

## **CREATIVE COMMUNICATION TRUST Annual Report for the year ended 30th June 2021**

The Creative Communication Trust is constituted by Deed of Trust and is a registered Charity no. 1012007. Its address is at 8, Lindisfarne, Biddick, Washington, Tyne & Wear NE38 7JR.

The charity trustees during the year to 30th June 2021 were Mr Tom Baker (treasurer), Revd. Ian Kent, Mr Doug Green, Mrs Ruth Grant, Mr Christopher Neufeld, Mrs Keira Batchelor, Mr Andrew Batchelor.

The non-trustee officers of the charity were: Revd. Rob Bianchi (chief officer) and Revd. Margaret Bianchi (secretary)

Names of Banks Investment Account - Current - Caf Cash Deposit- Lloyds TSB, 81 Front Street, Chester le Street, DH3 3AJ. Auditor Mr S Lamb (FCCA)

Objects of the charity are: (i) to advance the Christian religion in any part of the world (ii) to advance religious education in accordance with the doctrines and principles of the Christian faith by working amongst young people in order to further the communication of the Christian faith and in particular: (a) by encouraging and initiating sports activities amongst children and young people in inner city areas and (b) through the medium of the performing arts.

The trustees' policy is to fulfil the aims of the charity through the appointment of Revds. Rob and Margaret Bianchi, for whom the trustees provide regular financial support to enable them to undertake non-income generating work to achieve the objects of the Trust. The current policy of the trustees is to concentrate on advancing the Christian religion through the medium of outdoor activities.

To achieve this a programme has been set up entitled "Outdoor Adventure Development Ministries" under which most of the work is taking place.

Below is a summary of the work undertaken during 2020-2021:

The effects of the Covid pandemic continued to be felt throughout the year, with many of the charity's normal activities being severely restricted, especially the UK based ones. The trustees themselves were only able to meet via Zoom meetings.

### **Overseas**

In **Romania**, following the resolution of the legal issues surrounding the management of the Spirit Euxin, positive steps have been taken for future development of the project. Whilst no camps were able to be run because of the pandemic future management of the centre has been progressing. A local Romanian, Razvan, who has been trained in outdoor activities and has a long association with Spirit Euxin, has returned from Holland with wife and three children to live in Romania. Potentially he will take over running the centre and hopes to turn it round for 2022.

In **Moldova**, construction work on the guest house was completed, and a few bookings came in before covid forced it to close. Working within government restrictions Arca was still able to run summer youth camps in 2020 with an encouraging number of participants. Eduard was also able to continue delivering food parcels to several of the families with whom they have contact, which has been hugely appreciated. Due to travel restrictions, Nic Bianchi's planned three-month sabbatical working alongside Eduard had to be postponed until next year, but the partnership between Moldova and Cheam Baptist church has been strengthened during this period.

In **Burundi** it has been less easy to analyse the extent of the impact of covid, and, although they were able to run the youth camps and the regular youth groups, the staff had to operate under covid

restrictions. They have also continued to deliver training in first aid, water safety and epilepsy management. Further flooding in Bujumbura led to staff using canoes to transport people to safety. Evariste, who manages the project, was hospitalised for a period of time but now appears to be fully recovered. Communications are not always easy but they report regularly and maintain regular contact.

The trustees have encouraged Rob and Margaret Bianchi to continue developing these overseas projects and fund them to this end. Their function is largely to act as a catalyst in enabling the projects to progress, however the projects themselves are not funded by the Trust. The Trust channels funds raised specifically for this work, as this work is broadly in line with the objectives of the Trust. We continue to pursue possible contacts to partner in these projects and discussions are still ongoing.

## **UK**

As expected, **Blaithwaite** Christian youth camp had to be run as a virtual event in 2020 with 39 youngsters participating. The camp spread over several days was highly interactive, take up tended to be with the older age group, who very much appreciated all that was done to encourage them. The leaders committed to ensuring they delivered the best possible programme under the circumstances. Plans are in place to run an in-person camp again next year, and ODM trustees agreed to provide four full bursaries for youngsters who cannot afford the fees for 2020.

**Local work** was largely put on hold this year, though it was hoped that by the summer of 2020 an activity week programme for a local primary school might be feasible. Having postponed the planned next stages of the long-distance Hadrian's Way walk, because of covid and because there seems to be no indication when/if it will be possible to re-start the programme, it was agreed to cancel this project and re-imburse participants. The Lads and Dads programme also remained in abeyance and the revision of the ODM website still awaits completion.

## **Trustees**

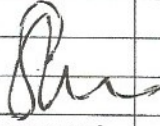
The trustees acknowledge that Rob Bianchi is personally insured for the activities he undertakes and when he works for other bodies (e.g. Ventures) comes under their insurance provision. Furthermore, the trustees acknowledge that Creative Communication Trust has no assets or debts. In completing a risk assessment, the trustees agreed that any risk is related to activities for which Rob Bianchi is insured, and that this therefore presents little financial risk to the trustees.

The trustees meet three times per year whilst additional meetings are factored in if circumstances necessitate. Trustees rotate as chair of trustees' meetings. This year all the trustees meetings were held virtually by Zoom.

## **Finance**

Total income received amounted to £62,511.06 (£27,673.80 in 2018-2019). Expenditure was £38,541.25 (£39,719.66 in 2018-2019) A CafCash current a/c operates for current a /c transactions, the excess from the Lloyds/TSB deposit a /c being transferred into this a/c.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021

ODM Creative Communications		Income & Expenditure Accounts		
1-7-2020 - 30-6-2021				
<b>Income</b>		<b>Bank Balances</b>		
<b>Child Sponsorship</b>	Spirit Euxin	£ 50.00	Caf Cash Bank	£ 26,387.87
	Moldova	£ 13,087.32	Lloyds Current A/c	£ 10,507.85
	Burundi	£ 3,309.53	Lloyds Deposit A/c	£ 2,514.39
<b>Interest</b>		£ 3.95	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 39,410.11</b>
<b>Emaus</b>		£ 1,440.00		
<b>Ovidieu Church</b>		£ 1,730.00	<b>Balances</b>	
<b>Sale of Cards</b>		£ 205.00	Balance: 2019-20	£ 42,909.87
<b>General Fund</b>		£ 11,504.00	Income: 2020-21	£ 36,846.55
<b>Gift Aid Tax Refund</b>		£ 5,516.75	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 79,756.42</b>
			Expenditure: 2020-21	£ 40,346.31
<b>Total:</b>		<b>£ 36,846.55</b>	<b>Balance Over Year</b>	<b>£ 39,410.11</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Child Sponsorship</b>				
	Moldova	£ 16,181.00		
	Burundi	£ 11,100.00		
<b>Paddle Boards</b>		£ 2,688.00		
<b>Ovidieu Church</b>		£ 2,000.00		
<b>Consultants' Fees</b>		£ 3,000.00		
<b>Ben Wells Support</b>		£ 2,766.00		
<b>Walking Marathon Re-imburse.</b>		£ 2,055.00		
<b>Walking Marathon Expenses</b>		£ 119.00		
<b>Bank Charges-International Trans.</b>		£ 359.31		
<b>Monthly Account Fees</b>		£ 78.00		
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