Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	01	2025	To	31	12	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Vivekananda Human Centre

Other names charity is known by Vivekananda Centre
Vivekananda Centre for Human Excellence

Registered charity number (if any) 1170716

Charity's principal address 2A Elmhurst Drive
London

Postcode E18 1BT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ram Chandra Saha			
2	David Russell			
3	Ravi Kanth Yedhati			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Ram Chandra Saha

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO - FOUNDATION REGISTERED
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION ('FOUNDATION')
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	ELECTED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All new trustees will receive copies of the constitution as well as any relevant guidance from the Charity Commission. In addition, new trustees will receive copies of all Vivekananda Human Centre policies and procedures for their perusal and are encouraged to review them at least annually in line with Vivekananda Human Centre policy.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds and the prevention or relief of poverty in the UK and overseas by providing: grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guides PB1, PB2 and PB3 when making decisions they are relevant to. New trustees must read these documents, which must be taken into consideration when planning the charity's activities for the ahead.

The following statement summarises the way in which the Vivekananda Human Centre have contributed to the public benefit:

The Vivekananda Human Centre promotes the philosophy of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda of Human Excellence, Unity in Diversity, Universal Tolerance, Harmony and Peace. It stages events through the course of the year to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds - regardless of age, belief, gender or sexuality. Events include an annual "Festival of Unity and Diversity" which brings together people of different religions to celebrate equality and diversity

The Vivekananda Human Centre benefits the general public by fostering a greater understanding and respect of diversity in British society. This is considered more important now than ever due to the rise of intolerance, and as such there is a need for an organisation to counter that through promotion of equality and diversity, and religious harmony, in particular that philosophy as developed by Swami Vivekananda.

In addition, the charity has responded to the identified need – and request from the trustees, volunteers, members and supporters of the charity – to address hardship and nutritional support for people living in poverty as well as provide educational support for vulnerable and marginalised young people in both the local communities where the charity conducts activities in the UK, as well as overseas, particularly India, Bangladesh and Nepal.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Many people volunteered to support the organisation, as well as participating in the events, over the course of the year. Many young people participated in the music, reading and dance activities in the event, as well as helping with the distribution of food, clothes and educational support materials. This has helped to build their confidence, as well as knowledge and understanding of interfaith work, the importance of diversity and respect for other peoples.

Also, a number of older people also actively volunteered to help in the organisation of events. Meditation and prayers are led by such volunteers which supports the mental health of participants.

As the Vivekananda Human Centre does not have any staff, the contribution of volunteers play a vital role to enable the organisation to conduct its activities.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We celebrated Swami Vivekananda's Birthday on 12 January 2025 by distributing Vivekananda Scholarships, educational materials, food and clothes to underprivileged people in the UK, India, Bangladesh and Nepal, co-sponsored by the Sova Foundation. Throughout the year, we distributed food to many underprivileged and homeless people in the UK, through the Vivekananda Food Bank, and in India and Bangladesh. As last year, we also distributed food, winter clothes and educational support overseas to mark Durga Puja and Diwali in October and November 2025 and the Birthday of Holy Mother in December 2025.

On 2 March 2025, we celebrated the Birthday of Sri Ramakrishna with the Festival of Unity in Diversity and Holi Festival at the Forest South Scout Group Hall, South Woodford. The event was presided over by Revered Swami Sarvasthananda, Minister-in-Charge of the Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre UK, and was well attended and well received. Guests included the Deputy Mayor of Redbridge and members of different faith communities. The programme featured music by Anandadhara Arts and the Carnatic Vocal Academy, many young children took part in readings and songs, and food was distributed to all.

In August 2025, we held an event to mark Indian Independence Day, distributing Swamiji's books and food to thousands of people at the Navnat Centre, Hayes.

On 14 September 2025, we held the Vivekananda Festival, our annual flagship event, at the Mahatma Gandhi Hall, YMCA. Presided over by Revered Swami Sarvasthananda, the festival was well attended, with many young people taking part in dance, music and other cultural activities. It included a very well-attended Youth Convention, with students from the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge, the University of Bristol, Imperial College London, King's College London, UCL, the University of London and the University of Birmingham. A Special Guest of Honour attended from the Ramakrishna Mission Headquarters at Belur Math, India, together with a guest artist from India. To mark the occasion, we published a new edition of the Vivek, and we received messages of support from His Majesty The King, the Prime Minister, MPs, Mayors, many Revered Maharajs and representatives of different faith communities.

On 16 November 2025, we celebrated Diwali and the Birthday of Holy Mother at the Scout Group Hall, South Woodford. The event was presided over by Revered Swami Sarvasthananda, and guests included the Deputy Mayor of Redbridge and members of different faith communities. Many young children took part in readings and songs, and food was distributed to all.

Throughout the year, we participated in and contributed to many interfaith and civic events with other faith communities, schools and local authorities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds. In January 2025, we spoke on behalf of the Hindu faith at a Holocaust Memorial Day event, alongside speakers from the Metropolitan Police, other faiths and community leaders.

We maintain a website at https://www.vivekanandacentre.com on which we feature all events and information about the work of the charity.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Vivekananda Human Centre has unrestricted reserves greater than 3 months of ordinary running costs, which is a level that it is committed to maintain over the year ahead.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Funding for Vivekananda Human Centre in 2025 came from individual donors. All funding secured has been channelled to support the project activities.

Section F Other optional information

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ram Chandra Saha	David Russell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	05/10/2026	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Vivekananda Human Centre

Registered No: 1170716

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	13,929	-	-	13,929	11,166
Delegate tickets	1,900	-	-	1,900	2,600
Advertising	4,002	-	-	4,002	5,702
Raffle tickets	205	-	-	205	341
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	20,036	-	-	20,036	19,809
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,036	-	-	20,036	19,809
A3 Payments					
Hall hire	1,666	-	-	1,666	11,133
Souvenir and other printing cost	2,500	-	-	2,500	3,550
Guest speakers & artists	2,887	-	-	2,887	3,324
Food, clothes distributions & educational support	8,651	-	-	8,651	2,373
Sound system & musicians	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,750
Security and other cost	24	-	-	24	798
Insurance	56	-	-	56	-
Sub total	17,784	-	-	17,784	23,928
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	17,784	-	-	17,784	23,928
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,252	-	-	2,252	- 4,119
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,679	-	-	1,679	5,798
Cash funds this year end	3,931	-	-	3,931	1,679

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank and in Hand	3,931	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,931	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Ram Chandra Saha	05/10/2026
		David Russell	05/10/2026