

THE TASK FORCE TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Lachman Associates
Chartered Accountants

THE TASK FORCE TRUST
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Index

	Page
Trustees and advisers	1
Structure, Governance and Management	2
Chairman's Report	3
Independent Examiner's Report	5
Income and Expenditure	6
Balance Sheet	7
Notes to the Accounts	8

THE TASK FORCE TRUST

Trustees and advisers

Charity name : THE TASK FORCE TRUST

Charity Registration No 269769

Principal address of the Charity 9 Acacia Place
London
NW8 6AJ

Charity Trustees Michael Waggett
Anthony Steen
Emma Rogers

Bankers Natwest
Western Avenue,
Kent
ME4 4RT

Independent examiner N G Lachman
Lachman Associates
Chartered Accountants
Suite 2.8 Monument House
215 Marsh Road, Pinner
HA5 5NE

Contact Address Anthony D Steen
9 Acacia Place
London
NW8 6AJ

THE TASK FORCE TRUST

Chairman's Statement

The purpose of the Task Force Trust established 29 August 1975 was principally to give effect to the work of 1964 Task Force Ltd. It aimed to educate young people to befriend the old and lonely to relieve loneliness and improve the quality of life. In doing so it benefited the young themselves through history lessons, playing games like chess, attending school functions, in fact providing mutual benefits to both the old and young

So long as 1964 Task Force Ltd continued its work with some 15,000 young volunteers in London alone, the Task Force Trust raised money to help continue with these activities. When Task Force Ltd closed its doors in the early 1980s, the Task Force Trust trustees decided to fund similar organisations (e.g. Magic Me charity) which involved young people helping in the community in different ways.

For about 20 years (1985-2005) the Task Force Trust had only engaged in spasmodic activity e.g. funding the London Symphonia made up of mostly young musicians giving concerts to the elderly in residential homes. However, with the help of the Michael Bishop Foundation, a plan was conceived to involve young asylum seekers in giving service to the community together with indigent young people.

In 2020 the National Lottery Fund offered the Task Force Trust a development grant to test the viability of extending this initiative throughout the UK where the asylum seekers have been placed by the Home Office prior to the determination of their status. The 2019-2020 financial statement highlights expenditure during the first few months of this initiative. This new arrangement was not to establish a new organisation with headquarter costs and administrative staff; but rather to utilise existing organisations already working with asylum seekers by making modest payments to them to enable existing workers or volunteers to undertake part-time work. In this way Action Asylum project (Task Force Trust) was started bringing asylum seekers together with already existing community and social groups involved in environmental and community improvement.

Section 3.2 of the Task Force Trust deed specifically states to achieve its objectives the trustees can do all things that are incidental or conducive thereto to support and contribute to the funds of any other charitable organisation with similar objectives.

The development grant has been spent prudently with the minimum of overheads and central costs. Trustees meet staff every fortnight via Zoom during Covid, and one of the original volunteers already 'a qualified social worker' agreed to relinquish some of her duties to develop and extend the Action Asylum plan. Merseyside is now one of the most successful of the four operations, the other three being Sheffield, Portsmouth and Southampton and lately Stockton-upon-Tees and Middlesbrough.

The total number of asylum seekers involved over the year is over 2,500 with a matched number of local people working in various activities including existing allotment sites, litter collection with Marine Conservation, environmental and welfare operations, including tree planting, and other outdoor activities, horse experienced asylum seekers work with disabled children in riding stables, and skilled asylum seeking technicians provided assistance for outside entertainment. Loneliness and boredom of asylum seekers confined to hotel rooms and growth of mental illness have been halted.

What Action Asylum has done is to enable asylum seekers to contribute with the local community to environmental and social improvements.

THE TASK FORCE TRUST

Chairman's Statement (continued)

The three Task Force Trust trustees have been responsible for a modest budget for 2021. Any professional help has been employed on a part-time charitable basis. If the Action Asylum initiative is to expand to more areas a wider spectrum of trustees will be sought. I am delighted the Task Force Trust has found a way to release the latent talent of thousands of asylum seekers joining with local people jointly for the common good.

Financial Review

The Executive Committee regularly reviews the reserves of the trust to ensure that sufficient liquid funds are available to meet its ongoing obligations.

Investment Policy

The Executive Committee's policy at present is to invest in low-risk and reasonably liquid assets, so that funds are available to meet any unforeseen needs that may arise.

Executive Committee's Responsibility

The Executive Committee is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity Law requires the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Treasurer and advisors have:

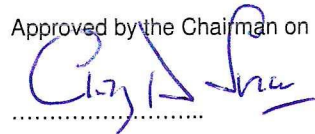
- * Selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently ;
- * Made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent ;
- * Prepared the financial statements on the basis that the Society is a going concern and will continue in existence for the foreseeable future.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the trust has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. It is also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Trust. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Risk assessment

The major risks to which the Trust is potentially exposed (such as financial and legal liabilities), as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed in the accounting year, and we are confident that we have the appropriate systems and procedures in place to mitigate these risks.

Approved by the Chairman on 27/01/2022



Anthony D Steen CBE
Chairman

THE TASK FORCE TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE THE TASK FORCE TRUST

We report on the accounts of The Task Force Trust for the year ended 31 March 2021, set out on pages 6 - 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is our responsibility to:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention :

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements,
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.have not been met; or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Lachman Associates

N G Lachman
ICAEW
Lachman Associates
Chartered Accountants,

Dated : **27 January 2022**

Suite 2.8 Monument House
215 Marsh Road,
Pinner HA5 5NE

THE TASK FORCE TRUST

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2021**

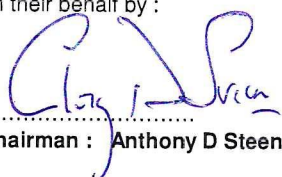
	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Grants and Donations		37,500		100	
Restricted Income		50,000		-	
Interest received		22		103	
			87,522		203
Expenses					
Bank charges		-		21	
Support to other charitable organisation		15,433		13,734	
Charitable and political donation		1,000		-	
Trustee costs		-		1,558	
Book keeping cost		384		-	
Accountancy fee		560		144	
			(17,377)		(15,457)
Net surplus / (Deficit) for the year			70,146		(15,254)

THE TASK FORCE TRUST

Balance Sheet
as at 31st March 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Bank Current account		1,000		100	
Bank reserve account		81,300		48,610	
			82,300		48,710
Liabilities					
Accrual		1,136		192	
Deferred income		-		37,500	
			(1,136)		(37,692)
Total assets less liabilities		81,164		11,018	
Capital and Reserves					
Reserve B/fwd.			11,018		26,272
Current year profit / loss			70,146		(15,254)
			81,164		11,018

The accounts were approved by the trustees on the ^{27th} ~~xx/xx~~ 2022 and signed on their behalf by :


Chairman : Anthony D Steen CBE

Dated:

THE TASK FORCE TRUST

Year Ended 31st March 2021

Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on the accruals basis, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities" (2019).

2 Creditors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accountancy fees	752	192
Book keeping	384	-
Deferred income	-	37,500
	<u>1,136</u>	<u>600</u>

THE TASK FORCE TRUST

Structure governance and management

Constitution

The trust is governed by an original trust deed dated 27th March 1975 and a supplemental deed dated 29th August 1975,

The trust is a registered charity in England and Wales , number 269769.

Officers and committee

The statutory power of appointing new trustees applies to the trust. The original trustees of the trust were : Sir John Foster, Anthony Steen, Edward Mocatta and The Right Honorable Lord Goodman.

Objectives, activities and achievements

The main objects of the trust is to educate young people of either sex , especially by teaching them the need for and the manner of rendering service to the aged and disabled.

To render services to the aged and disabled with a view to the relief of poverty amongst them, or to the improvement of their conditions of life, where they are in need by reasons of age infirmity, disablement or social or economic circumstances affecting them.

To the best of the trustee's knowledge, all of the activities of the trust pass the public benefit test.