Charity registration number 1189415 (England and Wales)

THE PEACE BUILDING

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2026

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2026

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2026.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by 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 (FRS 102)".

Summary

The Peace Building CIO was set up and registered in 2019. Inspired mainly by visits to the Nobel Peace Museum in Oslo and the Peace Museum in the north of England, our mission was to create a Peace Museum in London. Out of the blue, COVID came and shut down all the museums, and we all had to stay at home. We quickly pivoted to creating a digital Peace Building Museum instead. The first in the world and much admired. We create online exhibitions and record Peace Podcasts with peacebuilders. Our online Peace Building Museum benefitted from a review and revision early in 2025 and has achieved 4,000 users/year from around the world.

We continued to explore potential locations for an actual building. After some research, we decided to focus on the East End of London because of its history, activism and affordability. At the beginning of March 2026, we took on the rental of a space at the Four Corners Gallery in Bethnal Green for our embryonic London Peace Centre.

About Us

Our work is steered by Anna Lubelska, our founder and chair of trustees, together with her fellow trustees: Peter van den Dungen (peace historian and founder of the International Network of Museums for Peace), Susan Sayers (head teacher of one of our first Beacon Peaceful primary schools) and Rhys Davies (history teacher at our Coventry Beacon Peaceful Secondary School). Anna undertakes most of the work of the charity with help from a small number of talented freelance specialists. Our funding has been mainly from donations and the National Lottery Community Fund.

Peace Education

Our Peaceful Schools work (first launched in 2012) continued steadily throughout 2025/2026 with ongoing sales and promotion of our 'How to be a Peaceful School' book; updates of our Peaceful Schools website and our educational materials. Here's an impressive statistic: in total since 2012, there have been 6,493 downloads of our educational materials from the TES Resources website! It is heartening to report that since our inception of the Peaceful Schools Movement in 2012, there has been a positive growth in the number of member organisations of the Peace Education Network.

Peaceful School Awards

In the 2025 Summer term, Anna Lubelska our Peaceful School Awards Coordinator travelled 'up north' to visit the delightful Driffield Church of England Infants School in the beautiful East Yorkshire Wolds. After touring the school and discussions and lunch with the pupils, Anna presented them

with their Beacon Peaceful School certificate. The children had already designed and displayed their banner with its message of 'Peaceful Love' on their school railings. Driffield is a great example of a school that started with a Peaceful Project award and then went on to become a Beacon Peaceful Schools – shining its light far and wide! Also in the 2025 Summer term, we were pleased to make Peacemakers awards to five pupils at the Malvern CoE Primary school. This was for their active participation in the evaluation of a new 'Kindness Kit' programme for schools devised by Liz Flanagan with support from one of our sister organisations - Peacemakers in Birmingham. Liz said: 'I'm learning so much from the children's wisdom and perceptions, as well as their search for truth and community.'

In the 2025 Autumn term, Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School in Coventry (which had been our very first Beacon Secondary school), was re-accredited and their Art Department organised a competition for a design for their Beacon Peaceful School banner. This was won for by Emma Kelly. We designed a colourful new 'Artists for Peace' certificate which were presented to all the pupils who had entered the competition.

In the 2026 Spring term, the North Wingfield Primary and Nursery Academy in Derbyshire was a worthy winner of our Peace Project award for their whole-school, week-long programme aimed at boosting their pupils' health and well-being. We loved all their special activities which ranged from breathing exercises and a Breakfast club to support for parents and an art project about belonging. David Holmes a founder member of our Peace Schools Awards Board presented them with their certificate and trophy. Also in the 2026 Spring term, The Private Teachers Alternative Provision in Stockton on Tees received a Beacon Peaceful School award and certificate. This is a small school for pupils some of whom suffer with medical and mental health conditions. Their application showed how comprehensively they support peacefulness within their school. Their students produced images of peace which we made into a banner for them. What is more, in May 2026, some of their pupils received our Peacemakers awards for 'consistently showing kindness, understanding and support towards others within the school community and helping to promote peace, respect and cooperation'.

Rising Voices Exhibition

In September 2025, to coincide with the International Peace Day, we hosted an exceptionally vibrant, two weeks long exhibition of photographic work from students at Morpeth Secondary School. Thanks to our partnership with Amy Wren, their Head of Art and Photography. The aim of the exhibition was to give teenagers in the East End a chance to express themselves and showcase their ideas and talents.

They named the exhibition: 'Rising Voices – Teenagers Focus on Conflict, Peace and Protest.' We included our own posters about Peace Heroes and about the well-known activist photographer Peter Kennard and the humanitarian photographer Giles Duley. Our Creative Team of Julia Bakay and Adam Pike produced this additional work for us. Distinguished visitors to the launch of the exhibition were impressed by the students' creativity and originality. Here's a typical comment: Martin Stafford from 'Journey to Justice' said, 'What struck me was the students' varied, thoughtful, emotional and creative ideas in response to the theme of Conflict, Peace and Protect. None of the work was predictable, some of it was challenging.' We are planning a second 'Rising Voices' exhibition for October 2026. Our exhibition venue for both 2025 and 2026 is the esteemed Four Corners Gallery in Bethnal Green.

London Peace Museum

Towards the end of 2025, we refocussed on our mission of setting up a physical space in London. We were fortunate to engage the services of two exceptional consultants: Matthew Pepler of The Shift as our Development Consultant and Paul Halliday of the Urban Photographers Association as Cultural Programmes Developer. Thanks to the positive relationship we had built with the Four Corners Gallery in Bethnal Green where we had our Rising Voices exhibition, at the begining of March 2026 we took on the rental of a space on the first floor of their building for our embryonic London Peace Centre.

Building relationships

We continued to make new connections and maintain links with a wide range of individuals and organisations in our quest to set up the London Peace Museum. Anna Lubelska met with Lord Blunkett (one of our Patrons) at the House of Lords; Sir Anthony Seldon at the RSA; Professor Rachel Kerr at Kings College, London and Professor Alice Konig at St Andrew's University; and Professor Hilary Kremin, Head of the Faculty of Education, Cambridge University.

Anna has talked about our work at a conference for students from 10 London Schools in the East End; a Peace Symposium for 500 Muslim women at the Baitul Futuh Mosque in SW London; at a meeting of RSA Fellows and at the International Centre for Sustainability. Anna participated in a Youth Conference on Community Cohesion organised by Teach for Tomorrow and Coventry City Council and a Restorative Practice conference at St Ethelberga's Centre for Peace and Reconciliation in the City of London.

New collaborations and relationships include: the Urban Photography Association, Urban Analogue, St Andrew's Visualising Peace project, Rich Mix, the Swadhinata Trust; Oxford House, UCL Anthropology Department, SOAS PostDoc, Peace Direct, Time The Kindness, the Holocaust Education Trust, Solutions Not Sides, Never Such Innocence and members of the Peace Education Network.

We continue to maintain a wide range of international contacts and organisations including peacebuilding colleagues in NW Syria, South Sudan, SW Uganda and DR Congo/Burundi, USA, India, Palestine and Israel, France and Austria and with members of the International Network of Museums for Peace.

Key stakeholders who contribute so much to the charity
Our Patrons –Lord Blunkett, Dr Scilla Elworthy, Vijay Mehta and Jack Lohman CBE.
Our Ambassador – Nathalia Berkowitz.
Our trustees – Anna Lubelska, Peter van den Dungen, Sue Sayers and Rhys Davies.
Amy Wren and everyone at Morpeth Secondary School in Bethnal Green.
Rich Tidmarsh our website host and Marta Sierra our website reviewer.
Our creative team – Julia Bakay and Adam Pike.
Our designer of banners, logos etc – Matthew Banwell.
David Howard Associates, our accountants.

Financial review
During the period the charity had income resources of £7,099 (2025 £460) and a total expenditure of £10,521 (2025 £7,536) resulting in net deficit of £3,422 (2025 deficit £7,076).
At the end of the financial year, the charity holds unrestricted reserves of £16,250 (2025: £19,672).

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Structure, governance and management
The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation, incorporated on 11 May 2020, and registered as a UK charity. It is governed under its foundation constitution.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:
Mrs Anna Lubelska - Chair
Mr Rhys Davies
Mrs Susan Sayers
Mr Peter van den Dungen

Recruitment and appointment of trustees
Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Statement of Trustees' annual responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements foreach financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' annual report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Mrs Anna Lubelska - Chair

Date: 1st September 2026

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PEACE BUILDING FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2026

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of The Peace Building for the year ended 5 April 2026, which comprise the statement of financial activities and the related notes from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at https://www.icaew.com/regulation.

This report is made to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of The Peace Building and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the charity's trustees, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The Peace Building and the charity's trustees as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that The Peace Building has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and deficit of The Peace Building. You consider that The Peace Building is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year, and is not required to obtain an independent examiner's report.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of The Peace Building. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

David Howard

David Howard

01/09/2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	7,099	460
Total income		7,099	460
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	4	713	228
Charitable activities	5	9,808	7,308
Total expenditure		10,521	7,536
Net expenditure and movement in funds		(3,422)	(7,076)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 6 April 2025		19,672	26,748
Fund balances at 5 April 2026		16,250	19,672

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2026

	Notes	2026 £	£	2025 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		17,450		19,922	
Creditors: amounts falling due within 9 one year		(1,200)		(250)	
Net current assets			16,250		19,672
Net assets excluding pension liability			16,250		19,672
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			16,250		19,672
			16,250		19,672

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 1st September 2026

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Mrs Anna Lubelska - Chair

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Peace Building is a Charitable Incorporation Organisation on 11 May 2020 and is governed by its constitution formed under an association model.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by 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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Donations and gifts	7,099	460

4 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Raising funds	713	228

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2026	2025
	£	£
Advertising and marketing costs	231	545
Exhibition costs	1,079	1,412
Website design and development	2,522	1,768
Printing	-	1,055
Trophies	-	118
Venue Hire	4,680	2,160
	8,512	7,058
Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)		
Support	96	-
Governance	1,200	250
	9,808	7,308
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	9,808	7,308

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£
General administrative	96	-	96	-
Accountancy	-	1,200	1,200	250
	96	1,200	1,296	250
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	96	1,200	1,296	250

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,200	250

10 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 5 April 2026
	£	£	£	£
General funds	19,672	7,099	(10,521)	16,250

Previous year:	At 6 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 5 April 2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	26,748	460	(7,536)	19,672

11 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2025 - none).