

INTERACTS MINISTRIES

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Trust exists to advance the Christian religion in any part of the world.

The Trust is presently governed by a memorandum and articles of association dated 18th May 2020. The organisation is established for exclusively charitable purposes and is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, NIC108192.

Significant activities

Over the past year we have continued to achieve many good things in terms of fulfilling our charitable aims.

By arranging training seminars for churches, and the wider community, to address various social and spiritual needs including, mental health, marriage and family, parenting, Christian discipleship, effective leadership in local churches, along with practical training for churches in how to effectively help their local communities. All training seminars are recorded and then added to our online resource library. These are then made freely available, nationally and internationally, via our various media platforms.

We also seek to help churches and other faith based organisations, in an advisory capacity, with best practice regarding the selection and installation of audio visual, multi-media, and web based broadcasting facilities. We will also purchase, or contribute to the costs, of such equipment as may enhance the aforementioned groups abilities to communicate with their congregation and the wider community using web-based audio and visual technologies

The Trustees are satisfied that the financial position is strong. Administrative expenditure is minimal and as the distribution of financial grants in the year is determined by the level of donation received in the same year, there is no need to hold any significant amount in cash reserves. The trustees have taken instruction on both the Charities Act 2008 and the Companies Act 2006. They have considered in particular the obligations imposed under the public benefits test of the Charities Act 2008 and can confirm that the charity meets the criteria set down therein.

Interacts Ministries became registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 16th August 2021.

Public benefit

One of the 12 charitable purposes in the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 is the advancement of religion for the public benefit. The public benefit that flows from our purpose is Christ-centred Bible based Education, through discipleship proclaiming the Gospel. The ultimate beneficiaries are people in the UK and throughout the world as our literature and content is provided to UK registered charities and charities operating in the developing world. Through the promotion of the Christian Gospel, lives are transformed and there is a public benefit to society as individuals live in accordance with biblical values.

The benefits cannot be physically measured, but can be demonstrated through a greater understanding of the Christian religion, and thus a sense of hope in life, improved behaviour and contribution to the mental health and wellbeing to those beneficiaries, who we reach with God's word.

Restrictions on who can benefit

Given the broad range of organisations that can access material from the Trust, there are no restrictions on who can ultimately benefit from the Trust's activities in supporting those organisations who are providing services and opportunities for the improvement of all.

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Harm

In relation to the promotion of the Christian Gospel, whilst people are invited to embrace the Christian faith, any response is entirely voluntary. Most of the Christian organisations supported by the Trust are long established and have good reputations in promoting the Christian message, without pressure being exerted on anyone to accept it. It is considered that the public benefits outweigh the potential harm.

Private benefit

There are no other private benefits.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

In the year to 30 June 2023 the charity had net incoming resources in relation to unrestricted funds of £1,554 (2022 – £5,100), with a net outgoing of unrestricted funds of £5,510 (2022 - £69), resulting in a net deficit movement of £3,957 for the year (net surplus 2022 - £5,031).

The charity does not hold restricted funds as at 30 June 2023.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding source of the charity during the year was that of donations.

The charity received donations totalling £1,554 during the year.

Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed their business plan, forecasts and the level of reserves held by the trust. After making enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a memorandum and articles of association and constitutes an incorporated charity.

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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

103633

Principal address

20 Main Street
Stranocum
BT53 8PQ

Trustees

Mr D Watson
Mr M McKillen

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22nd November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Derek J Watson

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Mr D Watson - Trustee
