

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LIMITED

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION THROUGH THE DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE IN THE SCIENCE OF ECOLOGY.

Activities: CHEC's aim is to further the importance of a holistic and sustainable view of the world and the continuing emphasis on development through the implementation of human ecology. CHEC's programme and projects strive to awaken the official world to the need for deeper, human and ecological philosophies and a wider coalition between every level of society and the natural world on which they depend.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Antigua And Barbuda
- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belize
- Bermuda
- Botswana
- Brunei
- Cameroon
- Canada
- Cyprus
- Dominica
- Eswatini
- Fiji
- Gabon
- Ghana
- Grenada
- Guyana
- India
- Jamaica
- Kenya
- Kiribati
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Malta
- Mauritius
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nauru
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Pakistan

- Papua New Guinea
- Rwanda
- Saint Vincent
- Samoa
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- South Africa
- Sri Lanka
- St Kitts And Nevis
- St Lucia
- Tanzania
- The Bahamas
- The Gambia
- Togo
- Tonga
- Trinidad And Tobago
- Tuvalu
- Uganda
- Vanuatu
- Zambia

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£35,962	£27,020	-	-
2023-12-31	£30,046	£29,998	-	-
2022-12-31	£31,361	£35,711	-	-
2021-12-31	£28,750	£30,088	-	-
2020-12-31	£25,483	£31,998	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Emily Robinson		2020-11-11
JOHN BONHAM		
Jane Samuels		2014-11-20
MARK ROBINSON		2018-12-27
MICHAEL MUTTER OBE		2011-06-29
Philipp Mitterbauer		2021-11-24
RIPIN KALRA		2012-06-13

Linked charities

- HUMAN ECOLOGY FOUNDATION (272018-1)

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LIMITED

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Accounts



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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL (CHEC)

2024 Annual Report

CHEC

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CHEC is supported by the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF). This is a subsidiary charity, which manages CHEC's trust fund, and has its own board that supervises both its capital and income. As such, it helps to fund CHEC's projects, as well as supporting management of CHEC's website and social media activity.

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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 Member of BOND

 Accredited to COP through UNFCCC

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A Message from the Chair

Mark Robinson

During 2024, the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC), now in its 55th year, has continued its active role especially in the field of Climate Change, with special attention to the 32 Small Island States that are Members of the Commonwealth and also recognizing CHEC's status as an education charity. 2024 was a year in which the Commonwealth Heads of Government (CHOGM) met in Samoa in the Pacific.

As a result, CHEC focused a large part of its project work in that region in time for CHOGM held in October 2024 in Samoa. At that meeting, CHEC's delegation leader was Donnell Davis, a former CHEC Governing Board Member from Australia, who has attended such meetings in the past and who did so on this occasion with distinction.

Particularly important in Samoa was the Mangroves Project, which was done in partnership with Rotary International involving other partners as well. CHEC was delighted that the launch ceremony held at the Mangrove Marine Sanctuary was visited and warmly praised by HM King Charles III, in his capacity as Head of the Commonwealth. His Majesty was received by Judith Diment of Rotary International and Donnell Davis of CHEC.

Also in the Pacific, to coincide with CHOGM, was a CHEC Earth Sisters Project in Fiji regarding sustainable practices in menstrual hygiene. This is to strengthen climate-adaptive menstrual hygiene management at the community level. Also, as part of the Commonwealth Year of Youth, CHEC partnered with Global Shapers Apia Hub and the Commonwealth Secretariat, who generously provided much of the funding, for the project Atamai Sio'siomaga (meaning joy to the environment). This initiative seeks to empower youth to become changemakers and to promote sustainable careers. CHEC looks to work in partnership with others, especially as Human Ecology is a global subject. This is done through projects and attendance at other relevant global meetings. CHEC which is a member of UNFCCC, attended COP-29 in Baku, Azerbaijan in November 2024 and was represented by Emily Robinson, CHEC's Honorary Secretary. CHEC plans to send a delegation to the SHE Conference in Mons, Belgium in 2025.

Since before COVID, CHEC has transformed itself into a virtual organisation. Our meetings are held on-line, with some of them face-to-face in London as well. This has ensured CHEC is a pan-Commonwealth organisation, with a variety of memberships including ECOSOC, UNFCCC, BOND, IFCO and the Commonwealth brand, including accreditation to the Commonwealth Secretariat. We subscribe to the Commonwealth Charter and promote it actively.



CHEC Chair Mark Robinson

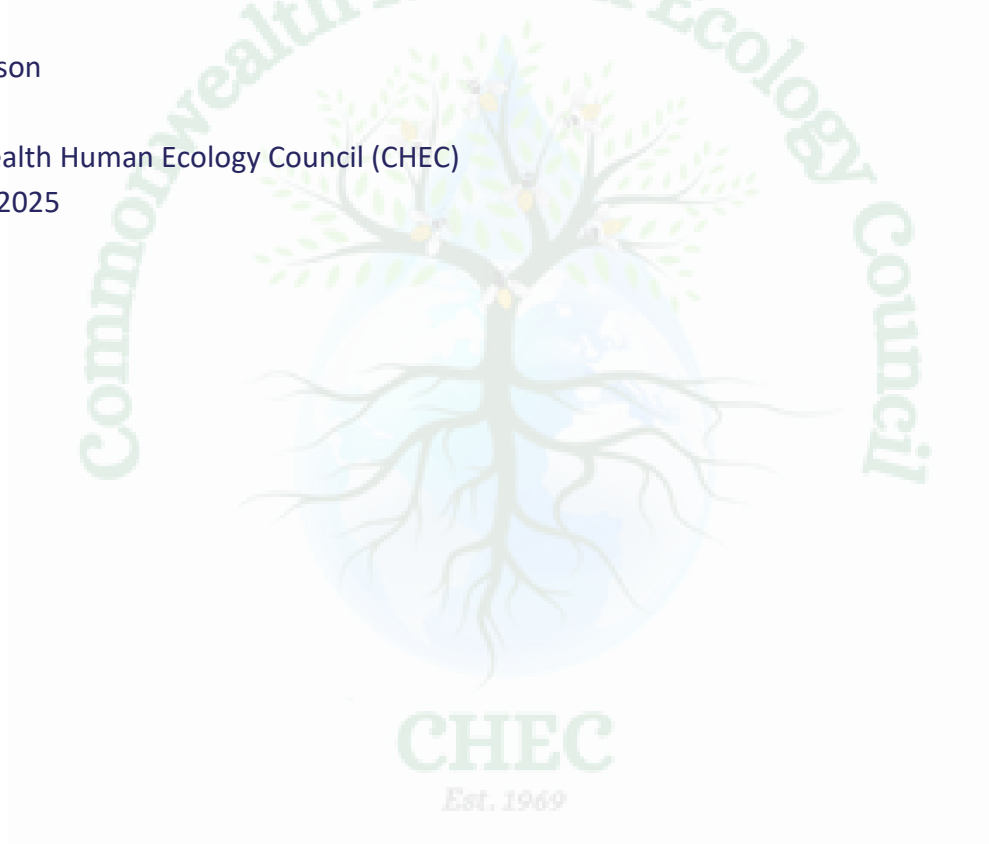
A Message from the Chair

Mark Robinson

Further information on projects and CHEC's overall activities can be found on www.checinternational.org where our annual reports, including relevant financial information, and all project work can be found. The Human Ecology Fund (HEF) oversees our portfolio, scrutinise all projects to ensure they are in line with policy and sustainability. The website is regularly updated and rejuvenated by CHEC's Hon. Secretary, Emily Robinson, and digital coordinator, Kate Martin, who also monitors CHEC's social media accounts.

CHEC undertakes all requisites of good governance, being aware of the importance of this for the smooth running of a registered charity. In that regard I must add my thanks to CHEC Trustees and Governing Board Members, along with members of the Chair and Board of the Human Ecology Fund, for all the work that they do to keep CHEC running smoothly and help to enhance its profile.

Mark Robinson
Chair
Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC)
September 2025



A Warm Welcome

A Warm Welcome to Incoming Secretary General The Hon. Shirley Botchway

As we bid farewell to the outgoing Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat, Patricia Scotland, we extend our deepest gratitude for her steadfast leadership and enduring commitment to the values of unity, democracy, and development across the Commonwealth. During her tenure, she championed initiatives in climate resilience, youth empowerment, and digital innovation, notably advancing the Commonwealth Blue Charter and promoting inclusive economic growth across member states. Her diplomacy and vision strengthened intergovernmental cooperation and amplified the voices of small and vulnerable states on the global stage.

CHEC wishes to warmly welcome the incoming Secretary-General, The Hon. Shirley Ayorkor Botchway of Ghana.

We look forward to her leadership in guiding the Commonwealth through new challenges and opportunities, building on the strong foundation laid by her predecessor.

As she assumes office, we recognise the vital role the Secretary-General plays in fostering dialogue, promoting shared values, and strengthening partnerships across the Commonwealth's diverse family of nations. We are encouraged by Ms Botchway's proven track record in diplomacy and her dedication to advancing sustainable development, good governance, and youth empowerment throughout her distinguished career.



Incoming Secretary General The Hon. Shirley Botchway with HM King Charles III, Head of the Commonwealth

A Warm Welcome

A Special Welcome to one of CHEC's recently appointed Governing Board Members, John McDonnell

In our 2023 Annual Report, CHEC was pleased to include John McDonnell as a UK Trustee to CHEC's Governing Board, having previously served as CHEC's Communications Officer, an appointment which finished when he assumed full-time, after completing his post graduate degree. His longstanding commitment to CHEC's mission and values has been evident in his dedicated work to raise awareness of key ecological issues and support local communities across the Commonwealth. John's expertise in communications, coupled with his deep understanding of CHEC's operations and ethos, will be invaluable as we continue to expand our outreach and impact. We look forward to benefiting from his insights and leadership as CHEC embarks on new projects and initiatives in the coming years.

A Message from John

"Having worked for CHEC for five years as Communications Officer it was an honour to be asked to join the Governing Board. CHEC is a special charity to me, not only because of the great work it does for local communities across the Commonwealth, or the awareness it brings to key ecological issues, but also because of the people that make it all possible. From the eight years that I have been associated with the organisation, I can confidently say that it is this that sets CHEC apart from other charities. CHEC manages to achieve meaningful outcomes and delivers successful projects on extremely limited resources, and every project is meticulously planned and executed diligently, ensuring that the smallest of projects delivers long-term, sustainable outcomes.



As we head into the future, I hope CHEC can continue to build on its previous successes and will be in a position to support even more local communities through the deliverance of unique and exciting projects. The severe impacts of the ongoing climate crisis will mean that an increasing amount of people around the world will be affected by and required to adapt to environmental changes that would not have even been considered a possibility when Zena Daysh founded CHEC in 1969. This is, of course, a worrying thought for everyone who cares about the future of our planet, however, the positive work that CHEC has done and continues to do should be a sign of hope that we can all take forward with us."

John McDonnell
CHEC UK Trustee
United Kingdom

Projects

In 2024 CHEC partnered with several organisations in the Pacific region for projects in Fiji and Samoa. [Earth Sisters Fiji](#) is strengthening climate-adaptive menstrual hygiene management at the community level while educating women at workshops on the use and sustainable benefits of reusable cloth sanitary pads in the Tailevu and Naitasiri Provinces. The workshops and distribution of reusable sanitary pads and educational workbooks will enable participants to become advocates in their communities and families for Menstrual Hygiene Management and climate action. The project will continue into 2025.



Sanitary Pad Rollout by Earth Sisters in Fiji



Youth Climate Workshop in Apia

CHEC also partnered with the [Commonwealth Secretariat](#) and [Global Shapers - Apia Hub](#) for *Atamai Sio'siomaga* - conducting special workshops on climate related pathways for students and connecting them with climate professionals in Samoa. Originally, a tree-planting exercise with the students was planned, however due to the flooding in and around Apia toward the end of 2024, this proved impossible. A further workshop for students and youth in Samoa is planned for 2025 in lieu of the tree-planting.

Later in the year CHEC teamed up with [Rotary International](#) to establish a mangrove marine sanctuary at Nono'a Saleimoa. The sanctuary will be preserved in perpetuity, dedicating the site for the education and sustainable livelihoods of the Samoan people.

In November, CHEC also partnered with [Mahila Housing Trust](#) (MHT) for a project dedicated to building Resilience of Poor Women Communities against the impacts of Climate Change in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India. Mahila Housing Trust works with communities and cities on building resilience against extreme heat stress, a key concern in urban areas in India by using **solar reflective paint** on the roofs of dwellings. 53 dwellings were included in the project, helping a considerable amount in combatting heat.



White Roofs Project in Lucknow

Details of all projects can be found on CHEC's website [here](#).

Project Spotlight

Atamai Sio'siomaga (Samoan words for Smart / Intelligent and environment. In translation/context, this means "Restoring Joy to the Environment")

Atamai Sio'siomaga (Samoan words for Smart / Intelligent and environment. In translation/context, this means "Restoring Joy to the Environment") aims to prepare Samoa's youth for climate change through education, training, and practical activities like carbon audits, and tree planting. It involves workshops with climate professionals, carbon audits in schools, and a tree planting event to offset emissions. The initiative seeks to empower youth to become changemakers and promote sustainable careers. As part of the Commonwealth Year of the Youth, Global Shapers Apia Hub and CHEC have partnered with the Commonwealth Secretariat who generously provided the funding for this project.



Students participate in the workshop with climate professionals

Empowering Youth in Samoa

Atamai Online and Carbon Audit are two ongoing projects with the Global Shapers Apia Hub. As part of Atamai Sio'siomaga, our goal was to combine the educational aspect of Atamai with the environmental and sustainability efforts of Carbon Audit. As a result, we are able to connect with local schools and young communities in order to inspire and guide the next generation of sustainable leaders. These workshops are used to spark ideas of sustainability and educate students on the impact their actions have on the environment.

Project Spotlight

Atamai Sio'siomaga (Samoan words for Smart / Intelligent and environment. In translation/context, this means "Restoring Joy to the Environment")

By teaching young people about sustainability, we foster a culture of environmental responsibility and encourage innovative thinking for future challenges of our future leaders. This knowledge equips them to make informed decisions that contribute to a healthier planet and more resilient local economies. Livelihoods are improved by equipping students with the insight and motivation needed to pursue green careers and sustainable business practices. Communities benefit from a reduction in environmental degradation and an increase in eco-friendly initiatives, as it is the children who will foster their local communities into sustainable places. Workshops such as these assist in developing future green leaders.

Students have been equipped with stationery to note down the practices they learnt and the methods of Carbon Audit calculations as well as have been interactively taught how to identify power consuming devices and power points in a room for auditing. They have also been informed of six different methods they can use to support a more sustainable future, as young leaders.



Students have a chance to learn from climate professionals on the impacts of the climate crisis



CHEC GB Member Nicc Moeono speaking to the students

Project Spotlight

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Project Outcomes

The project was able to address the needs of raising awareness of alternative pathways into various climate professions via the Atamai workshop and a simple carbon audit exercise. The GSAH were able to identify if the needs were met by conducting a simple storytelling exercise for each student to highlight some of the new knowledge that was gained throughout this school visit. Additionally, through student participation, the carbon audit exercise was learnt through 'learning together' process where the students engaged with each other to identify different appliances that use electricity, the energy consumption (this was estimated and simplified to make the calculations easier), and then finally identifying the total number of trees to offset. A simple step-by-step simplified method to teach students the process, ensured that the students took away key concepts, reasoning, and knowledge to takeback to their own homes, and indirectly teach other people in their own community.



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Furthermore, the rigidity of the Samoan education system meant that general career opportunities bottom-up were limited to Science, Commerce, and Arts. Young professionals currently working in various professions, with diverse expertise, and lived experiences were able to share the pathway to get to where they are now. For example, a renewable energy engineer, starting from a science background, progressing through to university, and now currently working as a climate and mitigation negotiator for Samoa. Alternatively, a more creative pathway into videography and photograph for youth and climate related content, which is not in the Samoan curriculum, provided insight into the experiences, success, and hurdles, of that profession. Students directly benefitted from other young professionals (engineers, lawyers, government, private sector), experience and most importantly the opportunity to break away from the rigid Samoan curriculum, into a streamlined long-term pathway for climate-related career opportunities.



Carbon Audit Exercise

Publications and Website

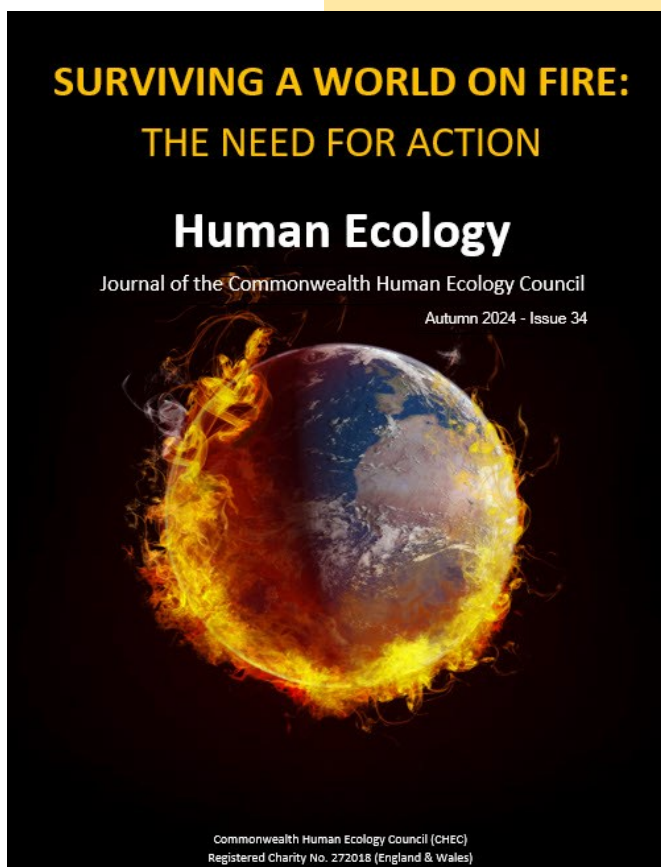
Journal Publication: *Surviving a World on Fire: The Need for Action*

Published in October 2024 - in time for both the October 2024 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Samoa and COP-29 in Baku, Azerbaijan - the latest edition of *Human Ecology* the journal of the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council confronts the pressing need for decisive action in response to the climate crisis. This issue brings together a range of expert perspectives, highlighting the significant challenges posed by climate change and the urgent call for collaborative solutions.

Governing Board Member Professor Emeritus Ian Douglas writes “Too much has been written, but not enough has been done, about how climate change has set a world on fire and how governments, cities and communities have failed to respond adequately and collectively to reduce the rate of global warming and to mitigate its impacts. In writing yet more, the contributors to this issue of *Human Ecology: the CHEC Journal*, seek to re-emphasise who wins and who loses from the activities leading to the world on fire and to call for people to think even more deeply about how their actions, the actions of their communities and governments are helping or hindering the efforts to combat climate impacts and the consequent suffering in many communities, often far removed from where we live.”

The full journal can be accessed [here](#).

CHEC out the rest of our journals and publications on the [Resource Hub](#) on our website where you can learn about *Human Ecology* and the work that CHEC does. In addition to our news articles and social media posts, CHEC produces Resources, CHEC Points, Journals, Books, and Annual Reports. CHEC has also put together several resources for Fast Fashion and Information Hubs for important events such as Earth Day, UN CSW, COP, and CHOGM.



Publications and Website

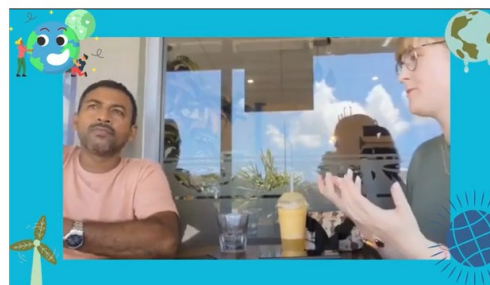
Conversations on Climate Change in the Pacific

Commonwealth Human Ecology Council is pleased to share the launch of our new Media Project - [*Conversations on Climate Change in the Pacific*](#). On her recent visit to Fiji our digital coordinator [Kate Martin](#) sat down with a number of specialists in the field who were able to give us their insights into how Fiji and the wider Pacific Island region is changing and being transformed by global warming. We hope that you find these interviews both interesting and informative as we bring you voices from across the globe.

Conversations on Climate Change in the Pacific



Conversations on Climate Change in the Pacific: Part I
In conversation with Anish Maharaj



Conversations on Climate Change in the Pacific: Part II
Continuing a dialogue with Anish Maharaj

CHEC's website keeps friends of human ecology updated about discussions around the Commonwealth on climate change adaptation and mitigation, the state of soil, rivers, lakes, and oceans with an annual newsletter. This looks at how our consumption affects the environment and what we can do about it. All of CHEC's reports are available not only on our webpage but are also emailed to our subscribers.

CHEC can be found on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and YouTube!



CHEC is dependent on the contributions of members, both in the form of voluntary work and through contributions from funds. We have a range of membership options available – including annual and life-long, student membership, and concessions for over 65s and SHE Members. CHEC will also display any job or volunteer opportunities on [our page](#).

Events

United Nations 68th Conference on the Status of Women (CSW68)

10 – 22 March 2024 - New York, USA

I had the opportunity to attend the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women's 68th session (CSW68) in New York on behalf of CHEC. The UN Commission on the Status of Women is an annual gathering that focuses on advancing gender equality and women's empowerment globally. During CSW68, government officials, civil society representatives, and experts came together to discuss key issues affecting women and girls worldwide. This year's theme was *"Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies."*

As a participant, I was able to engage in dialogues and panels, learning best practices, share challenges, and the solution proposals to promote gender equality in the face of climate change and environmental risks. Some of the key topics included access to education, healthcare - including unpaid care work, economic opportunities, and decision-making roles for women, particularly in vulnerable communities.



CHEC Honorary Secretary attending CSW68 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York



CSW68 took place from the 11th - 22nd of March 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York

United Nations 68th Conference on the Status of Women (CSW68) 10 – 22 March 2024 - New York, USA

The conference aimed to drive policy recommendations and actions that prioritise the needs and rights of women and girls in environmental and disaster risk reduction efforts. By highlighting the intersectionality of gender, climate change, and sustainable development, CSW68 underscored the importance of inclusive and gender-responsive policies for a more resilient and equitable future.

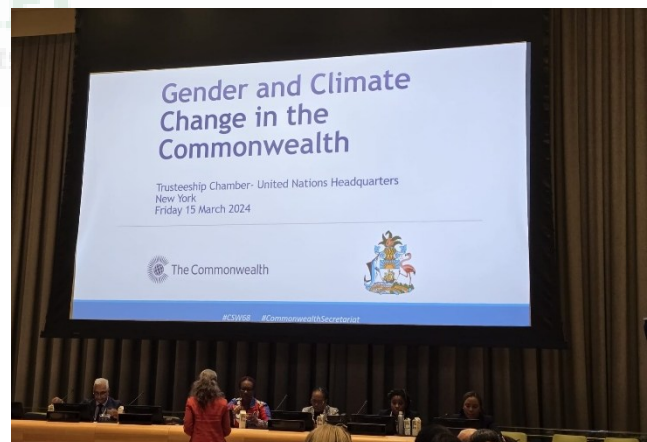


Town Hall with UN Secretary General António Guterres, chaired by UN Women Executive Director, Sima Sami Bahous

I was able to attend several very insightful panels and events at the UN Headquarters, including the Town Hall with UN Secretary General António Guterres, chaired by UN Women Executive Director, Sima Sami Bahous, that was held on the 13th of March. Overall, the conference was a very rewarding and insightful experience.



Emily Robinson at the UN Town Hall at CSW68



Attending "Gender and Climate Change in the Commonwealth"

United Nations 68th Conference on the Status of Women (CSW68) 10 – 22 March 2024 - New York, USA

I was also able to meet up with Dr. Donnell Davis, former CHEC Board Member and a current Trustee of the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF) - who was in from Australia to attend the conference, as well as participate as a speaker in several events.



CHEC Hon. Secretary Emily Robinson and Dr. Donnell Davis - form CHEC Governing Board Member and current HEF Trustee meet up in New York during the CSW68 in March 2024

Events

Commonwealth Day Service

11 March 2024 – London, United Kingdom

One Resilient Common Future: Transforming Our Commonwealth

The year 2024 signified the anniversary of 75 years of the Commonwealth, the second year of the Year of the Youth, and the biennial Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) at which Rwanda handed over to Samoa the Chair in Office. The 2024 theme was inspired by the Commonwealth's founding pledges to peace, liberty, and progress, and continuing to build resilient communities and environments, which highlighted both human ecology concerns and solutions to major climate and pollution issues.



CHEC UK Trustee Jane Samuels (right) with Commonwealth Secretary General Patricia Scotland

CHEC has been honoured to attend the Commonwealth Day Service for many years. This year, I was invited to represent CHEC. As it was my first opportunity to attend, I was moved on arrival, while crossing Parliament Square, to see that on Commonwealth Day all 56 flags of the Commonwealth countries fly high — a magnificent vista to behold. Parliament Square is historic – this is London's ceremonial public space directly opposite Westminster Abbey, bordered by the UK Supreme Court on one side and the Houses of Parliament on another, to provide a sense of place for this event. Then, outside the Great West Door of the Abbey, Eternal Taal, the all-female Indian dhol drummers, performed and set the tone for how meaningful it is to celebrate the Commonwealth Day Service.



Flags of the Commonwealth outside Westminster Abbey

Commonwealth Day Service

11 March 2024 – London, United Kingdom

The Commonwealth Day Service of Celebration has taken place in Westminster Abbey since 1972 thanks to the remarkable efforts of the Royal Commonwealth Society, the oldest charity dedicated to the Commonwealth. Prior to this, in 1966, a “Service of Affirmation of Faith” was held at St Martin-in-the-Fields but it proved controversial. From 1968–1971 a “Multi-Faith Act of Witness and Affirmation of Faith” was staged at London’s Guildhall on Commonwealth Day, with stewarding by younger members of the Joint Commonwealth Societies under the Royal Commonwealth Society’s librarian.



The Commonwealth Day Service held Westminster Abbey

It was not until 1977 that the continued efforts of the RCS helped initiate a mixed, multi-faith observance to represent the faiths of Commonwealth countries, in partnership with the Anglican Church and Palace officials, agreeing a format to be held at Westminster Abbey. The need for a multi-faith service was vital, as the Commonwealth sought to embody a fellowship built on equality rather than rule, so every nation and faith was on the same footing in the capital’s most reverend, historic, and iconic Abbey — Britain’s stage for coronations, royal events, and the resting place of its most celebrated figures. The service had to be plural — embracing Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Zoroastrian, Bahá’í, Christian, Jewish, and Jain faiths, as well as indigenous and secular traditions. A single-tradition rite would have been at complete odds with the modern Commonwealth’s promise of mutual respect.

The RCS successfully established a high-profile, multi-faith gathering, including inviting every High Commissioner to take part. Westminster Abbey’s clerical and lay body enabled an inclusive civic space, adjusting the liturgy so that different faith readings could be integrated alongside traditional Anglican prayers. The Commonwealth Secretariat coordinated with member governments and encouraged their missions in London to nominate young people, faith leaders, and performers.

Commonwealth Day Service

11 March 2024 – London, United Kingdom

Finally, the Royal Household — with the Private Secretary to the Queen as Head of the Commonwealth and the Lord Chamberlain’s Office — made sure the Commonwealth Day Service became a fixture in the Sovereign’s annual programme, ensuring royal attendance. Therefore, the Commonwealth Day Service at Westminster Abbey is unique in offering multi-faith blessings to the entire Commonwealth from diverse faith leaders, along with cultural performances, with the Royal Family, diplomats, government officials, representatives from accredited organisations, and civil society leaders — placing young people at its heart. Indeed, it was a real joy to see over 800 children in the audience for the 2024 Commonwealth Day service, many seated along the Abbey’s long corridors, facing inward so they could watch the processions pass by.



Flags of the Commonwealth of Nations for the Commonwealth Day Service

I’ve visited Westminster Abbey many times, often to sit quietly amidst its awe-inspiring architecture and ancient traditions. Yet this Commonwealth Day Service was the first official service I had attended in this ancient and beautiful Abbey, joining all the representatives from across the Commonwealth with a profound sense of being present and part of a living celebration.

Commonwealth Day Service

11 March 2024 – London, United Kingdom

The haunting voices of the Choir of Westminster Abbey rising high to the vaulted ceiling and echoing throughout the Abbey; the majestic, deep, resonant great organ; the State Trumpeters of the Household Cavalry; and the Fanfare Team from the Central Band of the Royal Air Force, with that brilliant clarity calling out attention on the arrival of the Royal Family.

Then came the signature, incredible procession of the 56 nations of the Commonwealth with their multicoloured flags, a Commonwealth of Nations. The celebrations began: performances by the Uganda Ghetto Kids; Calum Scott; Jacob Portelli, the singer and harpist from Malta; and the stunning Samoan opera singers. A highlight was the poet, novelist, and playwright Sir Ben Okri OBE, reading his specially commissioned poem for the Commonwealth Day Service 2024.

HM King Charles III, Head of the Commonwealth recorded his message at Windsor Castle (as he was not attending in person due to illness). In it, he reflected on the Commonwealth's journey since 1949, noting milestones such as recent independence anniversaries in The Bahamas, Grenada, and Papua New Guinea. He emphasised how "the Commonwealth family is strongest when we are connected, through friendship" and stressed that diversity is "our greatest strength", representing a third of humanity, with shared challenges from climate change to technological change. He urged members to work together to address inequalities, heal divisions, and share expertise for the betterment of all. Many representatives of the diverse faith leaders across the Commonwealth gave their individual blessings, calling on the history of their faith and wisdom — including Hindu, Jewish, Jain, Muslim, with other representatives from the Buddhist, Bahá'í, Sikh, Zoroastrian, and all the many diverse churches. Each speaker would end their blessing, naming their own tradition. For example — on behalf of the "Jain" community may the Commonwealth be blessed. This was, after all, a celebration service, with Anglican prayers, song, and blessings from all faiths across the Commonwealth. Powerful remarks followed from the Secretary General, the Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC, and Lise Honsinger of Notpla — winner of the 2022 Earthshot Prize, the environmental award founded by HRH Prince William, the Prince of Wales — for its work on alternatives to plastic: regenerative packaging made from seaweed and plants.

The poem of Ben Okri, *Transcending History*, will stay with me, with its message to all Commonwealth countries — with the image of forests, how myths and stories happen, history of nations, family, and "sometimes injustice at its root; however, families are formed not only by blood but affinities. No family ever stands secure without the mortar of respect, and the magnetism of affection. History sometimes shows that we can transcend history, weave our flowers together, weave our dances and technologies. One has to be strong to come together, wise to stay together."

Commonwealth Day Service 11 March 2024 – London, United Kingdom

The trustees, governing board, and members of CHEC would be delighted to know that the theme of human ecology, environmental awareness, and stewardship featured prominently throughout the Commonwealth Day Service — notably through the award-winning Notpla’s seaweed-based, regenerative packaging, and through the Royal Commonwealth Society’s youth-led, pan-Commonwealth campaign to prevent one million pieces of plastic from entering Commonwealth waterways, launched at CHOGM 2024 — and the profound message of HM King Charles III and the Secretary General of the Commonwealth, Patricia Scotland.



CHEC UK Trustee Jane Samuels (right) with Commonwealth Secretary General Patricia Scotland at the Commonwealth Day Service on 11 March 2024

You can watch a BBC recording of the entire 2024 Commonwealth Day Service at Westminster Abbey here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKVJIIVLclM>.

Jane Samuels
CHEC UK Trustee
United Kingdom

Events

Earth Day: Sustainable Cities with Michael Mutter, OBE 22 April 2024 - London, UK

Every year on April 22nd, the world comes together to celebrate Earth Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the critical need to protect our planet. For the Commonwealth, with its rich tapestry of diverse landscapes and ecosystems, Earth Day holds particular significance. Consequently, CHEC was uniquely positioned to champion sustainable practices and environmental responsibility through event this day.

The event included a talk from Michael Mutter, OBE for a session on Sustainable Cities with local initiatives. Michael is an urban development specialist trained in Architecture and Town Planning.

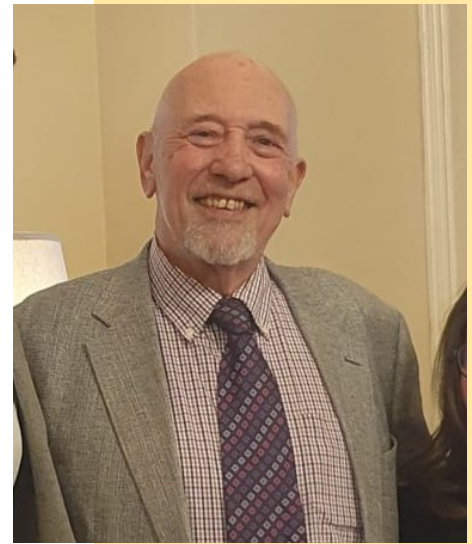


CHEC UK Trustee Michael Mutter, OBE delivers an Earth Day Lecture on Sustainable Cities

This hybrid event brought together urban planners, policymakers from the Commonwealth nations as well as from the Commonwealth Secretariat (ComSec), ecologists, and community activists from across the Commonwealth for an evening of rich discussion. An evening meal with lively discussion from CHEC members and guests followed the event.



The CHEC Board and guests continued the discussion at a dinner following the Earth Day Event



CHEC UK Trustee Michael Mutter, OBE

His long career has seen him work in Nigeria, Kenya, India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. He has been Senior Advisor to the UK Department for International Development (DfID). Michael has supported CHEC at international events involving UN-Habitat and the Commonwealth.

Events

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM)

21 – 26 October 2024 - Apia, Samoa

For the first time CHOGM was successfully hosted by a Pacific Small Island State – Samoa located midway between Australia and Hawaii. The population of the main 2 islands is about 200,000 but lost records since covid means that up to 11 years of records are not reliable and not capturing children's or adolescent's data for health and legal documentation. However, one of the projects is spearheading that by leapfrogging technology. All community-based projects rely on good information. Vanuatu had planned to host 2017 but two cyclones devastated infrastructure, resulting in London hosting CHOGM in 2018.



HEF Trustee Dr. Donnell Davis (left) with Commonwealth Secretary General Patricia Scotland at CHOGM in Samoa



For the first time a CHOGM took place in a Pacific Nation: CHOGM 2024 in Apia, Samoa - 21st - 26th October 2024

In Samoa, 300 villages across two islands embraced this spotlight. Near Apia, the capital city, villages adopted a Commonwealth country, and each decorated their village in the colours of the flag with icons from that adopted country. Schools learned about their adopted countries and dignitaries visited during CHOGM week. It was a sincere welcome for us.

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The history includes German occupation, English and Australian presence, and American influence (West Samoa of 7000 population, has a naval base, uses USD, and speak with accent). Samoa is an active country on the world stage, having many UN representatives and consuls, with highly educated youth returning home to advance the country. It is a safe country for all – except for spats after rugby league games and roaming packs of wild dogs at night. Every religion is celebrated.

CHOGM agenda included preliminary forums, side events, invitation-only events, receptions, and extended sessions beyond those advertised dates. I stayed longer to visit projects, connect kindred spirits, and to meet Nicc and Luna in person. Forums included Peoples forum, Women’s Forum and Youth Forum simultaneously, and a business forum separately. HM King Charles III and Queen Camilla official opening was held on Friday. Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers session were held on Friday and Saturday and a retreat was convened after that. Heavy rain caused flooding, local damage with falling trees and road closures, and power outages, so we felt impacts of climate change personally. The interactive session with politicians, permanent secretaries, and directors-general was cut short with no lighting or microphones, while wind blew resort furniture and trees around. My focus was climate justice, health practice and gender equality.

Farewell Baroness Patricia Scotland

After 8 years, Secretary General Baroness Patricia Scotland stepped down as Secretary General of the Commonwealth. The final report from her office can be found [here](#). The Honourable Shirley Botchway will continue in 2025.



HEF Trustee Dr. Donnell Davis (left) with Commonwealth Secretary General Baroness Patricia Scotland at CHOGM



Commonwealth Secretary General Baroness Patricia Scotland meets with Ministers from the 56 Commonwealth Countries

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM)

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On Climate Justice

The best lessons learned were from side events held in the law courts with session that highlighted innovation in law, on-the-ground practices, diplomacy, challenges, and unintended consequences. The honesty was refreshing, and valuable.



The Climate Justice Panel included the Secretary General and Ministers from Maldives, Fiji, Tonga, Tuvalu, Samoa, and Mauritius,

Some of the discussions included:

- 2202 legal cases for international climate justice still in process since 2022
- Some of these claims could be navigated through the new Pacific dispute mechanism so that some resolutions could be negotiated for Ecocide, loss and damage instead of very prolonged expensive cases through the international court of justice. (J Vui Clarence Nelsen)
- An international environmental court of justice is overdue, although proposed in early 2000s.
- Methodologies and formulae have been offered by Singapore foreign minister to all
- Scope for justice must go beyond land to oceans and space. (OHCHR Heike Alefsen) Rights-based Development. Labour migration was analysed as was human trafficking risk (booklet).
- High per capita emission countries are on notice – including Australia who was embarrassed about extending 3 coal mines despite rejecting 60 new mining applications.
- New Zealand has legal systems to make companies accountable
- Arguments centred on funding rather than a suite of interventions that NGOs are already implementing efficiently and successfully.
- Small poorer country debt burdens were contrasted by small rich country sharing intellectual assets. The climate finance access hub provided a report on 88 projects.

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- The role of government in its position of trust, transparency and delivery was discussed.
- What is the role of the judiciary? UNEP – local law courts, define obligations like UNCLOS and UNEP, ecocide as a war crime, make the state accountable.
- What of future generations? Children’s rights – school educations kits.
- Time to audit Commonwealth charter? Evolving beyond colonial roots as Francophonie countries join CHOGM and change the culture. All members need to meet 6 objectives.

The Mangrove Marine Sanctuary at Nono’a Saleimooa

CHEC teamed up with Rotary International and other partners to establish a mangrove marine sanctuary at Nono’a Saleimooa. The sanctuary will be preserved in perpetuity, dedicating the site for the education and sustainable livelihoods of the Samoan people. A formal reception dinner was followed by daytime planting with prayers, cultural performers and lunch in the mangrove swamp and clean estuary.



Dancers entertained participants ahead of the mangrove tree planting ceremony



Donnell attending the mangrove tree planting

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*Rotary's Judith Diment, Donnell Davis,
and Professor Chris Puttock*



*Signing agreement with the Samoa Department of Environment for maintenance
of the Mangrove program and Education site*

Health Justice

This topic was so broad and invited frank discussion on dementia, disability and healthy aging. Mental health was discussed in all forums with special attention for Commonwealth peoples and youth forums. The matters most pertinent was lack of access to primary care, no records for some villages and whole countries of CW, no pathways to testing, early intervention or specialist referrals for surgery. In Samoa some of the 300 villages have no records for the past 11 years despite efforts during covid. Children died with measles at that time, but data is unreliable.

One of the projects we launched with Soroptimist International is for a mobile medical clinic for Sawaii for primary care by (1) registering children and villagers (2) assessing risks of the big 5 medical items (3) basic testing and early intervention for non-communicable diseases (5) referral to urgent specialist attention (6) community education on self-care, diet, exercise, menstrual care, pregnancy, maternal and child health, ageing, dementia. Another is for telehealth and leapfrogging technology with the elders of the villages.

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Freedom of Expression

There were several panel sessions of Freedom of expression. 1602 journalists were killed throughout the Commonwealth during a set period, and daily abuse online is an industrial hazard. Apart for silencing, there is fake news and manipulations associated with physical harm, reputation harm, and widespread coercion for families of journalists and social media influencers. Chair from Bangladesh, photojournalist Shahidul Alam says that freedom of expression is precursor for freedom of critical thought necessary for effective democracy. If voices of the people are quashed, then corruption is likely to thrive.

Dr. Donnell Davis
HEF Trustee
Former CHEC Governing Board Member
Australia

Events

UNFCCC 29th Conference of Parties (COP29) 11 – 22 November 2024 - Baku, Azerbaijan

Representing the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC) in Baku at COP29 was a unique and rewarding experience. Arriving in Baku, Azerbaijan a few days prior to the start of COP29 provided an excellent opportunity to immerse myself in the local culture and and explore the sites.

I experienced the rich culinary heritage with several walking tours in Baku as well as wine and food tastings, which showcased the region's unique flavours. On a local street food tour I was able to try several types of kebabs, crispy qutabs, shah plov, as well as baklava and shekerbura a wonderful desert!



CHEC Honorary Secretary Emily Robinson at COP29 in Baku



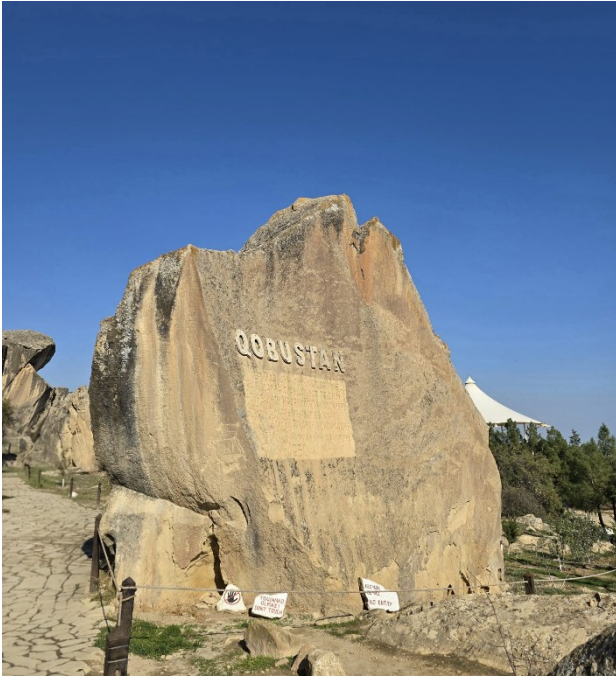
Sampling Azerbaijan's wine and local fruits, cheeses, and hummus



Delicious qutabs with a spicy pomegranate sauce and local ayran

A visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site Gobustan (Qobustan) National Park allowed me to explore ancient petroglyphs, carvings, and relics, offering profound insight into the area's prehistoric past. The park has hundreds of petroglyphs dating from 10,000 to over 40,000 years ago. The views offered wide rocky areas with ancient rock carvings, the distant mud volcanoes, and great views of the Caspian Sea. The park's mix of nature and history makes it a great place for photos, hiking, and exploring, perfect for nature and history fans.

**UNFCCC 29th Conference of Parties (COP29)
11 – 22 November 2024 - Baku, Azerbaijan**



UNESCO World Heritage Gobustan (Qobustan) National Park



The ancient petroglyphs of Gobustan date from 10,000 - 40,000 years ago

I also had the chance to walk around the nearby mud volcanoes, an extraordinary natural phenomenon and a distinctive feature of the Azerbaijani landscape. Consisting of mud, petroleum, water, and minerals, Azerbaijan has the most mud volcanoes of any country in the world. Overall, my time in Baku was marked by a blend of cultural appreciation and engagement with impressive natural and historical landmarks.



Azerbaijan boasts the most mud volcanoes of any country



The volcanoes consist of mud, petroleum, water, and minerals

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At the conference, I had discussions with other delegates on the important projects CHEC has been working on, particularly in the Pacific Region. I was also able to promote our latest journal [Surviving a World on Fire: The Need for Action](#). For the second year in a row, CHEC partnered with **Climate Outreach** and the Commonwealth Sustainable Energy Transition Youth Group (**CSET Youth**). We were joined by youth climate activists Tafadzwa Kurotwi from **She Changes Climate** and Pooja Tivawala from the **Youth Climate Collaborative** for another Blue Zone official COP Side Event. ‘*Holistic Climate Action: Integrating Community Capacity Building & Engagement for Sustainable Futures*’ was a panel presenting comprehensive strategies and case studies for climate action focusing on the crucial role of community empowerment and involvement. Speakers focused on building awareness and capacity within communities to mobilise and engage effectively in climate action, to lead to sustainable and resilient futures.

COP29
Baku
Azerbaijan

COP29 Baku Official Side Event

The Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC), Climate Outreach, and the Commonwealth Sustainable Energy Transition Youth Action Group (CSET Youth)

Holistic Climate Action

Integrating Community Capacity Building & Engagement for Sustainable Futures

 **Emily Robinson**
CHEC
  **Noora Firaq**
Climate Outreach
  **Angelos Pastras**
CSET Youth
  **Tafadzwa Kurotwi**
She Changes Climate
  **Pooja Tilwawala**
Youth Climate Collaborative

Thursday, 21st November 2024 - 13:15-14:45 AZT
(09:15 – 10:45 GMT)

Blue Zone, Room: Side Event 3

Find out more at [CHEC Online](#), [CSET Youth](#), and [Climate Outreach](#)

Attendees remained highly engaged throughout the session, actively contributing thoughtful and insightful questions that helped stimulate meaningful and in-depth discussions on the vital role of capacity building in effective climate action. We were able to foster a collaborative and inclusive environment, highlighting the critical importance of community involvement and empowerment in driving and sustaining a long-term sustainable future.

UNFCCC 29th Conference of Parties (COP29) 11 – 22 November 2024 - Baku, Azerbaijan

Another event highlight included *'Raising Climate Ambition'* hosted by the **Climate Reality Project** provided a valuable opportunity to engage with critical discussions on advancing global climate action. The keynote address by former US Vice President Al Gore highlighted the urgency of enhancing national action plans to meet escalating climate challenges. The event focused on strategies to accelerate the phase-out of fossil fuels and ensure that future Conferences of the Parties (COP) are more effective and aligned with the climate crisis's demands. As a Climate Reality Leader, it was wonderful to see how the participation in this event was able to reinforce the necessity of coordinated efforts to increase ambition and deliver meaningful progress in addressing climate change. The event also provided a chance to catch up with Cara Cook, Director of Programs for the **Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments (ANHE)**, a friend of CHEC we first met at [COP 26 in Glasgow](#).



Keynote address by former US Vice President Al Gore at the 'Raising Climate Ambition' event in Baku



Emily catching up with Cara Cook, the Director of Programs for the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments (ANHE)

As my experience of COP29 was already extensively covered on our COP29 Hub on CHEC's webpage, I have focused here on CHEC's own Official Side Event at COP and the event hosted by the Climate Reality Project. Additionally, I took the opportunity to explore the rich cultural heritage and diverse culinary traditions of Azerbaijan, which greatly added a unique dimension to my visit. I feel this made the experience all the more memorable and significantly broadened my understanding of the region, extending well beyond the scope of the conference itself and allowing me to appreciate its wider social and cultural context. I hope to visit again one day.

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To read more about COP29, my daily reviews are available on CHEC's [COP29 Hub](#) on our website and my article *The Commonwealth at COP29 and the Road to COP30* was published for the **Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs** which can be accessed [here](#).



CHEC Governance

Members of the CHEC Governing Board Nov 2024

Honorary President:	Hon. Levi Oguike, CHEC Nigeria
Patrons:	Mr Norman Stannard, New Zealand Ms Eva Ekehorn, Sweden
Chair:	Mark Robinson, CHEC UK
Honorary Treasurer:	John Bonham, CHEC UK
Company Secretary:	Emily Robinson, CHEC UK

Other Members of the Board:

Isaac Aboah, Melo, Ghana
 Rhonda Cox, Trinidad & Tobago High Commission, UK
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 Charles Day, The New Forum, UK
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 Subbu Loganathan, Pico Analytics UK
 John McDonnell, University of London, UK
 Philipp Mitterbauer, Ruffer, UK
 Jennifer Nickel, Waikato Regional Council, New Zealand
 Fogamomi Nicollo Moeono-Alaiasa, CHEC Oceania/Samoa
 Michael Mutter OBE (formerly DFID UK)
 Esther Pang, CHEC UN Representative in New York, USA
 Trevor Peel, National Liberal Club, UK
 Dr Janine Pierce, University of South Australia, Australia
 James Ross, Conductor and Music Director, UK
 Norbert Sangura, CHEC Kenya
 Bharati Sadasivam, International Development, India
 Jane Samuels, Tools of Change, UK

Youth Advisor to the Board:

Abhiir Bhalla, Youth Environmentalist, India

Zena Daysh and Donald Denman Human Ecology Foundation (HEF)

CHEC is supported by its subsidiary charity, the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF). This can provide support to small projects either solely or in joint funding, either financial or in kind, with other partners in Commonwealth developing countries.

Financial Statement

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies	2,500	-
Grants	441	2,650
Subscriptions & donations	-	-
Exceptional items	<hr/> 2,941	<hr/> 2,650
Investment income	32,857	27,301
Investment income received	164	95
Deposit account interest	<hr/> 33,021	<hr/> 37,396
Total incoming resources	<hr/> 35,962	<hr/> 30,046
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities	18,000	17,045
Project expenditure		
Support costs		
Management	1,411	4,317
Trustees' expenses	-	-
Rent, rates & insurance	-	-
Repairs & renewals	-	-
Light and heat	135	118
Postage, telephone & fax	-	-
Printing & publications	1,179	808
Sundry expenses	1,775	5,220
Travel, conferences & admin	-	-
Administration costs	2,441	606
IT consultancy	<hr/> -	<hr/> -
Total	11,069	11,069
Finance	159	108
Bank charges		
Governance costs	-	-
Wages	1,920	1,776
Accountancy and legal fees	<hr/> 27,020	<hr/> 29,998
Total resources expended	27,020	29,998
Net income/expenditure	<hr/> 8,942	<hr/> 48

Support CHEC

Support our Projects

CHEC has successfully implemented projects and programmes in the following Commonwealth countries: Kenya, Uganda, The Gambia, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Malta, New Zealand, India, Canada, Guyana, Barbados, Sierra Leone, Samoa, Fiji, Pakistan, Nigeria, Australia, and Sri Lanka. The work of CHEC is supported by many foundations and trusts, particularly the [Commonwealth Foundation](#) and the [Commonwealth Secretariat](#), but with help from UN agencies like [UNESCO](#), [UN Habitat](#), [UNEP](#), the UK and other governments and by the voluntary efforts of both members and non-member friends and colleagues.

There are several ways you can support the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council:

Become a member [here](#)

Donate [here](#)

Subscribe to our Monthly Newsletter [here](#)

and don't forget to

CHEC us out on our social media pages on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and YouTube!



Photo: Trelawny Parish, Jamaica (Photo by: Emily Robinson)

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 00966772 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 272018

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024
for
COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Brown McLeod Limited
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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The aim of the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC), an educational charity, is to further the importance of a holistic and sustainable view of the world and a continuing emphasis on development through the implementation of human ecology. CHEC's programmes strive to awaken the Commonwealth to the need for deeper human and ecological philosophies to achieve a wider coalition between all levels of society and the natural world on which they depend.

Mission Statement

Human ecology embraces the principles of natural and moral philosophy. It draws on knowledge and understanding from the sciences and humanities to develop and promote holistic and sustainable initiatives, ideas, and development projects with the aim of enhancing and strengthening people's relationships with each other and with their natural environments. Human ecology, from this standpoint, works to create sustainable, lasting improvements in people's lives by fostering projects that engage and enhance the skills of local communities, involve all sectors of society, improve livelihoods, and maintain environmental benefits. It is a philosophy and a process and is constantly learning and adapting, just as it is educating, encouraging, and stimulating others. It has become an academic field of enquiry, a developmental philosophy, an approach to sustainability and a new means of unifying political, economic, and social endeavours to provide a meaningful future for rural and urban people in the Commonwealth and elsewhere.

Significant Activities

During 2024, as CHEC entered its 54th year, the organisation has continued to focus on areas of great international concern such as climate change, food and water security, pollution in the air and in the oceans, urban resilience as well as the role of education in seeking improvements in all such matters where CHEC believes human ecological thinking can help towards programmes that are aimed at achieving sustainability. CHEC's efforts in this regard support the principles outlined by Heads of Government in the Commonwealth Blue Charter and, more recently at the 2022 Rwanda CHOGM, the Commonwealth Living Lands Charter. In this regard CHEC's work has continued to focus on the importance of restoring mangroves which help protect coastlines and this has been highlighted by the concern of the 32 small Commonwealth member states about the impact of rising sea levels, tropical storms, protection of coastal fishing grounds, corals, and reefs.

CHEC UK works with other CHEC Chapters and contacts around the Commonwealth, and in partnership with civil society organisations globally. CHEC is a member of the Informal Forum of Commonwealth Organisations (IFCO) which brings Commonwealth Accredited Organisations together to discuss where they can work in greater harmony and partnership. CHEC is also in Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and has updated its status and revitalised its role within ECOSOC. CHEC is a member of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Commonwealth Consortium for Education (CCfE) and the International Development Organisation (BOND).

As human ecology is a global subject, CHEC also works in partnership with ecological organisations, including the Society for Human Ecology (SHE) supporting conferences on sustainability, human ecology as well as other relevant activities. It is also seeking to broaden contacts within universities. CHEC works in concert with both the Commonwealth Secretariat, to which it is accredited, and the Commonwealth Foundation. In October 2024, CHEC attended the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Samoa and was led by a former Governing Board Member Donnell Davis from Australia, who has attended such meetings in the past and who did so on this occasion with distinction. Details are available on CHEC's website (www.checinternational.org).

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant Activities

CHEC, which is a member UNFCCC, attended COP-29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, towards the end of 2024. Attended by CHEC's Secretary, details are available in CHEC's 2024 Annual Report, which can be accessed on CHEC's website (www.checinternational.org). CHEC, which has been a virtual organisation since 2022, has had high attendances at Governing Board meetings with members tuning in from all regions of the Commonwealth. This works well and continues to greatly improve CHEC's international reach. This is also being achieved through CHEC's website and judicious use of channels provided by social media, as explained below.

Current Projects

With the support of its subsidiary charity, the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF), CHEC has both completed on-going projects and embarked on new ones. These are located in a number of Commonwealth Member Countries, and it is hoped that very soon every region of the Commonwealth will be represented. Details of all can be found on CHEC's website at www.checinternational.org which include those done in Fiji and Samoa to coincide with CHOGM.

Publications and Website

During 2024, CHEC's website has continued to develop and has been praised by many who have seen it. CHEC Annual Reports are published, as are CHEC Points, newsletters, and all recent journals. It keeps friends of human ecology alert, updated on discussions around the Commonwealth on climate change adaptation and mitigation, the state of the soil, rivers, lakes, and oceans. It looks at how our consumption affects the environment and what we can do about it. Our reach to civil society has improved through CHEC's continuing attempts to build up our followers on social media. Newsletters have been published, it is hoped CHEC Points may be further expanded in 2025.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal Funding Sources

The finances of CHEC are monitored by its Finance Committee, whose membership is reviewed following the Annual General Meeting, usually held in November. CHEC's banking arrangements remain with Barclays and have been satisfactory since their review in 2022. Financial support for projects is also received from the income of the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF), a subsidiary trust of CHEC but is serviced by its own trustees. HEF incorporates the legacy of CHEC's Founder, Zena Daysh, and protects its capital value. Income from its investments fund CHEC's projects and has helped with the development of CHEC's website, as well as other areas of CHEC's work in need of support. It also contains a capital element, which is not part of the legacy, specifically reserved for CHEC in case a situation arises requiring additional support.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

An active year ahead is underway in 2025 as CHEC and new projects will be undertaken which will further enhance its aims and objectives. We look forward to the Society for Human Ecology Meeting in June 2025 in Mons, Belgium and to COP-30 in Brazil. The latter will be a particular challenge due to the withdrawal of support for the COP process by the USA.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its deed of trust and governance documents, and constitutes a company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. Its Articles of Association were updated to accommodate current legal requirements, approved at an EGM in February 2015. It is run by CHEC's Governing Board, some of whose UK members are trustees.

Work continues to be dependent on its global membership and supporters, as well as on its Governing Board members and volunteers. Board composition is mindful of diversity and gender. A membership and fundraising committee set up in 2022 has continued its work throughout 2024. Gratitude is due to all involved in our work. Details of the Trustees are attached to this report. CHEC's Finance Committee meets regularly and reports to the Governing Board, which has set its terms of reference. Its composition is reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Safeguarding is reviewed, as appropriate.

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The Charity's purpose focuses on raising global public awareness and providing education on all aspects of human ecology.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

00966772 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

272018

Registered office

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Company Secretary

Ms E Robinson

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

M E B Giles FCA
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Robinson', is written over a horizontal line.

Mr M Robinson - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Commonwealth Human Ecology Council Ltd**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Commonwealth Human Ecology Council Ltd ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

MEB Giles FCA

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Date:

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
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Investment income	2	<u>33,021</u>	-	<u>33,021</u>	<u>27,396</u>
Total		<u>33,462</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>35,962</u>	<u>30,046</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		8,560	-	8,560	12,953
Charitable activities					
Project expenditure		15,500	2,500	18,000	17,045
Other		<u>460</u>	-	<u>460</u>	-
Total		<u>24,520</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>27,020</u>	<u>29,998</u>
NET INCOME		8,942	-	8,942	48
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		6,920	3,327	10,247	10,199
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>15,862</u></u>	<u><u>3,327</u></u>	<u><u>19,189</u></u>	<u><u>10,247</u></u>

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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Balance Sheet
31 December 2024**

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Amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,920)	-	(1,920)	(2,299)
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>15,862</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>19,189</u>	<u>10,247</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>15,862</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>19,189</u>	<u>10,247</u>
FUNDS	6				
Unrestricted funds				<u>15,862</u>	6,920
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TOTAL FUNDS				<u>19,189</u>	<u>10,247</u>

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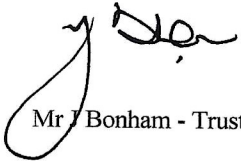
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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2024

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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24 May 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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Basis of preparing the financial statements

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All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Investment income received	32,857	27,301
Deposit account interest	164	95
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	<u><u>1,411</u></u>	<u><u>4,317</u></u>

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2,650	-	2,650
Investment income	<u>27,396</u>	-	<u>27,396</u>
Total	<u><u>30,046</u></u>	-	<u><u>30,046</u></u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	12,953	-	12,953
Charitable activities			
Project expenditure	<u>17,045</u>	-	<u>17,045</u>
Total	<u><u>29,998</u></u>	-	<u><u>29,998</u></u>
NET INCOME	48	-	48
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>6,872</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,199</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>6,920</u></u>	<u><u>3,327</u></u>	<u><u>10,247</u></u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	523
Accrued expenses	1,920	1,776
	<u>1,920</u>	<u>2,299</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6,920	8,942	15,862
Restricted funds			
Project fund	3,327	-	3,327
	<u>10,247</u>	<u>8,942</u>	<u>19,189</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	33,462	(24,520)	8,942
Restricted funds			
Project fund	2,500	(2,500)	-
	<u>35,962</u>	<u>(27,020)</u>	<u>8,942</u>

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6,872	48	6,920
Restricted funds			
Project fund	3,327	-	3,327
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,199</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>10,247</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	30,046	(29,998)	48
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>30,046</u>	<u>(29,998)</u>	<u>48</u>

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Unrestricted funds			
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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	63,508	(54,518)	8,990
Restricted funds			
Project fund	2,500	(2,500)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>66,008</u>	<u>(57,018)</u>	<u>8,990</u>

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Grants	2,500	-
Subscriptions & donations	441	2,650
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	2,941	2,650
Investment income		
Investment income received	32,857	27,301
Deposit account interest	164	95
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	33,021	27,396
Total incoming resources	<hr/>	<hr/>
	35,962	30,046
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Project expenditure	18,000	17,045
Support costs		
Management		
Trustees' expenses	1,411	4,317
Postage, telephone & fax	135	118
Sundry expenses	1,179	808
Travel, conferences & admin	1,775	5,220
IT consultancy	2,441	606
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	6,941	11,069
Finance		
Bank charges	159	108
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,920	1,776
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Total resources expended	27,020	29,998
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Net income	8,942	48
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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 00966772 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 272018

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024
for
COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Brown McLeod Limited
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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The aim of the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC), an educational charity, is to further the importance of a holistic and sustainable view of the world and a continuing emphasis on development through the implementation of human ecology. CHEC's programmes strive to awaken the Commonwealth to the need for deeper human and ecological philosophies to achieve a wider coalition between all levels of society and the natural world on which they depend.

Mission Statement

Human ecology embraces the principles of natural and moral philosophy. It draws on knowledge and understanding from the sciences and humanities to develop and promote holistic and sustainable initiatives, ideas, and development projects with the aim of enhancing and strengthening people's relationships with each other and with their natural environments. Human ecology, from this standpoint, works to create sustainable, lasting improvements in people's lives by fostering projects that engage and enhance the skills of local communities, involve all sectors of society, improve livelihoods, and maintain environmental benefits. It is a philosophy and a process and is constantly learning and adapting, just as it is educating, encouraging, and stimulating others. It has become an academic field of enquiry, a developmental philosophy, an approach to sustainability and a new means of unifying political, economic, and social endeavours to provide a meaningful future for rural and urban people in the Commonwealth and elsewhere.

Significant Activities

During 2024, as CHEC entered its 54th year, the organisation has continued to focus on areas of great international concern such as climate change, food and water security, pollution in the air and in the oceans, urban resilience as well as the role of education in seeking improvements in all such matters where CHEC believes human ecological thinking can help towards programmes that are aimed at achieving sustainability. CHEC's efforts in this regard support the principles outlined by Heads of Government in the Commonwealth Blue Charter and, more recently at the 2022 Rwanda CHOGM, the Commonwealth Living Lands Charter. In this regard CHEC's work has continued to focus on the importance of restoring mangroves which help protect coastlines and this has been highlighted by the concern of the 32 small Commonwealth member states about the impact of rising sea levels, tropical storms, protection of coastal fishing grounds, corals, and reefs.

CHEC UK works with other CHEC Chapters and contacts around the Commonwealth, and in partnership with civil society organisations globally. CHEC is a member of the Informal Forum of Commonwealth Organisations (IFCO) which brings Commonwealth Accredited Organisations together to discuss where they can work in greater harmony and partnership. CHEC is also in Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and has updated its status and revitalised its role within ECOSOC. CHEC is a member of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Commonwealth Consortium for Education (CCfE) and the International Development Organisation (BOND).

As human ecology is a global subject, CHEC also works in partnership with ecological organisations, including the Society for Human Ecology (SHE) supporting conferences on sustainability, human ecology as well as other relevant activities. It is also seeking to broaden contacts within universities. CHEC works in concert with both the Commonwealth Secretariat, to which it is accredited, and the Commonwealth Foundation. In October 2024, CHEC attended the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Samoa and was led by a former Governing Board Member Donnell Davis from Australia, who has attended such meetings in the past and who did so on this occasion with distinction. Details are available on CHEC's website (www.checinternational.org).

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant Activities

CHEC, which is a member UNFCCC, attended COP-29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, towards the end of 2024. Attended by CHEC's Secretary, details are available in CHEC's 2024 Annual Report, which can be accessed on CHEC's website (www.checinternational.org). CHEC, which has been a virtual organisation since 2022, has had high attendances at Governing Board meetings with members tuning in from all regions of the Commonwealth. This works well and continues to greatly improve CHEC's international reach. This is also being achieved through CHEC's website and judicious use of channels provided by social media, as explained below.

Current Projects

With the support of its subsidiary charity, the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF), CHEC has both completed on-going projects and embarked on new ones. These are located in a number of Commonwealth Member Countries, and it is hoped that very soon every region of the Commonwealth will be represented. Details of all can be found on CHEC's website at www.checinternational.org which include those done in Fiji and Samoa to coincide with CHOGM.

Publications and Website

During 2024, CHEC's website has continued to develop and has been praised by many who have seen it. CHEC Annual Reports are published, as are CHEC Points, newsletters, and all recent journals. It keeps friends of human ecology alert, updated on discussions around the Commonwealth on climate change adaptation and mitigation, the state of the soil, rivers, lakes, and oceans. It looks at how our consumption affects the environment and what we can do about it. Our reach to civil society has improved through CHEC's continuing attempts to build up our followers on social media. Newsletters have been published, it is hoped CHEC Points may be further expanded in 2025.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal Funding Sources

The finances of CHEC are monitored by its Finance Committee, whose membership is reviewed following the Annual General Meeting, usually held in November. CHEC's banking arrangements remain with Barclays and have been satisfactory since their review in 2022. Financial support for projects is also received from the income of the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF), a subsidiary trust of CHEC but is serviced by its own trustees. HEF incorporates the legacy of CHEC's Founder, Zena Daysh, and protects its capital value. Income from its investments fund CHEC's projects and has helped with the development of CHEC's website, as well as other areas of CHEC's work in need of support. It also contains a capital element, which is not part of the legacy, specifically reserved for CHEC in case a situation arises requiring additional support.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

An active year ahead is underway in 2025 as CHEC and new projects will be undertaken which will further enhance its aims and objectives. We look forward to the Society for Human Ecology Meeting in June 2025 in Mons, Belgium and to COP-30 in Brazil. The latter will be a particular challenge due to the withdrawal of support for the COP process by the USA.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its deed of trust and governance documents, and constitutes a company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. Its Articles of Association were updated to accommodate current legal requirements, approved at an EGM in February 2015. It is run by CHEC's Governing Board, some of whose UK members are trustees.

Work continues to be dependent on its global membership and supporters, as well as on its Governing Board members and volunteers. Board composition is mindful of diversity and gender. A membership and fundraising committee set up in 2022 has continued its work throughout 2024. Gratitude is due to all involved in our work. Details of the Trustees are attached to this report. CHEC's Finance Committee meets regularly and reports to the Governing Board, which has set its terms of reference. Its composition is reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Safeguarding is reviewed, as appropriate.

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The Charity's purpose focuses on raising global public awareness and providing education on all aspects of human ecology.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Registered Charity number

272018

Registered office

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Trustees

Mr J Bonham
Mr M Robinson
Prof. I Douglas
Mr M Mutter
Dr R Kalra
Ms J Samuels
Ms R Cox
Mr S Loganathan
Mr T Peel
Ms E Robinson
Dr J Ross
Mr P Mitterbauer
Mr H Greenfield
Mr J McDonnell
Mr C C A Day (appointed 20.11.24)

Honorary Patrons

Mr N Stannard
Mrs E Ekehorn

Honorary President

Mr Levi Oguike

Company Secretary

Ms E Robinson

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

M E B Giles FCA
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr M Robinson - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Commonwealth Human Ecology Council Ltd**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Commonwealth Human Ecology Council Ltd ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

MEB Giles FCA

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Date:

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>15,862</u></u>	<u><u>3,327</u></u>	<u><u>19,189</u></u>	<u><u>10,247</u></u>

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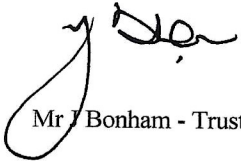
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Deposit account interest	164	95
	<u>33,021</u>	<u>27,396</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	<u>1,411</u>	<u>4,317</u>

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2,650	-	2,650
Investment income	<u>27,396</u>	-	<u>27,396</u>
Total	<u>30,046</u>	-	<u>30,046</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	12,953	-	12,953
Charitable activities			
Project expenditure	<u>17,045</u>	-	<u>17,045</u>
Total	<u>29,998</u>	-	<u>29,998</u>
NET INCOME	48	-	48
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	6,872	3,327	10,199
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>6,920</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,247</u>

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5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	523
Accrued expenses	1,920	1,776
	<u>1,920</u>	<u>2,299</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6,920	8,942	15,862
Restricted funds			
Project fund	3,327	-	3,327
	<u>10,247</u>	<u>8,942</u>	<u>19,189</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	33,462	(24,520)	8,942
Restricted funds			
Project fund	2,500	(2,500)	-
	<u>35,962</u>	<u>(27,020)</u>	<u>8,942</u>

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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6,872	48	6,920
Restricted funds			
Project fund	3,327	-	3,327
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,199</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>10,247</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	30,046	(29,998)	48
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>30,046</u>	<u>(29,998)</u>	<u>48</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6,872	8,990	15,862
Restricted funds			
Project fund	3,327	-	3,327
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,199</u>	<u>8,990</u>	<u>19,189</u>

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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	63,508	(54,518)	8,990
Restricted funds			
Project fund	2,500	(2,500)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>66,008</u>	<u>(57,018)</u>	<u>8,990</u>

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Grants	2,500	-
Subscriptions & donations	441	2,650
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	2,941	2,650
Investment income		
Investment income received	32,857	27,301
Deposit account interest	164	95
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	33,021	27,396
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Total incoming resources	35,962	30,046
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Project expenditure	18,000	17,045
Support costs		
Management		
Trustees' expenses	1,411	4,317
Postage, telephone & fax	135	118
Sundry expenses	1,179	808
Travel, conferences & admin	1,775	5,220
IT consultancy	2,441	606
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	6,941	11,069
Finance		
Bank charges	159	108
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,920	1,776
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Total resources expended	27,020	29,998
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Net income	8,942	48
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2023 Annual Report

CHEC

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The aim of the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC), an educational charity, is to further the importance of a holistic and sustainable view of the world and a continuing emphasis on development through the implementation of human ecology.

CHEC's programmes strive to awaken the Commonwealth to the need for deeper human and ecological philosophies in order to achieve a wider coalition between all levels of society and the natural world on which they depend.

CHEC is supported by the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF). This is a subsidiary charity, which manages CHEC's trust fund, and has its own board that supervises both its capital and income. As such, it helps to fund CHEC's projects, as well as supporting management of CHEC's website and social media activity.

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A Message from the Chair

Mark Robinson

In 2023 the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC), now in its 53rd year, has continued to give high priority to issues related to **Climate Change** and through its project work is expanding its reach into many regions of the Commonwealth. This has enabled CHEC to emphasize the pan-commonwealth nature of its work, in the knowledge that the next Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) will be held in Samoa, a small country in the Pacific region.

CHEC has been planning to undertake project work in that region, which it is hoped to bring to fruition in 2024 in time for the opening of CHOGM which will be held from 21 to 26 October 2024. In doing this, CHEC is minded that some 32 Commonwealth member states continue to be threatened by rising sea levels, threats to coral reefs and ocean pollution and so urgent and sustained action is required to tackle the problems that have flowed from the unfortunate effects that climate change can have. Progress is being made to establish a climate justice fund and pledges towards that now need to be translated into actual realization to enable effective action to take place.

CHEC's current work has been helped by the partnerships we have been able to develop both with multilateral organizations and civil society operations around the Commonwealth. This has been helped through CHEC's membership of the Informal Forum of Commonwealth Organizations (IFCO).

As well as that CHEC is in consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), a relationship which we are working to strengthen, as well as to revitalize the association we have had in the past with UNESCO. Our relationship with the Commonwealth Consortium for Education in the Commonwealth (CCfE) is important to us, as well as with the Council for Education in the Commonwealth (CEC), given we were founded as an education charity, a status which CHEC still maintains, and which has been reflected in some of our projects. In that respect, I was delighted to take part in the CEC conference on artificial intelligence (AI) held at the University of Nicosia in Cyprus from 18-21 May 2023. This covered both teachers, students and parents as we discussed how AI might impact on education throughout the Commonwealth. It also afforded good networking opportunities which I found useful. We also work through our membership of the International Development Organization (BOND) and the Society for Human Ecology (SHE), whose conference was held in Tucson, Arizona from 5-8 November 2023, at which CHEC was represented by Dr. Janine Pierce, one of CHEC's Governing Board Members.

As human ecology is very relevant to all aspects of Climate Change, membership of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has become important and enabled CHEC to attend and participate in the COP conferences. In 2023 CHEC sent a delegation to COP-28 held in Dubai. CHEC's delegation was led by myself but I was the only member over the age of 30. On



CHEC Chair Mark Robinson with a fellow delegate at COP28 in Dubai

the team were representatives from Ghana, India, and Samoa all of whom attended and spoke at many climate change forums. I was particularly pleased we were able to support the WHO Forum and delighted when the important link between health and climate change ended up being reflected in the communique. At the end of COP-28, UNFCCC afforded us a platform which we undertook in partnership with Climate Outreach and The Commonwealth Sustainable Energy Transition Youth Action Group (CSET Youth) on ***Communities Catalysing Social and Environmental Change*** to which we provided 2 panelists. Although held at the end of the day, enough attended to make it worthwhile and it was also live streamed around the globe. The Commonwealth Secretariat held a number of platforms, and we were able to participate in those as well, as well as to record a short video on CHEC's involvement in COP-28. My colleagues and I also undertook much networking, including attending an excellent reception hosted by Rotary International.

During 2023, CHEC has worked closely with the Commonwealth Secretariat, to whom we are accredited, and the Commonwealth Foundation, which works closely with Civil Society. Co-operation such as this is very important to us as is the Commonwealth Charter, which both guides our work and which we like to promote to our Commonwealth partners and other important contacts.

CHEC has continued to develop its website which has been used to spell out details of our work and accomplishments, including details of the projects we have accomplished and those that are in progress. Details of these are set out in the section on projects below. CHEC's website has been run for some time now by CHEC Secretary Emily Robinson along with CHEC's post graduate intern, John McDonnell, who has now moved into full time employment but has agreed to join CHEC's Governing Board. His replacement is Kate Martin, another post-graduate, who has both continued this work and injected a few new ideas. Their work has been particularly effective in building our contacts through the use of the social media and we are grateful to them for all of this work, which has been mainly funded by some of the income derived from HEF.

We look forward to a challenging year in 2024, This will culminate in another CHOGM in October, followed by COP-29 in November 2024 which we expect will produce many challenges given its location in Baku, Azerbaijan. In all this I am grateful for the work undertaken by the members of CHEC's Governing Board, the support given by the Board of HEF, the Commonwealth Forum of the National Liberal Club especially for the facilities provided to enable our Governing Board Meetings to be held both face to face and online which greatly expands CHEC's pan-Commonwealth outreach.

Mark Robinson
Chair, CHEC

A Welcome to CHEC's new Digital Coordinator Kate Martin

CHEC is excited to announce that Kate Martin has joined the CHEC team as our new Digital Coordinator. Kate is currently working on her PhD at the University of Central Lancashire, where she previously earned a BA and an MA in Asia Pacific Studies. Her thesis: *Finding an Appropriate Legal Terminology for the Rights of Climate Displaced Peoples in the Asia Pacific as a Method of Climate Resilience in Disaster and Crisis Anthropology* is an important theme relevant to Human Ecology in the Pacific. The Governing Board welcomes Kate and looks forward to her work the CHEC.



A Message from Kate:

“In my new role as the Digital Coordinator for the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council, I plan to focus on enhancing our social media presence and fostering connections across the Commonwealth. One of my primary goals is to increase engagement on our platforms, ensuring that our message reaches and resonates with a wider audience. Looking ahead, I am particularly enthusiastic about my plans to visit Fiji in the coming year. During the visit, I will be producing a series of interviews for our ‘Climate Conversations in the Pacific’ project, highlighting the vital stories and perspectives of communities impacted by climate change. Through these initiatives, we aim to amplify voices and build a stronger, more connected network across the Commonwealth. Additionally, I have successfully re-launched our newsletter, which, along with

regular social media updates, will focus on crucial topics such as climate change and sustainable development, ensuring that our community stays informed and engaged.”

Kate Martin
CHEC Digital Coordinator
United Kingdom

Projects

With the support of its subsidiary charity, the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF), CHEC undertook several impactful and meaningful projects aimed at promoting sustainable development and enhancing human well-being across member states in 2023. Several projects including our **Spotlight Project Gambia Environmental and Community Development** were small-scale and community-led, ensuring that local participants had a say in projects benefiting their communities. CHEC was able to partner with the University of Edinburgh Students' Association for a project focused on *Period Education and Combating Period Poverty and Waste in India*. Later in the year saw a continuation of an earlier project in Kenya with the *Iparakuo Food Security Project at Maasai Village Polytechnic and Children's Learning Centre*. In November, CHEC was proud to have helped sponsor the removal of asbestos and replace several roofs of buildings at the Khayelitsha Baphumelele Children's Home in South Africa. We believe our projects show CHEC's unwavering commitment to fostering a holistic and integrated approach to human ecology, ensuring that both people and the planet are thoughtfully considered in all development efforts. Details of all can be found on CHEC's website [here](#). In 2024, CHEC hopes to fund one or more projects in the Pacific Region.

Project Spotlight

Gambia Environmental and Community Development Project

From November 2022 until June 2023, CHEC partnered with GEPADG (CHEC Gambia) to provide a vegetable garden and orchard for women cultivators with a reliable water supply as part of an on-going environmental and community development project in the Gunjur Kombo South District, West Coast Region, The Gambia. A borehole was also installed, and the well water supply will help the community with a tree nursery for the annual tree planting exercises and agroforestry. In the next few years there will be more fruit trees in the orchard such as mangoes, pears, avocado, and oranges and eventually, mangroves will be planted as part of the community-led initiative in the area.



Project Participants survey the future Mangrove Planting Area

Project Spotlight

Gambia Environmental and Community Development Project

GEPADG (CHEC Gambia) has carried out an annual large-scale beach cleaning and tree planting exercise, including the planting of mangrove seedlings at the Gunjur beach. This was in conjunction with the Gunjur senior secondary school in partnership with the local environmental organisations, the local community including all the necessary stakeholders from other parts of the country particularly in the west coast region.



Community Garden being watered



Installing fencing at the Community Garden

The goal was to provide a secure and safe source of food and income for local women. A 10,000 square metre vegetable and orchard garden was fenced, cleaned and cleared. A well digger was contracted to dig and build a borehole for the women vegetable gardeners. Various types of tree seedlings have been acquired with a few to providing seedlings for the annual tree planting exercises. There is continuous monitoring and evaluation with other project activities and ecotourism services.

A new traditional local well at the GEPADG/CHEC office at the Bolongfenyo community wildlife reserve is completed with enough water. This well supplies drinking water and irrigation water for trees and birds and our ecotourism Services.

Project Spotlight

Gambia Environmental and Community Development Project



Installation of Solar Panels for the new Community Garden Borehole

The project has addressed significant social, cultural, environmental and economic issues and thus greatly helped the local community. This project has enabled the maintenance of local cultural practices. The women traditionally work at the vegetable gardens and the rice fields with traditional songs and dancing. They organize cultural activities such as drumming and fundraising Kora shows. This project has enabled the maintenance of such cultures at the GEPADG women vegetable garden.

Socially, the women make some daily contributions, locally called (Susuwo) that they pay to each other every month through balloting. This creates a lot of social interaction for them. They organise cultural activities during the time of harvesting. This is an ongoing activity.

The project has enhanced and is bringing about attitudinal changes towards the environment; sustainable use practices; the reintroduction of lost species; more trees leading to a clean and healthy environment.

Economically, the project is helping women to achieve a sustainable income from their produce, enabling them to buy food, clothes and to pay their children's school fees leading to possible food self-sufficiency. This creates better health with fewer health expenses. Their traditional "Susuwo" daily contribution scheme also helps sustain their incomes.

Project Spotlight

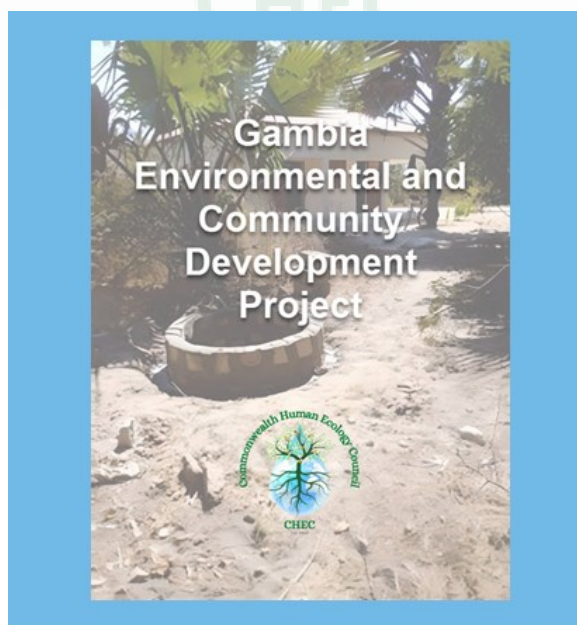
Gambia Environmental and Community Development Project

The solar-powered borehole and the well water supply are encouraging the development of a tree nursery for the annual tree planting exercises and agroforestry projects. In the next few years more fruit trees, such as mangoes, pears, avocado, and oranges will be planted within the orchard. GEPADG/CHEC Gambia aims to replicate this project elsewhere when funds become available.



The new Community Garden Borehole, helping to supply the Garden Water Tap

The project video can be viewed on CHEC's YouTube Page here:



Publications and Website

With the launch of the new CHEC Webpage earlier in the year, CHEC wanted to highlight the achievements from the past 53 years – most of which can be found in the [CHEC Achievements 1969 - 2019 50th Anniversary Publication](#) – in a visual presentation. Put together by CHEC Honorary Secretary Emily Robinson, the timeline visually highlights CHEC's most important achievements from CHEC's founding in 1969 to 2023. The project will continue to grow as no doubt CHEC continues to partner with communities around the Commonwealth for meaningful projects and is represented at important upcoming events such as CHOGM, COP, and UN EcoSoc conferences.

A Timeline of CHEC 1969 – 2023



CHEC's website keeps friends of human ecology updated about discussions around the Commonwealth on climate change adaptation and mitigation, the state of soil, rivers, lakes, and oceans with a monthly and bi-monthly newsletter. This looks at how our consumption affects the environment and what we can do about it. All of CHEC's reports are available not only on our webpage but are also emailed to our subscribers.

CHEC can be found on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and YouTube!



CHEC is dependent on the contributions of members, both in the form of voluntary work and through contributions from funds. We have a range of membership options available – including annual and life-long, student membership, and concessions for over 65s and SHE Members. CHEC will also display any job or volunteer opportunities on [our page](#).

Events

Participation at the ‘Round Table’ Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs, the National Liberal Club – Commonwealth Forum and a Visit to the House of Lords

A Report from CHEC Youth Advisor Abhiir Bhalla

I had the honour of representing CHEC at the Commonwealth Conference held at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park on the 18th – 19th of January 2023. The conference was organized by the Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs, and I was invited to speak on the theme ‘Climate Change, Small States, Inequality and Development’. I was part of CHEC’s delegation at the conference, comprised of Chair Mark Robinson, Secretary Emily Robinson, Board Member Jane Samuels, and myself. My reflection report will focus not only on this conference, but also the ‘official’ part of my trip, which continued with my visit to the House of Lords on the 23rd of January, followed by an address to the Commonwealth Forum of the National Liberal Club.

The day after my arrival, Emily and I left for Windsor Great Park early in the morning. Upon arrival I was introduced to our conference organizers and met Jane and Mark in-person that afternoon. My session, ‘Global Challenges and the International Response: What role for the Commonwealth?’ was moderated by Rita Payne (President Emeritus of the Commonwealth Journalists Association), and I had the privilege of sharing the stage with Dr. Nicholas Hardman-Mountford (Head of Oceans and Natural Resources at the Commonwealth Secretariat) and Dr. Olumide Abimbola (Executive Director of the Africa Policy Research Institute).

‘Global Challenges and the International Response: What role for the Commonwealth?’

The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs



CHEC Youth Advisor Abhiir Bhalla (right) with fellow panelists at the Round Table

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Representing CHEC at the panel, the Round Table’s team appropriately summarised my intervention as follows on [their website](#):

Abhiir Bhalla (Youth Adviser to Governing Board at the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council) spoke of his frustration with the dichotomy of Commonwealth climate action: while the Commonwealth is uniquely placed to tackle the climate crisis, he perceives little concrete action in the face of such an urgent crisis. Rather than focusing on shared values and manufacturing consensus, which is sometimes unachievable, Bhalla argued that the Commonwealth’s unique attributes should be deployed to tackle climate change and similarly formidable challenges. As a youth adviser within the Commonwealth structure, Bhalla emphasised the importance of including young representatives in strategic discussions now. “Given that the impact of key policy decisions taken currently will be felt in 20 years’ time, youth need more than simply a seat at the table, they need a ‘say at the table’ now.”



Abhiir Bhalla speaking at Cumberland Lodge

I subsequently also gave a [short 1-1 interview](#) to Ms. Payne highlighting that the Commonwealth’s strength lay in the diversity of its lived experiences, cultures and opinions – and underlining that this could be the key to unlocking the climate crisis. I also highlighted my diverging views as an environmentalist and as an Indian citizen when it came to India’s abstinence from pledging to the “phasing out” of coal at COP26, arguing that climate finance commitments from the developed world would need to be met before developing countries could be held to task.

I also had a productive conversation with the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, the Rt Hon Patricia Scotland and her senior staff, Mr. Suresh Yadav and Mr. Snober Abbasi.

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Abhiir Bhalla with Commonwealth Secretary General The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC at Cumberland Lodge

After the Conference, I returned to London, where I spent the next 3-4 days exploring the gorgeous (but cold!) city. I went about the city like a regular tourist, using the Tube and buses extensively to explore Tower Bridge, The Shard, Greenwich Observatory, London, the British Museum and other sights.

Towards the end of my trip, on the penultimate evening, Governing Board Member Trevor Peel had kindly organised for Emily, Governing Board Member Hayden Greenfield, Colin Welsh and myself to visit the House of Lords, kindly led by Lord Graham Tope. This was a one-of-a-kind experience, and not having been inside even the Indian Parliament, it was a privilege and honour to visit one of the legendary temples of democracy worldwide. We even briefly sat in on a session of Parliament! It was a pleasure to get to know Hayden, Colin and Lord Tope a bit better over tea.

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Trevor Peel, Lord Graham Tope, Abhiir Bhalla, Emily Robinson, and Colin Welsh at the House of Lords



Trevor Peel, Abhiir Bhalla, Lord Graham Tope, Emily Robinson, Colin Welsh and Hayden Greenfield

Subsequently, we headed down to the National Liberal Club, where I addressed a cozy, yet interactive gathering of the members of their Commonwealth Forum. I spoke on the importance of Youth in Climate Action, and judging by the engaging Question & Answer session we had afterwards, I'm glad to say I hope the session was a resounding success!



CHEC Youth Advisor Abhiir Bhalla speaking at the NLC Commonwealth Forum Event on Youth in Climate Action

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We had a few glasses of wine, followed by a great dinner together – it was a pleasure meeting several individuals from varied backgrounds and getting to know more about their work. The following morning, Emily, Trevor, Colin and I had a great tea/beer session before my departure – it was lovely connecting with them.

Photographs have been shared on CHEC’s social media, and some of my favourites can be found here on [my LinkedIn post](#).

I’m indeed indebted to CHEC and the Round Table for supporting my visit to London for this engaging and productive conference. A special thanks to Emily for hosting me in her house for two days, as well as to Trevor and Mark for being such hospitable hosts and making me feel so welcome. I hope to continue to meaningfully add value to all that CHEC does in the time to come.

Abhiir Bhalla

Youth Advisor to the Governing Board – CHEC

New Delhi, India

Events

10th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting

A Report from CHEC Governing Board Member Isaac Aboah



The 10th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting took place from September 11-15, 2023, at Marlborough House, London, United Kingdom. The meeting contributes to broader social and sustainable development goals from a youth development perspective. Chaired by the Government of Pakistan, it brought together Youth Ministers, senior government officials, youth representatives, youth workers and other stakeholders from across the Commonwealth.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the originally scheduled meeting for 2021 was postponed. Initially 10CYMM was scheduled to be held in Islamabad, Pakistan from 23 to 25 January 2023 to officially launch the 'Year of Youth', but it was later postponed to 11-15 September 2023 and relocated to London, UK due to severe flooding in Pakistan in September 2022, which caused widespread devastation. I responded to the urgent call by the board for representation at the CYMM, and thanks to the facilitation of the Chair and Secretary of the CHEC Governing Board, I was resourced to attend the meeting. As a board member representing the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC), this report provides a concise overview of the key discussions and decisions relevant to CHEC's work during the meeting

KEY DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS - MINISTERIAL OUTCOME STATEMENT

Youth Engagement and Advocacy:

- The meeting acknowledged the significant role of youth networks, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders in promoting youth-led action for sustainable and inclusive development.
- The 10th anniversary of the Commonwealth Youth Council (CYC) was celebrated, recognizing the contributions of past and present executives. The assembly was commended for ensuring that the voices of young people are included in Commonwealth decision-making processes.
- The Commonwealth's Global Youth Development Index (YDI) Update Report 2023 was welcomed, noting persisting inequalities in youth development. There's a resolution to take actions to empower young people in marginal positions. The growing use of the YDI is acknowledged as a useful tool for assessing youth.
- There's an agreement to extend the 'Year of Youth' initiatives until CHOGM 2024 to ensure maximum and sustained impact.
- The 5th Commonwealth Conference of Youth Workers will be hosted by the Government of Malaysia in 2025

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10th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting

A Report from CHEC Governing Board Member Isaac Aboah

Digital Transformation and Youth Empowerment:

- *The transformative potential of technologies on youth employment was recognized, emphasizing the need to bridge the digital divide and skills gap.*
- *The role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in enhancing the youth dividend was acknowledged. The launch of the “AI for Youth” initiative was endorsed, aiming to empower young people to innovate, develop entrepreneurial skills and generate employment within the Commonwealth countries. This initiative seeks to leverage the support of industry leaders, especially in small and vulnerable member states, focusing on research, infrastructure, capacity building, and ethical AI policy.*
- *Collaborations with industry leaders like Simplilearn and Intel were commended for offering digital skills training and capacity building to upskill young people across the Commonwealth. The formation of the Commonwealth AI Consortium was welcomed, aiming to accelerate the reach of similar programs across the Commonwealth*



Isaac attending the 10th CYMM at Marlborough House

Social Entrepreneurship:

The dynamic interplay of economic development and social responsibility was discussed, emphasizing the potential of social entrepreneurship as a transformative force within the Commonwealth. The meeting pledged to foster an environment that nurtures and scales socially driven ventures.

Youth Work and Professional Development:

- *The importance of qualified youth workers was highlighted, with acknowledgment given to the Professional Association of Lecturers in Youth and Community Work (PALYCW) for their contributions.*
- *The UK Government was thanked for hosting the 4th Commonwealth Youth Work Conference. Malaysia's offer to host the 5th Commonwealth Conference of Youth Workers in 2025 was welcomed.*
- *The reports from the Commonwealth Alliance of Youth Worker Associations (CAYWA) and the Commonwealth Youth Council (CYC) were noted, commending their work in promoting youth work professionalization and youth leadership.*

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Mental Health and Well-being

The escalating mental health challenges, especially among children, young people, and women, were discussed. The meeting pledged to support efforts to develop robust mental health policies, launch well-being campaigns, and empower the mental wellness of young people.

Climate Activism and Sustainability

- Young people's commitment to environmental preservation and sustainability was acknowledged. The mainstreaming of youth considerations into the work of the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub (CCFAH) was welcomed.
- The formation of the Ocean Youth Working Group is welcomed. This aligns with a focus on the environmental health of oceans and the role of young people in taking action on climate change and ocean conservation.
- The statement encourages investment in youth-led initiatives related to renewable energy, conservation, marine life, carbon-neutral projects, and waste management.

Marlborough House Commitment for Youth Development

The Marlborough House Commitment is an agreement by Ministers of youth to ensure the well-being, empowerment, and progress of young citizens in the Year of Youth. Key commitments include:

- Establishing National Youth Policies and Legislations.
- Ensuring youth participation in policy development.
- Promoting social inclusion and equity.
- Enhancing youth participation and engagement.
- Safeguarding children and young people.
- Providing employment and economic opportunities for youth

ROUNDTABLES MEETINGS

A critical part of the Youth Minister Meeting was the discussion across themes enabled by six pivotal roundtable events, each focusing on a distinct theme but converging on the overarching goal of youth empowerment and engagement. These roundtables were platforms for debate, exchange, and consensus-building. They facilitated a rich tapestry of perspectives, from government officials to youth leaders, weaving together a narrative of challenges, opportunities, and aspirations. Each roundtable was structured to be interactive, ensuring that every voice, every concern, and every proposal was heard and considered. The culmination of these discussions was the drafting of a final outcome statement, a testament to the collective will and commitment of the Commonwealth nations to their youth.

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The Youth Engagement Roundtable at the 10th CYMM

1. Youth Engagement Roundtable

The event was structured as an informal and interactive session, drawing participation from Senior Government Officials, youth leaders, and various stakeholders. The primary objective of this roundtable was to address the challenges young professionals face when trying to engage with Commonwealth accredited bodies. The Ministers and officials actively discussed and proposed policy recommendations. By sharing experiences, they aimed to develop a comprehensive set of policy recommendations. Key points of discussion included the modernization of approaches to be more inclusive and the success stories where youth had made significant impacts.

2. Promoting Cross-Cultural Understanding within the Commonwealth

Chaired by Hon Jean Nepo Abdallah Utumatwishima, the Minister of Youth from Rwanda, this session delved deep into the dynamics youth networks face in fostering cross-cultural understanding. Participants discussed the specific barriers hindering youth-led engagements and sought ways to address them. They also highlighted nations or initiatives within the Commonwealth that have been exemplary in leveraging youth networks for fostering global citizenship and cross-cultural understanding.

3. Climate Change Mitigation and Youth Engagement

The primary focus was on enhancing education and awareness regarding climate change mitigation, adaptation, and impact reduction. The session aimed to identify strategies that would work in tandem with young people to promote effective and inclusive climate action. Sustainable development, active conservation, and nature-based solutions were also on the agenda. The discussion emphasized the role of youth in addressing the pressing environmental challenges faced by Commonwealth member countries. They also explored how climate change considerations could be integrated into national youth policies and strategies. The overarching goal was to foster collaboration among Commonwealth countries, especially between ministries responsible for youth and climate change.

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4. Engaging Young Professionals in the Commonwealth

Led by the Hon Mario Bowleg, the Minister of Youth, Sports, and Culture from The Bahamas, the event addressed the challenges

young professionals face when trying to engage with Commonwealth accredited bodies. The Ministers and officials actively discussed and proposed policy recommendations. By sharing experiences, they aimed to develop a comprehensive set of policy recommendations. Key points of discussion included the modernization of approaches for inclusivity and success stories of youth involvement.



Isaac with a fellow youth delegate from the Bahamas

5. Youth Empowerment and Sustainable Development

The event aimed to enhance education and awareness regarding sustainable development practices and the role of youth in driving these initiatives. The session focused on strategies to work with young people to promote effective and inclusive sustainable development practices. Active conservation, nature-based solutions, and the development of green and blue economies were also on the agenda. The discussion emphasized the role of youth in addressing the pressing developmental challenges faced by Commonwealth member countries. They also explored the integration of sustainable development considerations into national youth policies and strategies.

COUNTRY SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

Kenya: Advocates for inclusivity in governance and the Bottom-Up Economic Transfer Agenda, with a focus on youth financial inclusion.

The Bahamas: Aims to update the National Youth Policy by October 2023 and establish a National Youth Council by early 2024.

Jamaica: Expresses intent to host the next Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting.

Malta: Continues to support youth participation in decision-making and the AI for Youth initiative.

Australia: Launches an Office for Youth for a new National Youth Engagement Strategy.

Papua New Guinea: Provides support to the Commonwealth Youth Council with office space and young volunteers

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MY PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Complex Problem Solving: Emphasised the importance of integrating design thinking into the curriculum to foster complex problem-solving skills.

Personal Responsibility & Accountability: Advocated for instilling a sense of leadership within classrooms and empowering students through out-of-class work education, thereby fostering personal responsibility and accountability.

Commonwealth Scholarships: Stressed the significance of supporting the Commonwealth scholarships to promote equity in education.

Preservation of Indigenous Knowledge: Recognized the invaluable role of local communities in preserving indigenous knowledge and culture. Consequently, I recommended a comprehensive review of education policies to decolonize and incorporate cultural differences within educational curriculums.



Isaac attends the 10th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting at Marlborough House in London - September 2023

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The 10th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting (CYMM) provided a crucial platform to discuss and address the challenges and opportunities facing the youth of the Commonwealth. Representing the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC), our participation ensured that concerns pertinent to human ecology were effectively communicated and integrated into the broader discussions.

My attendance at the CYMM enriched my understanding of the systems and operations of the Commonwealth architecture. This experience was built upon my prior involvement with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings People Forum in Rwanda. I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity to lead conversations on behalf of CHEC. I made the most of the reception sessions, attending all of them to network and foster valuable relationships that I believe will further CHEC's objectives.

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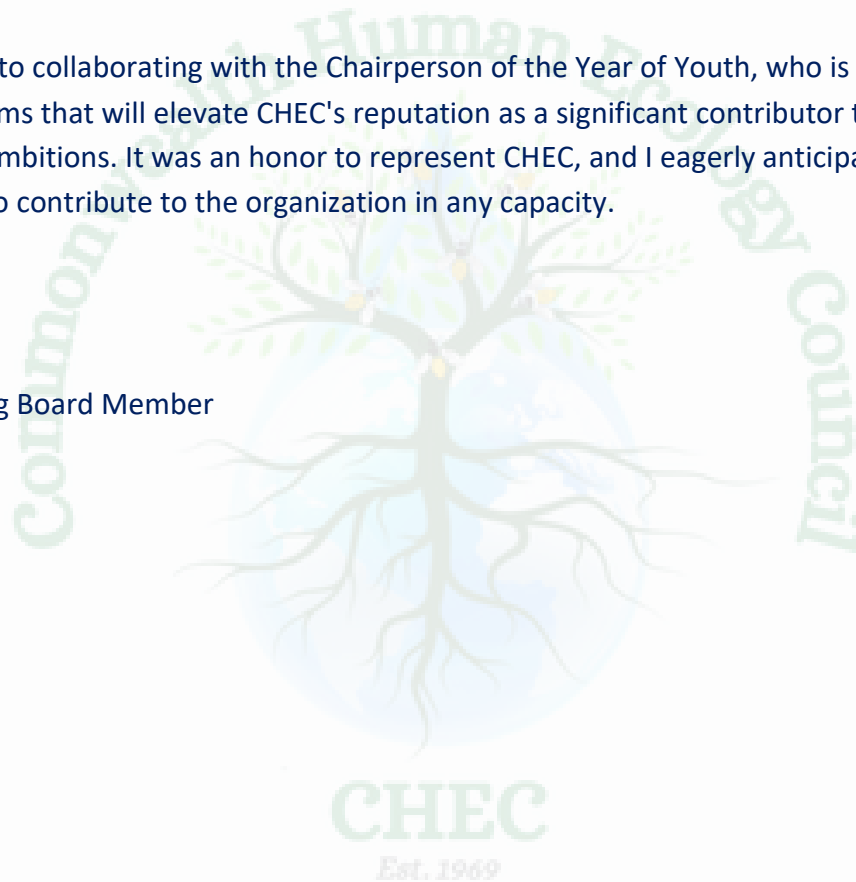
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CHEC stands out for its dynamic approach, especially in its respect and allowance for the participation of youth leadership at the Governor's Council. This progressive stance distinguishes CHEC among its peer organizations. I am inspired by the spirit of the Year of Youth and the 50th anniversary of the Commonwealth Youth Program. These milestones align with CHEC's forward-thinking initiatives.

I am dedicated to collaborating with the Chairperson of the Year of Youth, who is from Ghana, to develop programs that will elevate CHEC's reputation as a significant contributor to the Secretariat's Year of Youth ambitions. It was an honor to represent CHEC, and I eagerly anticipate future opportunities to contribute to the organization in any capacity. Thank you.

Isaac Aboah
CHEC Governing Board Member
Ghana



Events

XXVth International Conference of the Society for Human Ecology (SHE)



Dr Janine Pierce a Board member of Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC) attended the XXVth International Conference of the Society for Human Ecology (SHE) from November 5-8th 2023 at the University of Arizona in Tucson, USA. CHEC has had a long-standing relationship with SHE, so it was a positive experience to be able to attend this conference as a CHEC representative, to be able to present two papers, and to network and learn new ideas and knowledge in this evolving area of Human Ecology.

The SHE Conference was held in the University's Environment and Natural Resources building which is strongly reflective of eco-friendly design.



The Environment and Natural Resources Building at the University of Arizona

The theme for this conference was: Sowing Human Ecological Future: Vision, Justice, and Diversity. Diverse themes embraced many aspects of human ecology and evolving areas of focus for this time on Earth. Session themes included: Teaching Human Ecology, Food Waste, Diet and Disease, Biodiversity/Human/Animal Relations, Environmental management, Theoretical perspectives, Community, Forming Networks, Culture, Diversity, and Well-being, Optics and Nature, Indigenous Knowledge & Practice, Tourism, Community and Conservation, Political Economy of Human Ecology, Human Ecology Models, Climate Change, Eco-Disasters, Problem-solving, Food security and Diet, and an 'Ignite' presentation section that showcased key themes in a short time frame in moving power point presentation with voice followed by discussion.

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Janine Pierce presented an Ignite presentation (7-minutes) slideshow followed by discussion. This presentation was well attended both face to face and by virtual attendees and was well received. The presentation was titled ***Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC): Helping People & the Planet*** and focused on overviewing CHEC, and the Human Ecology Foundation, the global reach of Commonwealth projects around the world, and presented the many projects and publications and other activities of CHEC: all in 7 minutes! The presentation generated much discussion and there were a number of comments of how broad ranging across many countries the projects of CHEC are, and how much has been achieved on small funding. There were a number of inspired attendees as a result of this presentation and an increase of awareness of what CHEC focus is.



Dr. Janine Pierce's Presentation at the SHE Conference

Dr. Pierce also presented a paper in the Climate Change stream titled ***Climate Change: Citizen Scientists as Planetary Guardians and Monitors: The Australian Story***. This paper was well received with a number of attendees interested to become involved as Citizen Scientists which is a big focus area of community members and schools supporting scientific research in Australia and many countries.

This SHE Conference was informative, being attended by a CHEC representative enabled profiling of CHEC to attendees and was a good opportunity to learn of developments in knowledge, issues, and strategies pertaining to human ecology in the world today.

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COP28 in Dubai

The 28th Conference of Parties (COP28) took place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from November 30th – 13 December 2023. The Commonwealth Human Ecology Council was proud to be able to send three delegates to the meeting, with one Governing Board member attending in his official capacity. Governing Board Members Chair Mark Robinson, Youth Advisor Abhiir Bhalla, and Governing Board Member Isaac Aboah attended on behalf of CHEC, while Governing Board Member Fogamomi Niccolo Moeono attended in his official capacity with the Samoan delegation.



The CHEC delegation along with COP28 delegates attending the Rotary International Reception in Dubai

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*The Report of CHEC Governing Board Member
Fogamomi Nicc Moeono*

My experience as Samoa's youth delegate and Mitigation negotiator at COP28

The beginning of 2023 was filled with promise and hype for the COP28 Presidency to deliver pivotal outcomes at the end of COP28. For the first time in almost 30 years, “fossil fuels” in any UNFCCC text was highlighted in the CMA decision text of the 1st Global stocktake. The exact mention of the language is in para 28, where the negotiators for AOSIS fought for strong language and tightened any loopholes for developed nations and fossil-fuel-centric countries to continue on the business-as-usual trajectory. The 2 weeks of negotiations between Parties, especially those that fought hard to not include any mention of “fossil fuels” also coupled efforts to not have any mention of “phase-out” in any sort. Parties not willing to follow UNFCCC procedures to allow for progress discussions in inf-infs meant that formal consultations were stalled and little progress happened in the first week. The stalling tactics were faced not only in the Global stocktake negotiations but also in the Mitigation, Adaptation, Finance, Just Transition, and Article 6 negotiations. The negotiation group G77 + China struggled to find common ground on several thematic topics, especially the Mitigation Work Programme, which from a technical point-of-view, should be one the heart of these discussions. To have the MWP operationalized in only the last few years shows that, at-risk and vulnerable countries and islands to climate impacts, are finally being heard on the global stage, despite calling for immediate action since COP1.



Samoa Delegation with Minister Schuster and Youth Delegates

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The second mention of “fossil fuels” can also be found in para 28, which mentions “phasing out of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that do not address energy poverty or the just transition, as soon as possible”. What exactly does “inefficient fossil fuel subsidies” mean in this context is not clear, and does not provide any urgent need to direct finance in a manner that addresses the call AOSIS has been calling for 28 years. Lead Negotiator, Anne Rasmussen, delivered a powerful statement at the closing ceremony, highlighting the ‘litany of loopholes’ in the final decision text, in which AOSIS was not in the room when the decision was finally gavelled.

The outcomes of COP28 can be found online, however, what is not seldom discussed or highlighted, is the tremendous work that goes behind the scenes for our negotiators. I was fortunate to be part of the International Climate Youth Delegates Programme (ICYDP), as well as being a Youth Delegate and Mitigation Negotiator for Samoa. I also represented other organizations, CSOs, and UNFCCC constituencies such as YOUNGO. This is the first time that I have attended a COP, therefore, not one word could describe my experience.

I did everything and anything any youth delegate could do such as negotiate, lobby, share technical expertise, speak at 9 side events, meet other delegates, attend and organise bilaterals, and most importantly learn how the UNFCCC process happens. Thousands of young people attend COP to try and make an impact, and unfortunately, they are not in the room where the change happens.



*Nicc presenting along with Abhiir Bhalla and partners from Climate Outreach and CSET Youth at our Official Blue Zone Side Event **Communities Catalysing Social and Environmental Change** at COP28*

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For my fellow Pacific youth, who were not able to attend, I took my attendance at the COP as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share experiences in the negotiations and do everything that I could do to make an impact on their behalf. My experience at the SB58, was an eye-opener, as I saw first-hand the under-representation of Pacific Youth in the UNFCCC process. This led to LCOY Samoa, and for the first time, Samoa Youth were able to contribute to the UNFCCC process through the YOUNGO Global Youth Statement. Being a youth delegate for Samoa meant that the demands of youth in Samoa could be lobbied for a favourable outcome.

I left the COP28 feeling, I left no stone unturned. Despite the weak outcomes of several decision texts, I found solace when I returned to Samoa, knowing that we did everything, despite the odds that were against us. When I look back at how far AOSIS and Samoa have come at this COP, I am proud to say that a small group of 39 small island states were able to make a significant impact and influence the UNFCCC process. My role in all of this may be insignificant in the grand scheme of things, but together, we are strong. And that is the lesson I took away from all of this.



Fogamomi Nicc Moeono, Anne Rasmussen, Justin Lima at COP28 in Dubai

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The question that I am yet to answer, is 'How do I bring all this knowledge and experience back to my local communities?'. The UNFCCC is a machine that is continuously moving. Learning about it is one thing, but implementing it when you go to a COP, is a different experience. I was able to learn the process through the ICYDP and get insight from experienced youth delegates. To be frank, young people in Samoa are far from this, and there are limited resources, capacity, and support. But I see this as an opportunity for CSOs to bridge this gap, as well as support our Pacific Governments when they go to COPs. The role of Pacific young people today needs to be multi-faceted. They need to be negotiators, lobbyists, technical experts, youth representatives, political advisors, CSO representatives, and many more. Our delegations are small enough to allow us to do it. That is the edge we have over several Parties. I mentioned that there is no singular word to describe my experience at COP. But I do encourage anyone to go at least once and join the negotiations. In my opinion, that is how you can effectively make an influence and make the most of COP.

Fogamomi Nicc Moeono
CHEC Governing Board Member
Samoa



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The Report of CHEC Governing Board Member Isaac Aboah

This report outlines the key activities and engagements that took place during COP28, as documented by Isaac Aboah, COP28 delegate, representing the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council as Governing Board Member. The event brought together various stakeholders to discuss climate action, youth involvement, and collaborative efforts toward sustainable development.



Global Climate Action Overview

Energy Transition

COP28 saw the launch of the Global Renewables and Energy Efficiency Pledge, endorsed by 130 national governments, committing to triple the world's installed renewable energy capacity by 2030 and double the global average annual rate of energy efficiency improvements.

Focusing on People, Lives, and Livelihoods

The Sharm el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda continued to accelerate action to build resilience in vulnerable communities. The COP28 UAE Declaration on Climate Relief, Recovery, and Peace was endorsed by 78 national governments and 40 organizations, committing to enhancing financial support for climate adaptation and resilience.



Isaac Aboah at a Commonwealth event speaking to panelists, including Commonwealth Secretary General The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC

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Climate Finance

A significant focus at COP28 was on mobilizing climate finance. The UAE Leaders' Declaration on a Global Climate Finance Framework was endorsed by 13 national governments, aiming to unlock investment opportunities and deliver at scale.

Inclusivity

COP28 emphasized inclusivity, with initiatives like the Youth Climate Champion and the Gender-Responsive Just Transitions and Climate Action Partnership, ensuring representation of all voices, particularly vulnerable communities and underrepresented groups.

Personal Insights and Engagements

Commonwealth Youth Engagements

Photos and updates were shared from the Commonwealth COP28 Youth Leaders Meeting. Key discussions involved youth mainstreaming and the relevance of the Commonwealth at COP28, highlighting the importance of integrating youth perspectives in climate action.



*Isaac Aboah (right) presented at **How cities and business are doing it** on behalf of CHEC at COP28*

Panels on Climate Advocacy and Innovation

At the Youth Pavilion, the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens hosted a youth-led panel on climate advocacy. Panelists discussed their initiatives and the challenges they face, emphasizing the need for policy and funding support for youth-led climate solutions.

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Rotary International Reception

Mark, Abhir and I honoured an invitation to the Rotary International Reception at the Hilton Palm Jumeirah Hotel as members of one of the accredited organisations. This event provided an excellent opportunity for networking and set the stage for subsequent engagements.



Isaac Aboah at the COP28 Health Pavilion



Commonwealth Youth Meeting with The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC

Panel on Financing Opportunities

Discussions at the WHO Health Pavilion focused on advancing climate change and health financing, with contributions from key stakeholders, including H.E. Prof Muhammad Ali Pate and Dr. Agnès Soucat. This panel highlighted the intersection of health and climate, stressing the importance of integrated approaches.

Climate Justice and Public Perception

Leia Booth from the Climate Justice - Just Transition Donor Collaborative led a training session on climate justice, providing insights into organizations focused on climate justice and just transition. Professor Anthony Leiserowitz from Yale discussed public perceptions of climate change, emphasizing the need to address visible health concerns to connect the public to climate reality.

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Follow-up Meetings and Networking

A productive meeting with Arif Zaman post the Rotary Reception explored potential collaborations, focusing on leveraging women's expertise and mutual support between organizations. This meeting underscored the importance of building strong networks for effective climate action.

Conclusion

The engagements at COP28 demonstrated the critical role of youth, finance, health, and justice in the global climate agenda. The engagements at COP28 showcased the importance of youth involvement in climate action and the need for collaborative efforts across different sectors. The panels and discussions highlighted the critical areas of financing, health, and justice in the climate agenda, providing a comprehensive overview of the ongoing efforts and future directions for sustainable development.

Isaac Aboah
CHEC Governing Board Member
Ghana



Isaac Aboah with a fellow delegate at COP28 in Dubai

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The Report of CHEC Youth Advisor Abhiir Bhalla



I had the honour of representing CHEC at 28th Conference of Parties (COP-28) in Dubai, UAE between the 2nd – 11th of December 2023. I was part of CHEC’s delegation at the conference, comprised of Chair Mark Robinson, and fellow Board Members Isaac Aboah and Nicc Moeono.

COP28 was an absolutely exhausting yet enriching roller coaster experience. From attending panels, to meeting heads of state, speaking on panels, interacting with people from all over the world and exchanging different ideas – the 9 days went by in a blur. I don’t remember getting more than 4-5 hours of sleep on any given night: because there was so much to do! The sessions would start at 8/9 AM and go on till 10 PM, after which there would be networking and sightseeing events – all of which proved to be very insightful.



Governing Board Member Isaac Aboah, Chair Mark Robinson, and Youth Advisor Abhiir Bhalla in Dubai at COP28

Although the CHEC Team would usually start its day with a breakfast huddle at Expo City with a plan to divide and conquer, we would often find ourselves pulled in all directions with many new and exciting events coming to our knowledge as the day progressed. I would’ve easily attended 70+ events during those 9 days, at Expo City – within the Blue Zone and Green Zone, but also all across Dubai.

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These were events hosted by the Rotary, Indian colleagues, think tanks, industry associations, business clubs, embassy/government(s) and more.



Abhiir Bhalla with a fellow delegate at COP28 in Dubai

I was initially charted to speak on two panels but ended up being invited to speak on four:

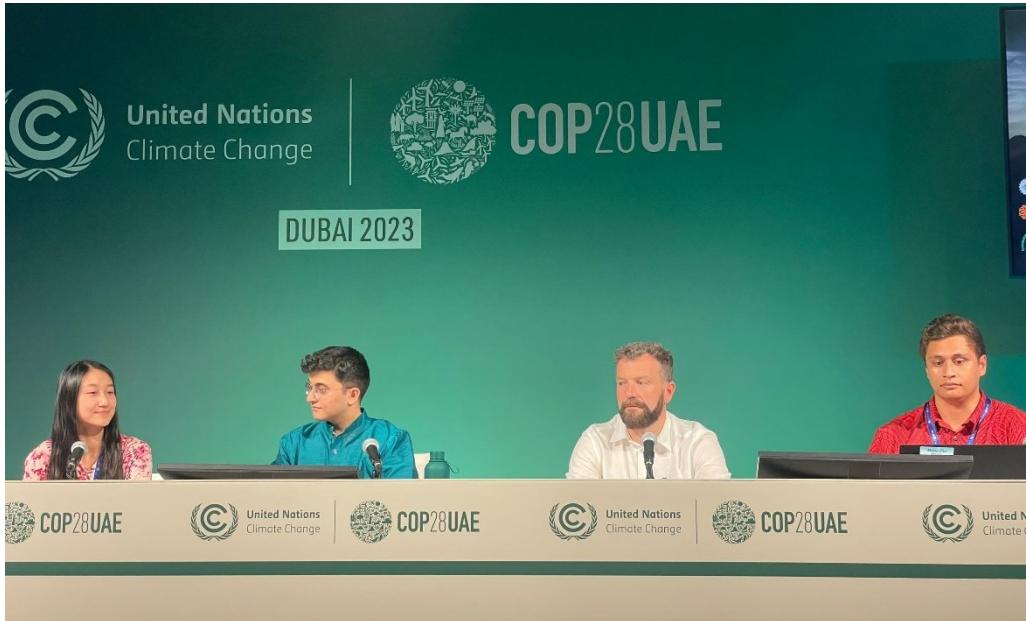
1. **Youth Power: Charting the South Asian Climate Future** (YOUNGO – 3rd December – Blue Zone)
2. **Pillars of the Green Transition** (Newsweek – 5th December – Green Zone)
3. **The Urgent Need to Invest in Climate Education** (Earth Day Network – 8th December – Blue Zone)
4. **Communities Catalysing Social & Environmental Change** (CHEC, CSET Youth & Climate Outreach – 9th December – Blue Zone).

On each of these four panels, I represented CHEC and spoke on diverse issues ranging from air pollution to community-led action on climate, underscoring the need for youth voices in climate having not just a seat but also a say at the decision-making table.

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*Abhiir presenting along with Nicc Moeono and partners from Climate Outreach and CSET Youth at our Official Blue Zone Side Event **Communities Catalysing Social and Environmental Change** at COP28*

The second panel, having been hosted by Newsweek, was also covered in [their publication](#). They summarised one of my 3 interventions appropriately on their website:



*Abhiir speaking at the Newsweek event **Pillars of the Green Transition***

"Abhiir Bhalla, a sustainability advocate on the board of the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council, started his climate action at just 15 years old when he was inspired to do something about the air quality in his home city, Delhi.

"We need to talk about climate in the context of people's health," he said. Air pollution is the world's greatest environmental health threat and leads to an estimated 8 million deaths globally each year. The health burden is especially severe in Asia, and much of the soot and smog comes from burning fossil fuels.

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"Air quality in Delhi is proof that decarbonization needs to happen now, and not in 10 or 20 years," Bhalla said. "The health impacts can already be felt now."

COP28 was the first of the annual U.N. climate talks to devote a day to health and climate change connections. Bhalla said that was heartening, but now his focus is on ensuring that there will be funding to bring action."

Following the 3rd panel, I introduced CHEC Chair Mark Robinson to the senior leadership of Earth Day Network, an international non-profit present in over 100 countries. They had a fruitful exchange and discussed the possibility of future collaborations. I was happy to take on the responsibility of being an additional representative of CHEC on the fourth panel when another panelist had to withdraw at the last minute. Although I wasn't very well prepared, the idea was to share success stories of community-led climate action, and I chose to champion one of COP-28's key themes of storytelling to do the same.

Panel discussions aside, a key moment of reflection for me lay in understanding the different contexts that so many of us came from, from all around the world – and yet, we were also suffering at the hands of climate change in different ways. It was good to exchange notes on the creative ways with which different communities were solving similar issues. The road ahead lies in adopting shared best practices and collectively advancing the climate agenda while holding key stakeholders accountable and ensuring their money (climate finance) is where their promises are at!

I'm indeed indebted to CHEC for supporting my visit to the UAE for COP28. I am also grateful to UNFCCC YOUNGO for providing me with a significantly subsidised hotel room at Rove City Centre (which turned out to be one of the most environmental-friendly hotels I've stayed at)! I hope to continue to meaningfully add value to all that CHEC does in the time to come.

Abhiir Bhalla
CHEC Youth Advisor
India



Abhiir representing CHEC and his home country of India at COP28

A Meeting in Aotearoa

CHEC and HEF Members catch-up in Auckland



HEF Trustee Margaret Evans, CBE, with CHEC Governing Board Members Jennifer Nickel, Nicc Moeono, Emily Robinson, and Subbu Loganathan

During a visit to beautiful Aotearoa (New Zealand), Governing board member Subbu Loganathan and Honorary Secretary Emily Robinson met our Oceania CHEC Governing Board members **Fogamomi Niccolo Moeono** and **Jennifer Nickel**, and Human Ecology Foundation (HEF) Trustee **Margaret Evans, CBE**, over dinner in Auckland - generously provided by Jennifer and Margaret. It was the first time many of us were able to meet each other in person.



CHEC Members and HEF at dinner in Auckland, New Zealand

A Meeting in Aotearoa

CHEC and HEF Members catch-up in Auckland

It was a heartening experience to catch up and exchange ideas in person, especially to go through the great work being done in the field of climate change education and sustainability outreach within the University of Waikato. We also enjoyed listening to some anecdotes about CHEC founder, Zena Daysh from Margaret, who also shared older newspaper clippings and photographs from Zena's time in New Zealand.



Several of the Newspaper Articles written about and by Zena Daysh, CHEC's Founder reviewed on our visit

Subbu Loganathan
CHEC Governing Board Member
United Kingdom

In Memoriam

Dr. Letitia Eva Takyibea Obeng, FGA

**CHEC GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
HEF TRUSTEE**

10 January 1925 – 23 March 2023

After CHEC's first international conference on human ecology in Malta in 1970, a think-tank in Ghana to look at the long-term ecological changes produced by the Volta Dam project was initiated by Letitia Obeng, an outstanding practical field biologist and international science manager.

Letitia was the first Ghanaian woman to obtain a degree in zoology (from the University of Birmingham, UK) and the first to be awarded a Ph.D. (from the University of Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine). She has been described as "**the grandmother of female scientists in Ghana**".

Letitia Obeng worked as a parasitologist and hydrobiologist and was a Senior Program Officer of the United Nations Environment Program. Before joining UNEP, she was Project Co-Manager of the Volta Lake Research Project (Obeng, 1973, 1977). During the period 1965-1974, she was the Director of the Institute of Aquatic Biology, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Ghana. From 1960 to 1964 Dr Obeng was on the research staff of the National Research Council and Ghana Academy of Sciences, and previously she was a Lecturer at the College of Science and Technology in Kumasi (1952-1959). She was Chair of the Global Water Partnership an international network of over 2,800 organizations in some 160 countries supported by 13 Regional and over 80 Country Water Partnerships – from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2012. She had extensive experience in water and sanitation service delivery.

During the 25 years she spent at the World Bank, Obeng also worked on or was responsible for sustainable development areas such as water resources management, agriculture and rural development, social/community development, environment, environmental health, waste management, urban development, and growing capacity. She also held managerial and director positions in the Africa, Middle East and North Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean regions, and at a corporate level, Director, Office of the President, while at the World Bank. Dr. Obeng was a Fellow of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences (President 2007-8), a Fellow and Silver Medallist of the Royal Society of Arts, and Consulting Expert to the Rachel Carson Trust Fund for the Living Environment. CHEC was very fortunate to have such an outstanding, global leader of women in science as a member of the Governing Board from 1971 to 1987 and as Trustee of the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF) from its inception in 1985 until her death.



Key writings by Dr. Letitia Obeng on the Volta Lake in Ghana and other issues

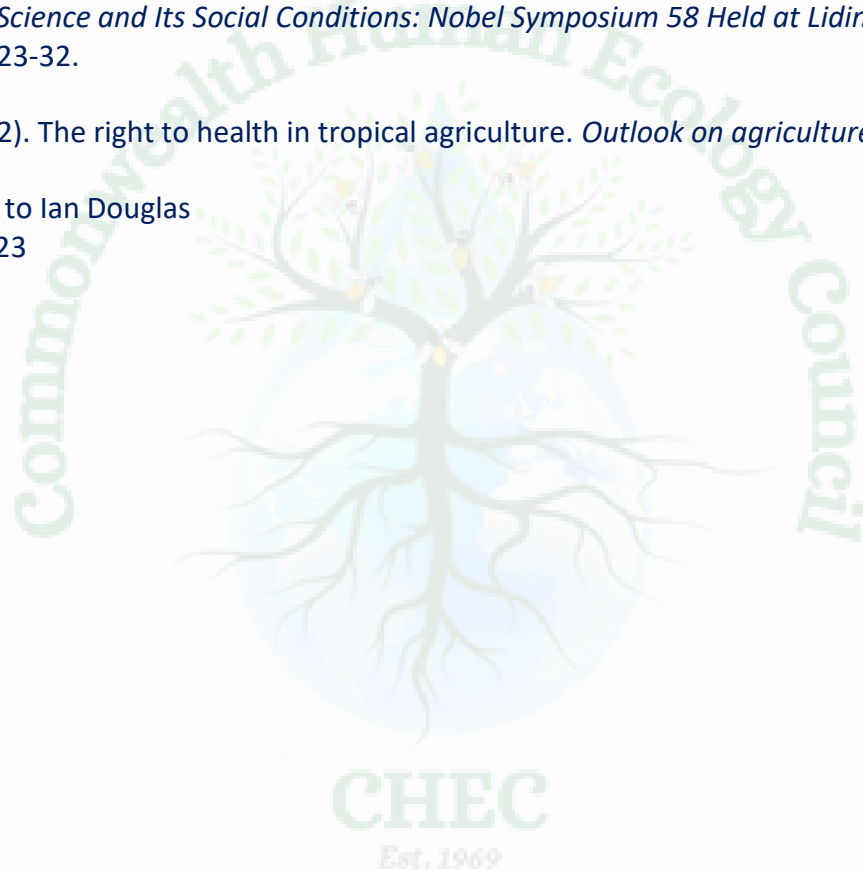
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With kind thanks to Ian Douglas
14 November 2023



In Memoriam

Keith Thompson

FORMER CHEC GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

1936-2023

Keith Thompson who was a member of the CHEC Governing Board in the nineteen-nineties, died peacefully in Hamilton, New Zealand on 02 December 2023, aged 85. Keith was a scientist and environmentalist who did much to improve the understanding of the importance of wetlands both in New Zealand and in Uganda, Congo, Czech Republic, Australia and the Antarctic. Born in north-east England, he completed his Honours thesis at the University of Burham under the supervision of David Bellamy, who later became one of the most well-known UK environmentalists and nature broadcasters. Moving to the University of Waikato, New Zealand in 1975, he lived a full and adventurous life as a botanist and ecology lecturer and throughout his career was a passionate advocate for the management and protection of wetlands. to the country's ecology, teaching and inspiring more than one generation of New Zealanders.



In the Waikato, he was a key player in the advocacy and management of wetland restoration projects, including Lake Rotokawau and Kimihia, Torehape peat block and the Hangamarino swamp. Becoming known as “The Bogman”, he fought for wetland protection and recognition of the role of peatland in carbon uptake and thus climate change mitigation. He shared his enthusiasm with adults and children, being a driving force in the Junior Naturalists Club. On Friday nights he lectured school age children, from age 10 years upwards, on ecology and lead field trips and camps into the bush. One colleague from this time was impressed at how quiet and incidental Keith's teaching style was, almost as though it was not happening at all.

Keith was one of a group of Waikato activists that included Margaret Evans (a Human Ecology Foundation Trustee) and Norman Stannard (now an Honorary Patron of CHEC) which greatly helped CHEC's 1995 pre-CHOGM workshop in Auckland and which has sustained a vibrant CHEC community and links with Waikato University in Hamilton. Keith had enormous respect for Zena Daysh. After she died he wrote:

“A single encounter with Zena and I was duly ‘organised’ – no was never an option! Seriously though, meeting with Zena was one my life-changing experiences. Thereafter, Human Ecology played a major role in my teaching and my research. Most of us are instantly replaceable when we pass on, but Zena was special: her legacy is far more than most of us can ever hope to achieve in our lifetimes. Her infectious enthusiasm for social justice and her dedication to improving the lives of people was an example to us all. She was a mine of ideas, an indefatigable campaigner and an irresistible negotiator. I am privileged to have known Zena and I will miss her.”

With kind thanks to Ian Douglas

CHEC Governance

Members of the CHEC Governing Board Nov 2023

Honorary President:	Hon. Levi Oguike, CHEC Nigeria
Patrons:	Mr Norman Stannard, New Zealand Ms Eva Ekehorn, Sweden
Chair:	Mark Robinson, CHEC UK
Honorary Treasurer:	John Bonham, CHEC UK
Company Secretary:	Emily Robinson, CHEC UK

Other Members of the Board:

Isaac Aboah, Melo, Ghana
 Rhonda Cox, Trinidad & Tobago High Commission, UK
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 Hon. Sannusi Daggash, CHEC Nigeria
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 Simon Gusah, FutureBenue Project, Australia
 Hayden Greenfield, FCDO, UK
 Patricia Kabatabazi, CIANEA, Uganda
 Ripin Kalra, University of Westminster, UK
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 Dr Jennifer Lim, University of Wolverhampton, UK
 Subbu Loganathan, Pico Analytics UK
 John McDonnell, University of London, UK
 Philipp Mitterbauer, Ruffer, UK
 Jennifer Nickel, Waikato Regional Council, New Zealand
 Fogamomi Nicollo Moeono-Alaiasa, CHEC Oceania/Samoa
 Michael Mutter OBE (formerly DFID UK)
 Dr Janine Pierce, University of South Australia, Australia
 Trevor Peel, National Liberal Club, UK
 James Ross, Conductor and Music Director, UK
 Norbert Sangura, CHEC Kenya
 Bharati Sadasivam, International Development, India
 Jane Samuels, Tools of Change, UK

Youth Advisor to the Board:

Abhiir Bhalla, Youth Environmentalist, India

Zena Daysh and Donald Denman Human Ecology Foundation (HEF)

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Financial Statement

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies	-	-
Grants	2,650	313
Subscriptions & donations	-	-
Exceptional items	<u>2,650</u>	<u>313</u>
Investment income	27,301	31,311
Investment income received	95	7
Deposit account interest	<u>27,396</u>	<u>31,318</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>30,046</u>	<u>31,631</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities	17,045	16,188
Project expenditure		
Support costs		
Management	4,317	5,661
Trustees' expenses	-	-
Rent, rates & insurance	-	-
Repairs & renewals	-	-
Light and heat	118	152
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Sundry expenses	5,220	4,693
Travel, conferences & admin	-	-
Administration costs	606	5,966
IT consultancy	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	11,069	17,884
Finance	108	19
Bank charges		
Governance costs	-	-
Wages	1,776	1,620
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>29,998</u>	<u>1,639</u>
Total resources expended	<u>29,998</u>	<u>35,711</u>
Net expenditure	48	(4,080)

Support CHEC

Support our Projects

CHEC has successfully implemented projects and programmes in the following Commonwealth countries: Kenya, Uganda, The Gambia, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Malta, New Zealand, India, Canada, Guyana, Barbados, Sierra Leone, Pakistan, Nigeria, Australia, and Sri Lanka. The work of CHEC is supported by many foundations and trusts, particularly the [Commonwealth Foundation](#) and the [Commonwealth Secretariat](#), but with help from UN agencies like [UNESCO](#), [UN Habitat](#), [UNEP](#), the UK and other governments and by the voluntary efforts of both members and non-member friends and colleagues.

There are several ways you can support the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council:

Become a member [here](#)

Donate [here](#)

Subscribe to our Monthly Newsletter [here](#)

and don't forget to

CHEC us out on our social media pages on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and YouTube!



Photo: Paradise, New Zealand (Photo by: Emily Robinson)

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 272018

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Human Ecology embraces the principles of natural and moral philosophy. It draws on knowledge and understanding from the sciences and humanities to develop and promote holistic and sustainable initiatives, ideas, and development projects with the aim of enhancing and strengthening people's relationships with each other and with their natural environments. Human Ecology, from this standpoint, works to create sustainable, lasting improvements in people's lives by fostering projects that engage and enhance the skills of local communities, involve all sectors of society, improve livelihoods, and maintain environmental benefits. It is a philosophy and a process and is constantly learning and adapting, just as it is educating, encouraging, and stimulating others. It has become an academic field of enquiry, a developmental philosophy, an approach to sustainability and a new means of unifying political, economic, and social endeavours to provide a meaningful future for rural and urban people in the Commonwealth and elsewhere.

Significant Activities

During 2023, as CHEC entered its 53rd year, the organisation has continued to focus on areas of great international concern such as climate change, food and water security, pollution in the air and in the oceans, urban resilience as well as the role of education in seeking improvements in all such matters where CHEC believes human ecological thinking can help towards programmes that are aimed at achieving sustainability. CHEC's efforts in this regard support the principles outlined by Heads of Government in the Commonwealth Blue Charter and, more recently at the 2022 Rwanda CHOGM, the Commonwealth Living Lands Charter. In this regard CHEC's work has continued to focus on the importance of restoring mangroves which help protect coastlines and the importance of this has been highlighted by the concern of the 32 small Commonwealth member states about the impact of rising sea levels, tropical storms, protection of coastal fishing grounds, corals, and reefs.

CHEC UK works with other CHEC Chapters and contacts around the Commonwealth, and in partnership with civil society organisations globally. CHEC is a member of the Informal Forum of Commonwealth Organisations (IFCO) which brings Commonwealth Accredited Organisations together to discuss where they can work in greater harmony and partnership. CHEC is also in Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and is working to update its status and is revitalising its role within ECOSOC. It is hoped that this work, which is in progress, can be completed in the first half of 2024. It is a member of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Commonwealth Consortium for Education (CCfE) and the International Development Organisation (BOND).

As human ecology is a global subject, CHEC also works in partnership with ecological organisations, including the Society for Human Ecology (SHE) supporting conferences on sustainability, human ecology as well as other relevant activities. It is also seeking to broaden contacts within universities. CHEC works in concert with both the Commonwealth Secretariat, to which it is accredited, and the Commonwealth Foundation.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant Activities

CHEC, which is accredited by UNFCCC, attended COP-28 in Dubai towards the end of 2023. A delegation was led by CHEC's Chair, who was accompanied by three delegates under the age of thirty from Ghana, India and Samoa two of whom are members of CHEC's Governing Board and the one from India who is CHEC's Youth Adviser. They all participated in many forums at COP-28 and details are available in CHEC's 2023 Annual Report, which can be accessed on CHEC's website (www.checinternational.org). CHEC which became a virtual organisation in 2022 has continued in that mode throughout 2023. Attendances at Governing Board meetings have remained high with members tuning in from all regions of the Commonwealth. Thanks to the facilities, provided by the National Liberal Club, these are now often face to face in the UK and hybrid, or on occasions just hybrid. This works well and has greatly improved CHEC's international reach.

Current Projects

With the support of its subsidiary charity, the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF), CHEC has both completed on-going projects and embarked on new ones. These are located in a number of Commonwealth Member Countries and it is hoped that very soon every region of the Commonwealth will be represented. Details of all can be found on CHEC's website at www.checinternational.org

Publications and Website

During 2023, CHEC's website has continued to develop and has been praised by many who have seen it. CHEC Annual Reports are published on it, as are CHEC Points, newsletters, and all recent journals. It keeps friends of human ecology alert, updated on discussions around the Commonwealth on climate change adaptation and mitigation, the state of the soil, rivers, lakes, and oceans. It looks at how our consumption affects the environment and what we can do about it. Our reach to civil society has improved through CHEC's continuing attempts to build up our followers on social media. Newsletters have been published, but CHEC Points remain in abeyance, but it is hoped to resuscitate these at some stage in 2024.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal Funding Sources

The finances of CHEC are monitored by its Finance Committee, whose membership is reviewed following the Annual General Meeting, usually held in November. CHEC's banking arrangements remain with Barclays and have been satisfactory since their review in 2022. Financial support for projects is also received from the income of the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF), a subsidiary trust of CHEC but is serviced by its own trustees. HEF incorporates the legacy of CHEC's Founder, Zena Daysh, and protects its capital value. Income from its investments fund CHEC's projects and has helped with the development of CHEC's website, as well as other areas of CHEC's work in need of support. It also contains a capital element, which is not part of the legacy, specifically reserved for CHEC in case a situation was to arise requiring additional support.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

An active year ahead is expected in 2024 as CHEC prepares for CHOGM in Samoa in October 2024 and a project is being undertaken in that country in mid-2024. We are working closely with countries in that region, including Australia, regarding CHEC's possible attendance at that meeting. Attendance at COP meetings will also continue.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its deed of trust and governance documents, and constitutes a company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. Its Articles of Association were updated to accommodate current legal requirements, approved at an EGM in February 2015. It is run by CHEC's Governing Board.

Work continues to be dependent on its global membership and supporters, as well as on its Governing Board members and volunteers. Board composition is mindful of diversity and gender. A membership and fundraising committee set up in 2022 has continued its work in 2023. Gratitude is due to all involved in our work. Details of the Trustees are attached to this report. CHEC's Finance Committee meets regularly and reports to the Governing Board, which has set its terms of reference. Its composition is reviewed annually.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Safeguarding is reviewed, as appropriate. The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The Charity's purpose focuses on raising global public awareness and providing education on all aspects of human ecology.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Registered Charity number
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Registered office
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Trustees

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Mr M Mutter
Dr R Kalra
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Ms R Cox
Mr S Loganathan
Mr T Peel
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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Robinson', written in a cursive style.

Mr M Robinson - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Commonwealth Human Ecology Council Ltd**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Commonwealth Human Ecology Council Ltd ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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



MEB Giles FCA

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Date:

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		2,650	-	2,650	313
Investment income	2	27,396	-	27,396	31,318
Total		<u>30,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,046</u>	<u>31,631</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		12,953	-	12,953	19,523
Charitable activities					
Project expenditure		17,045	-	17,045	16,188
Total		<u>29,998</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,998</u>	<u>35,711</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		48	-	48	(4,080)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		6,872	3,327	10,199	14,279
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>6,920</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,247</u>	<u>10,199</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Balance Sheet
31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	-	-	-	861
Cash at bank		9,219	3,327	12,546	10,958
		<u>9,219</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>12,546</u>	<u>11,819</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(2,299)	-	(2,299)	(1,620)
		<u>6,920</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,247</u>	<u>10,199</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>6,920</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,247</u>	<u>10,199</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>6,920</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,247</u>	<u>10,199</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>6,920</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,247</u>	<u>10,199</u>
FUNDS					
	7			6,920	6,872
Unrestricted funds				3,327	3,327
Restricted funds				<u>10,247</u>	<u>10,199</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>10,247</u>	<u>10,199</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

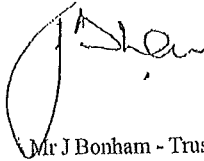
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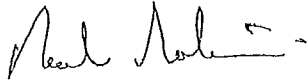
Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 July 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr J Bonham - Trustee



Mr M Robinson - Trustee

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

4.	COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES		
	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM		
	Donations and legacies	313	-
			313
	Investment income	31,318	-
			31,318
	Total	31,631	-
			31,631
	EXPENDITURE ON		
	Raising funds	19,523	-
			19,523
	Charitable activities		
	Project expenditure	16,188	-
			16,188
	Total	35,711	-
			35,711
	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(4,080)	-
			(4,080)
	RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
	Total funds brought forward	10,952	3,327
			14,279
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	6,872	3,327
			10,199
5.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		31.12.23	31.12.22
		£	£
	Prepayments and accrued income	-	861
6.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		31.12.23	31.12.22
		£	£
	Trade creditors	523	-
	Accrued expenses	1,776	1,620
		2,299	1,620

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6,872	48	6,920
Restricted funds			
Project fund	3,327	-	3,327
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,199</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>10,247</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	30,046	(29,998)	48
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>30,046</u>	<u>(29,998)</u>	<u>48</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,952	(4,080)	6,872
Restricted funds			
Project fund	3,327	-	3,327
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>14,279</u>	<u>(4,080)</u>	<u>10,199</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,631	(35,711)	(4,080)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>31,631</u>	<u>(35,711)</u>	<u>(4,080)</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,952	(4,032)	6,920
Restricted funds			
Project fund	3,327	-	3,327
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>14,279</u>	<u>(4,032)</u>	<u>10,247</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	61,677	(65,709)	(4,032)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>61,677</u>	<u>(65,709)</u>	<u>(4,032)</u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant Activities

CHEC, which is accredited by UNFCCC, attended COP-28 in Dubai towards the end of 2023. A delegation was led by CHEC's Chair, who was accompanied by three delegates under the age of thirty from Ghana, India and Samoa two of whom are members of CHEC's Governing Board and the one from India who is CHEC's Youth Adviser. They all participated in many forums at COP-28 and details are available in CHEC's 2023 Annual Report, which can be accessed on CHEC's website (www.checinternational.org). CHEC which became a virtual organisation in 2022 has continued in that mode throughout 2023. Attendances at Governing Board meetings have remained high with members tuning in from all regions of the Commonwealth. Thanks to the facilities, provided by the National Liberal Club, these are now often face to face in the UK and hybrid, or on occasions just hybrid. This works well and has greatly improved CHEC's international reach.

Current Projects

With the support of its subsidiary charity, the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF), CHEC has both completed on-going projects and embarked on new ones. These are located in a number of Commonwealth Member Countries and it is hoped that very soon every region of the Commonwealth will be represented. Details of all can be found on CHEC's website at www.checinternational.org

Publications and Website

During 2023, CHEC's website has continued to develop and has been praised by many who have seen it. CHEC Annual Reports are published on it, as are CHEC Points, newsletters, and all recent journals. It keeps friends of human ecology alert, updated on discussions around the Commonwealth on climate change adaptation and mitigation, the state of the soil, rivers, lakes, and oceans. It looks at how our consumption affects the environment and what we can do about it. Our reach to civil society has improved through CHEC's continuing attempts to build up our followers on social media. Newsletters have been published, but CHEC Points remain in abeyance, but it is hoped to resuscitate these at some stage in 2024.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal Funding Sources

The finances of CHEC are monitored by its Finance Committee, whose membership is reviewed following the Annual General Meeting, usually held in November. CHEC's banking arrangements remain with Barclays and have been satisfactory since their review in 2022. Financial support for projects is also received from the income of the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF), a subsidiary trust of CHEC but is serviced by its own trustees. HEF incorporates the legacy of CHEC's Founder, Zena Daysh, and protects its capital value. Income from its investments fund CHEC's projects and has helped with the development of CHEC's website, as well as other areas of CHEC's work in need of support. It also contains a capital element, which is not part of the legacy, specifically reserved for CHEC in case a situation was to arise requiring additional support.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

An active year ahead is expected in 2024 as CHEC prepares for CHOGM in Samoa in October 2024 and a project is being undertaken in that country in mid-2024. We are working closely with countries in that region, including Australia, regarding CHEC's possible attendance at that meeting. Attendance at COP meetings will also continue.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

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Work continues to be dependent on its global membership and supporters, as well as on its Governing Board members and volunteers. Board composition is mindful of diversity and gender. A membership and fundraising committee set up in 2022 has continued its work in 2023. Gratitude is due to all involved in our work. Details of the Trustees are attached to this report. CHEC's Finance Committee meets regularly and reports to the Governing Board, which has set its terms of reference. Its composition is reviewed annually.

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Safeguarding is reviewed, as appropriate. The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The Charity's purpose focuses on raising global public awareness and providing education on all aspects of human ecology.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Robinson', written in a cursive style.

Mr M Robinson - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Commonwealth Human Ecology Council Ltd**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Commonwealth Human Ecology Council Ltd ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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



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Date:

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		2,650	-	2,650	313
Investment income	2	27,396	-	27,396	31,318
Total		<u>30,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,046</u>	<u>31,631</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		12,953	-	12,953	19,523
Charitable activities					
Project expenditure		17,045	-	17,045	16,188
Total		<u>29,998</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,998</u>	<u>35,711</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		48	-	48	(4,080)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		6,872	3,327	10,199	14,279
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>6,920</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,247</u>	<u>10,199</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Balance Sheet
31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	-	-	-	861
Cash at bank		9,219	3,327	12,546	10,958
		<u>9,219</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>12,546</u>	<u>11,819</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(2,299)	-	(2,299)	(1,620)
		<u>6,920</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,247</u>	<u>10,199</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>6,920</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,247</u>	<u>10,199</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>6,920</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,247</u>	<u>10,199</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>6,920</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,247</u>	<u>10,199</u>
FUNDS					
	7			6,920	6,872
Unrestricted funds				3,327	3,327
Restricted funds				<u>10,247</u>	<u>10,199</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>10,247</u>	<u>10,199</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

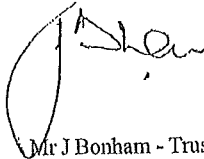
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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 July 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr J Bonham - Trustee



Mr M Robinson - Trustee

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

4.	COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES		
	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM		
	Donations and legacies	313	-
			313
	Investment income	31,318	-
			31,318
	Total	31,631	-
			31,631
	EXPENDITURE ON		
	Raising funds	19,523	-
			19,523
	Charitable activities		
	Project expenditure	16,188	-
			16,188
	Total	35,711	-
			35,711
	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(4,080)	-
			(4,080)
	RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
	Total funds brought forward	10,952	3,327
			14,279
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	6,872	3,327
			10,199
5.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		31.12.23	31.12.22
		£	£
	Prepayments and accrued income	-	861
6.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		31.12.23	31.12.22
		£	£
	Trade creditors	523	-
	Accrued expenses	1,776	1,620
		2,299	1,620

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6,872	48	6,920
Restricted funds			
Project fund	3,327	-	3,327
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,199</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>10,247</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	30,046	(29,998)	48
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>30,046</u>	<u>(29,998)</u>	<u>48</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

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Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,631	(35,711)	(4,080)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>31,631</u>	<u>(35,711)</u>	<u>(4,080)</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,952	(4,032)	6,920
Restricted funds			
Project fund	3,327	-	3,327
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>14,279</u>	<u>(4,032)</u>	<u>10,247</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	61,677	(65,709)	(4,032)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>61,677</u>	<u>(65,709)</u>	<u>(4,032)</u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Subscriptions & donations	2,650	313
Investment income		
Investment income received	27,301	31,311
Deposit account interest	95	7
	<u>27,396</u>	<u>31,318</u>
Total incoming resources	30,046	31,631
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Project expenditure	17,045	16,188
Support costs		
Management		
Trustees' expenses	4,317	5,661
Postage, telephone & fax	118	152
Printing, publications & staty	-	363
Sundry expenses	808	1,049
Travel, conferences & admin	5,220	4,693
IT consultancy	606	5,966
	<u>11,069</u>	<u>17,884</u>
Finance		
Bank charges	108	19
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,776	1,620
	<u>29,998</u>	<u>35,711</u>
Total resources expended	29,998	35,711
Net income/(expenditure)	48	(4,080)

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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 272018

Accounts

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Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022
for
COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

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Significant Activities

At the Annual General Meeting on 16 November 2022, it was opened with a special item during which tributes were paid to her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Her contribution to the Modern Commonwealth was recognised by all as being outstanding, and one that will secure the Organisation for very many years into the future.

During 2022, as CHEC entered its 52nd year, the organisation has continued to focus on areas of great international concern such as climate change, food and water security, pollution in the air and in the oceans, urban resilience as well as the role of education in seeking improvements in all such matters where CHEC believes human ecological thinking can help towards programmes that are aimed at achieving sustainability. CHEC's efforts in this regard support the principles outlined by Heads of Government in the Commonwealth Blue Charter and, more recently at the 2022 Rwanda CHOGM, the Commonwealth Living Lands Charter. In this regard CHEC's work has continued to focus on the importance of restoring mangroves which help protect coastlines and the importance of this has been highlighted by the concern of the 32 small Commonwealth member states about the impact of rising sea levels, tropical storms, protection of coastal fishing grounds, corals, and reefs.

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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant Activities

The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) was held in Kigali, Rwanda from 20 to 25 June 2022. With the help of the Commonwealth Foundation and the Human Ecology Fund (HEF) CHEC was able to arrange for three young delegates from Ghana, India, and The Gambia to attend the Peoples Forum, one of whom also attended the Youth Forum before CHOGM started. CHEC's Chair also attended CHOGM, and various forum events including Business, Peoples and Women. The Rotary International Reception was also attended, which was important given the importance they attach to preserving mangroves, which CHEC strongly supports. A special leaflet about our work was produced and given wide circulation. We were able to highlight CHEC's Journal No 32 on Forestry, produced to mark HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We were able to interact with others at all levels and CHEC's work was well publicised.

CHEC, having been accredited by UNFCCC, has followed up on its arrangement with New Zealand's Waikato University and circulated across the Pacific reports of its activities at COP-27, which two of our sponsored delegates at CHOGM gained sponsorship to attend its Youth Forum in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. Having moved out of its office in London in 2020 to become a virtual organisation, meetings and webinars continue to take place on Zoom. As a result, attendances at Governing Board meetings have remained high with members tuning in from outside the UK. Thanks to the facilities, provided by the National Liberal Club, these are now often hybrid with some in the UK attending face to face, others tuning in virtually from wherever they may be.

Current Projects

With the support of its subsidiary charity, the Human Ecology Fund (HEF), after a quiet period due to the impact of Covid 19, CHEC has embarked upon a programme which is supporting more project work. Ideas continue to be developed on ponds and water management in Bangladesh and India, and it is hoped this will lead to substantive work. In partnership with CHEC and Bread and Water for Africa (UK), "We are the Future School Project in Sierra Leone", has been completed and CHEC's Chair was able to inform the President of Sierra Leone about the success of this at the Kigali CHOGM. In Kenya, as previously reported last year, a partnership project, started in November 2021 to establish a Children's Learning Centre Start-up at the existing Maasai Village Polytechnic at Iparakuo, Magadi, Kenya has been completed. In addition, five more projects have been started and will be completed in 2023. These are Environmental and Community Development Project in The Gambia; Sanitree project in Jaipur, India; Solar for Schools Project in Ebony State, Nigeria; Education Aid - APT Children's Home in Andhra Pradesh, India; Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods for the Women of Valanthakrad Island in Kerala, India. Details of all can be found on CHEC's website at www.checinternational.org

Publications and Website

In April 2022, CHEC published Human Ecology Journal No. 32 on Forestry, to mark HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. During 2022 work was done on modernising CHEC's website and this is now available on www.checinternational.org. CHEC's new website is lively and the CHEC Annual Reports are published on it, as are CHEC Points, newsletters, and all recent journals. It keeps friends of human ecology alert, updated on discussions around the Commonwealth on climate change adaptation and mitigation, the state of the soil, rivers, lakes, and oceans. It looks at how our consumption affects the environment and what we can do about it. Our reach to civil society has improved through CHEC's attempts to build up our followers on social media. CHEC Points have been in abeyance since Covid, but it is hoped to resuscitate these and newsletters in the coming year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal Funding Sources

The finances of CHEC are monitored by its Finance Committee, whose membership has been updated. Review of CHEC's banking arrangements in the context of good governance have been completed and the decision made to remain with Barclays. Financial support is also received from the income of the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF), a subsidiary trust of CHEC served by its own trustees, which incorporates the legacy of CHEC's Founder, Zena Daysh, and protects its capital value.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

An active year ahead is expected in 2023 as CHEC prepares for COP-28 in the UAE. Further new projects are being planned and we hope to involve the Caribbean and South Africa. The next CHOGM will be in Samoa in October 2024, and we are working on raising CHEC's profile in the Pacific with help from Australia and New Zealand.

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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CHEC's work continues to be dependent on its global membership and supporters, as well as on its Governing Board members and volunteers. Board composition is mindful of diversity and gender. A membership and fundraising committee was set up in the year. A debt of gratitude is due to all involved in our work. Details of the Trustees are attached to this report.

The Finance Committee meets regularly and reports to the Governing Board, which has set its terms of reference. Its composition has been reviewed and renewed.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Safeguarding is reviewed, as appropriate. The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The Charity's purpose focuses on raising global public awareness and providing education on all aspects of human ecology.

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Mr H Greenfield (appointed 16.11.22)

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Company Secretary

Ms E Robinson

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner
M E B Giles FCA
Brown McLeod Limited
Chartered Accountants
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on26 July 2023..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mr M Robinson - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Commonwealth Human Ecology Council Ltd

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Commonwealth Human Ecology Council Ltd ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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



M E B Giles FCA

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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		313	-	313	706
Investment income	2	<u>31,318</u>	-	<u>31,318</u>	<u>28,044</u>
Total		<u>31,631</u>	-	<u>31,631</u>	<u>28,750</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		-	-	-	18,088
Charitable activities					
Project expenditure		16,188	-	16,188	12,000
Operating costs		<u>19,523</u>	-	<u>19,523</u>	-
Total		<u>35,711</u>	-	<u>35,711</u>	<u>30,088</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(4,080)	-	(4,080)	(1,338)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>10,952</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>14,279</u>	<u>15,617</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>6,872</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,199</u>	<u>14,279</u>

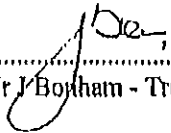
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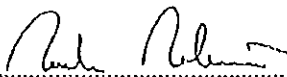
COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2022

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on26 July 2023..... and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mr J Bonham - Trustee


.....
Mr M Robinson - Trustee

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Investment income received	31,311	28,001
Deposit account interest	7	43
	<u>31,318</u>	<u>28,044</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	<u>5,661</u>	<u>3,418</u>

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Balance Sheet
31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	861	-	861	-
Cash at bank		7,631	3,327	10,958	15,779
		<u>8,492</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>11,819</u>	<u>15,779</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(1,620)	-	(1,620)	(1,500)
		<u>6,872</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,199</u>	<u>14,279</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>6,872</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,199</u>	<u>14,279</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>6,872</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,199</u>	<u>14,279</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>6,872</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>10,199</u>	<u>14,279</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	7			6,872	10,952
Restricted funds				3,327	3,327
				<u>10,199</u>	<u>14,279</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>10,199</u>	<u>14,279</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	706	-	706
Investment income	28,044	-	28,044
Total	<u>28,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,750</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	18,088	-	18,088
Charitable activities Project expenditure	12,000	-	12,000
Total	<u>30,088</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,088</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(1,338)	-	(1,338)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	12,290	3,327	15,617
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>10,952</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>14,279</u>

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Prepayments and accrued income	861	-

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Accrued expenses	1,620	1,500

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,952	(4,080)	6,872
Restricted funds			
Project fund	3,327	-	3,327
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>14,279</u>	<u>(4,080)</u>	<u>10,199</u>

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,631	(35,711)	(4,080)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>31,631</u>	<u>(35,711)</u>	<u>(4,080)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	12,290	(1,338)	10,952
Restricted funds			
Project fund	3,327	-	3,327
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>15,617</u>	<u>(1,338)</u>	<u>14,279</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	28,750	(30,088)	(1,338)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>28,750</u>	<u>(30,088)</u>	<u>(1,338)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	12,290	(5,418)	6,872
Restricted funds			
Project fund	3,327	-	3,327
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>15,617</u>	<u>(5,418)</u>	<u>10,199</u>

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	60,381	(65,799)	(5,418)
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TOTAL FUNDS	60,381	(65,799)	(5,418)
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8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Subscriptions & donations	313	656
Exceptional items	-	50
	<u>313</u>	<u>706</u>
Investment income		
Investment income received	31,311	28,001
Deposit account interest	7	43
	<u>31,318</u>	<u>28,044</u>
Total incoming resources	31,631	28,750
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Project expenditure	16,188	12,000
Support costs		
Management		
Trustees' expenses	5,661	3,418
Rent, rates & insurance	-	1,241
Postage, telephone & fax	152	394
Printing, publications & staty	363	160
Sundry expenses	1,049	939
Travel, conferences & admin	4,693	1,153
Administration costs	-	900
IT consultancy	5,966	8,383
	<u>17,884</u>	<u>16,588</u>
Finance		
Bank charges	19	-
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,620	1,500
	<u>35,711</u>	<u>30,088</u>
Total resources expended	35,711	30,088
Net expenditure	<u>(4,080)</u>	<u>(1,338)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 272018

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 00966772 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 272018

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

for

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Brown McLeod Limited
Chartered Accountants
The Old Workshop
1 Ecclesall Road South
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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The aim of the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC), an educational charity, is to further the importance of a holistic and sustainable view of the world and a continuing emphasis on development through the implementation of human ecology. CHEC's programmes strive to awaken the Commonwealth to the need for deeper human and ecological philosophies in order to achieve a wider coalition between all levels of society and the natural world on which they depend.

Mission Statement

Human Ecology embraces the principles of natural and moral philosophy. It draws on knowledge and understanding from the sciences and humanities in order to develop and promote holistic and sustainable initiatives, ideas and development projects with the aim of enhancing and strengthening people's relationships with each other and with their natural environments. Human Ecology, from this standpoint, works to create sustainable, lasting improvements in people's lives by fostering projects that engage and enhance the skills of local communities, involve all sectors of society, improve livelihoods, and maintain environmental benefits. It is a philosophy and a process and is constantly learning and adapting, just as it is educating, encouraging and stimulating others. It has become an academic field of enquiry, a developmental philosophy with an approach to sustainability and a new means of unifying political, economic and social endeavours to provide a meaningful future for rural and urban people in the Commonwealth and elsewhere.

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

During 2021, as CHEC entered its 51st year, the organisation has continued to focus on areas of international concern such as climate change, food and water security, pollution in the air and in the oceans, urban resilience as well as the role of education in seeking improvements in all such matters where CHEC believes human ecological thinking can help towards programmes that are aimed at achieving sustainability. CHEC's efforts in this regard support the principles outlined by Heads of Government in the Commonwealth Blue Charter. In this regard CHEC's work has continued to focus on the importance of protecting and restoring mangroves which help protect coastlines and the importance of this has been highlighted by the concern of the 32 small member states about the impact of rising sea levels, tropical storms, protection of coastal fishing grounds, corals and reefs.

CHEC UK works with other CHEC Chapters and contacts around the Commonwealth, and in partnership with civil society organisations globally. CHEC is a member of the Informal Forum of Commonwealth Organisations (IFCO) which brings Commonwealth Accredited Organisations together to discuss working in greater harmony and partnership. CHEC is also in Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). It is a member of the Commonwealth Consortium for Education (CCfE) and the international development organisation, BOND.

As human ecology is a global subject, CHEC also works in partnership with ecological organisations, including the Society for Human Ecology (SHE), supporting conferences on sustainability, human ecology as well as other relevant activities. It is also seeking to broaden contacts within universities. CHEC works in concert with both the Commonwealth Secretariat, to which it is accredited, and the Commonwealth Foundation.

CHEC, having been accredited by UNFCCC, sent a delegation of seven persons to COP-26 in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November 2021. In an arrangement with New Zealand's Waikato University, CHEC sent daily reports of activities at COP-26 which were then shared across the Pacific. Having moved out of its office in London in October 2020 to become a virtual organisation, meetings took place on Zoom during the Covid-19 pandemic and webinars were held on climate related issues. As a result, attendances at Governing Board meetings have increased with members tuning in from outside the UK. Thanks to the facilities provided by the National Liberal Club, these are now often hybrid with some attending on zoom and others face to face.

Projects

Work on the bee project in Uganda had been continued, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic this had to be cut short. Ideas are still being developed on ponds and water management in Bangladesh and India and work on this continues. In mid-2020, CHEC was able to support the project "Livelihood Enhancement of Tribes and Biodiversity Conservation in Wayanad District, Kerala, India. In October 2021, CHEC and Bread and Water for Africa (UK), working in partnership through "We are the Future School Project in Sierra Leone", a new school in Freetown was completed and a video of the delighted pupils is on the CHEC website. In November 2021 in Kenya, at Iparakuo, Magadi, a partnership project was started to establish a Children's Learning Centre at the existing Maasai Village Polytechnic and is due to be completed mid-2022.

Publications and Website

In April 2021, CHEC published Human Ecology Journal No. 31 on Pollution, tackling associated global problems. Countries involved included Australia, The Gambia, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom. Originally intended for the Kigali CHOGM in Rwanda, this meeting was postponed until June 2022, so CHEC made this journal available for COP-26 in Glasgow in November 2021. Work also started on Human Ecology Journal No 32 on Forests which will be available in June 2022 to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as well as for the Kigali CHOGM. CHEC's website keeps friends of human ecology updated about discussions around the Commonwealth on climate change adaptation and mitigation, the state of soil, rivers, lakes and oceans. It looks at how our consumption affects the environment and what we can do about it. All CHEC's reports are available on it. The quiet of lockdown has enabled CHEC to build followers on the social media with great effect.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The finances of CHEC are monitored by its Finance Committee. Banking arrangements are under review in the context of good governance. Financial support is also received from the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF), a subsidiary trust of CHEC but served by its own trustees and which incorporates the legacy of CHEC's late Founder, Zena Daysh.

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

An active year ahead is expected in 2022 as, due to Covid-19, the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) was again postponed and will now be held in June 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda. CHEC has used 2021 to plan its contribution to that meeting and will be participating in its forums. Now the overheads of the London office have been removed, this has enabled the charity to support small projects in Commonwealth developing countries, which has been much appreciated by those benefitting. In approving such projects sustainability is a key factor.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its deed of trust and governance documents, and constitutes a company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. Its Articles of Association were updated to accommodate current legal requirements, approved at an EGM in February 2015. CHEC's Finance Committee meets regularly and reports to its Governing Board.

CHEC's work continues to be dependent on its global membership and supporters as well as on its Governing Board members and volunteers, along with assistance from a web consultant who has revamped the website on a continuing basis and built up CHEC's profile on the social media. Work is in progress to set up a membership and fundraising committee. A debt of gratitude is due to all involved in our work. Details of the Trustees are attached to this report.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Safeguarding is reviewed as appropriate. The Trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The Charity's purpose focuses on raising global public awareness and providing education on all aspects of human ecology.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

00966772 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

272018

Registered office

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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Trustees

Mr J Bonham
Mr M Robinson
Prof. I Douglas
Mrs E Ekehorn (resigned 24.11.21)
Mrs C Stephen (resigned 24.11.21)
Mr M Mutter
Dr R Kaira
Ms J Samuels
Ms R Cox
Mr S Loganathan
Mr T Peel
Ms E Robinson
Dr J Ross
Mr P Mitterbauer (appointed 24.11.21)

Patrons

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 September 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr M Robinson - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Commonwealth Human Ecology Council Ltd

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Commonwealth Human Ecology Council Ltd ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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



R Byrne
FCCA
Brown McLeod Limited
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Date: 28/9/2022

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.21 Total funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		706	-	706	6,478
Investment income	2	28,044	-	28,044	19,005
Total		<u>28,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,750</u>	<u>25,483</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		18,088	-	18,088	26,200
Charitable activities					
Project expenditure		12,000	-	12,000	5,798
Total		<u>30,088</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,088</u>	<u>31,998</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(1,338)	-	(1,338)	(6,515)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		12,290	3,327	15,617	22,132
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>10,952</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>14,279</u>	<u>15,617</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Balance Sheet
31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.21 Total funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		12,452	3,327	15,779	17,117
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(1,500)	-	(1,500)	(1,500)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>10,952</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>14,279</u>	<u>15,617</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		10,952	3,327	14,279	15,617
NET ASSETS		<u>10,952</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>14,279</u>	<u>15,617</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	7			10,952	12,290
Restricted funds				3,327	3,327
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>14,279</u>	<u>15,617</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2021.

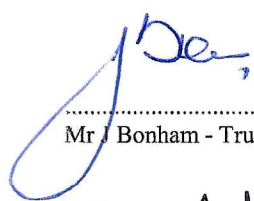
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

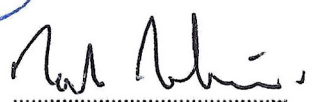
The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28.9.2021 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mr J Bonham - Trustee


.....
Mr M Robinson - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Investment income received	28,001	18,999
Deposit account interest	43	6
	<u>28,044</u>	<u>19,005</u>

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	-	1,408
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,408</u>

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4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees' expenses	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	<u>3,418</u>	<u>746</u>

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	1,478	5,000	6,478
Investment income	<u>19,005</u>	-	<u>19,005</u>
Total	<u>20,483</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>25,483</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	26,200	-	26,200
Charitable activities			
Project expenditure	<u>-</u>	<u>5,798</u>	<u>5,798</u>
Total	<u>26,200</u>	<u>5,798</u>	<u>31,998</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(5,717)	(798)	(6,515)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	18,007	4,125	22,132
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>12,290</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>15,617</u>

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6.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	31.12.21	31.12.20
		£	£
	Accrued expenses	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>

7.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		Net	
		At 1.1.21	movement	At
		£	in funds	31.12.21
			£	£
	Unrestricted funds			
	General fund	12,290	(1,338)	10,952
	Restricted funds			
	Project fund	3,327	-	3,327
		<u>15,617</u>	<u>(1,338)</u>	<u>14,279</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming	Resources	Movement
	resources	expended	in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	28,750	(30,088)	(1,338)
	<u>28,750</u>	<u>(30,088)</u>	<u>(1,338)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

		Net	
	At 1.1.20	movement	At
	£	in funds	31.12.20
		£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18,007	(5,717)	12,290
Restricted funds			
Project fund	4,125	(798)	3,327
	<u>22,132</u>	<u>(6,515)</u>	<u>15,617</u>

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,483	(26,200)	(5,717)
Restricted funds			
Project fund	5,000	(5,798)	(798)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>25,483</u>	<u>(31,998)</u>	<u>(6,515)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18,007	(7,055)	10,952
Restricted funds			
Project fund	4,125	(798)	3,327
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>22,132</u>	<u>(7,853)</u>	<u>14,279</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	49,233	(56,288)	(7,055)
Restricted funds			
Project fund	5,000	(5,798)	(798)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>54,233</u>	<u>(62,086)</u>	<u>(7,853)</u>

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8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Grants	-	5,000
Subscriptions & donations	656	1,478
Exceptional items	50	-
	<u>706</u>	<u>6,478</u>
Investment income		
Investment income received	28,001	18,999
Deposit account interest	43	6
	<u>28,044</u>	<u>19,005</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>28,750</u>	<u>25,483</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Project expenditure	12,000	5,798
Support costs		
Management		
Trustees' expenses	3,418	746
Rent, rates & insurance	1,241	7,679
Repairs & renewals	-	1,200
Light and heat	-	103
Postage, telephone & fax	394	645
Printing, publications & staty	160	13
Sundry expenses	939	1,696
Travel, conferences & admin	1,153	239
Administration costs	900	1,050
IT consultancy	8,383	8,272
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	-	1,408
	<u>16,588</u>	<u>23,051</u>
Finance		
Bank charges	-	16
Governance costs		
Wages	-	1,633
Accountancy and legal fees	1,500	1,500
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>3,133</u>
Total resources expended	<u>30,088</u>	<u>31,998</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(1,338)</u>	<u>(6,515)</u>

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England & Wales - Charity number 272018

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2020





**The Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC)
is a Commonwealth civil society organisation and UK Registered Charity
that promotes,
disseminates and applies the principles of Human Ecology in the
Commonwealth and beyond.**

**It has been a catalyst in promoting sustainability, particularly in terms of human
settlements, fisheries, afforestation and strengthening community action,
especially for the advancement of women and youth.**

**CHEC is highly active in advocating and promoting the role of civil society and
participatory decision making in good governance and sustainable development**

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1. Message from the Chairman

Mark Robinson

During 2020 CHEC has focused on areas of great international concern such as climate change, air pollution, food and water security, plastic in the oceans, urban resilience as well as the role of education where CHEC believes human ecological thinking can help towards sustainability. CHEC's work on Mangroves, which was supported by the Commonwealth Secretariat, highlighted the concerns of rising sea levels, tropical storms and protection of coastal fishing grounds.

CHEC UK works with other CHEC Chapters and contacts around the Commonwealth, and in partnership with other civil society organisations with a similar focus. CHEC is a member of the Informal Forum of Commonwealth Organisations (IFCO) which brings Commonwealth Accredited Organisations together to discuss where they can work in greater harmony and partnership. CHEC is also in Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). As human ecology is a global subject, CHEC also works in partnership with other ecological organisations, supporting conferences on sustainability and human ecology as well as other relevant activities. CHEC works in concert with both the Commonwealth Secretariat, to which it is accredited, and the Commonwealth Foundation. CHEC has also registered for COP26, to be held in Glasgow November 2021. The approval of the application is still pending.

In October 2020 CHEC moved out of its office in London and become a virtual organisation. This means that meetings take place on Zoom, and an archive will be set up online, to facilitate access for CHEC's Governing Board members.

2. Projects

2019-2020 Mangrove Project



In July 2019, CHEC decided to respond to an invitation to bid for funds for activities as part of the Commonwealth at 70 celebrations (<https://thecommonwealth.org/commonwealth-70>). Mangroves were seen as a crucial issue of environmental and social significance to people throughout the Commonwealth and are a major focus within the Commonwealth Blue Charter. Many Commonwealth countries with tropical shorelines, from Belize to Australia, have significant areas of mangroves. For many island states, such as the Maldives and Kiribati, mangroves are crucial protectors of the coastline and nurseries for fisheries. CHEC trustees and partners in the SW Pacific and West Africa made suggestions about partners to involve in two actions: the production of a special issue of the journal "Human Ecology" and the making of small grants to NGOs in low-income countries.

Mangrove forests, occupying less than 14 million hectares, just 2.5% of the size of the Amazon rainforest, provide a broad array of ecosystem services. Mangroves are critical nursery habitats for fish, birds and marine mammals; act as effective nutrient filters; buffer coastal communities from storm surges; and support

numerous rural economies. These ecosystem service benefits have been valued at an average of 4200 US\$ per hectare per year in Southeast Asia. Fishing, in addition to being a source of nourishment and income (provisioning services), frequently provides spiritual activity and aesthetic benefits for communities and individuals.

The Journal special issue contained contributions from Australia, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, The Gambia and the UK. It is available online at [CHEC Journal - 'Human Ecology 30: Mangroves' Published - CHEC International](#). The writers of the articles made suggestions about organisations which would benefit from a small activity grant. Confirmation of funding (£ 5,000) came with a request that the expenditure be

completed within a month. However, that challenge was met by engaging swiftly with key personnel in Fiji, the Gambia, India, Malaysia, Maldives, and Samoa. Activities varied from workshops for fisherfolk and for community members in Kerala, the World Mangrove celebrations in Malaysian coastal villages, the preparation of exhibition posters in Fiji and Samoa, and mangrove replanting exercises in Maldives and the Gambia. Many hundreds of people benefitted from these activities, through the effective outreach organised by our partners.

It demonstrated that practical action can be achieved with limited resources through effective personal interaction. Reports on the activities and their outcomes are available at:

[CHEC Celebrates World Mangrove Day 2020 on Three Oceans - CHEC International](#)

[Maldives-Mangrove-Project-Report.pdf \(checinternational.org\)](#)

[Mangrove Project activities under COVID-19 in Kerala, India - CHEC International](#)

This model of rapid establishment and delivery of small community-based participatory events could make an effective mechanism for helping on-going conservation and community development programmes or initiating interest in longer term project plans.

Bees and Pollinators

The CHEC Uganda Youth-led beekeeping and entrepreneur pilot project got off to a wonderful start in the Spring of 2020 with the YOFENET (Young Farmers Entrepreneur Network), a community-led organisation managed by Mathias Walwana, and a professional young trainer, Angela Namukwaya, who worked with YOFENET training youth in beekeeping. Prior to the CHEC pilot project, the young farmers of YOFENET had been mentored by Dave Bonner of Bees Abroad for several years. During that time the young people had been trained in beekeeping and set up a training apiary. They had learned to make their own hives and harvest honey. They had been taken to Nairobi for extensive expert beekeeping training and sold their harvested honey at Uganda agriculture fairs. Angela Namukwaya, the project manager, was chosen for her extensive experience in beekeeping training working with many Uganda beekeeping and honey producing companies. She had a knowledge of VSLAs, (Village Savings and Loan Associations). This was vital for preparation of the beneficiaries to ensure the young entrepreneurs would safeguard their livelihoods in producing honey. Angela had provided CHEC with a dynamic proposal for the training of 16 young single mothers who had dropped out of school in four parishes of Baitambogwe Sub-County, Mayuge district of eastern Uganda. The VSLA, would provide them with the foundation of saving skills for their business. When the CHEC review team first considered their application, we recognised Mathias and Angela were the only youth-led community organisation who had provided us with such a detailed project proposal. They were also a young organisation, which had limited capacity still to be realised, yet a substantial amount of enthusiasm, drive and determination which Dave Bonner of Bees Abroad confirmed. We agreed, with the ongoing support and guidance of our Uganda advisor Bosco Okello, CEO of Apitrade Africa, and Dave Bonner, from Bees Abroad, the YOFENET youth-led organisations would have the skills and encouragement to attain the goals of the project.

Bees Abroad visited the CHEC/YOFENET pilot project in February 2020 to check the beekeeping equipment purchased with the CHEC Grant and confirm it was up to standard. Dave provided a wonderful film with Angela, the YOFENET young farmers and the beneficiaries. Bosco Okello attended the pilot project a few weeks later when the YOFENET young farmers and Angela organised a ceremony to hand over the equipment to the 16 beneficiaries with their families. The training began and continued through February and March providing an extensive overview of beekeeping theory and practical skills including making handmade basket beehives and smokers.

The 48 Kenya top bee hives were then sited at sixteen apiaries across four parishes along with 32 handmade hives providing a total of five hives for each beginner's apiary. The training included learning to bait the hives, hive management, inspirational talks and introduction of a village saving and loan group so the young mothers could learn to save from their honey sales. The CHEC and HEF Grant included providing

lunches for the single mothers during the training sessions. Following the siting of the hives, within the first weeks, 20 hives had been colonised. The plan was for Bosco Okello to attend twice a month to assist Angela, the trainer, and the YOFENET team, to attend each apiary and oversee hive and apiary management with each of the 16 single mothers for the next eight months. Due to the young single mothers having no formal education, and forced to drop out of school due to pregnancy, they lacked confidence and discipline. For these reasons, the CHEC Review team impressed upon both Angela and Mathias, that a condition of the grant was that the YOFENET young farmers' organisation and Angela would need to support the inexperienced beneficiaries with hive management each month during the early stages of hive management, April to December, until their confidence and skills of hive management and honey harvesting increased. Hive management skills included colonization, managing swarms and abscondment of bees and the ongoing decongestion, cleaning from ants, rodents, rebaiting, and debranching and overall health of apiaries.



The news of the Covid-19 Pandemic reaching Uganda mid-March sent everyone into an instant panic. Having experienced past pandemics, they knew what was coming. The President of Uganda immediately called for a lockdown of everything, banning all transport, travel, including closing the airports. It was by far the earliest and harshest lockdown in all the African countries. The CHEC Uganda advisor, Bosco, based in Kampala, was forced to lock down in Northern Uganda where his company is based and did not see his family in Kampala for many months. Angela, the trainer and project manager with YOFENET, was in lockdown in Western Uganda where her full-time work was based. Bees Abroad, based in the UK, could not travel to Uganda and indeed they agreed to provide funds to YOFENET to grow emergency food crops.

The Uganda lockdown remained in place for many months. Mathias and YOFENET were left with sole responsibility to oversee monthly hive management training with the beneficiaries and support of the 16 apiaries across four parishes. This should have been possible as the 16 beneficiaries had completed the basic training, and agriculture and beekeeping were considered frontline work and could continue during the lockdown. Unfortunately, YOFENET, as a young organisation, did not withstand the extreme strain of the pandemic. Mathias lost the support and could not delegate work to the other trained beekeeper farmers needed to oversee and encourage the 16 beneficiaries and their apiaries across four parishes. It was not until July when CHEC realised no one had followed up with hive management of the single mothers. Indeed, of the 20 hives colonised in March, 16 colonies had absconded. The honey harvest subsequently failed in July through to September primarily due to neglect of colonisation and hive management.

The pilot project was to end in December 2020 but it was not until September 2020 before CHEC could arrange for the Uganda project advisor, Bosco Okello, and Angela, the trainer, to get to the site by renting cars, staying in hotels in a different town as the local guest's houses nearest to the project site remained closed. The reports of both Bosco and Angela confirmed, that the YOFENET organisation with

trained bee-keeping farmers were no longer functioning to the agreed responsibilities; the other Beekeeper farmers were no longer involved. Due to the pandemic many of the 16 beneficiaries had to leave the area for a variety of reasons. Those that remained had lost their morale when by September not one of the 80 hives harvested honey. Without a local committed organisation to provide the needed support to the remaining beneficiaries, and with lockdown restrictions continuing to make it extremely difficult for both Bosco and Angela to travel to the site, it was agreed to bring the project to a close. During the months of October and November, Mathias on his own attempted another honey harvest without any success. Then in January 2021, one of the beneficiaries who had family encouraging her beekeeping skills, harvested her own honey. It was a blessing, a glimmer of hope; that out of the hardship of the pandemic lockdown, one apiary had succeeded to yield honey, and one of the young women would continue with beekeeping.

CHEC was not alone with projects collapsing due to the pandemic and severe lockdown in Uganda. Yet for the CHEC project, the pandemic could not have happened in Uganda at a worst time when the beneficiaries were most vulnerable having just sited their hives and without the skills to manage their apiaries. Six months later and the 16 single mothers would have had the confidence to oversee the hive management on their own. It was a real disappointment yet this must not overshadow what YOFENET and Angela had achieved from the early days of their project with the enthusiasm of the baseline survey, determining the 16 beneficiaries, involving local community leaders and experts, a remarkable project launch, the purchasing and distributing of equipment and the siting of 16 apiaries in four parishes. Their project had enormous potential for success and no doubt if it were not for the pandemic arriving when it did, would have succeeded. A great deal was learned and all efforts appreciated by everyone involved along the way.

CHEC would like to thank Angela Namukwaya, the project manager with YOFENET; Mathias Walwana, co-founder and director of YOFENET; Jane Samuels, chair of CHEC bee and pollinator steering group; Ian Douglas CHEC Trustee and Chair of HEF; Caryll Stephens CHEC Trustee; John McDonnell CHEC member and CHEC website editor; the Uganda Advisor, Bosco Okello CEO of Apitrade Africa for his continued support and advice throughout, and David Bonner at Bees Abroad.

Ponds and Freshwater

Background: For decades to come, cost-effective and environmentally appropriate water systems will be a priority for managing water scarcity and building resilience in the rapidly expanding cities and city regions of South Asia. The proposal is to look at urban local ponds, and the potential to link them with domestic water systems and build resilience. The proposal builds upon research that local urban ponds can facilitate resilient water-supply provision by making them an integral part of the urban waterscape. It highlights a multitude of benefits that ponds can potentially bring to urban resilience, in particular affordable and accessible water provision with low environmental footprint, managing climate shocks or stresses, ecological restoration in urban areas as well as potentially generating new skills and livelihoods for communities.



Images: Taken in Khulna, Bangladesh (2019) and Bhubaneswar, India (2020) by Ripin Kalra

3. Publications

Journal 30 Mangroves

CHEC published a new Journal in 2020 titled, “**Human Ecology 30: Mangroves**”. The journal addresses the important issue of mangroves in the global context. As it is known, mangroves are an important part of ecosystems and play a vital function in the world today, however, the impacts of climate change are damaging mangroves all over which is having devastating effects. The journal looks to address some of these issues and features contributions from people across the Commonwealth and world. The Journal is published on CHEC’s website: [human ecology journal on mangroves](#).

4. Website

The CHEC website has continued to grow at a good rate over the last year. The website is updated regularly, and new features have been added that are aimed at increasing engagement with the website. These features include:

- A new way to view PDFs in an interactive way on the website.
- A new sidebar that is aimed to keep users engaged with the CHEC website
- Language options to have pages on the CHEC website converted to the users’ language.
- A rework of the CHEC Points Page
- A revamp of the CHEC newsletter
- The addition of further sharing functions to ensure CHEC’s content can be shared easily.

Work has also focussed on the back end of the website with the aim of making the CHEC website load quicker and faster. Furthermore, a number of important new posts have been added to the website to increase website traffic.

Social Media

CHEC has continued to use social media as a way to share information relating to CHEC. As a result of this CHEC’s social media presence has increased over the last year. At this time last year CHEC was only active on Twitter and Facebook. Today, however, we have active accounts on YouTube, Instagram and LinkedIn as well. This will help in the long run build CHEC’s online presence and see more users come to the website. This year has also seen CHEC reach over 500 Twitter followers.

CHEC would also like to record a big thank you to CHEC trustee, Emily Robinson, for her work on reactivating the LinkedIn page and running the CHEC Instagram page, as well as to J mcd for his hard work in developing both the website and interaction with social media.

CHEC is dependent on the contributions of members, both in the form of voluntary work and through contributions from funds. We have a range of membership options available and will also display any job or volunteer opportunities on this page.

We have annual and life-long memberships available as well as a student membership and concessions for over 65s and SHE Members.

<https://www.checinternational.org/support-chec/>

5. News from CHEC's Network

New Zealand: Zena Daysh Doctoral Fellowship Waikato



Dr Sangion Tiu from Papua New Guinea, the first recipient of the University of Waikato's Zena Daysh Doctoral Fellowship for Sustainability, has graduated with her PhD



Shaaliny Jaufar, the second choice for Zena Daysh's Doctoral Fellowship has left her home in the Maldives to study for her PhD at the University of Waikato. Her topic is: ***Young People and Sustainable Citizenship.***

She's a woman with a social conscience and has been awarded the Zena Daysh Fellowship in Sustainable Development from the university to research what factors and experiences inspire young people to become active citizens. Shaaliny's focus is to demonstrate what it means to enact "sustainable citizenship" in the face of climate change. Sustainable citizenship is a concept that two of her supervisors, Professors Priya Kurian and Debashish Munshi, have developed, and she is planning to apply it in her doctoral research. She is based in the Political Science and Public Policy programme of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences during her time in New Zealand.

"There is this view that democracy is in crisis and that young people are not interested or engaged in political issues but I don't believe that," Shaaliny says. "I think young people are very much invested, and engaged in new and different ways for social and environmental activism. It is my aim to find out what fosters active young citizens."

CHEC KENYA

In Kenya, we had very few activities that took place due to Covid 19 Pandemic that swept across the entire country. We are grateful that those in the cities did not suffer loss a life.

We missed the services of the Germany Volunteers that we have been getting through the American field service (AFS). However, the following activities were implemented:

1. We were supported by the Lake Victoria North Water Works Agency and implemented the Mukwa community micro water supply and piped water from a drilled bore hole to serve, Mukwa primary school, Mukwa market, Mukwa Health facility and the Mukwa community.
2. With the support of a NGO from Turkey, we developed six community water points with in Siboti Ward of Bungoma County. People in these rural areas at long last are having clean and safe water.

We have had discussions with our Government Parastatal (Lake Basin Development Authority) to assist with the provision of tree sockets to continue with our seedlings production.



A picture from CHEC's former office at Hurlingham Studios

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7. CHEC's Governance

Members of the CHEC Governing Board Nov 2020

Honorary President:	Hon. Levi Oguike, CHEC Nigeria
Patrons:	Mr Norman Stannard, New Zealand Ms Narelle Townsend, Australia
Chairman:	Mark Robinson, CHEC UK
Honorary Treasurer:	John Bonham, CHEC UK
Company Secretary:	Eva Ekehorn, CHEC UK

Other Members of the Board:

Rhonda Cox, Trinidad & Tobago High Commission, UK
Dr Saadyah Chishti, CHEC Pakistan
Hon. Sannusi Daggash, CHEC Nigeria
Dr Donnell Davis, CHEC Australia
Emeritus Prof Ian Douglas, School of Environment, Education and Development,
University of Manchester, UK
Dr Morteza Honari, Dr Honari Education Institute, Tehran
Daniel Hunt, Santander UK
Subbu Loganathan, Pico Analytics UK
Patricia Kabatabazi, CIANEA, Uganda
Ripin Kalra, University of Westminster, UK
Dr T I Khan, Indira Gandhi's Centre for Human Ecology, Univ. of Rajasthan, Jaipur, India
Michael Mutter OBE (formerly DFID UK)
Trevor Peel, National Liberal Club, UK
Emily Robinson, Pico Analytics, UK
James Ross, Commonwealth Resound, UK
Norbert Sangura, CHEC Kenya
Caryll Stephen, Foundation for Water Research, UK
Jane Samuels, Tools of Change, UK
Kabir Shaikh CBE, formerly UNESCO, UK

Staff and Consultants:

Yahya al-Witri, Accounts and Office Manager, retired in 2020
John McDonnell, Communication Officer

Zena Daysh and Donald Denman Human Ecology Foundation (HEF)

CHEC is supported by its subsidiary charity, the Human Ecology Foundation (HEF). This can provide support to small projects either solely or in joint funding, either financial or in kind, with other partner in Commonwealth developing countries.

8. Financial Statement 2020

	£	31.12.2020	31.12.2019
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Voluntary income			
Grants		5,000	
Subscriptions & Donations		1,478	1,401
Total		<u>6,478</u>	<u>1,401</u>
Investment income			
Investment income received		18,999	19,427
Deposit account interest		6	85
Total		<u>19,005</u>	<u>19,512</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>25,483</u>	<u>20,913</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities			
Project expenditure		5,798	1,800
Project consultancy		-	293
Total		5,798	2,003
Finances, charges, interest		16	114
Governance costs			
Wages		1,633	7,566
Accountancy and legal fees		1,500	2,190
			9,756
Support costs			
Management			
Trustees' expenses		746	1,480
Rent, rates & insurance		7,679	9,638
Light and heat		1,303	345
Postage, telephone & fax		645	613
Printing, publications & stationery		13	1,979
Sundry expenses		1,696	1,268
Travel, conferences		239	3,349
Administration		1,050	830
IT Consultancy		8,272	8,174
Fixtures and fittings		-	249
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets		1,408	
Total resources expended		<u>31,998</u>	<u>38,898</u>
Net Expenditure		<u>(6,515)</u>	<u>(17,985)</u>

SUPPORT CHEC

There are several ways you can help and support CHEC and the work we do:

Become a member!

Membership information and a membership form can be found at <https://www.checinternational.org/joining-chec/>

£10 for students, £30 for ordinary members and £20 for those over 65.

Donate!

Any sum is most welcome! Please send a cheque to CHEC or pay by bank transfer: Sort Code: 20-69-15; A/C 73900398



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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 00966772 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 272018

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020
for
COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Brown McLeod Limited
Chartered Accountants
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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The aim of the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC) is to further the importance of a holistic and sustainable view of the world and a continuing emphasis on development through the implementation of human ecology. CHEC's programmes strive to awaken the official world to the need for deeper human and ecological philosophies and for a wider coalition between all levels of society and the natural world on which they depend.

Mission Statement

Human Ecology embraces the principles of natural and moral philosophy. It draws on knowledge and understanding from the sciences and humanities in order to develop and promote holistic and sustainable initiatives, ideas and development projects with the aim of enhancing and strengthening people's relationships with each other and with their natural environments. Human Ecology operates at all levels of human co-operation, from families and communities to global initiatives such as those of the United Nations agencies. Human Ecology emphasises the contribution of the individual, the sharing of skills and experiences, and the dignity and insight of social and cultural and religious experiences. From this standpoint, human ecology works to create sustainable, lasting improvements in people's lives by fostering projects that engage and enhance the skills of local communities, involve all sectors of society, improve livelihoods and maintain environmental benefits.

Human Ecology is a philosophy and a process: it is constantly learning and adapting, just as it is constantly educating, encouraging and stimulating others. It has become an academic field of enquiry, a developmental philosophy, an approach to sustainability and a new means of unifying political, economic and social endeavours to provide a meaningful future for rural and urban people everywhere.

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

During 2020, which marked CHEC's 50th anniversary, the organisation has focused on areas of great international concern such as climate change, air pollution, food and water security, plastic in the oceans, urban resilience as well as the role of education where CHEC believes human ecological thinking can help towards sustainability. Its efforts in this regard support the principles outlined by Heads of Government in the Commonwealth Blue Charter adopted at their London meeting in 2018. CHEC's work on mangroves, which was supported by the Commonwealth Secretariat, through its Commonwealth @70 initiative, highlighted the concerns of rising sea levels, tropical storms and protection of coastal fishing grounds through a project activated in Fiji, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Samoa and The Gambia.

CHEC UK works with other CHEC Chapters and contacts around the Commonwealth, and in partnership with other civil society organisations with a similar focus. CHEC is a member of the Informal Forum of Commonwealth Organisations (IFCO) which brings Commonwealth Accredited Organisations together to discuss where they can work in greater harmony and partnership. CHEC is also in Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). As human ecology is a global subject, CHEC also works in partnership with ecological organisations, supporting conferences on sustainability and human ecology as well as other relevant activities. CHEC works in concert with both the Commonwealth Secretariat, to which it is accredited, and the Commonwealth Foundation. CHEC has also registered for COP26, to be held in Glasgow November 2021. Approval of the application is pending.

In October 2020 CHEC moved out of its office in London and become a virtual organisation. Meetings take place on Zoom during the Covid pandemic but face to face arrangements will be restored when conditions allow. An archive will be set up online to facilitate access for CHEC's Governing Board members.

Projects

Work on the bees and pollinators programme has been continued, but due to the COVID19 pandemic it had to be cut short. Ideas are also being developed on ponds and water management in Bangladesh and India and work on this will continue. CHEC received funding from the Commonwealth Secretariat for a project on mangroves (detailed above) to mark CHEC's 50th Anniversary and the 70th year since the signing of the London Declaration, which founded the modern Commonwealth as it is perceived today.

Publications and Website

In June 2020, CHEC published Human Ecology Journal No. 30 on Mangroves, which involved Australia, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, The Gambia and the United Kingdom. Work started on Human Ecology Journal No 31 on Pollution which will be available for the next CHOGM and COP26. CHEC's website keeps friends of human ecology alert and updated on discussions around the Commonwealth on climate change adaptation and mitigation; the state of the soil, rivers, lakes and oceans. It looks at how our consumption affects the environment and what we can do about it.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The finances of CHEC are monitored by the Finance Committee. A Skipton savings account provide a backup income to support CHEC's work. Financial support is also received from the Human Ecology Foundation which incorporates the legacy of CHEC's Founder, Zena Daysh.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

An active year is expected as CHEC will be involved with Commonwealth and other international meetings in the build up to Cop26, Glasgow, scheduled to be held in November 2021.

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its deed of trust and governing document, and constitutes a company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. Its Articles of Association were updated to accommodate current legal requirements, approved at an EGM in February 2015.

All of CHEC's work continues to be dependent on its global membership and supporters and to its office staff, volunteers and Board members. A debt of gratitude is due to them all. Details of the Trustees are attached to this report.

The Finance Committee meets regularly and reports to the Governing Board.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Safeguarding is reviewed as appropriate.

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The Charity's purpose focuses on raising global public awareness and providing education on all aspects of human ecology.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

00966772 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

272018

Registered office

The Old Workshop
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Trustees

Mr J Bonham
Mr M Robinson
Prof. I Douglas
Mrs E Ekehorn
Mrs C Stephen
Mr M Mutter
Dr R Kalra
Ms J Samuels
Ms R Cox (appointed 23.11.20)
Mr S Loganathan (appointed 11.11.20)
Mr T Peel (appointed 21.11.20)
Ms E Robinson (appointed 11.11.20)
Dr J Ross (appointed 20.11.20)

Patrons

Mr N Stannard
Ms N Townsend

Honorary President

Mr Levi Oguike

Company Secretary

Mrs E Ekehorn

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

R Byrne

FCCA

Brown McLeod Limited

Chartered Accountants

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mr M Robinson - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Commonwealth Human Ecology Council Ltd**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Commonwealth Human Ecology Council Ltd ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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



R Byrne
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Date:19-07-2021

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.20 Total funds £	31.12.19 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		1,478	5,000	6,478	1,401
Investment income	2	19,005	-	19,005	19,512
Total		20,483	5,000	25,483	20,913
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		26,200	-	26,200	36,895
Charitable activities					
Project expenditure		-	5,798	5,798	2,003
Total		26,200	5,798	31,998	38,898
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	(550)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(5,717)	(798)	(6,515)	(18,535)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		18,007	4,125	22,132	40,667
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		12,290	3,327	15,617	22,132

The notes form part of these financial statements

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Balance Sheet
31 December 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.20 Total funds £	31.12.19 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	-	-	-	1,408
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	-	-	-	1,179
Cash at bank		13,790	3,327	17,117	22,276
		<u>13,790</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>17,117</u>	<u>23,455</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,500)	-	(1,500)	(2,731)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>12,290</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>15,617</u>	<u>20,724</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>12,290</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>15,617</u>	<u>22,132</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>12,290</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>15,617</u>	<u>22,132</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				12,290	18,007
Restricted funds				3,327	4,125
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>15,617</u>	<u>22,132</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

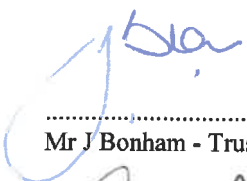
The notes form part of these financial statements


COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2020**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16 July 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mr J Bonham - Trustee


.....
Mr M Robinson - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 15% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Investment income received	18,999	19,427
Deposit account interest	6	85
	<u>19,005</u>	<u>19,512</u>

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	-	249
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	<u>1,408</u>	<u>-</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	<u>746</u>	<u>1,480</u>

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	1,401	-	1,401
Investment income	<u>19,512</u>	-	<u>19,512</u>
Total	20,913	-	20,913
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	36,895	-	36,895
Charitable activities			
Project expenditure	203	1,800	2,003
Total	<u>37,098</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>38,898</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	<u>(550)</u>	-	<u>(550)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(16,735)</u>	<u>(1,800)</u>	<u>(18,535)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	34,742	5,925	40,667
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>18,007</u>	<u>4,125</u>	<u>22,132</u>

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1 January 2020			13,672
Disposals			<u>(13,672)</u>
At 31 December 2020			-
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2020			12,264
Eliminated on disposal			<u>(12,264)</u>
At 31 December 2020			-
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2020			-
At 31 December 2019			<u><u>1,408</u></u>
7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	31.12.20	31.12.19	
	£	£	
Other debtors	-	895	
Prepayments	-	284	
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,179</u>	
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,179</u></u>	
8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	31.12.20	31.12.19	
	£	£	
Social security and other taxes	-	244	
Other creditors	-	262	
Accrued expenses	1,500	2,225	
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,731</u>	
	<u><u>1,500</u></u>	<u><u>2,731</u></u>	
9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	At 1.1.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18,007	(5,717)	12,290
Restricted funds			
Project fund	4,125	(798)	3,327
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>22,132</u></u>	<u><u>(6,515)</u></u>	<u><u>15,617</u></u>

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,483	(26,200)	(5,717)
Restricted funds			
Project fund	5,000	(5,798)	(798)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>25,483</u>	<u>(31,998)</u>	<u>(6,515)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	34,742	(16,735)	18,007
Restricted funds			
Project fund	5,925	(1,800)	4,125
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>40,667</u>	<u>(18,535)</u>	<u>22,132</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	20,913	(37,098)	(550)	(16,735)
Restricted funds				
Project fund	-	(1,800)	-	(1,800)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>20,913</u>	<u>(38,898)</u>	<u>(550)</u>	<u>(18,535)</u>

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	34,742	(22,452)	12,290
Restricted funds			
Project fund	5,925	(2,598)	3,327
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>40,667</u>	<u>(25,050)</u>	<u>15,617</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	41,396	(63,298)	(550)	(22,452)
Restricted funds				
Project fund	5,000	(7,598)	-	(2,598)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,396</u>	<u>(70,896)</u>	<u>(550)</u>	<u>(25,050)</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Grants	5,000	-
Subscriptions & donations	1,478	1,401
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	6,478	1,401
Investment income		
Investment income received	18,999	19,427
Deposit account interest	6	85
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	19,005	19,512
Total incoming resources	<hr/>	<hr/>
	25,483	20,913
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Project expenditure	5,798	1,800
Project consultancy	-	203
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	5,798	2,003
Support costs		
Management		
Trustees' expenses	746	1,480
Rent, rates & insurance	7,679	9,638
Repairs & renewals	1,200	-
Light and heat	103	345
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IT consultancy	8,272	8,174
Fixtures and fittings	-	249
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	1,408	-
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	23,051	27,025
Finance		
Bank charges	16	75
Bank interest	-	39
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	16	114
Governance costs		
Wages	1,633	7,566
Carried forward	1,633	7,566

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COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Governance costs		
Brought forward	1,633	7,566
Accountancy and legal fees	1,500	2,190
	<u>3,133</u>	<u>9,756</u>
Total resources expended	<u>31,998</u>	<u>38,898</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(6,515)</u>	<u>(17,985)</u>

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 272018

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020
for
COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The aim of the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (CHEC) is to further the importance of a holistic and sustainable view of the world and a continuing emphasis on development through the implementation of human ecology. CHEC's programmes strive to awaken the official world to the need for deeper human and ecological philosophies and for a wider coalition between all levels of society and the natural world on which they depend.

Mission Statement

Human Ecology embraces the principles of natural and moral philosophy. It draws on knowledge and understanding from the sciences and humanities in order to develop and promote holistic and sustainable initiatives, ideas and development projects with the aim of enhancing and strengthening people's relationships with each other and with their natural environments. Human Ecology operates at all levels of human co-operation, from families and communities to global initiatives such as those of the United Nations agencies. Human Ecology emphasises the contribution of the individual, the sharing of skills and experiences, and the dignity and insight of social and cultural and religious experiences. From this standpoint, human ecology works to create sustainable, lasting improvements in people's lives by fostering projects that engage and enhance the skills of local communities, involve all sectors of society, improve livelihoods and maintain environmental benefits.

Human Ecology is a philosophy and a process: it is constantly learning and adapting, just as it is constantly educating, encouraging and stimulating others. It has become an academic field of enquiry, a developmental philosophy, an approach to sustainability and a new means of unifying political, economic and social endeavours to provide a meaningful future for rural and urban people everywhere.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

During 2020, which marked CHEC's 50th anniversary, the organisation has focused on areas of great international concern such as climate change, air pollution, food and water security, plastic in the oceans, urban resilience as well as the role of education where CHEC believes human ecological thinking can help towards sustainability. Its efforts in this regard support the principles outlined by Heads of Government in the Commonwealth Blue Charter adopted at their London meeting in 2018. CHEC's work on mangroves, which was supported by the Commonwealth Secretariat, through its Commonwealth @70 initiative, highlighted the concerns of rising sea levels, tropical storms and protection of coastal fishing grounds through a project activated in Fiji, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Samoa and The Gambia.

CHEC UK works with other CHEC Chapters and contacts around the Commonwealth, and in partnership with other civil society organisations with a similar focus. CHEC is a member of the Informal Forum of Commonwealth Organisations (IFCO) which brings Commonwealth Accredited Organisations together to discuss where they can work in greater harmony and partnership. CHEC is also in Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). As human ecology is a global subject, CHEC also works in partnership with ecological organisations, supporting conferences on sustainability and human ecology as well as other relevant activities. CHEC works in concert with both the Commonwealth Secretariat, to which it is accredited, and the Commonwealth Foundation. CHEC has also registered for COP26, to be held in Glasgow November 2021. Approval of the application is pending.

In October 2020 CHEC moved out of its office in London and become a virtual organisation. Meetings take place on Zoom during the Covid pandemic but face to face arrangements will be restored when conditions allow. An archive will be set up online to facilitate access for CHEC's Governing Board members.

Projects

Work on the bees and pollinators programme has been continued, but due to the COVID19 pandemic it had to be cut short. Ideas are also being developed on ponds and water management in Bangladesh and India and work on this will continue. CHEC received funding from the Commonwealth Secretariat for a project on mangroves (detailed above) to mark CHEC's 50th Anniversary and the 70th year since the signing of the London Declaration, which founded the modern Commonwealth as it is perceived today.

Publications and Website

In June 2020, CHEC published Human Ecology Journal No. 30 on Mangroves, which involved Australia, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, The Gambia and the United Kingdom. Work started on Human Ecology Journal No 31 on Pollution which will be available for the next CHOGM and COP26. CHEC's website keeps friends of human ecology alert and updated on discussions around the Commonwealth on climate change adaptation and mitigation; the state of the soil, rivers, lakes and oceans. It looks at how our consumption affects the environment and what we can do about it.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The finances of CHEC are monitored by the Finance Committee. A Skipton savings account provide a backup income to support CHEC's work. Financial support is also received from the Human Ecology Foundation which incorporates the legacy of CHEC's Founder, Zena Daysh.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

An active year is expected as CHEC will be involved with Commonwealth and other international meetings in the build up to Cop26, Glasgow, scheduled to be held in November 2021.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its deed of trust and governing document, and constitutes a company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. Its Articles of Association were updated to accommodate current legal requirements, approved at an EGM in February 2015.

All of CHEC's work continues to be dependent on its global membership and supporters and to its office staff, volunteers and Board members. A debt of gratitude is due to them all. Details of the Trustees are attached to this report.

The Finance Committee meets regularly and reports to the Governing Board.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Safeguarding is reviewed as appropriate.

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The Charity's purpose focuses on raising global public awareness and providing education on all aspects of human ecology.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

00966772 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

272018

Registered office

The Old Workshop
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Trustees

Mr J Bonham
Mr M Robinson
Prof. I Douglas
Mrs E Ekehorn
Mrs C Stephen
Mr M Mutter
Dr R Kalra
Ms J Samuels
Ms R Cox (appointed 23.11.20)
Mr S Loganathan (appointed 11.11.20)
Mr T Peel (appointed 21.11.20)
Ms E Robinson (appointed 11.11.20)
Dr J Ross (appointed 20.11.20)

Patrons

Mr N Stannard
Ms N Townsend

Honorary President

Mr Levi Oguike

Company Secretary

Mrs E Ekehorn

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

R Byrne

FCCA

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mr M Robinson - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Commonwealth Human Ecology Council Ltd**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Commonwealth Human Ecology Council Ltd ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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



R Byrne
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Date:19-07-2021

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.20 Total funds £	31.12.19 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		1,478	5,000	6,478	1,401
Investment income	2	19,005	-	19,005	19,512
Total		20,483	5,000	25,483	20,913
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		26,200	-	26,200	36,895
Charitable activities					
Project expenditure		-	5,798	5,798	2,003
Total		26,200	5,798	31,998	38,898
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	(550)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(5,717)	(798)	(6,515)	(18,535)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		18,007	4,125	22,132	40,667
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		12,290	3,327	15,617	22,132

The notes form part of these financial statements

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Balance Sheet
31 December 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.20 Total funds £	31.12.19 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	-	-	-	1,408
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	-	-	-	1,179
Cash at bank		13,790	3,327	17,117	22,276
		<u>13,790</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>17,117</u>	<u>23,455</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,500)	-	(1,500)	(2,731)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>12,290</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>15,617</u>	<u>20,724</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>12,290</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>15,617</u>	<u>22,132</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>12,290</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>15,617</u>	<u>22,132</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				12,290	18,007
Restricted funds				3,327	4,125
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>15,617</u>	<u>22,132</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

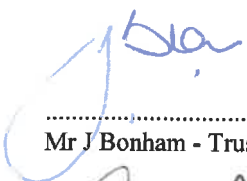
The notes form part of these financial statements


COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2020**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16 July 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Mr J Bonham - Trustee


.....
Mr M Robinson - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 15% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Investment income received	18,999	19,427
Deposit account interest	6	85
	<u>19,005</u>	<u>19,512</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	-	249
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	<u>1,408</u>	<u>-</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	<u>746</u>	<u>1,480</u>

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	1,401	-	1,401
Investment income	<u>19,512</u>	-	<u>19,512</u>
Total	20,913	-	20,913
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	36,895	-	36,895
Charitable activities			
Project expenditure	203	1,800	2,003
Total	<u>37,098</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>38,898</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	<u>(550)</u>	-	<u>(550)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(16,735)</u>	<u>(1,800)</u>	<u>(18,535)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	34,742	5,925	40,667
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>18,007</u>	<u>4,125</u>	<u>22,132</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1 January 2020			13,672
Disposals			<u>(13,672)</u>
At 31 December 2020			-
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2020			12,264
Eliminated on disposal			<u>(12,264)</u>
At 31 December 2020			-
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2020			-
At 31 December 2019			<u><u>1,408</u></u>
7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	31.12.20	31.12.19	
	£	£	
Other debtors	-	895	
Prepayments	-	284	
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,179</u>	
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,179</u></u>	
8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	31.12.20	31.12.19	
	£	£	
Social security and other taxes	-	244	
Other creditors	-	262	
Accrued expenses	1,500	2,225	
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,731</u>	
	<u><u>1,500</u></u>	<u><u>2,731</u></u>	
9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	At 1.1.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18,007	(5,717)	12,290
Restricted funds			
Project fund	4,125	(798)	3,327
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>22,132</u></u>	<u><u>(6,515)</u></u>	<u><u>15,617</u></u>

COMMONWEALTH HUMAN ECOLOGY COUNCIL LTD

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,483	(26,200)	(5,717)
Restricted funds			
Project fund	5,000	(5,798)	(798)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>25,483</u>	<u>(31,998)</u>	<u>(6,515)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	34,742	(16,735)	18,007
Restricted funds			
Project fund	5,925	(1,800)	4,125
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>40,667</u>	<u>(18,535)</u>	<u>22,132</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	20,913	(37,098)	(550)	(16,735)
Restricted funds				
Project fund	-	(1,800)	-	(1,800)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>20,913</u>	<u>(38,898)</u>	<u>(550)</u>	<u>(18,535)</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	34,742	(22,452)	12,290
Restricted funds			
Project fund	5,925	(2,598)	3,327
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>40,667</u>	<u>(25,050)</u>	<u>15,617</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	41,396	(63,298)	(550)	(22,452)
Restricted funds				
Project fund	5,000	(7,598)	-	(2,598)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,396</u>	<u>(70,896)</u>	<u>(550)</u>	<u>(25,050)</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

	31.12.20 £	31.12.19 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Grants	5,000	-
Subscriptions & donations	1,478	1,401
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	6,478	1,401
Investment income		
Investment income received	18,999	19,427
Deposit account interest	6	85
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	19,005	19,512
Total incoming resources	<hr/>	<hr/>
	25,483	20,913
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Project expenditure	5,798	1,800
Project consultancy	-	203
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	5,798	2,003
Support costs		
Management		
Trustees' expenses	746	1,480
Rent, rates & insurance	7,679	9,638
Repairs & renewals	1,200	-
Light and heat	103	345
Postage, telephone & fax	645	613
Printing, publications & staty	13	1,079
Sundry expenses	1,696	1,268
Travel, conferences & admin	239	3,349
Administration costs	1,050	830
IT consultancy	8,272	8,174
Fixtures and fittings	-	249
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	1,408	-
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	23,051	27,025
Finance		
Bank charges	16	75
Bank interest	-	39
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	16	114
Governance costs		
Wages	1,633	7,566
Carried forward	1,633	7,566

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Governance costs		
Brought forward	1,633	7,566
Accountancy and legal fees	1,500	2,190
	<u>3,133</u>	<u>9,756</u>
Total resources expended	<u>31,998</u>	<u>38,898</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(6,515)</u>	<u>(17,985)</u>

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