

**THE TASK FORCE TRUST**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

***Lachman Associates***  
*Chartered Accountants*

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## **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

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Kent  
ME4 4RT

**Independent examiner** N G Lachman  
Lachman Associates  
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## **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.

## **THE TASK FORCE TRUST**

### **Chairman's Statement**

The original purpose of the Task Force Trust established in 1975 was to give effect to the existing work of Task Force. It's aim to involve young people in giving service and friendship, particularly the elderly and lonely to improve the quality of their life, by giving practical help and their time and interest. In fact providing mutual benefits to both the young and old.

Since 1964, Task Force has worked with some 15,000 young volunteers in London alone. The Trust's aim was to raise money to fund these activities. When Task Force closed its doors in the 1980's, the Trust decided to fund similar organisations which involved younger people helping in the community in various ways. Between 1985 and 2005 the Trust engaged in spasmodic activity, however, with the help of the Michael Bishop Foundation, a plan was conceived to involve younger asylum seekers to giving voluntary service to the community in which they lived together with local people.

### **National Lottery**

In 2020 the lottery offered Task Force Trust a development grant to test the viability of extending this initiative. The 2022-23 financial statement highlights a unique financial arrangement to utilise existing organisations already working with young asylum seekers by making modest payments to existing NGO's already working in this field to enable asylum seekers to undertake part time community work as volunteers. In this way 'Action Asylum' project funded by the Task Force Trust brought asylum seekers together with existing community groups.

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 there to support and contribute to the funds of any other charitable organisation with similar objectives. The development grant was spent prudently with the minimal overheads and limited central costs. New trustees were appointed during the year; Lord Randall of Uxbridge as Vice Chairman, and Tatiana Jordan formally a Director of Operations in the Human Trafficking Foundation.

One of the original staff with Asylum Link (a qualified social worker) agreed to relinquish some of her duties to develop and extend the Action Asylum plan. Merseyside has proved during the year to be one of the most successful of the current operations, the others being Portsmouth, Stockton-on-Tees, Leeds, Cardiff and Wakefield. The total number of asylum seekers involved over 22/23 have grown beyond last year's estimate of 2500 and the number of local people is increasing month by month aswell.

Activities have ranged from weekend allotment assignments, clearing beaches and canals of litter, tree planting and other environmental and welfare operations, including placements for skilled carpenters to build furniture for families on low incomes. What the Task Force Trust has proved is that using existing organisations, young asylum seekers are ready to contribute to environmental and social improvements.

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### **Chairman's Statement (continued)**

The Task Force Trust trustees have been responsible for a growing budget for 2022/23. Any professional help has been employed on a part-time charitable basis. If the Action Asylum initiative continues to expand to more wider areas, a wider spectrum of trustees will be considered. 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 Chairman is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law. And UK generally accepted accounting practice. Charity law required 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.

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 2 February 2024**



Susie Hook (Feb 3, 2024, 4:54pm)

Anthony D Steen CBE

**Chairman**

02 Feb 2024

## THE TASK FORCE TRUST

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

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We report on the accounts of The Task Force Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, 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.



**N G Lachman**

**ICAEW**

**Lachman Associates**

Chartered Accountants,

Dated : **02 February 2024**

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**THE TASK FORCE TRUST**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

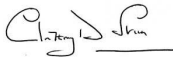
	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Restricted Income		125,200		-	
Interest received		239		6	
			125,439		6
<b>Expenses</b>					
Bank charges		36		-	
Support to other charitable organisation		86,016		41,149	
Postage		51		36	
Travel expenses		324		7	
Trustee costs		207		180	
Event Costs		375		-	
Consultancy		-		11,816	
IT & Consumables		360		800	
Book keeping cost		404		545	
Accountancy fee		510		440	
			(88,284)		(54,974)
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the year</b>			<b>37,155</b>		<b>(54,968)</b>

# THE TASK FORCE TRUST

## Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Bank Current account		1,000		1,000	
Bank reserve account		63,072		26,404	
			64,072		27,404
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accrual		510		997	
Other Creditors		212		212	
			(722)		(1,209)
<b>Total assets less liabilities</b>			<b>63,350</b>		<b>26,195</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>					
Reserve B/fwd.			26,195		81,164
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year			37,155		(54,968)
			<b>63,350</b>		<b>26,195</b>

The accounts were approved by the trustees on the 2 February 2024 and signed on their behalf by :



Susie Hook (Feb 3, 2024, 4:54pm)  
**Chairman : Anthony D Steen CBE**

**Dated: 02 February 2024**

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### Notes to the accounts

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#### 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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy fees	510	500
Book keeping	-	497
	<u>510</u>	<u>997</u>



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