ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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PURSUIT
INTERNATIONAL

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEES

Welcome to the Pursuit Annual report for 2025

As Trustees of Pursuit International, we are pleased to reflect on a year of growth, partnership and development.

A significant focus during the year has been partnering with the development of a new Daycare Centre in Kolkata, and providing School Scholarships through a partner school in the city. These projects embody a community-centred approach and represent an important step in strengthening support for children, their families and wider communities.

Alongside this, RAMP has continued to play a vital role in supporting young adults, including those previously in residential care, transitioning towards independent living. We remain deeply grateful to the founders of the programme, Janealam and Naomi, whose vision and commitment continue to shape its development. We also thank the dedicated mentors who generously invest their time, encouragement and expertise in the lives of the young people they support.

This year has also been one of transition within the leadership of the charity. Following the end of his 3 terms as a trustee, our Chair, Andy Hickford, stood down at the end of 2024, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Andy for his discernment and guidance.

Looking ahead, we are encouraged by the opportunities before us. While there are always challenges associated with growth and development, we are excited by the prospect of deepening our impact, strengthening our partnerships and supporting more children, young people and communities to thrive.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report.

Sue Jenkins, Chair of Trustees

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDERS

It is with deep gratitude to all our supporters that we reflect on 2025 and the incredible milestones achieved this year.

One of the greatest highlights of our year was our visit to Kolkata in September. A primary goal of this trip was to conduct collaborative, in-depth reviews of each of our partner projects. Together, we celebrated what is working well and identified new opportunities for growth. It was a fantastic opportunity to witness the incredible work happening on the ground day in, day out, and to learn how we can better equip and support our partners.

The second purpose of our trip was to lay the groundwork for our first-ever RAMP retreat, inspired by the legacy of my late grandmother, whose Boys' Brigade camps transformed the lives of countless young people.

During our trip, we scouted locations, and interviewed the youth and their mentors to see what they would value most. The resounding themes were a desire to escape the hustle and bustle of the city, breathe clean air, and have dedicated space to simply be together. We look forward to sharing the impact of this retreat in next year's report.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who engages with and supports the work of Pursuit International. We trust that the stories and information contained within these pages will encourage you and demonstrate the difference that your partnership is making in the lives of children, young people and communities in India.

Janealam &
Naomi Sheikh

OUR PURSUIT



OUR OFFICIAL CHARITY OBJECTIVE

Pursuit International works for the prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship anywhere in the world by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

OUR VISION

Pursuing a world where every child and young person belongs and thrives.

OUR MISSION

With children and young people at the heart of all we do, we support them, their care-givers and their communities, and work to break cycles of disadvantage, trauma and injustice.

OUR VALUES:

We are Relational

Community and personal relationships underpin all that we do. We put the needs of others before ourselves and are stronger when we work together.

We are Dignifying & Respectful

Our words and actions have power. We treat everyone with dignity and respect, recognising that we all add value with equal worth.

We are Innovative

We will be creative in our approach, not letting the fear of making mistakes stop us from trying.

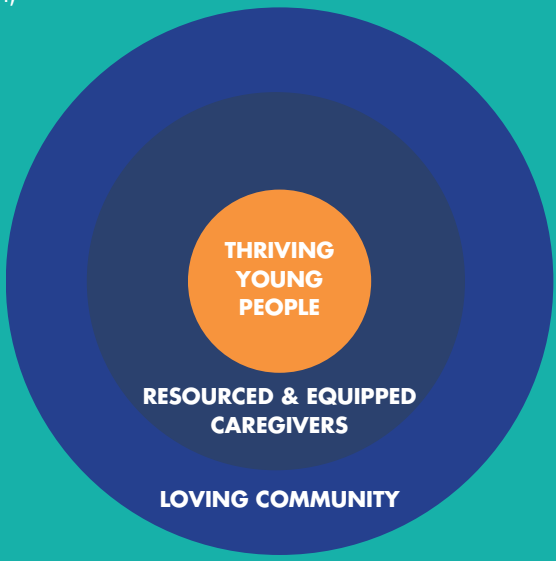
We have Integrity

We tell the truth and are open about our motivations. We will be good stewards of what we have, strive to act ethically and take our social responsibility seriously.

We are Loving

We will show grace and perseverance in all that we do. We believe in countless second chances, and dedicate ourselves to a love that goes the extra mile.

OUR MODEL:



WHAT OUR PURSUIT LOOKED LIKE IN 2025

In India, it is estimated that hundreds of thousands of children—potentially even millions—are growing up in institutionalised care. More often than not, children are placed in residential care homes simply because of poverty.

At Pursuit, we are working to ensure that poverty is never a reason for a child to be separated from their family. To do that, we focus on:

- Resourcing and equipping families in poverty to care for their children at home.
- Providing early intervention for vulnerable children and young people.
- Ensuring that children and young people who are unable to be cared for by biological parents remain within family-type settings by supporting alternative carers, such as kinship carers (grandparents, aunts, and uncles).

DAYCARE CENTRE

We are delighted to share that at the end of 2024, Pursuit began supporting a new project: a Daycare Centre in Kolkata. The Centre offers a simple but powerful solution to a significant problem faced by many families living in poverty: choosing between keeping their children safe and working to earn an income for the family.

Children arrive just after school closing hours—a time when they would otherwise be returning home to their communities alone while their caregivers work, leaving them enormously vulnerable. Instead, the Daycare Centre serves as a safe haven to see children through the after-school hours. Attendees enjoy games, share nutritious snacks, and access tutor support. Not only does the Centre provide safety, but it also seeks to find ways to meaningfully enrich the lives of the children it protects during the hours they spend there.

Our team was able to visit the project in September and witnessed the diversity of experiences provided to the young people. From guitar jamming sessions and incredibly competitive card-game groups to visits to the playpark and study groups, it was beautiful to see how much the children enjoyed being there. We also saw how the loving and caring interactions of the staff have fostered genuinely positive relationships with the attendees. This all contributes toward the strong sense of community growing among everyone we interacted with.

The impact was clear: children are not only kept safe, but they are also known, engaged, and growing in skills and confidence during their time at the project.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Pursuit now supports an incredible school that provides the highest-quality education for children living in poverty. It is affiliated with the ICSE curriculum, one of the highest-ranked, English-medium boards available in India. Pursuit provides fully funded scholarships specifically for children who are most at risk of ending up in residential care, particularly those cared for by single parents or kinship carers. This scholarship not only eases the caregiver's burden to financially provide for the child's schooling, but also provides the students with the very highest quality of education available in India and enables caregivers to work during school hours, generating all-important income for the family.

We had the privilege of visiting the school in 2025. A meal was shared with the school staff to mark the beginning of our partnership. It was encouraging and inspiring to hear the staff's passion and commitment to providing such life-changing intervention to Kolkata's vulnerable children.

YOUNG ADULTS: RAMP

RAMP exists primarily for young people who are residential care leavers. RAMP provides personalised, transitional support through 1:1 mentoring so that vulnerable young people can become independent, self-sufficient, and responsible adults. Our mentors provide a holistic programme tailored to the individual, focusing on physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being, life skills, and employability.

Following on from the graduation ceremonies of 2024, we were delighted to welcome three new candidates into the programme; consequently, 2025 has held a total of 15 young people in the RAMP project.

For these 15, this year has held a diverse, broad, and rich range of experiences:

- Two of our young people were in their final year of college studies.
- Two were continuing their vocational engineering courses.
- Four were completing their final years in high school (known in India as Classes 11 and 12).
- Two were in the final year of a Sports Management degree.
- A further five young people continued to develop their skills and gain experience working full-time in a variety of sectors, including coffee shops and beauty parlours.

A critical aspect of the project is ensuring all of our beneficiaries are engaged in part-time work. With the mentors' support, this requirement helps each of them take increasing financial responsibility for themselves and gain valuable skills and experience that ultimately improve their long-term employability. The majority of our young people are employed in coffee shops, or as tuition tutors and school teachers.

During 2025, two of our young people spent some time in Chandigarh, where they were working with Chandigarh Football Club. This opportunity provided them with valuable professional experience while continuing their personal and career development.

Throughout 2025, the young people gathered regularly for monthly RAMP gatherings, providing opportunities to build friendships, encourage one another, and grow together. One of the highlights of the year was the RAMP Christmas Celebration, which included games, music, food, prizes, and lots of laughter! Former RAMP graduates, current participants, and their families were all invited, making it a rich, whole-community celebration.

During January 2025, the RAMP young people also participated in a winter outreach for people sleeping on the streets. Together, they distributed blankets at night to individuals experiencing homelessness. This outreach gave the young people an opportunity to serve their community and explore their social responsibility. What is always significant whenever these outreach opportunities arise is how successfully the young people engage with them. Their attendance, enthusiastic participation, and generous contributions demonstrate the profound impact this opportunity has on them.



STORIES FROM INDIA

" One of the greatest highlights of working with the RAMP project in 2025 was seeing the young people continue to grow in confidence, responsibility, and independence. It was encouraging to watch participants balancing education, vocational training, and employment while supporting one another as a community. Welcoming new members into the project, celebrating together during our fellowship gatherings and Christmas celebration, and seeing the compassion shown through community outreach made 2025 a memorable and rewarding year "

[Project Co-ordinator of RAMP]

" There was a time when I couldn't see a way forward. I felt discouraged, overwhelmed, and unsure of what the future held. But even in my darkest moments, God never left me. He strengthened me day by day, opened doors I never expected, and reminded me that His plans are always greater than mine. Looking back, I can see His faithfulness in every step. My circumstances didn't change overnight, but my heart did. Today, I choose to trust Him because He has proven that hope in Him is never in vain. "

[Member of RAMP]

" 2025 was a year of growth and hope for me. My time in RAMP taught me how to stay positive and resilient, even when facing new challenges. Faith and the constant encouragement from the community kept me moving forward with renewed confidence. It truly reminded me that no matter the circumstances, there is always hope to hold onto and a brighter path ahead. Thank you. "

[Member of RAMP]



"During the year 2025 ... it was a good year and also a little bad year for me. Which I was not able to share it with anyone, but thanks to the Project Co-ordinator bhaiya (brother) and RAMP for standing beside me and helping me through a lot of things in my life... for which I'm very grateful."

[Member RAMP]

PARTNERSHIP REVIEW

2025 provided the opportunity for our founders to visit Kolkata and conduct an in-depth review of our field partners. The purpose of the review was to hold a collaborative conversation to highlight what is working well and, together, identify improvement opportunities.

It provided Pursuit and its partners a chance to look collectively at our partnership agreement and how it has been enacted over the course of the last year. It was also an opportunity for Pursuit as an organisation to learn what it can do better to support its partners. The goal was to work together toward our common objectives and strengthen the partnership.

We were very grateful to the project leads and the extended staff team for generously giving their time to this process. It was a very rich exercise that resulted in a great deal of learning for all parties.

HAVING FUN RAISING FUNDS

CHURCH CURRY NIGHTS

We were able to host two fantastic curry nights in the summer of 2025 at two different churches in the UK. These events provided a brilliant opportunity to strengthen our partnership with one community and kick-start a relationship with another. Both evenings involved copious amounts of authentic Bengali curry alongside stories that demonstrated the profound impact of Pursuit's work on the field. The events were incredibly well attended, and we are so grateful for all the funds raised.





PLANT SALE

We were deeply humbled that a passionate supporter hosted a plant sale this year to raise funds for Pursuit. Using plants he had personally tended to and cared for, he set up a plant sale stall at his church. We are incredibly grateful that all his hard work, toil, and labour to nurture and prepare these plants was driven by a vision to fuel Pursuit's work with the profits. Thank you so much to Mr J.G. for his passionate support and generosity!

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

2025 held continued opportunities to explore how we can get behind community-based support aiming to:

- Resource and equip families in poverty to care for their children at home.
- Provide early intervention for vulnerable children and young-people, to prevent situations escalating into unsafe living situations.
- Resource and equip alternative carers such as kinship carers, to ensure children and young people who are unable to be cared for by biological parents, remain within family settings.

We look forward to sharing next year how some of these opportunities have developed further.

YOUNG ADULTS

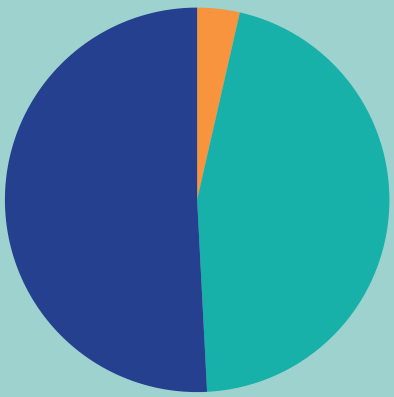
This year, plans for the long-awaited and hoped-for RAMP retreat began in earnest. During our founders' visit in September, they were able to interview the young people and their mentors about what they would like to take away from the trip, as well as discover some of the locations they had always hoped to visit. A few potential sites were scouted before a final location was chosen—one that both the founders and mentors felt was ideally suited for the occasion. We greatly look forward to sharing the impact of this time away together in next year's report.

GIVING AT A GLANCE

TOTAL INCOME
£29,757

REGULAR DONORS
57
at the end of 2025

TOTAL EXPENDITURE
£25,628



£880
- Promotion
- Communication
- Fundraising

This was mainly undertaken free of charge by volunteers

£11,232
- Administration

£12,516
- Spent directly on our projects

(excludes RAMP as funded at end of 2024 for 2025)

We have a reserves policy that states our reserves must not fall below our running costs for six months.

Primary Bankers:
Barclays Bank PLC, Chapel House, 1 Chapel Road, Worthing BN11 1EX
Unity Trust Bank PLC, PO Box 7193, Planetary Road, Willenhall, WV1 9DG

OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees recognise their obligation to ensure that the funds of the charity are used for public benefit.

In 2024 the following served as trustees:

Sue Jenkins
Steve Tucker
Simon Moore (from 24/3/25)
Mark Johnston (from 28/7/25)

Pursuit International is a CIO-Foundation (registered 26th October 2016) with a Governing Document. The minimum number of trustees
is three. Trustees are appointed by resolution at a properly convened trustees meeting. In selecting trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed by Pursuit International.



OUR TEAM

As well as a board of Trustees, Pursuit International has a Management Team who looks after finance, communications, and other day-to-day activities that make the organisation run.

In 2025, the following served on the team:

Jane'alam Sheikh
Naomi Sheikh
Ruth Brown
James Cobbett
Rebecca Little
Phil Papps
Chloe Satchell-Cobbett

The team comprises both volunteer and paid members.

JOIN THE PURSUIT

FOLLOW

Check us out on Facebook and Instagram. But the real magic happens when you sign up to our mailing list:
contact@pursuitinternational.org

FUNDRAISE

If you want to get involved and spread the word, head to our website to download our fundraising pack.
pursuitinternational.org/fundraise

GIVE

£10 could give a child a week at the Daycare Project. £40 could provide a young person with a month of life-skills training and mentoring. And £100 could provide a young person with the full RAMP programme for a month. Donations make a huge difference to the lives of children and young people as a little goes a long way in Kolkata. Whatever you can afford to donate would be brilliant.
pursuitinternational.org/donate

PURSUIT INTERNATIONAL

Registered Charity number: 1167084 (England & Wales) Registered Address: Pursuit International, 79 Upton Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN13 1BY

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

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Receipts and Payments Accounts
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Year to 31st December 2025

	2025 General Funds	2025 Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 General Funds	2024 Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS						
Receipts						
Donations - General	£22,364		£22,364	£22,514		£22,514
Donations for Projects		£6,875	£ 6,875		£ 6,085	£ 6,085
Bank Interest Received	£ 518		£ 518			
Total Receipts	£ 22,882	£6,875	£29,757	£22,514	£ 6,085	£28,599
Payments						
Charitable Activities-						
Grants Disbursed to Projects	£12,369	£ 147	£12,516	£12,300	£ 6,900	£19,000
Promotion & Fundraising	£ 880	£ -	£ 880	£ 142	£ -	£ 142
Administration- **Note 1**	£11,232	£ -	£11,232	£11,284	£ -	£11,284
Total Payments	£24,481	£ 147	£24,628	£23,526	£ 6,900	£30,426
Net Receipts/(Payments)	-£ 1,599	£6,728	£ 5,129	-£ 1,012	-£ 815	-£ 1,827
NET FUNDS AT 31.12.24	£72,614	£ 107	£72,721	£73,626	£ 922	£74,548
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Assets						
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Account 70610968	£34,587	£6,675	£41,262	£53,459	£ 107	£53,566
Unity Trust Bank						
Account Number 20515274	£ 7,646	£ 160	£ 7,806	£10,788	£ -	£10,788
Account Number 20515287	£28,782	£ -	£28,782	£ 9,159	£ -	£ 9,159
Total Assets	£71,015	£6,835	£77,850	£ 73,406	£ 107	£73,513
Liabilities						
Invoices & Payments Due	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 792	£ -	£ 792
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Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Signed: *Steve Tucker*

Print Name: Stephen James Tucker

Date: 30th March 2026

Note 1

Administration Costs	**2025**	**2024**
Operations Manager (part time, self-employed)	£ 7,771	£ 7,562
Project Audit Visits	£ 1,836	£ 2,728
Insurance	£ 390	£ 194
Subscriptions, Software & Training	£ 565	£ 317
Purchase of Equipment	£ 98	£ -
General	£ 225	£ 198
Bank & Other Finance Charges	£ 347	£ 285
Total Administration Costs	**£11,232**	**£11,284**

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Pursuit International ("the Trust") on pages 1 to 2, for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity trustees of Pursuit International, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed: ***D Doherty***

Print Name: David Doherty

Date: 26th June 2026

Address: **32, BN11 7ER**

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