DESTA Project

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103390

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-08-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The Association is established for the relief of poverty, the advancement of education and to promote the preservation of health in Degan, Ethiopia (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") who are suffering from the effects of adverse social and economic circumstances (hereinafter called "the beneficiaries") and in particular: a) to provide educational facilities and materials in the interest of promoting academic opportunities and achievement in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said people; b) to provide and manage an emergency ambulance service in the area of benefit for the benefit of the beneficiaries; c) to train the beneficiaries in managing sustainable trades through teaching basic finances, project management and other appropriate skill; d) the recruitment, selection and sending out of volunteers for short term service overseas.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty,The advancement of education,The advancement of health or the saving of lives

How the charity works: Education/training,Medical/health/sickness

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),Men,Overseas/developing countries,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£0	£0	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Cunningham		
Garth Gillespie		

Accounts

DESTA Project

(a company limited by guarantee)

Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024

Registration number: **NI070892**

Charity reference: **XT12123**

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The Co-operative Bank p.l.c.
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Directors' report

The directors present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Principal activities and business review

The Company is established for the relief of poverty, the advancement of education and to promote the preservation of health in Degan, and its environs of the Cheleka Valley, Ethiopia.

The year to the end of 31 October 2024 has been one of limited activity.

Company limited by guarantee

Each director undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of the same being wound up while he is a member, or within one year after he ceases to be a member, for payment of debts and liabilities of the company contracted before he ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding £1.00.

Dividends and transfers to reserves

The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend. The surplus for the financial year will be transferred to reserves.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year are shown on page 3.

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are required by company law to prepare accounts for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period.

The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used, and these have been applied consistently, and reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024. The directors also confirm that applicable accounting standards have been followed and that the accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small companies' regime exemptions

The directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

By the order of the board

Garth Gillespie
1 July 2025

Income and Expenditure Account

	Notes	2024
		£
Income	1	
Donations		-
		-
Expenditure		
Expenses		-
		-
Excess of income over expenditure	4	
Taxation		-
Surplus/(deficit) for period		**0**

All amounts above relate to continuing operations of the company.

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than the surplus (deficit) above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

There is no difference between the surplus on ordinary activities before taxation and the surplus for the year stated above, and their historical cost equivalents.

Balance sheet as at 31 October 2024

	Notes	2024 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets		-
Current assets		
Debtors		-
Cash at bank		13,552
		13,552
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-
Net current assets		13,552
Total assets less current liabilities		13,552
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	5	-
Reserves	6	13,552
		13,552

These accounts have been prepared under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

a. For the year ended 31 October 2024, the company was entitled to exemption under section 480 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to dormant companies.
b. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
c. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
d. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board of directors at the company's Annual General Meeting on 1 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Andrew Cunningham
1 July 2025

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

Notes to the accounts

1. Principal accounting policies

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Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis of accounting in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Income

Income represents donations and income received by the company during the period.

Bank interest receivable

Bank interest is recognised in the Income and Expenditure account on a receipts basis.

2. Directors' remuneration

The directors' remuneration during the period was £nil.

3. Employee information

The company has no employees

4. Taxation

As a result of the company's charitable status, no charge to corporation tax arises.

5. Share capital

The company is limited by a guarantee from each member of the board of directors and it does not have issued share capital.

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6. Reserves

	2024
	£
At 1 November 2023	13,552
Surplus (Deficit) for year	0
As at 31 October 2024	**13,552**

7. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no capital commitments or contingent liabilities as at 31 October 2024

Accounts

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Small companies' regime exemptions

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By the order of the board

Garth Gillespie
18 June 2024

Income and Expenditure Account

	Notes	2023 £
Income	1	
Donations		-
		-
Expenditure		
Expenses		-
		-
Excess of income over expenditure	4	
Taxation		-
Surplus/(deficit) for period		**0**

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c. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
d. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board of directors at the company's Annual General Meeting on 18 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Andrew Cunningham
18 June 2024

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

Notes to the accounts

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6. Reserves

	2023
	£
At 1 November 2022	**13,552**
Surplus (Deficit) for year	**0**
As at 31 October 2023	**13,552**

7. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no capital commitments or contingent liabilities as at 31 October 2023

DESTA Project

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103390

Annual report

DESTA Project

Annual Report of the Trustees to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland

Report for the year ended 31 October 2023

Registration details

Northern Ireland Charity Number: NIC103390

Company (Limited by Guarantee) Number: NI070892

HMRC Charity Reference: XT12123

DESTA Project has been established to raise funds, co-ordinate building activities of education and medical facilities and other projects to seek to relieve poverty, advance education and promote health in Degan Ethiopia and other similar areas.

The Trustees have regard to the Commissions Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance.

There have been no fundraising or charitable activities undertaken this year by DESTA Project.

DESTA Project has financial reserves as set in its accounts.

All legislative requirements and the Objectives of the charity remain current and up to date.

Trustees:

Andrew Cunningham

Garth Gillespie

This report has been approved by the Trustees on 05 August 2024

Andrew Cunningham

Chairman

05 August 2024

DESTA Project

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103390

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of DESTA Project

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirement of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That accounts so not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Mr Stewart Gamble

Stewart Gamble

Address: 29 Victoria Gardens, Ballyclare, Co Antrim, BT39 9JF

Date: 5th August 2024

Accounts

DESTA Project

(a company limited by guarantee)

Statement of Financial Activity for the year ended 31 October 2019

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By the order of the board

Garth Gillespie
16 June 2020

Income and Expenditure Account

	Notes	2019
		£
Income	1	
Donations		**0**
		0
Expenditure		
Expenses – Bank Fee (Copy Item)		**(5)**
		(5)
Excess of income over expenditure	4	
Taxation		**-**
Surplus/(deficit) for period		**(5)**

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Balance sheet as at 31 October 2018

	Notes	2019
		£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets		-
Current assets		
Debtors		-
Cash at bank		11,612
		11,612
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-
Net current assets		11,612
Total assets less current liabilities		11,612
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	5	-
Reserves	6	11,612
		11,612

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (2015).

For the year ended 31 October 2019, the company was entitled to exemption under Article 257A of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with Article 257B(2).

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

Approved by the board of directors at the company's Annual General Meeting on 16 June 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Andrew Cunningham
16 June 2020

The notes on page 5 form part of these accounts.

Notes to the accounts

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6. Reserves

	2019
	£
At 1 November 2018	**11,617**
Surplus (Deficit) for year	**(5)**
As at 31 October 2019	**11,612**

7. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no capital commitments or contingent liabilities as at 31 October 2019

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DESTA Project has financial reserves as set out in its accounts.

All legislative requirements and the Objectives of the charity remain current and up to date.

Trustees:

Andrew Cunningham

Garth Gillespie

This report has been approved by the Trustees on 24 August 2020.

Andrew Cunningham

Chairman

24 August 2020

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Name: Mr Stewart Gamble ACIS

Signature: Stewart Gamble

Address: 29 Victoria Gardens, Ballyclare, Co Antrim, BT39 9JF

Date: 30th August 2020