth violence prevention workshops, intercultural community events, sports-based inclusion activities, Human Rights Day actions, and the Humanity Cartoons exhibitions. These initiatives will promote integration, well-being, and public awareness across diverse communities.

Institutional Development and International Accreditation
To strengthen its long-term influence, HRS will continue pursuing international accreditations including ECOSOC consultative status and strengthen partnerships with universities, civil society networks, and international human rights organisations. This will further enhance HRS's participation in global dialogue and extend opportunities for youth and volunteers.

Expanding Policy Engagement and Research
HRS will continue developing its research and policy capacity, producing thematic briefings, consultation responses, and evidence-based reports particularly in areas such as refugee integration, freedom of expression, youth safety, and gender equality.

Overall Goal for 2025–2026
HRS will consolidate the achievements of 2024–2025 while expanding its reach, advancing public understanding of human rights, and strengthening community resilience. Guided by its mission and values, the organisation remains committed to promoting justice, dignity, and equality for all. Outlined below are the key activities planned for the next period.

Community Picnic – Bringing Joy and Connection

Objective: To reduce social isolation and build stronger community ties by bringing together immigrants, refugees, and local residents in an inclusive outdoor setting.

Strategy: We will organise "Together: A Community Picnic at North London", offering shared food, games, and cultural activities to encourage conversation and connection. With support from the Mayor of London and the Community Fund, the event will foster intercultural understanding and a sense of belonging for all participants.

Endangered Lawyers Day – International Solidarity Action

Objective: To raise global awareness of the persecution of lawyers and judges, highlight this year's focus on the United States, and demonstrate solidarity with legal professionals facing intimidation, sanctions, and politically motivated prosecutions.

Strategy: To mark Endangered Lawyers Day, HRS will coordinate international actions, including a gathering in The Hague to highlight threats faced by lawyers worldwide. British legal professionals, bar associations, and human rights partners will be invited to join in solidarity. An HRS delegation will travel from the UK to participate in the action outside the International Criminal Court (ICC).

The Fourth Humanity Cartoons Competition Will Be Held

Objective: To highlight issues related to refugees, migration, and racism through powerful and nuanced artistic expression, and to foster public awareness and dialogue that contribute to meaningful solutions.

Strategy: The European-based International Journalists Association (IJA) will join the organising team of the international cartoon competition, previously coordinated by HRS and Time to Help UK. This expanded partnership strengthens the competition's organisational capacity. The new theme, '*One Race: Human*' aims to draw attention to the growing threat of racism and promote a message of unity and equality.

Expanding Radio Solidarity – Engaging Influential Voices

Objective: To broaden the impact of the Radio Solidarity podcast by featuring influential academics, policymakers, and practitioners to discuss major human rights issues, with a focus on youth violence and knife crime prevention.

Strategy: Over the next year, HRS will host experts from universities, youth services, and UK institutions to discuss the causes of youth violence and practical prevention strategies. By engaging researchers and policymakers, the podcast will support informed advocacy and strengthen HRS's work on youth safety and human rights education.

School of Governance (SoG) – Leadership for Future Changemakers

Objective: To equip a new generation of leaders with the knowledge, skills, and networks needed to advance democracy, human rights, and ethical governance, strengthening HRS's long-term impact in civil society and public policy.

Strategy: HRS launched the School of Governance (SoG) in early 2025, admitting thirteen students and early-career professionals to its first cohort. The programme offers seminars, book circles, and workshops on governance, the rule of law, and human rights, alongside training in communication and media literacy. Participants attend key political events and complete placements with HRS or partner organisations. Each student is assigned a mentor and produces a policy brief or research project. Next year, HRS will expand partnerships to provide additional internship and career development opportunities.

Human Rights Iftar and Christmas Dinner Gatherings

Objective: To use shared meals and community dialogue to counter division, challenge hate, and strengthen solidarity among diverse faith communities, while raising awareness of HRS's human rights mission.

Strategy: HRS will host a large Community Iftar and Christmas Dinner, bringing together faith and community leaders to discuss human rights and the dangers of antisemitism and Islamophobia. We will also hold smaller themed iftar gatherings to deepen networking and collaboration, promote HRS projects, encourage donations, and build lasting partnerships for social cohesion.

HRS Team Participation in Party Conferences

Objective: To engage with policymakers, legal experts, and civil society at party conferences in order to strengthen public support for human rights, promote restorative justice, and defend safeguards that protect the rule of law.

Strategy: HRS will attend the annual conferences of the Labour, Conservative, and Liberal Democrat parties next year. We will take part in key discussions, panels, and roundtables on youth violence, access to justice, and threats to judicial independence. We will also collaborate with international legal organisations, raise concerns about political interference in the justice system, and emphasize the importance of protecting lawyers and judges so they can uphold the rule of law safely and independently.

Youth Violence Prevention Workshop in High Schools and Colleges

Objective: To equip young people with practical tools for resilience, self-esteem, and positive identity development as part of early intervention to prevent youth violence, including knife-crime incidents.

Strategy: Building on a criminology report produced by students at City St George's, University of London, HRS will deliver youth violence prevention workshops in high-risk schools and universities. Using open dialogue, mentoring, and creative activities, the project will provide safer alternatives to gang influence. With support from partners and funders, these workshops will be integrated into our Youth Ambassador programmes to strengthen students' confidence, purpose, and sense of community.

10-Meter "Justice Wall" Opposite Downing Street

Objective: To install a 10×2.5-meter Justice Wall opposite the Prime Minister's residence at 10 Downing Street on Human Rights Day, raising public awareness of global human rights violations.

Strategy: The Justice Wall will be set up on Whitehall, where participants will be invited to write or draw messages reflecting the meaning and importance of Human Rights Day. HRS volunteers will also conduct brief interviews with visitors and share them on social media to amplify the impact of the event.

More Humanity Cartoons Exhibitions in Prestigious Venues

Objective: To broaden the impact of the *Humanity Cartoons* project by exhibiting refugee- and rights-focused artworks in prominent public and institutional spaces, increasing understanding, empathy, and support for human rights.

Strategy: HRS will develop an annual exhibition plan aligned with Refugee Week and key human rights dates. The programme will feature a travelling exhibition and select gallery or reception events at partner venues to promote refugee rights, encourage dialogue, and support advocacy and networking.

Delivering the 'Speak, Act, Integrate' Project to New Communities

Objective: To support the integration of refugee women in London by improving their language skills, knowledge of British culture, self-confidence, and social connections through weekly learning and creative activities.

***Strategy*:** We will continue the practical English course funded by the Big Give campaign and Comic Relief. While the programme currently serves refugee women of Turkish origin, we plan to expand it to include women from other refugee and immigrant communities.

Increasing International Accreditations

***Objective*:** To complete the accreditation processes we have initiated for obtaining membership and consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and similar international bodies.

***Strategy*:** To secure ECOSOC consultative status, NGO registration with the European Commission, and other relevant accreditations that will strengthen our international recognition and engagement.

International Women's Day Initiatives

***Objective*:** To actively participate in International Women's Day events and advance new projects that protect, promote, and strengthen women's rights.

***Strategy*:** As in previous years, members of the HRS Women's Rights Committee will join the International Women's Day March in London, advocating for gender equality and raising their voices on behalf of women worldwide facing human rights violations. Through visible participation and strong messaging, the committee will highlight ongoing injustices and reinforce HRS's commitment to women's rights and global solidarity.

PACE Observation Mission – Council of Europe

***Objective*:** To strengthen HRS's engagement with European human rights institutions by monitoring democratic and human rights developments at PACE and sharing key insights with the public.

***Strategy*:** HRS will attend selected 2025 PACE sessions in Strasbourg as an independent observer, focusing on debates related to democracy, human rights, migration, and justice reform. After each visit, HRS will release a short report summarising key discussions and their relevance to the UK and Europe.

Organising More 'Unscreen Yourself' Workshops Across Schools in London

***Objective*:** To improve young people's well-being, focus, and digital resilience by expanding the *Unscreen Yourself* programme across London schools and helping students better understand and manage their digital habits.

***Strategy*:** HRS will develop *Unscreen Yourself* into a year-round educational programme delivered in partnership with schools, youth organisations, and local authorities. The initiative will continue to explore digital dopamine loops, variable-reward technologies, and the impact of digital overuse on attention, motivation, and mental health, providing students with practical tools for healthier technology use.

Universal Jurisdiction and the Future of Accountability – Public Seminar

***Objective*:** To strengthen international advocacy on accountability for serious human rights violations by bringing together leading legal experts, policymakers, and practitioners for a public seminar on universal jurisdiction and emerging trends in international justice.

***Strategy*:** HRS will co-organise a seminar with international legal partners to examine the potential and limitations of universal jurisdiction, the legacy of the Pinochet case, and current political obstacles. The panel will feature Dr. Carlos Castresana—who initiated the Pinochet proceedings—and other experts in international criminal law (TBC). Moderated by HRS's Executive Director, the seminar

will explore how international justice can regain deterrent power, protect victims, and challenge impunity.

Developing Volunteer Programs in Academia

***Objective*:** To participate in university volunteer fairs, establish Human Rights Solidarity clubs at universities where our volunteers are based, and engage aspiring activists who contact us through our website and social media channels.

***Strategy*:** We will raise awareness about human rights violations through collaborative projects with universities and student groups. By harnessing the energy and academic knowledge of young people, we aim to develop new initiatives that contribute to preventing human rights abuses and expanding youth-led advocacy.

Press Freedom Protest for Imprisoned Journalists

***Objective*:** To mark World Press Freedom Day by protesting media repression in countries such as Turkey, Russia, Eritrea, Vietnam, and China, and to demand freedom and protection for persecuted journalists.

***Strategy*:** On World Press Freedom Day, the HRS Freedom of Expression Committee will organise a protest in front of the BBC or The Guardian headquarters to highlight political repression in countries lacking press freedom. HRS will display its "Wall of Justice" installation to draw attention to imprisoned and silenced journalists and to call for global solidarity and stronger protection for media workers.

Expanded Annual Human Rights Training Programs

***Objective*:** To broaden the reach of existing human rights training programs—previously focused on the Turkish community—so they include wider local and international communities.

***Strategy*:** HRS will expand its educational initiatives by offering more training sessions that build human rights knowledge and practical activism skills. These programmes will actively involve HRS regional representatives, members, and diverse community groups, ensuring broader participation and stronger, more inclusive human rights awareness.

Solidarity with Humanitarian Rescuers and Refugees in Greece

***Objective*:** To defend the right to save lives at sea, support human rights defenders facing criminalisation, and strengthen HRS's solidarity with refugees and humanitarian workers in Greece.

***Strategy*:** Building on our public statement and advocacy for Seán Binder and his co-defendants, HRS will continue monitoring the case, raising awareness about the criminalisation of humanitarian work, and coordinating with partner organisations to call for all charges to be dropped. In the coming year, HRS plans to visit Greece—including Lesbos and nearby refugee sites—to meet with local NGOs, refugees, and humanitarian workers and strengthen collaborative efforts.

Advocacy for Individuals Facing Transnational Repression

Objective: To contribute to the wider protection of individuals affected by transnational repression by raising awareness, documenting concerns, and engaging with relevant organisations when safety risks are identified.

Strategy: HRS will continue monitoring situations in which refugees and migrants may face cross-border pressure or intimidation. Where appropriate, we will compile general information on risk patterns, share concerns with trusted partners, and signpost individuals to specialised agencies and international bodies that provide protection support. HRS will also continue to collaborate with civil society networks to highlight systemic issues, promote safe pathways, and advocate for stronger safeguards for at-risk communities.

School of Governance and Internship Project

Objective: Provide governance training to our volunteers, including visits to Parliament, councils, and courts, and offer internship opportunities within higher levels of bureaucracy.

Strategy: We plan to launch this project in early 2026, combining theoretical and practical training programs. The curriculum will feature online courses, guided readings, regular visits to various institutions and organizations, and internship placements for participants.

Human Rights Solidarity's strategic plans for 2025–2026 reflect our continued commitment to deepening our impact, expanding our educational and community programmes, and further strengthening our organisational capacity. These priorities will guide our efforts to promote human rights, support marginalised communities, and foster active civic participation across the UK and beyond. As we move into the coming year, we remain steadfast in our mission to drive meaningful change, amplify the voices of those we serve, and uphold the dignity and rights of all individuals.

Our Main Office: Human Rights Solidarity's main office, located at Rex House on Regent Street in London, serves as the hub for our organizational activities. This space not only houses our administrative and executive teams but also provides a venue for meetings, training sessions, and workshops. It is equipped to support our various programs and serves as a central point for coordination of our national and international initiatives.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW (2024–2025)

Overview of the Financial Year

This financial review covers the period from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025. During this year, Human Rights Solidarity strengthened its financial base through increased grant funding, steady charitable trading income, and consistent community donations. Careful financial management allowed the organisation to maintain operational stability while expanding its programmes and outreach.

Financial Performance

HRS reported a total income of £110,191 for the financial year. Grants and funds continued to form the core of our income and accounted for approximately 68% of total revenue (£75,379). Charitable trading activities contributed around 21% (£22,750.00), reflecting increased programme delivery and community engagement. Donations and legacies made up the remaining 11% (£12,012), demonstrating ongoing support from individuals and community stakeholders.

Total cost of governance costs amounted to £14,920, and all charitable activity expenses of £92019 were considered, the charity closed the year with a net operating income of £3,202. This surplus reflects the organisation's effective financial management and its ability to support programme growth while maintaining overall financial stability.

Income and Expenditure

Overall expenditure reflected the expansion of activities across multiple regions. Payroll and rent remained the largest cost areas, alongside necessary travel and programme delivery expenses. Despite these commitments, HRS managed its resources effectively and concluded the year with a healthy surplus of £3,202, ensuring financial continuity going into the next financial period.

Balance Sheet and Reserves Position

As of 31 August 2025, the charity held total net assets of £45,392. Cash at bank amounted to £38,094, supported by £11,500.00 in debtors and £979 in tangible assets.

Reserves Policy

The trustees maintain a reserves policy to ensure the charity can continue operating and meet its obligations in the event of unexpected financial pressures or fluctuations in income. HRS aims to hold unrestricted reserves equivalent to five to six months of core operating costs, providing stability and enabling effective forward planning. The trustees consider this reserve level appropriate for the charity's size, risk profile, and future commitments. The organization is developed a formal reserves policy to ensure long-term financial stability and sustainability.

Operating Costs and Going Concern Assessment

The Trustees and Management Team have reviewed HRS's financial position, projected income, and operational commitments. With strong reserves, diversified funding sources, and well-managed expenditure, the charity is considered financially secure. The Trustees are confident that HRS will continue to operate effectively and meet its charitable aims throughout the next year.

Fundraising and Budget Management

Fundraising remained a key area of focus during 2024–2025. The organisation successfully secured several grants and strengthened relationships with existing funders. Trustees continue to oversee budgetary planning to ensure that expenditure remains proportionate to income and aligned with strategic objectives. The charity is also progressing its efforts to access new funding streams, including partnerships that enable participation in international and EU-related grant opportunities.

Anti-Fraud and Financial Controls

The trustees take the protection of the charity's assets seriously and have implemented proportionate financial controls to prevent and detect fraud or mismanagement. These include:
• dual-authorisation for payments,
• regular finance monitoring by trustees,
• documented financial procedures, and
• annual independent examination of accounts.
No incidents of fraud were identified during the reporting period.

Trustee Remuneration and Related Parties

No trustee received remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. Trustees are reimbursed only for reasonable expenses incurred while carrying out their duties, in line with the charity's policies. There were no related-party transactions requiring disclosure under the Charities SORP.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the financial statements comply with UK law and relevant accounting standards. They are committed to maintaining transparency, accuracy, and accountability in reporting the charity's financial position.

This Annual Report confirms that HRS remains in a stable financial position and is well-placed to deliver continued growth and impact in the coming year.

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 8 December 2025 and is signed on behalf of the Board by:

Mehmet Ozdemir
Chair and Trustee

HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO TRUSTEES OF HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 August 2025 which are set out on pages 40 to 50

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention other than disclosed below.

1.which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
•to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

•to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or

2.to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

AA Accountancy Services
Chartered Certified Accountant

244 Chase Road, London, N14 6HH

Date: 07/01/2026

HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
INCOME AND EXPENDITURES					
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income	2	87391	0	87,391	76,015
Activities for generating funds	3	22750	0	22750	2000
Investment income	4		0	0	0
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5		0	0	0
Other incoming resources	6	0	-	0	0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		110141	0	110141	78015
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
charitable Activities	7	92019	0	92019	55422
Governance Costs	8	14920	0	14920	3976
Other resources expended	9	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	11	106939	0	106939	59398
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES					
before transfers	**21**	3202	0	3202	18617
Transfersbetween funds		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		3202	0	3202	18617
Total Funds at 1 JULY 2024		42190	0	42190	23573
Prior Year Adjustment (Note 20)		0	0	0	0
Total Funds at 31 AUGUST 2025		45392	0	45392	42190

The notes on pages 48 to 56 form part of these accounts.

HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
FIXED ASSETS		£	£
Tangible assets	15	979	884
Programme related investments	**16**	0	0
		979	884
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	**17**	11500	0
Investments		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		38094	42024
		49594	42024
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	**18**	-5181	-718
Net current assets / (liabilities)		44413	41306
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due more than one year	**19**	0	0
Total assets less current liabilities		45392	42190
		=====	=====
CHARITY FUNDS			
Restricted funds	**21**	0	0
Unrestricted funds	**21**	45392	42190
		45392	42190
		=====	=====

The notes on pages 48 to 56 from part of these accounts.
Approved by the Board of Trustees on 7 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by Mehmet Ozdemir, Chair.

Mehmet Ozdemir
Chairman

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' published in March 2005 and applicable accounting standards.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donated services or facilities, which comprise donated services, are included in income at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable No income is recognised where there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled, Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £*500* are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance

1.6 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

1.7 Programme related investment

Programme related investments are stated at the cost of investment.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unristricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Donations	12012	0	12012	6776
Grants	75379		75379	69239
Voluntary Income	87391	0	87391	76015

3. TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unristricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Charity trading income				
Charity trading income-Domestic	22750	-	22750	2000
Net income from trading activities	22750	0	22750	2000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unristricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Rental Income		0	0	0

5. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unristricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Educational Activities		0	0	0

6. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unristricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Other incoming resources		0	0	0

7. EXPENDITURE BY CHARITABLE ACTIVITY

SUMMARY BY FUND TYPE

	Unristricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Direct costs	92019	0	92019	55422
Governance costs	14920		14920	3976
	106939	0	106939	59398

SUMMARY BY EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Staff Costs £	Other Costs £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Charitable Activities	53071	53868	106939	59398
Investment Income			0	0
	53071	53868	106939	59398

8. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Governance- Accountants fees	600		600	600
Governance - Premises costs for head office	1984	0	1984	1425
Governance expense - wages and salaries	9800	0	9800	1377
Governance expense - NI	2242	0	2242	574
Governance - depreciation - tangible fixed assets	294		294	
	14920	0	14920	3976

9. OTHER RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Loss((profit) on disposal of fixed asset	0	0	0	0

10. DIRECT COSTS

	Basis of Allocation	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Cost of charitable activities	Direct	19842	0	19842	25007
Entertainment and Meeting expenses	Direct	1800	0	1800	809
Volunteer expenses	Direct	941	0	941	491
Premises	Direct	17864	0	17864	12825
Insurance	Direct	163	0	163	153
Fundraising cost	Direct	486	0	486	30
Professional fees	Direct	0	0	0	50
Depreciation	Direct	0	0	0	294
Travel and substance	Direct	5275	0	5275	1261
Shipping, freight, delivery	Direct	8	0	8	3
Bank Charges	Direct	105	0	105	67
Paypal fee	Direct	0	0	0	0
Subscriptions	Direct	1230	0	1230	395
Miscellaneous	Direct	0	0	0	0
Advertising	Direct	3029	0	3029	1215
Office expenses	Direct	247	0	247.00	432
Computer costs	Direct	0	0	0	0
Wages and salaries	Direct	41029	0	41029	12390
		92019	0	92019	55422

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

11. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED BY EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Staff Costs	Depreciation	Other Costs	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	41029	294	50696	92019	55422
Investment Income	0	0		0	0
Charitable activities	41029	294	50696	92019	55422
Governance	12042	294	2584	14920	3976
Other costs					
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0
	53071	588	53280	106939	59398

12. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED BY ACTIVITIES

	Activities undertaken Directly	Support Costs	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	92019	14920	106939	55422
Investment Income	0	0	0	3976
Total	92019	14920	106939	59398

13. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

This is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: owned by charity	588	294
Governance Accountant fees	600	600

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2024 -£NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2024 -£NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2024 -£NIL).

14. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	50829	13767
Social security costs	2242	574
	53071	14341

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

2025	2024
No.	No.
3	3

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	TOTAL
Cost	**£**
At 31.08.24	1472
Additions	389
At 31.08.25	1861
Depreciation	
At 31.08.24	588
charge for period	294
At 31.08.25	882
Net book values	
At 31.08.25	979
At 31.08.24	884

16. PROGRAMME RELATED INVESTMENT

	Mortgage	Mortgage		Alterations to Premises	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Market Value					
At 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025					
At 31 August 2025					

Programme related investments enable other charities to further their charitable objectives as well as ours in advance of furthering the education of students throughout the UK.

Total bank loans at the year end of £0 are owed in relation to the Programme Related Investments held.

17. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due after more than one year		
Other Debtors		
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	0	0
Other debtors	11500	0
	11500	0

18. CREDITORS: Amount falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans and Overdraft		
Trade creditors		
Other taxation and social security	82	83
Other creditors	0	0
Accruals and deferred income	5099	635
	5181	718

19. CREDITORS: Amount falling due after one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans		
Other creditors		

Creditors include amounts not wholly repayable within 5 years as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Repayable by instalments		

Bank loans are secured by way of a charge over the freehold buildings of the charity.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

20. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

There is no prior year adjsutment this year

21. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers In/Out £	Carried Forward £
Designated Funds					
General Funds					
General Funds-all funds	42190	110141	(106939)	0	45392
Total Unrestricted funds	42190	110141	(106939)	0	45392
Restricted funds					
Restricted funds-all funds	0	0		0	0
Total of funds	42190	110141	(106939)	0	45392

SUMMARY OF FUNDS

	Restated Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers In/Out £	Carried Forward £
General Funds	42190	110141	(106939)	0	45392
Restricted funds	0	0		0	0
	42190	110141	-106939	0	45392

22. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	979	0	979	590
Programme related investments	0	0	0	0
Debtors due after more than 1 year	0	0	0	0
Current assets	49594	0	49594	42024
Creditors due within one year	-5181	0	-5181	-718
Creditors due in more than one year	0	0	0	0
	45392	**0**	**45392**	**41896**

23. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There was not any related party transaction with any of the trustees this year and last year.

HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1201416

Accounts

HUMAN RIGHTS
SOLIDARITY

Annual Report 2024

Human Rights Solidarity
(Charitable Incorporated Organization)
Trustees Annual Report
and financial statements
for the year ended
31 August 2024
Company No: CE031022
Charity No: 1201416

HUMAN RIGHTS
SOLIDARITY

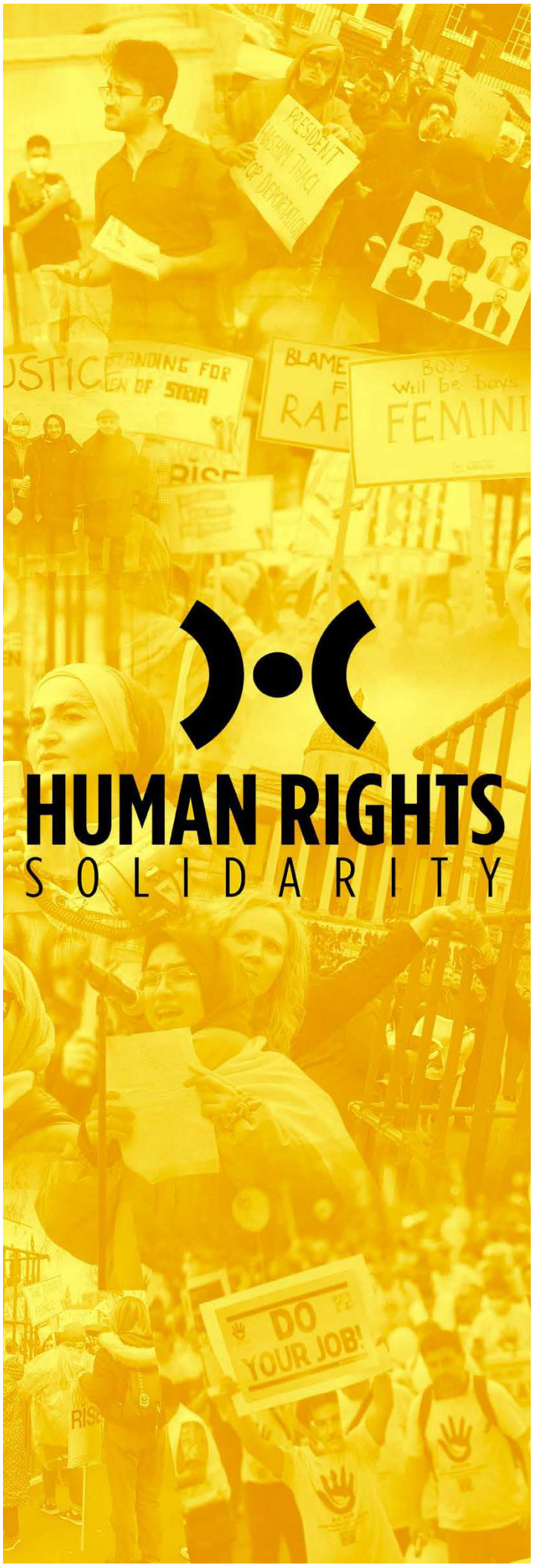
Act Today, Build Tomorrow

- We define ourselves not by the injustices and human rights violations we fight against, but by the future we want to build.

- The heart of our work is the desire to protect human rights in order to leave a better world for future generations.

- For us, the future is an open code that needs to be written and rewritten. When we code the future, we prioritise:

- Fundamental rights and freedoms instead of state interests;
  The power of the righteous instead of the righteousness of the power;
  Responding to change rather than following old plans and goals set by past generations.



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HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY (CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANIZATION)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Mehmet Ozdemir (Chair)
Merve Aslangoren
Dr Bengisu Bassoy
Dr Husamettin Erdamar
Tugrul Karakaya (Treasurer)
Melike Guray
Burhan Ali Erol
Elif Kanlioglu (Secretary)
Ilker Urkmez

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Human Rights Solidarity
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CE031022
Charity Registration Number: 1201416
Date of incorporation:
21 DECEMBER 2022
Constitution: Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees ('Foundation' model constitution)

Bankers:
HSBC Bank plc
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HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their report along with the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024. This report includes reference and administrative information, as outlined on the first page, and forms an integral part of our annual review. The financial statements adhere to the current statutory requirements, our governing documents, and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP), in line with FRS 102 accounting standards.

Objectives and Activities
Purposes and Aims

The objects and purposes of the Human Rights Solidarity, as set out in our Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees, are to promote human rights (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ("UDHR") and European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and subsequent United Nations Conventions and Declarations, to include rulings of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and regional codes of human rights which incorporate the rights contained in the UDHR and ECHR and those subsequent conventions and declarations), for the benefit of the public by all or any of the following means:

- Monitoring abuses of human rights;
- Obtaining redress for the victims of human rights abuse;

• Relieving need among the victims of human rights abuse;
• Research into human rights issues;
• Providing technical advice to government/s and others regarding the implementation of human rights standards through law;
• Contributing to the sound administration of human rights law through litigation, advocacy, training and information sharing as regards human rights standards;
• Commenting on proposed human rights legislation;
• Raising awareness of human rights issues;
• Promoting public support for human rights;
• Promoting respect for human rights among individuals and corporations;
• International advocacy of human rights;
• Eliminating infringements of human rights;
• Preparation and publication of reports and articles in relation to infringements of human rights.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and consider that both the objects and purposes of the Trust, and the activities undertaken to achieve these objects and purposes are for the public benefit. When reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities, the Trustees have regard to the public benefit of the organisation. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

The Trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity throughout each year. The Trustees review the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the Trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Sustained Growth on a Strong Foundation

In 2024, Human Rights Solidarity (HRS) experienced both significant progress and profound challenges. While making great strides in its growth and impact, the year was also marked by troubling human rights violations worldwide and in our country. Building on its strong foundation, **HRS strengthened its institutional structure, expanded its team of staff and volunteers,** and enhanced the scope and quality of its initiatives, successfully implementing more impactful and far-reaching projects.

Remarkable Development: One of our major successes in early 2024 was the establishment of specialized committees to address key human rights issues. Structured around seven focus areas –**1. Women's Rights, 2. Refugee and Migrant Rights, 3. Legal Affairs, 4. Environment and Climate, 5. Freedom of Expression, and 6. Youth Action 7. Fundraising**— each committee is led by a representative and supported by dedicated members, strengthening our capacity to advocate for and protect human rights more effectively.

Crisis and Commitment: Unfortunately, as the world drifted further from peace and stability in 2024, the decline of law and democracy persisted. Escalating wars and violence across the Middle East, Asia, and Africa not only deepened suffering through death and poverty but also fuelled forced migration to the West. In response, far-right movements gained momentum in Europe and our country. Despite these challenges, **HRS remained steadfast in its commitment to combating human rights violations in** the UK and beyond.

Report Highlights: In the following sections of this report provides a comprehensive overview of HRS's projects, activities, campaigns, and research initiatives. In 2024, our efforts centred on supporting the integration of young and female migrants while strengthening human rights education and practical activism for our volunteers. Additionally, the **UPR reports we prepared for the UN** underscore our unwavering commitment to peace, justice, and democracy on a global scale.

Our Principles and Approach: At HRS, we champion the universal, interconnected, and indivisible right to life for all living beings. **Our comprehensive approach addresses all aspects of fundamental rights and freedoms, transcending borders, race, and belief.** To safeguard these rights effectively, we engage with a broad spectrum of partners –including civil society, government, academia, media, and business– fostering collaboration for lasting impact.

Major Milestones: In 2024, we launched impactful initiatives to support refugee rights and address their challenges. The **third 'Humanity Cartoons' competition** highlighted the refugee housing crisis, with winning artworks exhibited at multiple venues. Our **women's integration survey** gained significant attention, offering valuable insights. **Youth-focused programs** in sports, education, and activism continued to expand. Our other important initiatives included the **UPR reports on Turkey,** prepared with University College London students, the **'Knife Crime in the UK'** report, developed with **City of London students,** and the **online courses** launched by our **Women's Rights Committee** for Afghan girls deprived of education.

Looking Ahead: The progress we have made, the projects we have implemented, and the dedication of our volunteers **continue to shape and strengthen our vision for the future. In 2025,** we anticipate significant growth in our projects and activities, driven by an expanding team of staff and volunteers. Our plans include **supporting disadvantaged immigrant youth** in their career development, expanding human rights training programs, and launching initiatives to enhance the integration of women into UK society. We also aim to visit children in refugee camps, offering them hope and support, while continuing to **organize 'Humanity Cartoons' exhibitions and panels on immigrant rights.** Additionally, we will **conduct field observations and publish reports on human rights violations** in different countries.

Sincerely yours,

HRS Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Mehmet Ozdemir

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ACT TODAY, BUILD TOMORROW! HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY (HRS) - EMPOWERING RIGHTS AND COMMUNITIES

At Human Rights Solidarity (HRS), we remain steadfast in our commitment to advocating for, supporting, and empowering individuals affected by human rights violations. As a UK-registered charity (Charity Number: 1201416), we serve asylum seekers, refugees, immigrants, and other marginalized communities, offering a platform for advocacy, education, and community integration. Since our formal registration, we have strengthened our mission to uphold fundamental human rights and provide tangible support to those in need.

Our mission is to illuminate human rights issues and nurture a new generation of defenders—young, agile, innovative, and technologically equipped. We believe that awareness, education, and advocacy are key to fostering a just and equitable society. Through our work, we empower individuals to stand up for their rights and support others in their pursuit of justice.

Our Core Activities:

- **Advocacy & Policy Engagement:** Organizing campaigns, drafting reports, and submitting recommendations to UN, EU, and UK human rights bodies.
- **Education & Training:** Hosting webinars, seasonal training programs, and workshops to build human rights awareness and activism skills.
- **Community Mobilization:** Encouraging and guiding immigrant communities towards active participation in human rights advocacy.
- **Professional Development:** Supporting immigrant legal professionals and students in the UK with mentorship, career advice, and integration assistance.
- **Awareness Campaigns:** Utilizing social media, exhibitions, art and cultural events to amplify human rights issues and foster public engagement.
- **Sport & Social Activities:** Organizing sports and social events to support the well-being and integration of youth immigrants and their families, fostering community connections and engagement.

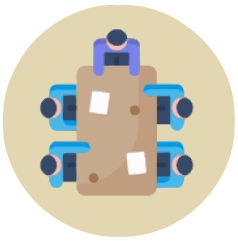
Believing that only fully integrated immigrants can defend and enjoy their rights, HRS plays a pivotal role in facilitating the integration of refugees into UK society, offering guidance and opportunities for displaced legal professionals and human rights defenders seeking to rebuild their careers. Our educational initiatives cover critical areas such as education, health, finance, housing, and protection from

discrimination and violence—ensuring that individuals and communities facing human rights challenges receive the support they need.

At the heart of HRS is a dedicated team of volunteers—experienced human rights activists, legal professionals, educators, and advocates—driven by a shared passion for social justice. We strive to create an inclusive, safe, and welcoming environment where our programs remain accessible and responsive to the diverse needs of our beneficiaries.

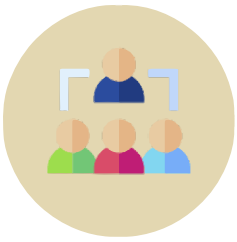
Through our collective efforts, HRS continues to stand as a beacon of hope, fostering resilience, empowerment, and justice for all. We remain committed to expanding our reach and impact, ensuring that human rights are not just protected but actively upheld and promoted in every aspect of society.

OUR TEAM STRUCTURE



The Board of Trustees

The governing body of Human Rights Solidarity consists of a chairman and eight trustees. Each trustee brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in various fields, including human rights advocacy, philanthropy, education, and accountancy. United by a shared commitment to the rule of law, democratic development, and world peace, they are the cornerstone of our organization. Regular monthly meetings are held every third Friday, and we also coordinate the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in January each year.



Management Board

This board is responsible for overseeing our accounting, daily operations, and the planning and execution of our activism and training programmes. They ensure the integrity and efficacy of our research and the reporting on rights violations, helping to effectively deliver our projects. These range from raising awareness on human rights and social issues to organizing weekly meetings. Regular weekly meetings are held every Tuesday, and we also coordinate the Monthly Executive Meeting every second Tuesday including more detailed project and admin-related discussion.

Advisory Board and Public Benefit Committee

The Advisory Board, established by the Board of Directors, consists of experts in various fields who voluntarily offer their consultancy services. Their diverse expertise supports the strategic development of our plans and projects, providing invaluable guidance to our board members. Regular monthly meetings are held every third Thursday, and we also coordinate a session in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in January.

Youth Board (YouthAct)

Human Rights Solidarity places a high priority on youth engagement. A significant portion of our founding group, 90%, are young individuals aged between 16 and 25 years. We recognize that nurturing today's youth in rights awareness and law is crucial for ensuring a peaceful future. Through our Youth Action group, we aim to harness their energy and enthusiasm towards human rights advocacy. The Youth Board meets weekly.

Regional Representatives

As of August 2024, Human Rights Solidarity has expanded to include 30 Regional Representatives, covering all major cities in the UK. These representatives play a pivotal role in coordinating local events and elevating the awareness of HRS within their respective regions. We conduct monthly coordination meetings, which include a segment dedicated to human rights training, ensuring that our regional efforts are aligned with our core mission and values. These representatives are essential in strengthening our local presence and impact across the UK.

Personnel and Volunteers

At Human Rights Solidarity, we pride ourselves on having a dedicated, determined, and committed workforce. Our success in activism, research, education, and support services is bolstered by over a hundred members and a growing number of volunteers. We are immensely grateful for each individual's contribution to HRS and highly value their dedication and work.

Committees

Committees are essential to the efficient functioning of Human Rights Solidarity. They enable specialization, foster collaboration, and ensure that key projects and advocacy areas are effectively managed. Each committee is responsible for planning and executing relevant projects and meets weekly to strategize and coordinate activities.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Fundraising Committee manages daily fundraising operations and several core projects, including membership engagement, financial sources and funding, and community-driven initiatives.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION COMMITTEE

This committee focuses on freedom of expression, thought, media, belief, and access to information. It works with UK and EU organizations to coordinate events, panels, conferences, reports, campaigns, books, and films.

LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

This committee protects the rights of human rights organizations, activists, legal professionals, and labour union representatives, ensuring their access to justice and legal protection.

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

This committee advocates for asylum seekers, refugees, and immigrant communities while combating xenophobia, antisemitism, Islamophobia, and racism.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS COMMITTEE

This committee promotes gender equality and works against oppression, violence, and discrimination based on gender or sexual orientation.

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE RIGHTS COMMITTEE

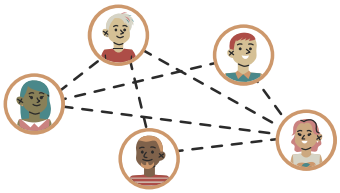
This committee advocates for the right to a healthy and sustainable environment and promotes awareness and action on environmental justice.

YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE

This committee supports youth activities in human rights advocacy through art, activism music, film, and other creative projects

7 COMMITTEE

9 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



30 REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

181 REGISTERED MEMBER

TRUSTEE & VOLUNTEER INDUCTION AND TRAINING

Human Rights Solidarity is dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of governance and leadership. To support this commitment, we require all trustees to complete comprehensive training and certification, equipping them to uphold our values, ensure safeguarding, and contribute effectively to our mission.
We offer free access to the ICAEW's online training modules, providing a detailed overview of:

- The legal and financial responsibilities of charity trustees
- Strategic and operational considerations
- Best practices in safeguarding and volunteer management

This training is crucial for our trustees and volunteers to understand their roles, their duty of care toward volunteers and beneficiaries, and the impact they can have.

Upon joining the Board, each trustee and volunteer undergoes a detailed induction and training process, which includes:

1.Meetings with Key Personnel
Trustees meet other board members, senior staff of HRS, and leaders from various teams. These interactions are vital for building a strong and effective leadership team.

2.Understanding HRS Operations
The induction process gives a comprehensive overview of HRS's operations, our collaboration with partner organizations, and our approach to social justice and human rights philanthropy.

3. Compliance with Health & Safety Regulations
All training and induction activities comply with current Health & Safety regulations, ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants.

4. Safeguarding and Volunteer Management

Trustees receive guidance on HRS's safeguarding policies and procedures, including protocols for volunteer training and supervision. This ensures the welfare of volunteers, staff, and beneficiaries, and upholds our commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment.
To reinforce our commitment to excellence and accountability, HRS requires all trustees to complete the ICAEW training modules and obtain certification. This certification demonstrates their readiness and commitment to their role in advancing human rights and social justice while upholding the highest safeguarding standards.
Through this thorough training and certification process, Human Rights Solidarity ensures that its leadership is not only knowledgeable and compliant with legal and financial standards but also deeply aligned with our mission, values, and duty of care for everyone involved in our work.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustee-Directors of Human Rights Solidarity confirm that they have thoroughly reviewed the major risks facing the charity and implemented robust systems to manage them.

Our risk management framework includes:

1. **Comprehensive Risk Register**

A detailed register catalogues all significant risks, serving as a central tool for continuous monitoring and management.

2. **Regular Board Reviews**

The Board conducts in-depth examinations of the risk register on a rotational basis during its meetings, ensuring a thorough understanding and management of each risk.

3. **Public Benefit Review**

In assessing risks, we pay particular attention to public benefit activities, ensuring that our operations not only comply with legal standards but also further our mission to promote human rights.

4. **Monthly Administrative Oversight**

Monthly administrative meetings are held to identify and mitigate potential issues promptly, maintaining a proactive stance on risk management.

Through these structured measures, Human Rights Solidarity remains prepared to address challenges and uncertainties, safeguarding our mission and enhancing our effectiveness in the field of human rights.

FUNDRAISING STRATEGY

Fundraising Approach

As a growing charity, **Human Rights Solidarity** is actively enhancing its fundraising capacity. Our team currently includes:

- **1 part-time volunteer fundraiser** (who also manages bookkeeping),
- **1 trustee overseeing fundraising efforts,** and
- **3 dedicated volunteers** supporting donor engagement and events.

Recognizing the need for professional expertise, we are planning to **hire a professional fundraiser** to strengthen our efforts and secure sustainable funding.

At HRS, our primary fundraising strategies for **unrestricted and project funding** include:

1.Trusts and Foundations – A significant portion of our funding comes from successful grant applications to various charitable trusts and foundations.

2.Individual Donations – Contributions from donors form a crucial part of our revenue stream.

3.Major Donors & Online Fundraising Events – We engage with major donors and host online fundraising events to broaden our donor base.

Volunteering Campaign and Community Engagement

In 2023, we launched our Volunteering **Membership Program,** encouraging individuals to contribute regularly to our cause. By the end of the year:

- **132 volunteer members** joined, providing a **total annual contribution of £4,800.**
- Volunteer Members receive monthly newsletters, exclusive updates, priority event access, and invitations to strategy discussions.

We aim to **increase volunteers by 30% in 2024,** focusing on community engagement through social media and outreach programs.

Fundraising Performance

The **2023 financial year** marked a significant success in fundraising:

- **Total funds raised: £,76,015**
- **Cost of fundraising: £6,200** (primarily fundraising costs, marketing and platform fees)
- **Net funds secured for projects: £69,815**

This high **ROI (Return on Investment)** demonstrates the effectiveness of our fundraising efforts. We anticipate continued growth in 2024.

December 2023 Annual Fundraising Campaign

In December 2023, **HRS hosted its Annual Fundraising Campaign via YouTube Live and Zoom webinars,** featuring guest speakers, testimonials, and live Q&A sessions. Key highlights:

- **2,200+ viewers across platforms**
- **115 direct donations during the event**
- **£10,600 raised in total, exceeding our £10,000 target**

These funds were allocated to **human rights advocacy programs, legal aid support for refugees, and educational workshops.**

Compliance and Standards

HRS is registered with the Fundraising Regulator, demonstrating our commitment to ethical fundraising and transparency. All fundraising activities align with the UK's Charity Commission regulations and best practices.

Online Fundraising and Oversight

Online fundraising is a cornerstone of our strategy, allowing us to reach a wider audience. Oversight is ensured by:

- The **Public Benefit Committee,** which evaluates fundraising impact.
- The **Board of Trustees,** which ensures all activities align with our mission.

Team Structure and Expansion

Despite having a **small, volunteer-driven team,** our efforts have yielded **remarkable fundraising success.** With the addition of a **professional fundraiser in 2024,** we aim to:

- Strengthen grant applications and donor engagement.
- Expand our online campaigns and **annual fundraising events.**
- Develop long-term donor relationships to ensure financial sustainability.

Future Goals

In **2024 & 2025 financial year,** our targets include:

- **Raising £ 95,000** through a mix of grants, donations, and membership growth.
- Expanding our **membership program to 200+ members.**
- Enhancing donor engagement through more **interactive online events and campaigns.**

Through these strategic efforts, **Human Rights Solidarity** is committed to **sustaining and growing its fundraising capacity,** ensuring continued impact in human rights advocacy and community support.

SERVICES, PROJECT & ACTIVITIES

Overview

Human Rights Solidarity (HRS) is committed to advocating for and supporting marginalised communities, including victims of human rights violations, refugees, migrants, and racially minoritised groups. Our mission is to promote and protect human rights, empower individuals through education, and facilitate social integration for disadvantaged populations including youth.
HRS provides a range of services for immigrants including, including legal assistance, advocacy, educational programmes, social and sport activities and community engagement initiatives all aimed at capacity building for defending and enjoying human rights.. We support asylum seekers and refugees by offering skill-building workshops, mentorship programmes, and public awareness campaigns. Our programmes aim to equip individuals with the tools they need to rebuild their lives, find employment, and integrate into society.

Our organisation operates through a dedicated network of human rights activists, educators, and legal professionals who work closely with local organisations, charities, schools, and stakeholders to ensure that immigrant communities receive the support they need. Through structured initiatives such as employment training, digital literacy courses, and mental well-being programmes, we have successfully empowered hundreds of immigrants to navigate their new environment and access opportunities for growth. Human rights education has always been in the forefront of these capacity building programs.

Key Areas of Operation

Our activities are broadly categorised under six main headings: Training, Reporting, Field Actions, Legal and Economic Assistance, Public Awareness, and Social Integration Support.

Training Activities

Education is a cornerstone of our approach. We conduct periodic training programmes on human rights and activism, targeting our staff, volunteers, and the wider community. This initiative ensures that our team is well-equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to advocate effectively for human rights. Additionally, we offer tailored workshops for youth, migrant communities, and professionals working in human rights sectors.

Reporting Activities

Research and reporting form another crucial pillar of our work. HRS actively conducts research and prepares reports on rights violations, environmental crises, and their impacts, not only in the UK and Europe but globally. Our reports provide valuable insights for policymakers, legal experts, and civil society organisations, driving awareness and advocacy efforts.

Field Actions

Our activists are committed to standing against injustice and lawlessness wherever it occurs. We engage in peaceful protests, public awareness campaigns, and advocacy efforts to demonstrate our solidarity with victims and to promote fundamental rights. These actions include participating in global human rights marches, organising public exhibitions, and amplifying the voices of marginalised communities.

Legal & Economic Assistance

HRS provides direct financial, legal assistance and referrals to asylum seekers, refugees, and other vulnerable individuals facing human rights violations. We collaborate with legal professionals and organisations to ensure that those in need receive adequate representation and guidance on their rights and asylum procedures.

Public Awareness

We are also working to inform and educate the public on human rights abuses, immigration, and asylum. We encourage the public to look differently at refugees and asylum seekers and see the positive contribution they make to our society. HRS is committed to developing dynamic and productive new ideas about immigrants' rights and support through frequent seminars, panel discussions, and workshops.

Social Integration Support

Our organisation is deeply invested in the social integration of immigrants and refugees. Through community-driven initiatives such as language training, employment workshops, and cultural exchange programmes, we help individuals build social connections, develop new skills, and gain confidence in their new environment.

Communications and Community Outreach

Reaching out to various sectors of society is a priority. We achieve this through our twelve specialised committees and 30 volunteer regional representatives spread across the UK. Regular meetings enhance our accessibility and capacity for action. Our outreach efforts include:

- Weekly online and in-person community forums
- Partnerships with local and international human rights organisations
- Public engagement events, including panel discussions, exhibitions, and cultural activities
- Digital campaigns to raise awareness and mobilise support for critical human rights issues

KEY PROJECTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS: SUMMARY

Protest at the Iranian Embassy (24 January 2024):

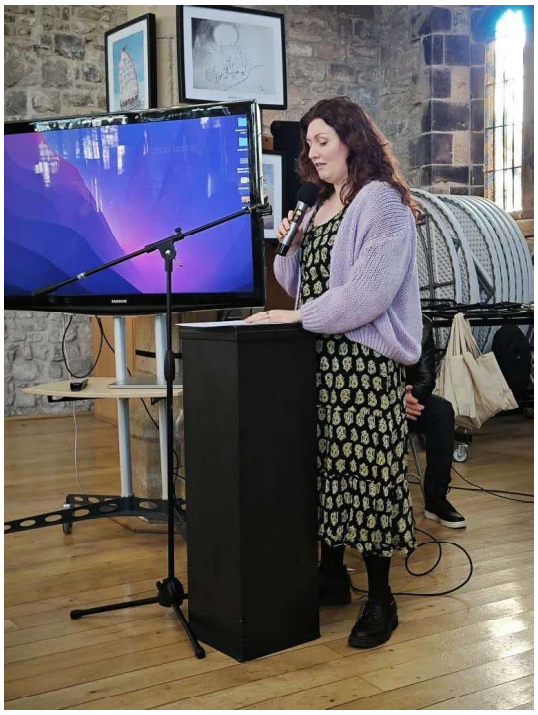
Objective: To highlight the dire situation of lawyers under the Iranian regime and advocate for their fundamental rights.
Activities: A protest was held near the Iranian Embassy in London, calling for the immediate release of unlawfully detained lawyers in Iran and an end to torture and human rights violations.
Impact: A formal letter was sent to Ambassador Mehdi Hosseini Matin, urging the removal of barriers to lawyers' right to defence and expressing international concerns over these ongoing violations.

'Breakfast, Talk and Walk: Learn British History and Your Rights'

Objective: To encourage university students and young people, particularly immigrants and refugees, to network, socialize, and participate in sports.
Activities: Each month, around 20 young people gather on the last Saturday for breakfast and discussions on human rights in a welcoming setting. Afterward, they embark on long walks to various destinations, combining meaningful dialogue with exploration and connection.
Impact: Young people, especially those living away from their parents, have the opportunity to socialize with peers and participate in sports while deepening their understanding of human rights, British history, and culture.

'Human Rights Activism Panel and Networking Event (12 February 2024 - Newcastle)

Objective: Collaborating with local institutions and organizations to foster networking opportunities, exchange ideas, and strengthen human rights activism.



Activities: In the panel, five human rights experts delivered insightful presentations on various topics. Discussions included 'High-Skilled Refugees: Positive Psychological Capital for Coping and Resilience' and 'How Can Local Human Rights Organizations Benefit from UN Mechanisms?', providing in-depth analysis and valuable perspectives on these critical issues.
Impact: At St. Mary's Heritage Centre, 47 organizations from Newcastle and the surrounding areas gathered for a networking event. 18 organizations, including Northumbria Police, hosted promotional stands. Beyond fostering personal connections, the event facilitated inter-agency collaboration, leading to plans for joint initiatives and future events.

World Women's Day March (9 March 2024)

Objective: To advocate for and protect the rights of women facing violence and human rights violations.
Activities: 40 women, including HRS Women's Committee members and volunteers, joined the Women's Rights March in London, wearing purple raincoats and white masks with the names of unjustly imprisoned women in Turkey. The march advocated for the rights of all women facing oppression and violence.
Impact: Beyond advocating for women's rights, participants found strength in solidarity and the power of collective action. The event also enabled networking with other women's rights organizations, fostering future collaboration.

Move and Muse: Walking Through History in Central London

Objective: To deepen participants' understanding of the UK's heritage and offer them the opportunity to explore London's rich history and culture.

Activities: On the last Saturday of each month, approximately 30 refugees and migrants participate in guided tours of London's historic sites and museums, led by experienced guides.
Impact: These walking tours not only enhanced participants' knowledge of British history and culture but also supported their integration processes while promoting physical and mental well-being.

Combating Hate Speech and Crimes Project

Objective: To monitor and report the rise of hate speech and crimes on social media while actively working to prevent them.
Activities: In 2024, we focused on Turkish content, with 20-25 volunteers actively monitoring, reporting, and filing complaints on the social media platform X. The flagged messages were systematically collected in a database for analysis.
Impact: Volunteers are becoming more aware of hate speech and related crimes. Additionally, the social media platform X has imposed sanctions on certain accounts spreading hate speech, following reports submitted through our efforts.

Survey: The Integration Journey of Turkish-Origin Refugee Women

Objective: To examine the integration process and challenges faced by Turkish-origin women who sought asylum in the UK after 2016.
Activities: A total of 192 women from across the UK participated in the invitation-based survey. Completed within 30 days, the survey results were analysed by experts and are set to be presented to the public through a panel discussion.
Impact: The survey results highlight the experiences of Turkish-origin refugee women, the challenges they face in the integration process, and their overall expectations. Based on these insights, HRS will develop targeted projects to address these issues and support their integration.

International Cartoon Competition and Exhibitions

Objective: To explore migration and refugee issues through the compelling storytelling power of art and artists.

Activities: The 'Humanity Cartoons' competition received 750 entries from hundreds of artists worldwide. A jury selected the top 6 and deemed 35 works exhibition-worthy. The chosen cartoons were showcased in various cities across the UK.

Impact: The exhibitions provided the public with an opportunity to learn about migration and refugees while fostering empathy for their struggles.

Picnic for Volunteers: 'Sips, Snacks and Social Impact' (8 June 2023)

Objective: Supporting the mental and emotional well-being of volunteers who experience stress and sadness while working in the field of human rights.

Activities: 20 HRS volunteers gathered at Primrose Hill, one of London's most beautiful parks. The event featured delicious snacks and drinks, lively conversations, and a vibrant atmosphere where young participants played music, sang songs, and enjoyed various games.

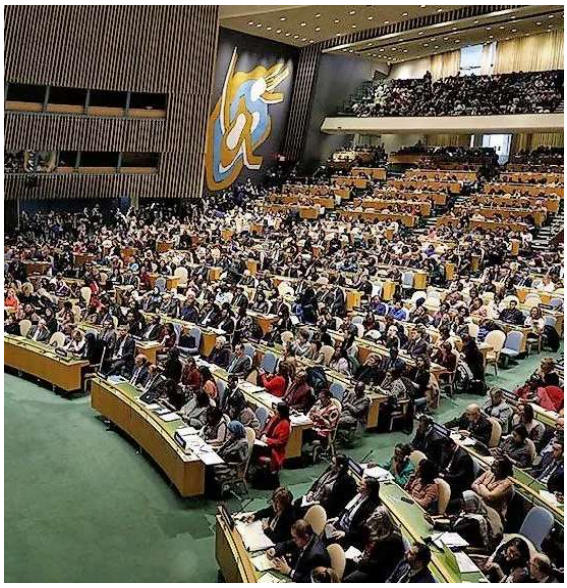
Impact: Participants enjoyed a pleasant and relaxing day, distancing themselves from the city's busyness and daily work stress. This experience not only boosted their energy levels but also enhanced their mental and physical well-being.

Second March for Justice in Strasbourg

Objective: To advocate for justice amid ongoing human rights violations in Turkey and to urge the enforcement of European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) decisions.

Activities: HRS participated in organizing the demonstration in front of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. As part of the event, we have prepared a "Justice Wall" and HRS volunteers led the chants for more than 2,000 attendees.

Impact: The demonstration highlighted the Council of Europe's inaction regarding Turkey's non-compliance with European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) rulings, thereby raising public and political awareness on the issue.



Network and Project Presentation at the Party Conferences

Objective: Participating in political party conferences and networking with politicians. Presenting projects to Members of Parliament.

Activities: A five-member team from HRS attended the Labour Party Conference. Each day, our team participated in an average of four panels or events, seizing valuable networking opportunities.

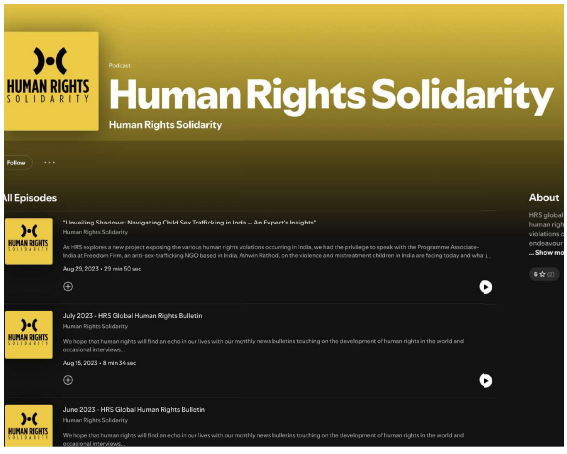
Impact: Our team gained valuable insights into the Labour Party's policies and commitments. We also presented several of our projects to Members of Parliament, extending invitations to our upcoming events.

Refugee Women Empowerment Project

Objective: Empowering refugee women through human rights education and English language practice.

Activities: Participants gathered weekly for a healthy breakfast, followed by a three-hour session featuring presentations and discussions in English. The presentations focused on women's rights topics, facilitating both language practice and awareness of pertinent issues.

Impact: Through interactive lessons and discussions, participants enhanced their English proficiency and deepened their understanding of human rights.

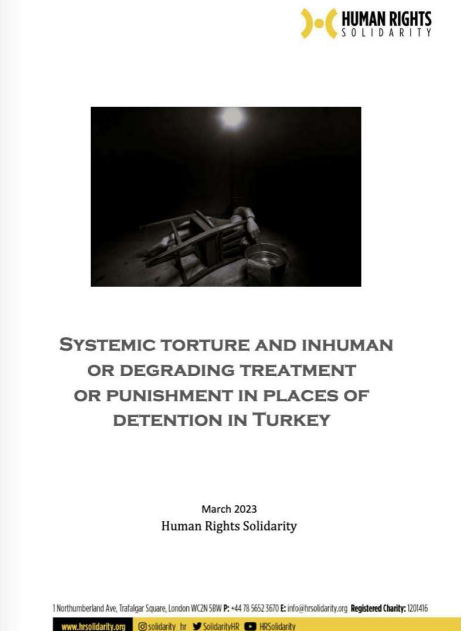


'Radio Solidarity' Podcasts on Spotify

Objective: To enhance public awareness and understanding of human rights violations worldwide, and to explore proactive measures to address these issues.

Activities: Each month, we examine human rights violations occurring globally and within the UK, featuring interviews with various human rights experts.

Impact: Expert insights keep our followers informed and engaged about human rights violations worldwide, enhancing their awareness and understanding.

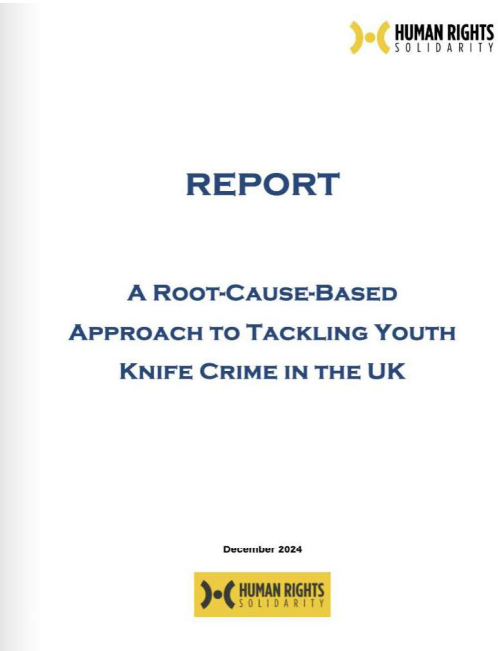


Reports and Proposals to National and International Organizations:

Objective: To inform and influence national and international policymaking for the protection and advancement of human rights.

Activities: In 2024, Turkey was designated as the focus country, leading to the preparation and submission of four distinct Universal Periodic Review (UPR) reports to the United Nations. Additionally, a comprehensive report was compiled addressing the prevalence of knife crimes in England.

Impact: Through active participation in global initiatives, we have contributed to the detection and prevention of human rights violations, influenced policy decisions, and raised awareness on critical issues.



A Root Cause Based Approach to Tackling Youth Knife Crime in the UK:

This report examines the root causes of knife crime, including socioeconomic deprivation, the exploitation of youth by criminal networks, and mental health challenges. The findings underscore the need for early interventions, community-driven strategies, and policy reforms rooted in human rights and public health principles. Key insights emphasize the importance of coordinated, multi-agency responses, bringing together educators, healthcare professionals, social workers, the NHS, and law enforcement to achieve sustainable change.

https://www.hrsolidarity.org/a-root-cause-based-approach-to-tackling-youth-knife-crime-in-the-uk/

Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Submissions

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) mechanism that evaluates the human rights situation in all UN member states through a peer-review process. Established in 2006, the UPR ensures that each country is assessed every 4 years, providing an opportunity to highlight progress, challenges, and human rights violations

Through this process, civil society organizations (CSOs), human rights groups, and other stakeholders can submit reports to inform the review and shape recommendations for the country under evaluation. These submissions are crucial in holding governments accountable, promoting human rights improvements, and raising international awareness of abuses.
HRS actively engages in the UPR process to document and advocate for human rights in Türkiye, ensuring that cases of persecution, suppression of freedoms, and systematic violations are brought to the attention of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).
More details about the UPR mechanism and stakeholder submissions can be found on the United Nations Human Rights Council website:

🔗 UPR Submissions for Türkiye

HRS has submitted multiple reports to the 49th
Session of the UPR, focusing on key human rights issues in Türkiye:

1.Joint NGO Submission on Children's Rights in Türkiye

o Focus: Violations of children's rights, including restricted access to education, unlawful detention of minors, and family separations due to political persecution.

o Key Concerns:

- Imprisonment of children with their mothers in overcrowded detention centres.
- Denial of access to healthcare, education, and social services for children of dissidents.
- Psychological trauma caused by arbitrary arrests and family separations.

2. Joint NGO Submission on Freedom of Press in Türkiye

o Focus: Crackdown on press freedom, imprisonment of journalists, censorship of independent media, and government control over mass communication.

o Key Concerns:

- Türkiye ranks among the worst offenders in journalist imprisonment worldwide.
- Extensive use of anti-terror laws to silence independent journalism.
- Blocking of news websites, removal of dissenting content, and shutdowns of media outlets.

3. Ongoing Cases of Torture, Inhumane Treatment, and Enforced Disappearances in Türkiye

o Focus: Documenting the systematic use of torture, mistreatment, and enforced disappearances against political detainees, activists, and opposition figures.

o Key Concerns:

- Reports of torture in police custody, including beatings, electric shocks, and arbitrary violence.

- Forced confessions extracted through inhumane treatment.
- Over 30 cases of enforced disappearances reported in recent years, with families denied access to legal recourse.

4. Joint NGO Submission on Religious Persecution in Türkiye

o Focus: The targeting of religious minorities and ideological groups, particularly individuals affiliated with Hizmet Movement.

o Key Concerns:

- Thousands of people arrested or exiled based on perceived religious and ideological affiliations.
- Closure of religious institutions and confiscation of assets.
- Ongoing social, economic, and legal discrimination against targeted groups.

5. Joint NGO Submission - UPR Compliance Evaluation Matrix

o Focus: Evaluating Türkiye's progress on 216 recommendations it supported in the previous UPR cycle.

o Key Findings:

- Lack of substantial progress in implementing key human rights reforms.
- Continued violations of freedom of expression, rule of law, and minority rights.
- Government backsliding on commitments to improve judicial independence and press freedoms.

HRS remains committed to advocating for human rights, documenting abuses, and ensuring accountability at the international level. These submissions are vital in ensuring that Türkiye is held responsible for its human rights obligations under international law.

FUNDED PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Youth Community Project – Hoops for Hope

Objective:
To support the integration, social well-being, and empowerment of migrant and refugee youth through basketball training and mentorship.
Activities:
- Weekly supervised basketball training sessions.
- Intensive basketball camps during Human Rights Week.
- Community engagement and social integration through sports.

Funding & Support:
- Sport England Small Grants Programme
- National Express Foundation Grant: Provided funding to extend the initiative.

Impact:
- Encouraged physical and mental well-being among migrant youth.
- Reduced social isolation and provided a positive recreational outlet.
- Strengthened community cohesion through structured sports activities.

Community Project – Breakfast, Walking, and Learning British History

Objective:
To provide an enriching and inclusive experience for young asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants, aiding their social and cultural integration into British society.
Activities:
- Biweekly sessions combining breakfast, human rights education, and guided historical walks in London.
- Funded under the "Social Support and Integration Project" by the Greater London Authority (GLA).
- Approximately 20 participants per session,

Funding & Support:
- Greater London Authority (GLA) – Building Strong Communities Fund.
- Go! London Foundation Grant – Project named Breakfast, Hike, and Learn British History & Your Rights.

Impact:
- Addressed financial difficulties and social isolation of young migrants due to the high cost of living.
- Helped asylum seekers and refugees better understand British history and society.
- Fostered a sense of belonging and integration into UK culture.

Community Project – Human Rights Training for Migrants

Objective:
To provide essential human rights training to migrants, particularly focusing on asylum seekers, empowering them with knowledge of their rights in the UK.
Activities:

- Titled Welcome Aboard: Immigrant Transition & Support Services project provided bi-weekly human rights training sessions.
- Sessions attended by around 450 individuals, primarily Turkish asylum seekers and refugees.
- Plans for expanding the program to include asylum seekers from other nationalities.

Funding & Support:

- National Lottery Community Fund Grant.
- Edgar E Lawley Foundation Grant – Financial support for advocacy and education initiatives to reach more beneficiaries.

Impact:

- Equipped asylum seekers with essential knowledge to navigate life in the UK.
- Empowered migrants to advocate for their rights and well-being.
- Created a support network for vulnerable individuals facing integration challenges.

In addition to the funded projects, we applied for and received funding from various sources to support its initiatives:
1.Ford Trust Small Grant – Small grant for IT equipment, specifically a tablet to enhance digital access for training sessions.
2. Hilden Trust Grant – to fund 24 human rights workshops for refugees and asylum seekers over 24 months. The workshops cover topics such as discrimination, legal rights, healthcare, education, and employment to empower participants with knowledge and advocacy skills.
3. Postcode Society Trust Grant – The application targeted supporting marginalized communities and tackling inequality, specifically focusing on asylum seekers and refugees in one of the UK's most deprived areas (postcode EN3 4HF). Funding will be used for human rights training, legal aid workshops, and social integration activities
HRS successfully secured multiple grants to support youth, asylum seekers, and migrants through sports, education, and community-based initiatives. The organization has demonstrated a strong impact by fostering integration, well-being, and empowerment in migrant communities across the UK.

Burak's Success Story: A Journey of Resilience, Advocacy, and Triumph with HRS

Burak's story is one of resilience and transformation. From unjust detention in Turkey to becoming a leading human rights advocate in the UK, his journey reflects perseverance and the power of meaningful collaboration. His involvement with Human Rights Solidarity (HRS) marked a turning point, allowing him to channel his experiences into systemic change and empowerment.

As the Legal Affairs Committee Leader at HRS, Burak's firsthand experience as a displaced lawyer enabled him to design impactful initiatives. He led programs integrating Turkish refugee lawyers into the UK legal system, providing resources to rebuild careers while enriching the legal landscape with diverse perspectives. His work empowered these professionals to continue their advocacy, transforming personal struggles into tools for justice.

Burak spearheaded research projects and prepared legal reports on systemic injustices, many submitted to international bodies like the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention. His work on landmark cases exposed human rights abuses and contributed to global accountability efforts. He also played a key role in high-stakes campaigns documenting human rights violations in conflict zones, shaping policy discussions, and advocating for reform.

Beyond legal advocacy, Burak emphasized cross-cultural dialogue and community integration. He led initiatives like the Go! London project, fostering collaboration between displaced professionals and their new communities. Through workshops, seminars, and public events, he created platforms where diverse voices were heard and valued.

Burak represented HRS at parliamentary panels and global conferences, engaging policymakers and grassroots organizations. His ability to navigate complex legal and political landscapes made him an invaluable advocate for human rights. His academic contributions further amplified his impact, with research on environmental governance, plastic pollution, and human rights violations informing public discourse and policy debates. His presentations at high-profile events, including British Parliament panels, showcased his ability to translate complex issues into actionable insights.

Through HRS, Burak has not only rebuilt his own life but has also empowered countless others. His unwavering commitment to justice and his dedication to fostering integration have left a lasting mark on the human rights community. His journey is a testament to resilience and the possibility of new beginnings, inspiring others to believe in change and transformation.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

In 2024, Human Rights Solidarity (HRS) bolstered its institutional framework by appointing two full-time staff members, alongside seven volunteer committee chairs and their respective teams, aligning with our strategic objectives. This expansion has amplified the impact of our projects and initiatives.

Building on this momentum, HRS is committed to further growth in 2025. Our key objectives include:

- **Personnel and Volunteer Expansion:** We aim to increase our team of dedicated staff, members, and volunteers to enhance our capacity for action.
- **Enhanced Training Programs:** Developing comprehensive human rights education to empower advocates and inform the public.
- **Proactive Advocacy and Reporting:** We are committed to intensifying our efforts to monitor, document, and address human rights violations both nationally and internationally, while enhancing the diversity and effectiveness of our field actions.

Our strategic plans are meticulously crafted to not only consolidate our current achievements but also to broaden our influence in human rights advocacy. We are steadfast in our mission to effect meaningful change for those we serve.

Enhancing Volunteer Programs
Objective: Establishing Human Rights Solidarity (HRS) clubs at universities where we already have volunteers and recruiting new volunteers and activists from various high schools and universities.
Strategy: We will participate in university volunteer fairs to showcase our projects and activities and visit high schools to present our organization and initiatives. Additionally, we will focus on converting volunteers into permanent members through training programs.

Revitalizing Committees
Objective: To enhance the efficiency of our seven committees, we plan to recruit new members and increase their project and activity output.
Strategy: To strengthen the expertise and commitment of our seven committees established in 2024, we will implement targeted training programs for their chairpersons and members in 2025. Additionally, we will set clear objectives and strategies to ensure each committee operates efficiently and effectively.

International Accreditations
Objective: Pursue advanced accreditations, aiming for membership in the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
Strategy: We will seek mid-tier accreditations, such as obtaining Non-Governmental

Organization (NGO) status with the European Commission, as a pathway to achieving broader international recognition.

Humanity Cartoons Exhibition and Refugee Women Integration Panel
Objective: Utilizing art's compelling and nuanced expression to illuminate refugee and migration issues, while examining refugee women's integration processes and proposing actionable solutions to their challenges.
Strategy: In early 2025, King's College London will host our 'Humanity Cartoons' exhibition, showcasing artwork that highlights refugee experiences. The exhibition will run for three weeks, during which a panel discussion will be held to present the findings and solutions from the 'Women's Integration Survey' conducted by HRS. Experts from King's College London and the University of Oxford will lead the discussion.

International Women's Day Initiatives
Objective: Actively engage in International Women's Day events and develop new projects to advance women's rights.
Strategy: Building on our four-year tradition, HRS will continue to participate in London's International Women's Day March. This year, we plan to send two volunteers to the United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women session at their headquarters. Additionally, we aim to develop original projects focused on women's rights.

Annual Human Rights Education Programs
Objective: Expand our annual human rights education programs from once to at least twice a year, aiming to engage a wider audience.
Strategy: Develop educational initiatives that convene our regional representatives, members, and volunteers to enhance their knowledge and activism skills, incorporating practical activism exercises.

School of Governance and Internship Project
Objective: Provide governance training to our volunteers, including visits to Parliament, councils, and courts, and offer internship opportunities within higher levels of bureaucracy.
Strategy: We plan to launch this project in early 2025, combining theoretical and practical training programs. The curriculum will feature online courses, guided readings, regular visits to various institutions and organizations, and internship placements for participants.

‘Unscreen Yourself’ and ‘Dopamine Addiction’ Presentations
Objective: To encourage students in grades 7-12 to read more, we plan to deliver presentations on screen and dopamine addiction, followed by establishing a book club focused on human rights literature.
Strategy: We delivered a presentation prepared by the HRS Youth Committee to students at a weekend school run by the charity Mentor Wise. Upon receiving positive feedback from the interactive presentation, we decided to expand its reach to schools in London and across the United Kingdom.

Arezo: Remote Education Support for Afghan Girls
Objective: The HRS Women's Rights Committee is launching a remote tutoring initiative to support Afghan girls deprived of education under the Taliban's restrictions.
Strategy: The HRS Women's Rights Committee is launching the 'Arezo' project to provide online education to Afghan girls barred from attending school. Lessons will be delivered by expert volunteers residing in the UK who are proficient in Afghan languages.

Cyclists for Justice, London to Strasbourg
Objective: To highlight the ongoing human rights violations and legal injustices in Turkey over the past decade, and to advocate for the enforcement of European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) rulings.
Activities: In autumn, a group of HRS volunteers from Birmingham will cycle 60 miles before one member continued to The Hague, Netherlands, to join five other activists from across Europe. Together, they will cycle 500 miles over four days to reach Strasbourg.
Impact: Along their route, the activists will engage locals in discussions about human rights violations in Turkey and share their actions on HRS's social media platforms.

Visiting Children in Refugee Camps in Greece
Objective: The HRS Refugee and Migrant Rights Committee is planning a visit to Greek refugee camps, with a special focus on supporting the children residing there.
Strategy: In the summer of 2025, a team of 5-6 members from the HRS Committee on Refugee and Immigrant Rights will visit refugee camps in Greece. They aim to uplift the children by offering small gifts and brief English lessons.

Protest for Press Freedom in Front of BBC Headquarters
Objective: On World Press Freedom Day, we will protest media suppression in countries such as Turkey, Russia, and China.
Strategy: On World Press Freedom Day, members of the HRS Freedom of Expression Committee will hold a protest outside BBC headquarters to draw attention to media crackdowns in countries like Turkey, Russia, and China. We will build an HRS protest installation, the 'Justice Wall,' to highlight the rights violations faced by journalists.

Hoops for Hope: Refugee Children Basketball Camp
Objective: We are organizing a basketball camp featuring former NBA players and human rights activists to inspire hope and courage in refugee children. British Members of Parliament will also be invited to participate in the event.
Strategy: We are planning a major event with Mentor Wise, a charity that runs weekend schools, in April. We will bring former NBA players to conduct a basketball camp for refugee students. After the 3-day camp, a symbolic basketball match will be organized between the refugee students and British Members of Parliament.

Advocacy for Human Rights with Aegean and Evros
Objective: To honour children who lost their lives seeking safety, we are creating two symbolic characters named Aegean and Evros.
Strategy: We will organize events at various times and locations featuring two symbolic cloth characters named Aegean and Evros. These initiatives aim to raise awareness and advocate for the prevention of such tragedies in the future.

15-Meter 'Justice Wall' Across Downing Street
Objective: On Human Rights Day, Human Rights Solidarity will erect its 15x3 metre 'Justice Wall' opposite the Prime Minister's residence at 10 Downing Street.
Strategy: The 'Justice Wall', will be erected on Whitehall Street, stood from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. During this period, hundreds supported the protest, with many will inscribe their human rights demands and grievances on the wall.

Human Rights Solidarity's strategic initiatives for 2025 underscore our unwavering commitment to expanding our impact, enhancing educational programs, and strengthening our organizational foundation. These focused efforts are essential to advancing our mission of promoting human rights and empowering individuals and communities, both within the UK and globally. As we progress, we remain resolute in our dedication to effect meaningful change and uphold the dignity and rights of all people.

Our Main Office: Human Rights Solidarity's main office, located at Rex House on Regent Street in London, serves as the hub for our organizational activities. This space not only houses our administrative and executive teams but also provides a venue for meetings, training sessions, and workshops. It is equipped to support our various programs and serves as a central point for coordination of our national and international initiatives.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview of the Financial Year
This report covers the latest financial year for Human Rights Solidarity, spanning from September 2023 to August 2024. Over the past year, HRS has expanded its financial activities, securing grants, increasing donations, and carefully managing expenditures to sustain and grow its operations.

Financial Performance
HRS has demonstrated strong financial performance this year, with a total income of £78,014.51. The majority of this income came from grants and funds, which accounted for £69,239.00, while donations and legacies contributed £6,775.51. Charitable trading activities generated an additional £2,000.00.
The cost of charitable activities amounted to £25,006.79, and total cost of sales, including volunteer expenses, reached £25,497.74. This resulted in a net operating income of £19,545.58, indicating a healthy financial position.

Income and Expenditure
Total expenditures for the year amounted to £32,971.19. A significant portion of these costs went towards payroll expenses, which totalled £14,340.41, including wages, salaries, and payroll tax. Rent costs were £14,250.00, reflecting the operational space requirements. Travel and accommodation expenses reached £1,261.51, while office and general administrative expenditures amounted to £396.98. Other operational costs, including advertising, bank charges, fundraising, dues, insurance, legal fees, and meals, totalled £2,722.29.
Despite these expenditures, HRS maintained a net surplus of £19,545.58. This surplus highlights the organization's ability to balance costs with income effectively, ensuring financial stability.

Balance Sheet and Reserves Policy
As of August 31, 2024, HRS holds total net assets of £43,118.57. Cash at bank and in hand amounts to £42,023.15, while tangible assets total £1,178.07. Creditors with amounts falling due within one year account for £82.65.
HRS remains in a strong financial position, holding sufficient reserves to cover approximately five months of operating costs. The organization is in the process of developing a formal reserves policy to ensure long-term financial stability and sustainability.

Operating Costs and Going Concern Assessment
With prudent budget management and increasing funding streams, HRS remains

financially secure. The Management Team and Trustees have carefully assessed the charity's financial position and remain confident in its ability to continue operating effectively in the upcoming year.

Fundraising and Budget Management

HRS's fundraising efforts have been successful, with significant grant funding secured. The Trustee Board and fundraising team continue to play a crucial role in overseeing financial sustainability. They ensure that expenditure aligns with income while maintaining a commitment to the organization's mission and strategic goals.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable laws and UK Accounting Standards. They are committed to maintaining transparency, integrity, and accuracy in representing Human Rights Solidarity's financial activities.

This Annual Report reflects a strong financial position for HRS, demonstrating a stable foundation for growth and an expanded impact in the field of human rights. With careful financial management and strategic planning, the organization is well-prepared to continue its mission effectively.

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 31 January 2024 and is signed on its behalf by:

Mehmet Ozdemir
Chair and Trustee

HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO TRUSTEES OF HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 40 to 50

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention other than disclosed below.

1.which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

•to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

•to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or

2.to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached**.**

AA Accountancy Services

Chartered Certified Accountant

244 Chase Road, London, N14 6HH

Date: 25/03/2025

HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unristricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
INCOME AND EXPENDITURES		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income	2	76015	0	76,015	30,725
Activities for generating funds	3	2000	0	2000	0
Investment income	4		0	0	0
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5		0	0	0
Other incoming resources	6	0	-	0	0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		78015	0	78015	30725
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
charitable Activities	7	55422	0	55422	6169
Governance Costs	8	3976	0	3976	983
Other resources expended	9	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	11	59398	0	59398	7152
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES					
before transfers	**21**	18617	0	18617	23573
Transfersbetween funds		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		18617	0	18617	23573
Total Funds at 1 JULY 2023		23573	0	23573	0
Prior Year Adjustment (Note 20)		0	0	0	0
Total Funds at 31 AUGUST 2024		42190	0	42190	23573
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The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these accounts.

HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
FIXED ASSETS		**£**	**£**
Tangible assets	15	884	1178
Programme related investments	**16**	0	0
		884	1178
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	**17**	0	0
Investments		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		42024	23078
		42024	23078
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	**18**	-718	-683
Net current assets / (liabilities)		41306	22395
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due more than one year	**19**	0	0
Total assets less current liabilities		42190	23573
		=====	=====
CHARITY FUNDS			
Restricted funds	**21**	0	0
Unrestricted funds	**21**	42190	23573
		42190	23573
		=====	=====

The notes on pages 16 to 24 from part of these accounts.
Approved by the Board of Trustees on 21 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by Mehmet Ozdemir, Chair.

Mehmet Ozdemir
Chairman

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' published in March 2005 and applicable accounting standards.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donated services or facilities, which comprise donated services, are included in income at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable No income is recognised where there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled, Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £*500* are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance

1.6 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

1.7 Programme related investment

Programme related investments are stated at the cost of investment.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unristricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Donations	6776	0	6776	1620
Grants	69239		69239	29105
Voluntary Income	76015	0	76015	30725

3. TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unristricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Charity trading income				
Charity trading income-Domestic	2000	-	2000	0
Net income from trading activities	2000	0	2000	0

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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unristricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Rental Income		0	0	0

5. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unristricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Educational Activities		0	0	

6. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unristricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Other incoming resources		0	0	0

7. EXPENDITURE BY CHARITABLE ACTIVITY

SUMMARY BY FUND TYPE	Unristricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Direct costs	55422	0	55422	6169
Governance costs	3976		3976	983
	59398	0	59398	7152

SUMMARY BY EXPENDITURE TYPE	Staff Costs £	Other Costs £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Investment Income	12390	55422	67812	9619
Meeting Expenses			0	0
	12390	55422	67812	9619

8. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Governance- Accountants fees	600		600	600
Governance - Other expenses			0	
Governance - Premises costs for head office	1425	0	1425	0
Governance - telephone				
Governance expense - computer expenses				
Governance expense - wages and salaries	1377	0	1377	383
Governance expense - NI	574	0	574	0
Governance - depreciation - tangible fixed assets			0	
	3976	0	3976	983

9. OTHER RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Loss((profit) on disposal of fixed asset	0	0	0	0

10. DIRECT COSTS

	Basis of Allocation	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Cost of charitable activities	Direct	25007	0	25007	1703
Entertainment	Direct	809	0	809	0
Volunteer expenses	Direct	491	0	491	0
Premises	Direct	12825	0	12825	0
Insurance	Direct	153	0	153	38
Fundraising cost	Direct	30	0	30	0
Professional fees	Direct	50	0	50	250
Printing, Postage and Stationary	Direct	0	0	0	0
Depreciation	Direct	294	0	294	294
Telephone	Direct	0	0	0	0
Travel and substance	Direct	1261	0	1261	250
Shipping, freight, delivery	Direct	3	0	3	5
Bank Charges	Direct	67	0	67	25
Paypal fee	Direct	0	0	0	0
Subscriptions	Direct	395	0	395	88
Miscellaneous	Direct	0	0	0	0
Advertising	Direct	1215	0	1215	0
Office expenses	Direct	432	0	432.00	66
Computer costs	Direct	0	0	0	0
Wages and salaries	Direct	12390	0	12390	3450
Pension	Direct	0	0	0	0
Purchases	Direct	0	0	0	0
		55422	0	55422	6169

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11. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED BY EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Staff Costs	Depreciation	Other Costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment Income	0	0	55422	55422	6169
Meeting Expenses	0	0	0	0	40114
Charitable activities	0	0	55422	55422	46283
Governance	1951	0	2025	3976	4982
Other costs					508
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0
	1951	0	57447	59398	51773

12. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED BY ACTIVITIES

	Activities undertaken		Total	Total
	Directly	Support Costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Investment Income	55422	0	55422	6169
Educational Activities	0	3976	3976	50372
Total	55422	3976	59398	56541

13. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: owned by charity	0	
Auditor's remuneration	0	0
Governance Accountant fees	600	600

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2020 -£NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2020 -£NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2020 -£NIL).

14. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	13767	3833
Social security costs	574	0
	14341	3833

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

2024	2023
No.	No.
3	8

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

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15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	TOTAL
Cost	**£**
At 31.08.23	1472
Additions	1472
At 31.08.24	2944
Depreciation	
At 31.08.23	294
charge for period	294
At 31.08.24	588
Net book values	
At 31.08.24	884
At 31.08.23	1178

16. PROGRAMME RELATED INVESTMENT

	Mortgage	Mortgage		Alterations to Premises	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Market Value					
At 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024					
At 31 August 2024					

Programme related investments enable other charities to further their charitable objectives as well as ours in advance of furthering the education of students throughout the UK.

Total bank loans at the year end of £0 are owed in relation to the Programme Related Investments held.

17. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due after more than one year		
Other Debtors		**0**
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	0	0
Other debtors	0	0
	0	

18. CREDITORS: Amount falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and Overdraft		
Trade creditors		
Other taxation and social security	83	83
Other creditors	0	0
Accruals and deferred income	635	600
	718	683

19. CREDITORS: Amount falling due after one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans		
Other creditors		

Creditors include amounts not wholly repayable within 5 years as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Repayable by instalments		

Bank loans are secured by way of a charge over the freehold buildings of the charity.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

20. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

There is no prior year adjsutment this year

21. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers In/Out £	Carried Forward £
Designated Funds					
General Funds					
General Funds-all funds	23573	78015	(59398)	0	42190
Total Unrestricted funds	23573	78015	(59398)	0	42190
Restricted funds					
Restricted funds-all funds	0	0		0	0
Total of funds	23573	78015	(59398)	0	42190

SUMMARY OF FUNDS

	Restated Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers In/Out £	Carried Forward £
General Funds	23573	78015	(59398)	0	42190
Restricted funds	0	0		0	0
	23573	78015	-59398	0	42190

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22. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	884	0	884	1178
Programme related investments	0	0	0	0
Debtors due after more than 1 year	0	0	0	0
Current assets	42024	0	42024	23078
Creditors due within one year	-718	0	-718	-683
Creditors due in more than one year	0	0	0	0
	42190	**0**	**42190**	**23573**

23. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There was not any related party transaction with any of the trustees this year and last year.

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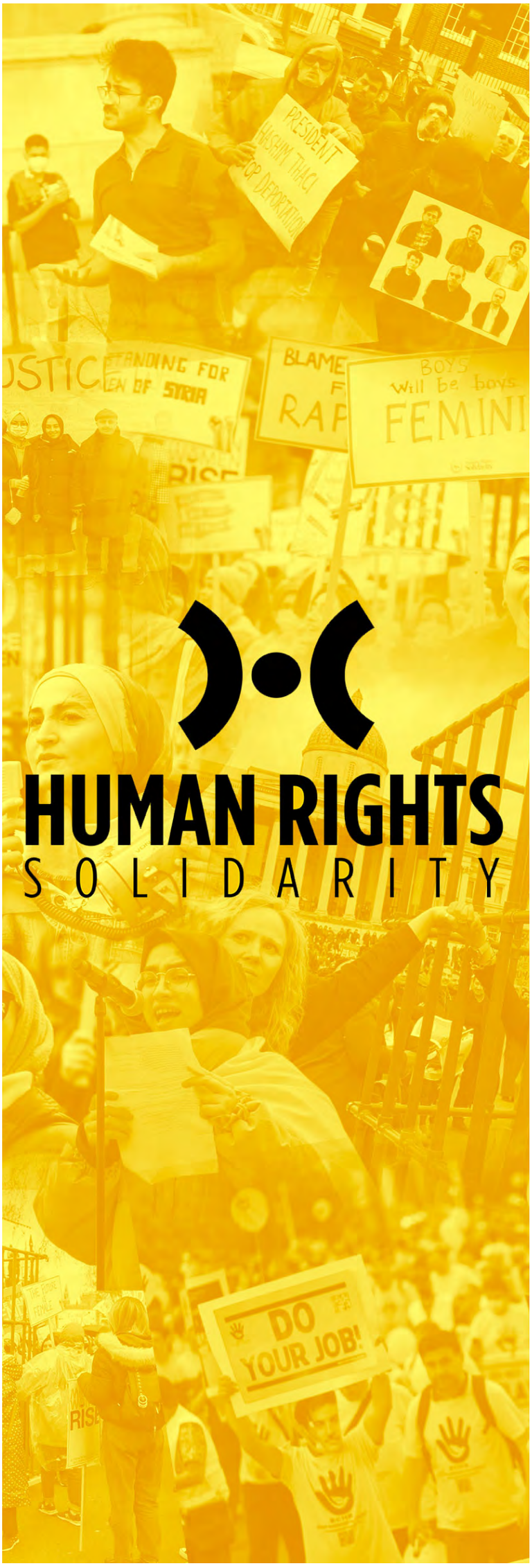
Act Today, Build Tomorrow

- We define ourselves not by the injustices and human rights violations we fight against, but by the future we want to build.

- The heart of our work is the desire to protect human rights in order to leave a better world for future generations.

- For us, the future is an open code that needs to be written and rewritten. When we code the future, we prioritise:

- Fundamental rights and freedoms instead of state interests;
  The power of the righteous instead of the righteousness of the power;
  Responding to change rather than following old plans and goals set by past generations.



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HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY (CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANIZATION)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Directors (and Trustees): Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Mehmet Ozdemir (Chair)
Merve Aslangoren
Dr Bengisu Bassoy
Dr Husamettin Erdamar
Tugrul Karakaya (Treasurer)
Melike Guray
Burhan Ali Erol
Elif Kanlioglu (Secretary)
Ilker Urkmez

Key management Personnel Mehmet Ozdemir Executive Director

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Company Registration Number:
CE031022
Charity Registration Number: 1201416
Date of incorporation:
21 DECEMBER 2022
Constitution: Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees ('Foundation' model constitution)

Bankers:
HSBC Bank plc
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HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 AUGUST 2023

The Trustees are pleased to present their report along with the financial statements for the year ended 30 August 2023. This report includes reference and administrative information, as outlined on the first page, and forms an integral part of our annual review. The financial statements adhere to the current statutory requirements, our governing documents, and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP), in line with FRS 102 accounting standards.

Objectives and Activities
Purposes and Aims

The objects and purposes of the Human Rights Solidarity, as set out in our Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees, are to promote human rights (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ("UDHR") and European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and subsequent United Nations Conventions and Declarations, to include rulings of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and regional codes of human rights which incorporate the rights contained in the UDHR and ECHR and those subsequent conventions and declarations), for the benefit of the public by all or any of the following means:

- Monitoring abuses of human rights;
- Obtaining redress for the victims of human rights abuse;
- Relieving need among the victims of human rights abuse;

- Research into human rights issues;
- Providing technical advice to government/s and others regarding the
- Implementation of human rights standards through law;
- Contributing to the sound administration of human rights law through litigation, advocacy, training and information sharing as regards human rights standards;
- Commenting on proposed human rights legislation;
- Raising awareness of human rights issues;
- Promoting public support for human rights;
- Promoting respect for human rights among individuals and corporations;
- International advocacy of human rights;
- Eliminating infringements of human rights;
- Preparation and publication of reports and articles in relation to infringements of human rights.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and consider that both the objects and purposes of the Trust, and the activities undertaken to achieve these objects and purposes are for the public benefit. When reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities, the Trustees have regard to the public benefit of the organisation. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

The Trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity throughout each year. The Trustees review the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the Trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Celebrating One Year as a Charitable Organisation

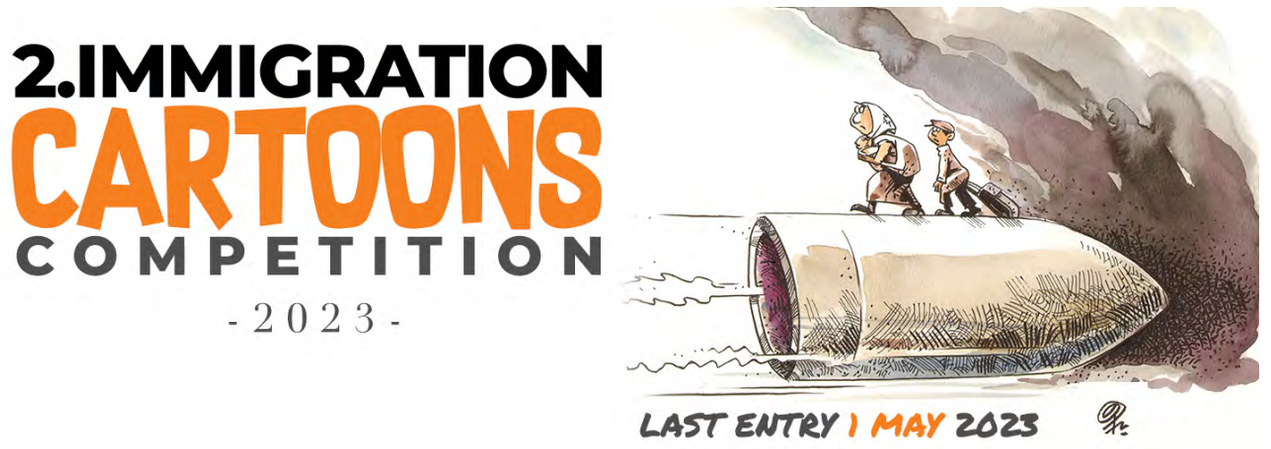
This year marks a significant milestone for Human Rights Solidarity (HRS), as we celebrate our first anniversary since being officially recognized as a charitable organisation in December 2022. This year has been marked by intense activity and growth, as we have focused on strengthening our institutional framework and bringing our strategic plans and projects to fruition.

Notable Achievements: In May 2023, a major achievement was our successful accreditation with the European Parliament, granting us the privilege to appoint a representative within this esteemed body. Additionally, since January 2023, we have been publishing a monthly newsletter, providing insights into human rights developments both in the UK and globally.

Challenges and Efforts: The year 2023 has presented significant challenges in the realms of human rights, law, democracy, and global peace. Widespread issues such as rights violations, oppression, violence, discrimination, and injustice have persisted. During these trying times, HRS has been steadfast in its efforts to safeguard and advocate for human rights.

Report Highlights: In the subsequent sections of this report, we provide an in-depth overview of HRS's diverse range of projects, activities, campaigns, and research initiatives. Central to our efforts this year has been a concentrated focus on youth activism and the integration of immigrants within the UK. These efforts align with our commitment to create a more inclusive and supportive society, particularly for younger generations and immigrant communities.

Our Belief and Approach: At HRS, we firmly believe in the universal, interconnected, and indivisible nature of the right to life for all beings. Our work is holistic, considering all facets of fundamental rights and freedoms. We engage collaboratively with diverse sectors including civil society, government, academia, media, and the business world to champion these rights.



Key Initiatives: Over the past year, we have undertaken significant initiatives focusing on the rights of migrants and refugees, offering solutions to their challenges. Our 'Humanity Cartoons' international competition on migration was a resounding success, with winning entries displayed at various locations. Educational programs for adult migrants, youth integration projects, and detailed reports on rights violations in countries like Turkey, Ukraine, Afghanistan, and some European nations have been instrumental in our efforts, drawing attention from international organizations.

Looking Ahead: Despite our achievements, there remains a vast scope for action in the field of human rights. In the coming year, HRS is committed to not only continuing but also expanding our activities. Plans include research on the integration of migrant women, human rights education for youth, organizing human rights festivals with diverse migrant groups, and preparing reports on rights violations in countries like Turkey, India and China. We aim to grow our network of members and volunteers, amplifying our impact in the vital cause of human rights.

Sincerely yours,

HRS Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Mehmet Ozdemir

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ACT TODAY, BUILD TOMORROW! HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY (HRS) - EMPOWERING RIGHTS AND COMMUNITIES

At Human Rights Solidarity (HRS), we are committed to the advocacy, support, and empowerment of victims of human rights abuses, including asylum seekers, refugees, and immigrants in the UK. Our organization, based in Central London, has become a beacon of hope and support for these communities. As a charity registered with the Charity Commission in the UK (Charity number: 1201416), we have evolved from an active unincorporated entity into a recognized charitable organization dedicated to upholding fundamental human rights for all.

HRS's mission is to illuminate human rights issues and foster a new generation of defenders - young, agile, innovative, and technologically adept. Our goal is to educate and empower individuals to advocate for themselves and others, believing firmly that awareness and knowledge are key to building a just and equitable society.

We engage in a multitude of activities aimed at strengthening the rights and voices of marginalized communities. This includes:

- Organizing campaigns and preparing reports for UN and EU human rights bodies.
- Conducting webinars and seasonal human rights training.
- Mobilizing immigrant populations towards active human rights advocacy.
- Providing guidance and support to immigrant legal professionals and students in the UK.
- Utilizing social media and festivals to heighten awareness of human rights issues.

Additionally, HRS plays a pivotal role in integrating refugee communities into UK society and aiding displaced lawyers and human rights defenders in re-establishing

their professional careers. Our educational programs cover a broad spectrum of human rights topics, including but not limited to, education, health, housing, and freedom from discrimination and violence. These initiatives are vital in supporting individuals and communities facing human rights challenges.

The backbone of HRS is our team of volunteers, comprised of seasoned human rights activists, lawyers, trainers, and educators, all united by a passion for social justice. We are dedicated to creating an inclusive, safe, and welcoming environment for all, ensuring that our programs are accessible and cater to the diverse needs of the communities we serve.

OUR TEAM STRUCTURE

The Board of Trustees

The governing body of Human Rights Solidarity consists of a chairman and eight trustees. Each trustee brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in various fields, including human rights advocacy, philanthropy, education, and accountancy. United by a shared commitment to the rule of law, democratic development, and world peace, they are the cornerstone of our organization. Regular monthly meetings are held every third Friday, and we also coordinate the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in January.

Management Board

This board is responsible for overseeing our accounting, daily operations, and the planning and execution of our activism and training programmes. They ensure the integrity and efficacy of our research and the reporting on rights violations, helping to effectively deliver our projects. These range from raising awareness on human rights and social issues to organizing weekly meetings.

Advisory Board and Public Benefit Committee

The Advisory Board, established by the Board of Directors, consists of experts in various fields who voluntarily offer their consultancy services. Their diverse expertise supports the strategic development of our plans and projects, providing invaluable guidance to our board members.

Youth Board (YouthAct)

Human Rights Solidarity places a high priority on youth engagement. A significant portion of our founding group, 95%, are young individuals aged between 16 and 28 years. We recognize that nurturing today's youth in rights awareness and law is crucial for ensuring a peaceful future. Through our Youth Action group, we aim to harness their energy and enthusiasm towards human rights advocacy.

Regional Representatives

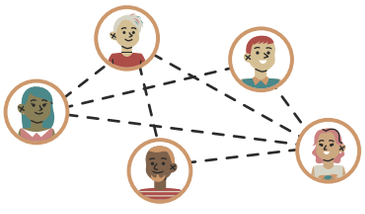
As of August 2023, Human Rights Solidarity has expanded to include 27 Regional Representatives, covering all major cities in the UK. These representatives play a pivotal role in coordinating local events and elevating the awareness of HRS within their respective regions. We conduct monthly coordination meetings, which include a segment dedicated to human rights training, ensuring that our regional efforts are aligned with our core mission and values. These representatives are essential in strengthening our local presence and impact across the UK.

Personnel and Volunteers

At Human Rights Solidarity, we pride ourselves on having a dedicated, determined, and committed workforce. Our success in activism, research, education, and support services is bolstered by over a hundred members and a growing number of volunteers. We are immensely grateful for each individual's contribution to HRS and highly value their dedication and work.

6 COMMITTEE

8 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



25 REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

109 REGISTERED MEMBER

TRUSTEE INDUCTION AND TRAINING

Human Rights Solidarity is dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of governance and leadership. To support this commitment, we require all trustees to complete comprehensive training and certification, equipping them to uphold our values and contribute effectively to our mission.

We offer free access to the ICAEW's online training modules. These modules provide a detailed overview of the legal and financial responsibilities of charity trustees, as well as strategic and operational considerations. This training is crucial for our trustees to understand their roles and the impact they can have.

Upon joining the Board, each trustee undergoes a detailed induction and training process, which includes:

1.Meetings with Key Personnel: Trustees meet other board members, senior staff of HRS, and leaders from various teams. These interactions are vital for building a strong and effective team.

2.Understanding HRS Operations: The induction process is designed to give a comprehensive understanding of HRS's operations, including our collaboration with partner organizations and our approach to social justice and human rights philanthropy.

3.Compliance with COVID Regulations: All training and induction activities comply with current COVID regulations, ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants.

To reinforce our commitment to excellence and accountability, HRS requires all trustees to complete the ICAEW training modules and obtain certification. This certification demonstrates their readiness and commitment to their role in advancing human rights and social justice.

Through this thorough training and certification process, Human Rights Solidarity ensures that its leadership is not only knowledgeable and compliant with legal and financial standards but also deeply aligned with our mission and values.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustee-Directors of Human Rights Solidarity affirm that they have conducted a thorough review of the major risks facing the charity. In response, appropriate systems and procedures have been implemented to manage these risks effectively. Key steps in our risk management process include:

1. Comprehensive Risk Register: A detailed risk register has been compiled, encompassing all significant risks identified. This register serves as a central tool for ongoing risk monitoring and management.
2. Regular Board Reviews: The risk register is regularly reviewed during Board meetings. These reviews are not merely cursory glances but involve in-depth examinations of different risks on a rotational basis, ensuring a comprehensive understanding and management of each risk.
3. Inclusion of Public Benefit Review Activities: Our risk management process includes a specific focus on public benefit review activities. This ensures that our operations not only comply with legal standards but also effectively advance our mission in promoting human rights.
4. Monthly Administrative Meetings for Risk Evaluation: To maintain a proactive stance on risk management, monthly administrative meetings are held.

In these meetings, we evaluate the risks associated with our activities, allowing for timely identification and mitigation of potential issues.

Through these structured and diligent risk management practices, Human Rights Solidarity ensures that it is well-prepared to handle challenges and uncertainties, thereby safeguarding our mission and enhancing our effectiveness in the field of human rights.

FUNDRAISING STRATEGY

Fundraising Approach

As a new charity, Human Rights Solidarity is in the process of enhancing our fundraising capacity. Our current team consists of a part-time volunteer fundraiser who also manages bookkeeping, one trustee, and two dedicated volunteers. Recognizing the importance of expanding our capabilities, we aim to hire a part-time professional fundraiser to strengthen our efforts.

At Human Rights Solidarity, our primary fundraising strategies for unrestricted funding include:

1. Trusts and Foundations: We receive significant project funding from various trusts and foundations, forming a substantial part of our fundraising efforts.
2. Individual Donations: Contributions from individual donors play a crucial role in supporting our activities.
3. Major Donors and Online Fundraising Events: We will engage with major donors and organize online fundraising events to broaden our funding base.

Fundraising Performance
The income generated from our fundraising activities in the last financial year significantly surpassed the expenses incurred in these efforts. We anticipate a similar trend of high net returns in the upcoming financial year.

Compliance and Standards
HRS is registered with the Fundraising Regulator, demonstrating our commitment to adhering to the highest standards of fundraising practice. This registration reflects our dedication to ethical fundraising and transparency.

Online Fundraising and Oversight
We plan to focus on online fundraising as a key component of our strategy. This approach allows us to reach a wider audience and engage with donors in a digital landscape. The oversight of these online fundraising activities is a collaborative effort between our Public Benefit Committee and the Board of Trustees, ensuring that all activities align with our mission and adhere to regulatory standards.

Team Structure and Expansion
Our current fundraising team, though small and primarily volunteer-based, is a testament to the dedication and passion that drives HRS. The addition of a part-time professional fundraiser will significantly enhance our ability to secure the necessary funds to support our initiatives and expand our impact in the realm of human rights.

Through these efforts, Human Rights Solidarity is poised to grow its fundraising capabilities, ensuring that we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the field of human rights advocacy and support.

SERVICES, PROJECT & ACTIVITIES

Overview
Human Rights Solidarity has established itself as a vital entity in advocating for human rights, despite being in its first year as a registered charity. Our governance standards are robust, with effective systems and processes in place. Our trustees and staff are dedicated to fulfilling our mandate, with continuous monitoring of financial risks and project delivery.

Key Areas of Operation: Our activities are broadly categorized under three main headings: Training, Reporting, and Field Actions.

- **Training Activities:** Education is a cornerstone of our approach. We conduct periodic training programs on human rights and activism, targeting our staff and volunteers. This initiative ensures that our team is well-equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to advocate effectively for human rights.

- **Reporting Activities:** Research and reporting form another crucial pillar of our work. HRS actively conducts research and prepares reports on rights violations, environmental disasters, and the impacts of these crises, not only in the UK and Europe but globally.

- **Field Actions**: Our activists are committed to standing against injustice and lawlessness wherever it occurs. We engage in peaceful protests and public awareness campaigns to demonstrate our solidarity with victims and to promote fundamental rights.

Communications and Community Outreach: Reaching out to various sectors of society is a priority. We achieve this through our six committees and 27 volunteer regional representatives spread across the UK. Regular meetings enhance our accessibility and capacity for action.

KEY PROJECTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS: SUMMARY

Protest at the Afghan Embassy (24 January 2023):
Objective: To draw attention to the dire situation of lawyers in Afghanistan under the existing regime.
Activities: Organized a protest demonstration outside the Afghanistan Embassy in London, emphasizing the deterioration of the rule of law and independence of the judiciary, with a specific focus on Afghan women's access to justice.
Impact: Delivered a powerful message through a letter to Ambassador Dr. Zalmai Rassoul, calling for an immediate halt to the restrictions and highlighting international concerns.

Turkey Torture Report (Collaboration with London Advocacy):
Objective: To expose and document the systematic use of torture in Turkey for political purposes.
Activities: Compiled witness accounts of torture victims living in the UK, creating a comprehensive report and a unique comic book video depicting selected testimonies.
Impact: The report was distributed to key individuals, organizations, and official institutions globally, raising awareness about Turkey's human rights violations.

'Turkey Matters' Infographic Study (Collaboration with Advocates for Dignity):
Objective: To present a data-driven overview of Turkey's human rights record over the last decade.
Activities: Developed a series of infographics, illustrating the decline in various indices related to human rights and democracy.
Impact: The collection, underlining the message "Turkey has problems but Turkey matters," called for international concern and action.

World Women's Day March (4 March 2023):
Objective: To highlight the struggles of refugee women and children across the World.
Activities: Participated in The Million Women Rise march in London, featuring a symbolic boat on a platform with mannequins representing refugee women and children in lifejackets.
Impact: Raised public awareness about the specific challenges faced by refugee women and children, enhancing HRS's visibility in women's rights advocacy.

Panel at the UN Women's Conference (CSW-67):
Objective: To engage in global discussions on women's social and economic conditions.
Activities: Hosted two panels at the conference, participated in various NGO and corporate-organized discussions, and networked with global women's rights advocates.
Impact: Enhanced HRS's global footprint in advocating for women's rights and contributed valuable insights into the international discourse.

International Cartoon Competition and Exhibitions (Collaboration with Time to Help UK):
Objective: To use art as a medium to address migration and refugee issues.
Activities: Organized a competition attracting 768 artists worldwide, with 1,278 artworks submitted. Selected cartoons were exhibited across the UK.
Impact: Fostered a creative dialogue on migration issues and established the 'Humanity Cartoons' competition as an annual event.

Hate Crime Observatory:
Objective: To monitor and report hate speech and crimes on social media.
Activities: Launched a website focusing initially on Turkish content, aiming to categorize and report hate speech and crimes.
Impact: Plans to establish an effective reporting system by 2024, contributing to the global effort against online hate speech and crimes.

Report on Earthquake Injustice in Turkey (6 February 2023):
Objective: To address rights violations in the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes in Turkey's southeastern provinces.
Activities: Prepared a detailed report highlighting injustices, especially against minority groups, and submitted it to the Council of Europe.
Impact: Brought international attention to the unequal distribution of humanitarian aid and the plight of marginalized groups post-disaster.

Nakba Day Solidarity March (15 May):
Objective: To stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people on the 75th anniversary of Nakba Day.
Activities: Supported the march organized by various pro-Palestinian groups in London, with HRS Youth Committee members actively participating.
Impact: Amplified the call for an end to the occupation of Palestine and freedom for its people, reinforcing HRS's commitment to global human rights issues.

Annual Human Rights Training for Volunteers (27 May 2023):
Objective: To educate volunteers on various human rights topics.
Activities: Hosted a 2 days seminar with expert speakers covering rights violations for refugees in the UK, human rights advocacy through art, effective social media usage, and insights into human rights mechanisms at EU and UN levels.
Impact: Enhanced the skills and knowledge of HRS volunteers, empowering them to be more effective in their activism.

Second March for Justice in Strasbourg (20 June 2023):
Objective: To call for justice against rights violations in Turkey.
Activities: Participated in a large-scale march in Strasbourg, featuring creative elements like a mobile prison cell and a Justice Wall.
Impact: Drew attention to the silence of European institutions on rights violation cases from Turkey, enhancing public and political awareness.

15-Mile March for Refugee Rights (24 June):
Objective: To raise awareness on refugee and human rights issues.
Activities: Organized a 15-mile march in London, providing a platform for discussion on various topics including human rights, AI, and child development.
Impact: Engaged the public in refugee rights issues, fostering a broader understanding and support for these causes.

Reports and Proposals to International Organizations:
Objective: To influence and inform policy-making at international levels.
Activities: Submitted various reports and amendment proposals to organizations like PACE, the European Parliament, and the UN on issues ranging from natural disaster strategies to violence against women and the situation in Afghanistan.
Impact: Contributed to the global human rights dialogue, influencing policies and raising awareness on critical issues.

- The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) announced their political strategy for preventing, preparing for and coping with the consequences of natural disasters. HRS has submitted amendment proposals to ensure that this strategy is in line with human rights, democracy and the rule of law.
https://www.hrsolidarity.org/our-amendment-proposals-to-pace-on-the-political-strategies-in-natural-disasters/

- Proposals for amendments to the draft 11th report of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) on 'Implementation of judgements of the European Court of Human Rights'.
https://www.hrsolidarity.org/our-amendment-proposals-to-pace-on-the-implementation-of-the-judgement/

- Our short report on "Sexual exploitation and trafficking of Ukrainian women" was submitted to the European Parliament FEMM Committee, PACE Equality and Non-Discrimination Committee and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and Girls. The report sheds light on the alarming problems of sexual abuse faced by women in the context of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.
https://www.hrsolidarity.org/hrs-report-on-sexual-exploitation-and-trafficking-of-ukrainian-women/

- We submitted amendments to the European Parliament's Draft Report of the Commission on Turkey for 2022 {2022/2205(INI)}.

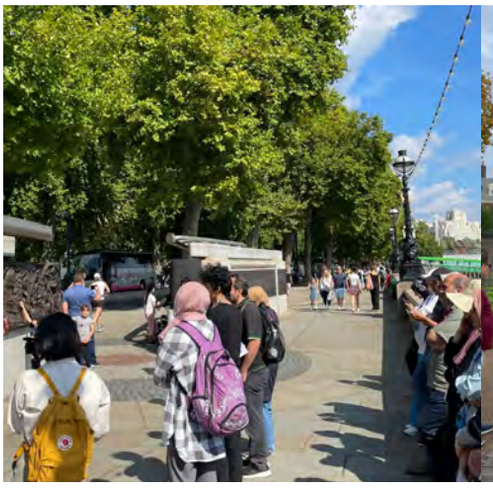
https://www.hrsolidarity.org/our-proposed-amendments-to-the-ecs-draft-2022-report-on-turkiye/

- We submitted our report on "Preventing and Combating Violence against Women with Disabilities in the UK, EU and Turkey" to the PACE Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls. This comprehensive report aims to shed light on the problem of violence against women with disabilities in different countries.
https://www.hrsolidarity.org/our-report-violence-against-women-with-disabilities-in-the-uk-eu-and-turkey-submits-to-the-pace/

- We are closely following the discussions around the Draft Report on 'Extending the List of EU Crimes to Include Hate Speech and Hate Crime' and have shared our amendment proposals with the European Parliament.
https://www.hrsolidarity.org/our-amendment-proposals-to-the-european-parliament/

- We have submitted our report on 'Afghanistan and the Emerging Humanitarian Crisis for Afghan Refugees' to the UN and the Council of Europe. The report comprehensively analyses the complex layers of the humanitarian crisis resulting from the protracted conflict in Afghanistan and the subsequent displacement of Afghan refugees.
https://www.hrsolidarity.org/ourreportonhuman-rights-violations-in-afghanistan/

Youth Community Project - 'Hoops for Hope' and 'Breakfast, Walking And Learning British History':
Objective: To aid in the integration and well-being of migrant and refugee youth.
Activities: Running a basketball school and organizing educational and social activities for young refugees and migrants.



Impact: Facilitated social integration, provided educational opportunities, and enhanced the well-being of young refugees and migrants in the UK.

Community Project: Breakfast, Walking and Learning British History:
Objective: To offer an enriching and inclusive experience for young asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants, aiding their integration into society.
Activities: Funded by the Greater London Authority, this project under 'Social Support and Integration Project' involves monthly gatherings. On the last Saturday of each month, approximately 20 young individuals come together for breakfast, followed by sessions on human rights and British history, and walks to significant locations in London.
Impact: This project addresses the financial difficulties and social isolation experienced by these young people due to the high cost of living in London. It aids their adaptation to society and life in the UK, fostering a sense of community and belonging.

Community Project: Human Rights Training for Migrants:
Objective: To provide essential human rights training to migrants, particularly focusing on asylum seekers.
Activities: Supported by the Community Fund, this initiative offers bi-weekly human rights training sessions attended by around 250 individuals per session. The training primarily targets Turkish asylum seekers and refugees, offering them valuable information and guidance on navigating life in the UK. The project is also expanding to include asylum seekers of other nationalities.
Impact: These training sessions are instrumental in equipping asylum seekers with the knowledge and tools necessary to confront the challenges they face in social life, promoting their rights and wellbeing in their new environment.

These key projects and achievements underline HRS's dedication to human rights advocacy, with a focus on innovative approaches and impactful interventions in various human rights issues.

CASE STUDY

Yasemin's Triumph: From Adversity to New Beginnings*

Yasemin's journey is a powerful testament to the change Human Rights Solidarity (HRS) can bring into the lives of those caught in turmoil. Arrested at the age of 26 in the wake of the 2016 coup attempt in Turkey, she was one of many lawyers accused without basis of being linked to a group blamed for the events. This accusation landed her on a list that marked her for detention, beginning a challenging chapter of her life.

Her time in custody was marked by severe hardships, with the initial days being particularly brutal. Released on bail a year later, Yasemin found herself in an unyielding social and political landscape that offered no peace outside the prison walls. Faced with no viable alternatives, she resolved to leave Turkey behind.

In 2019, Yasemin took a leap of faith, undertaking a perilous journey to find safety. She crossed the Maritsa River to Greece, a move fraught with danger but spurred by the hope of a fresh start. Eventually, she was able to reunite with her husband in the UK in 2020. Yet, even in a new country, she faced significant challenges, including overcoming language barriers and adapting to a new society, all while staying in an asylum seekers' hotel.

A chance discovery of HRS on Instagram opened a new chapter for Yasemin. This connection was the beacon of hope she needed. Reaching out to us, she found immediate support. We welcomed her into our community, providing access to language courses and integration programs. Eager to resume her legal career, Yasemin was guided by us to meet with a specialist lawyer and start plotting her professional journey afresh.

Today, Yasemin is not only pursuing her legal qualifications but is also an active participant in HRS's initiatives. She has become an advocate for refugee rights, contributing her time and experiences to various projects, including leading seminars for immigrant women and supporting our Women's Day march. As she prepares for her lawyer's certification, Yasemin stands as a beacon of resilience and determination.

Yasemin's narrative is one of courage in the face of adversity, embodying the spirit of those who refuse to be defined by their circumstances. It has been our privilege to walk alongside her in this journey of empowerment. Her story is a source of inspiration, offering a message of hope and perseverance to all who face similar trials.

**We have used an anonymous name for this real story and provide AI photo to protect the identity of our beneficiary.*

Plans for Future Periods

As we move forward into 2024, Human Rights Solidarity (HRS) is poised to embark on a series of strategic initiatives aimed at strengthening our organizational impact, enhancing our educational outreach, and expanding our global presence. Our plans are carefully crafted to not only consolidate our current successes but also to broaden our scope of influence in the realm of human rights advocacy. In this section, we outline our key objectives and strategies for the upcoming year, underscoring our commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Development of Membership and Volunteering Modules:
Objective: To expand our base of dedicated members, particularly drawing from university volunteers, in 2024.
Strategy: We will focus on establishing training programs, projects that foster a sense of belonging, and a well-functioning communication network to convert volunteers into permanent members.

Vitalisation of Committees:
Objective: To enhance the efficiency of our committees, which have been operating with limitations.
Strategy: In 2024, we aim to activate committees like 'Migration, Women's Rights, Freeword, Human Rights Defenders' more effectively, with dedicated chairs, clerks, and weekly meetings.

International Accreditations:
Objective: To achieve higher-level accreditations, building towards membership in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations.
Strategy: We will continue our efforts to obtain mid-level accreditations, such as European Commission NGO Status, as a stepping stone to broader international recognition.

World Women's Day Events:
Objective: To actively participate in significant events commemorating World Women's Day.

Strategy: HRS plans to join the 8 March World Women's March in London, a tradition for the past three years, and to participate in the Conference on the Status of Women at the United Nations Headquarters, where we organized two panels last year.

UK Human Rights Conference:
Objective: To address the topical issue of the UK's potential withdrawal from the European Convention on Human Rights.
Strategy: We plan to organize a high-profile conference titled "Is the UK leaving the ECHR umbrella?" aiming for substantial participation and insightful content.

Annual Human Rights Trainings:
Objective: To expand our existing human rights training programs to a broader audience.
Strategy: We intend to develop educational programs for our regional representatives and volunteers, enhancing their knowledge and activism skills.

Internship Project:
Objective: To offer internship opportunities for our volunteers in senior levels of Parliament, Councils, and Bureaucracy.
Strategy: Building on positive initial discussions with the PatchWork Foundation, we aim to finalize agreements and implement this project in 2024.

Impunity Panel:
Objective: To continue our focus on the Day of Impunity for Crimes of Torture on 26 June with impactful panels.
Strategy: Building on past collaborations with organizations like Redress, we aim to expand our partnerships to reach a wider audience this year.

The outlined strategic initiatives for 2024 reflect Human Rights Solidarity's deepening dedication to broadening our influence, enriching our educational programs, and fortifying the foundation of our organization. These concerted efforts are pivotal in advancing our core mission of championing human rights and fostering empowerment among individuals and communities, not just within the UK but on a global scale. As we continue this journey, we remain steadfast in our resolve to create meaningful change and uphold the dignity and rights of all.

Our Main Office: Human Rights Solidarity's main office, located at Rex House on Regent Street in London, serves as the hub for our organizational activities. This space not only houses our administrative and executive teams but also provides a venue for meetings, training sessions, and workshops. It is equipped to support our various programs and serves as a central point for coordination of our national and international initiatives.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Performance
In the recent period, HRS has exhibited a robust financial standing. Our overall revenue reached £30,725.01, primarily sourced from donations and legacies (£1,620.00) and grants and funds (£29,105.00). Expenses for charitable activities amounted to £1,703.00, culminating in a substantial net operating income of £24,549.64.

Income and Expenditure
The total expenses incurred over the year were £4,472.37, covering a range of operational costs such as payroll, banking fees, membership dues, insurance premiums, legal and consultancy services, as well as office expenses.

Allocation of Net Income
A portion of this net income has been earmarked for addressing the costs of projects carried over from the previous year, affirming our commitment to fulfilling ongoing project obligations. Moreover, more than half of the remaining net income will be set aside as reserves. This strategic allocation not only ensures the sustainability of our projects but also fortifies our financial resilience, preparing us for future challenges and opportunities.

Income and Expenditure
Our expenditures for the year totalled £4,472.37, including payroll, bank charges, dues and subscriptions, insurance, legal and professional fees, office/general administrative expenditures, and travel and accommodation. This careful management of expenses resulted in a net income of £24,549.64 for the year.

Balance Sheet and Reserves Policy
As this is our first year of operation, the balance sheet primarily reflects the initial setup and operational costs. Our reserves policy, aimed at ensuring financial stability and sustainability, will be developed as we grow and establish more consistent funding streams. Based on 2023-24 anticipated operating costs per month, the charity holds 5.5 months running costs in free reserves at 30 August 2023.

Operating Costs and Going Concern Assessment
Given our current operating costs and the net income achieved this year, HRS is in a solid position to continue its operations. The Management Team and Trustees have assessed the financial position and are confident in our ability to operate effectively in the upcoming year.

Fundraising and Budget Management
Our initial fundraising efforts have been successful, and we plan to build on this foundation in the coming years. The Trustee Board oversees these efforts, ensuring alignment with our mission and goals. The Board and fundraising team has been instrumental in managing our budget, ensuring that our spending is within the limits of our income.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards. They ensure accuracy in representing HRS's financial activities and are committed to maintaining transparency and integrity in all financial matters.

This Annual Report, covering our first year of operation, reflects a promising start for Human Rights Solidarity. With a solid financial foundation, we are well-positioned to expand our impact and continue our mission in the field of human rights.

The Trustees' Report was approved by the board of Trustees on 31 January 2024, and is signed as authorised on its behalf by:

Mehmet Ozdemir
Chair and Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY ABOVE

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages 22 to 29.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.
It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

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

AA ACCOUNTANCY SERICES
Chartered Certified Accountant 03/05/2024
244 Chase Road
London
N14 6HH

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unristricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
INCOME AND EXPENDITURES		£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Donations		1620	-	-	1620	0
Grants/Funds		29105	-	-	29105	0
Other income		0	-	-	0	0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCE	**3**	30725	-	-	30725	0
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Direct charitable expenditure	**4**	1703	-	-	1703	0
Fundraising and publicity	**5**	-	-	-	-	-
Management and administration of the charity	**6**	5449	-	0	5449	0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		7152	-	0	7152	0
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES						
before transfers	**7**	23573	-	0	23573	0
Transfers in respect of fixed assets additions		-	-	-	-	-
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		23573	-	-	23573	0
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS						
BALANCE brought forward at 01.09.22		0	-	-	0	0
BALANCE carried forward at 31.08.23		23573	-	-	23573	0

The notes on pages 24 to 29 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023
FIXED ASSETS		**£**
Tangible fixed assets	**8**	1178
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	**9**	0
Cash at bank and in hand		23078
		23078
LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year	**10**	683
Net current Asset / (liabilities)		22395
LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year	**11**	0
Total assets less current liabilities		23573
Represented by:		
Accumulated funds		23573

The notes on pages 24 to 29 from part of these accounts.
Approved by the Board of Trustees on and signed
on its behalf by Mehmet Ozdemir, Chair

Mehmet Ozdemir

Date: 03/05/2024

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accountancy

These accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standard and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

Income

Donations and grants are the main income.

Cash flow

The accounts do not include a cash flow statement because company, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1'Cash flow statements'

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided at the following rates to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Fixtures and fittings 25% on cost

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items. Cost includes all direct expenditure and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's state of affairs at the end of the year and financial activities for the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable.
The Trustees also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operations. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the charity's constitutional and legal provisions. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other regularities.

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3. INCOME AND EXPENDITURES	**Unristricted**	**Restricted**	**2023**	**2022**
INCOMING RESOURCES	**Funds**	**Funds**	**Total**	**Total**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Donations	1620	-	1620	0
Grants/Funds:	29105		29105	0
Other income	0		0	0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	30725	-	30725	0

The **unrestricted reserve fund** represents the unrestricted funds arising from the period under examination and from the past operating results. It also represents the fixed assets of the charity which includes fixtures and fittings, motor vehicle and improvements to that property.

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	Unristricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total
4. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE	**£**	**£**	**£**
Purchases	1703	-	1703
	1703	-	1703
5. FUNDRAISING AND PUBLICITY			
Advertising and Publicity	-	-	-
6. MANAGEMENT AND ADMISNTRATION OF THE CHARITY			
Accountancy	600	-	600
Wages and salaries	3833	-	3833
Travel	250	-	250
Delivery	5	-	5
Depreciation	294	-	294
Subscription	88	-	88
Insurance	38	-	38
Legal and professional fees	250	-	250
Bank Charges	25	-	25
Office expenses	66	-	66
	5449	-	5449

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7. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources for the Year is stated after charging:

	2023
	£
Depreciation and amortisation of tangible fixed assets	294
Accountancy	600
Emoluments of Employees	3833

There was 8 part-time employee (teachers) during the year.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and Machinery	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 31.08.22	0	0
Addition	1472	1472
At 31.08.23	1472	1472
Depreciation		
At 31.08.22	0	0
charge for period	294	294
At 31.08.23	294	294
Net book values		
At 31.08.23	1178	1178
At 31.08.22	0	0

9. DEBTORS

	2023 £
Trade debtors	0
Prepayments	0
Other debtors	0
	0

10. CREDITORS: Amount falling due within one year

	2023 £
Bank Overdraft	0
Trade creditors	0
Other taxes and social security	83
Accruals	600
Other creditors	0
	683

11. CREDITORS: Amount falling due after one year

	2023 £
	0

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

12. Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023
Opening Balance at 1 September 2022	0	-		0
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources Before transfers and investment gains	23573	-		23573
Transfers :				
Transfers in respect of fixed assets additions	-	-	-	-
Closing Balance at 30 June 2023	**23573**	**-**		**23573**
Represented by:				
Fixtures & Fittings & Equipment	1178	-		1178
Net Current Assets	22395	-	-	22395
Creditors More than a year	0			0
	23573	**-**	**0**	**23573**

13. TRUSTEES'S RENUMERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.