



Annual Report 2024

Human Rights Solidarity
*(Charitable Incorporated
Organization)*

Trustees Annual Report
and financial statements
for the year ended
31 August 2024

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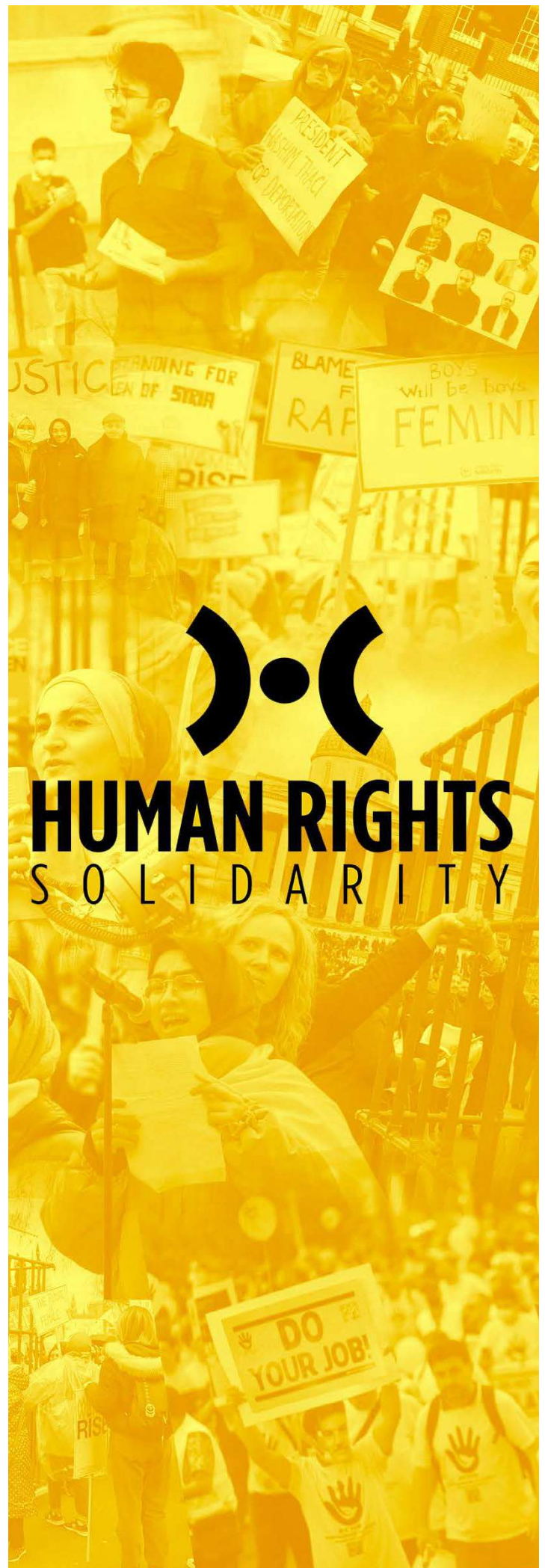
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Act Today, Build Tomorrow

- 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



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

Mehmet Ozdemir (Chair)
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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)



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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

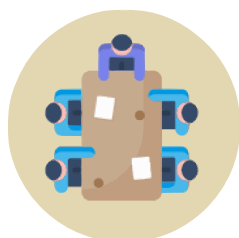
discrimination and violence—ensuring that individuals and communities facing human rights challenges receive the support they need.

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.

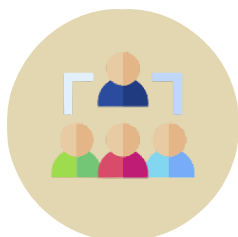


OUR TEAM STRUCTURE



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.



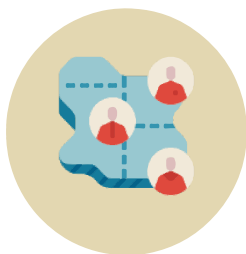
Advisory Board and Public Benefit Committee

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.



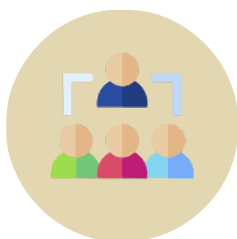
Regional Representatives

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

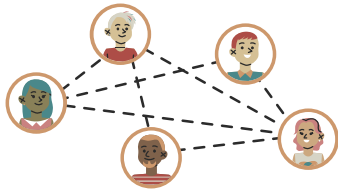
This committee supports youth activities in human rights advocacy through art, activism music, film, and other creative projects



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.



Are You Looking to Improve your English Speaking Skills?
Human Rights Solidarity is offering refugee women a program to help them learn more about their rights while improving their English speaking skills

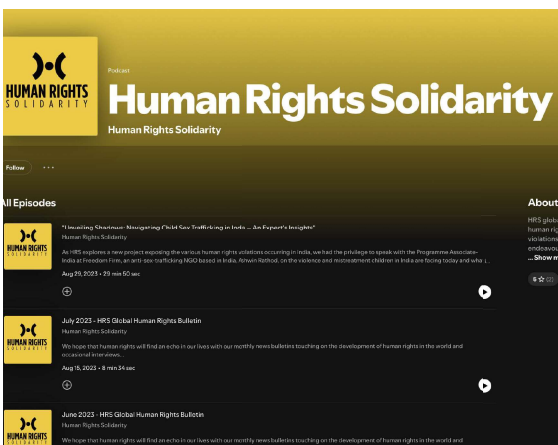


Refugee Women Empowerment Project

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.



**SYSTEMIC TORTURE AND INHUMAN
OR DEGRADING TREATMENT
OR PUNISHMENT IN PLACES OF
DETENTION IN TURKEY**

March 2023
Human Rights Solidarity

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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.

REPORT

**A ROOT-CAUSE-BASED
APPROACH TO TACKLING YOUTH
KNIFE CRIME IN THE UK**

December 2024



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.



UNSCREEN YOURSELVES!

Two registered charities, **HRS**, a human rights organisation, and **Better Wife**, a youth mentoring service, have joined powers to initiate a series of in-class activities to teach children how to establish a healthy balance between the digital world and real life.

AIMS:

- Encourage young people to human rights activism at an early age
- Encourage book reading through participation of MPs, civil servants and celebrities to class visits
- Increase overall reading comprehension among British children

Participate, Inspire, Encourage!

Date: Saturday Schools in 2025 (10:00-10:30)

Venue: North London (Future Academy. Additional venues to be announced)

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HOOPS FOR HOPE

A basketball exhibition match between a team of former NBA player **Erol Kacar** and a team of Labour MPs for the benefit of refugee children.

Final stage of a week-long basketball school with NBA player Erol Kacar

Directly funded by Sport England

Date: 16-20 April 2025 (Day will be determined according to half attendance)

Venue: London (Place will be finalized based on attendance)

NOTE: Human Rights Solidarity has been providing basketball courses to refugee children for 2 years with one having secured by Sport England.

Empowering Immigrant Youth Through Basketball

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Panel on integration of refugee women of Turkish origin

TAKE A STAND FOR WOMEN

AIMS:

- Detect challenges and needs of women of Turkish origin and address them in the UK
- Address integration barriers and create a more supportive environment for refugees

MEANS:

- Findings of an in-depth survey on integration journeys of Turkish refugee women in the UK
- Discussion with representatives of the Turkish community

Every woman matters. Support the struggles of refugee women!

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COUNTERING EXTREMISM AND BUILDING TRUST

A PANEL SERIES

Two registered charities, **HRS**, a human rights organisation, and **Dialogue Society**, an award-winning grassroots and intercultural dialogue organisation, have joined powers to initiate a series of events to explore the root causes of extremism and counter extremism and building trust.

Cities & Dates

- Birmingham - University of Birmingham, 6 November 2025
- Liverpool - The University of Liverpool, 12 November 2025
- Reading - Venue & Date TBC
- Newcastle - Venue & Date TBC
- Manchester - University of Bolton, Date TBC

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RADIO SOLIDARITY: MEET YOUR MP PODCAST

We are proud to be a part of Radio Solidarity, a podcast series that aims to provide a platform for refugees to share their stories and experiences. The podcast is available on all major podcasting platforms.

Start with us, meet your MP, and leave the rest to them.

From the Labour Party Conference 2024

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HRS ROUNDTABLE BREAKFASTS

Generously supported by the Mayor of London

WE OFFER:

- A platform for discussions on governance, leadership, and civic responsibilities
- Networking opportunities with fellow university students, inspiring leaders, and governance professionals
- Guidance on career paths in politics, civil services, and beyond

WE EXPECT:

- Participation in monthly breakfasts
- Open and critical dialogue with participants
- Spread the message and built additional circles

Be part of a movement that empowers immigrant youth and reshapes the future of UK governance!

Learn, connect, and grow

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HRS SCHOOL OF GOVERNANCE

AIMS:

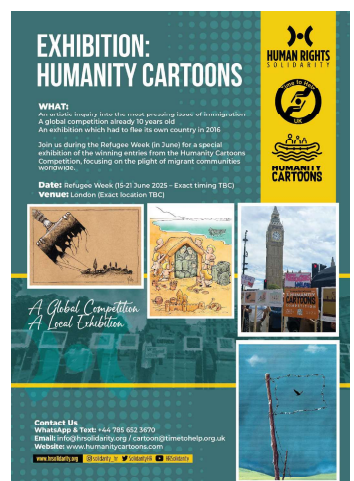
- Introduce UK governance machinery to the immigrant youth
- Build confidence in civil services and political system
- Cultivate future leaders
- Elevate human rights advocates of tomorrow

MEANS:

- Seminars and guided tours in the Supreme Court
- Court visits and guided tours in the Supreme Court
- Discussions with political journalists and authors
- Council visits and participation in council debates
- On-the-lands workshops on how to influence decision makers

Integration through empowering

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EXHIBITION: HUMANITY CARTOONS

WHAT:

- The first exhibition of its kind in the United Kingdom of a global competition already 10 years old
- A global competition already 10 years old
- An exhibition which had to flee its own country in 2016

Join us during the Refugee Week (9-21 June 2025) for a special exhibition of the winning entries from the Humanity Cartoons competition, focusing on the plight of migrant communities worldwide.

Date: Refugee Week (9-21 June 2025 - Exact timing TBC)

Venue: London (Exact location TBC)

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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	Unrestricted 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		<u>78015</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>78015</u>	<u>30725</u>
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	<u>59398</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>59398</u>	<u>7152</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES					
before transfers	21	18617	0	18617	23573
Transfers between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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		<u>42190</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>42190</u>	<u>23573</u>
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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
		<u>884</u>	<u>1178</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	17	0	0
Investments		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		42024	23078
		<u>42024</u>	<u>23078</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>-718</u>	<u>-683</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)		41306	22395
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due more than one year	19	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		42190	23573
		=====	=====
CHARITY FUNDS			
Restricted funds	21	0	0
Unrestricted funds	21	42190	23573
		<u>42190</u>	<u>23573</u>
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The notes on pages 16 to 24 form 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

**HUMAN RIGHTS SOLIDARITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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.

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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
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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

	Unrestricted 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

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

5. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

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

6. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Other incoming resources		0	0	0

7. EXPENDITURE BY CHARITABLE ACTIVITY

SUMMARY BY FUND TYPE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Direct costs	55422	0	55422	6169
Governance costs	3976		3976	983
	<u>59398</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>59398</u>	<u>7152</u>

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

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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	
	<u>3976</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3976</u>	<u>983</u>
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9. OTHER RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Loss((profit) on disposal of fixed asset	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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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
		<u>55422</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>55422</u>	<u>6169</u>
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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	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>55422</u>	<u>55422</u>	<u>46283</u>
Governance	1951	0	2025	3976	4982
Other costs					508
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>1951</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>57447</u>	<u>59398</u>	<u>51773</u>

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	<u>55422</u>	<u>3976</u>	<u>59398</u>	<u>56541</u>

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
	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

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
	<u>14341</u>	<u>3833</u>

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

2024 No.	2023 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	<u>2944</u>
Depreciation	
At 31.08.23	294
charge for period	294
At 31.08.24	<u>588</u>
Net book values	
At 31.08.24	<u><u>884</u></u>
At 31.08.23	<u><u>1178</u></u>

16. PROGRAMME RELATED INVESTMENT

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

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.

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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
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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
	<u>718</u>	<u>683</u>
	<u>718</u>	<u>683</u>

19. CREDITORS: Amount falling due after one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans		
Other creditors		
	<u></u>	<u></u>
	<u></u>	<u></u>

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.

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20. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

There is no prior year adjustment 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	<u>23573</u>	<u>78015</u>	<u>(59398)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>42190</u>
Restricted funds					
Restricted funds-all funds	0	0		0	0
Total of funds	<u>23573</u>	<u>78015</u>	<u>(59398)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>42190</u>
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
	<u>23573</u>	<u>78015</u>	<u>-59398</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>42190</u>

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22. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	2024	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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