

SHARING FAIR

TRUSTEES REPORT

Structure, Governance & Management in Northern Ireland

Sharing Fair was formally established in Northern Ireland on 29 January 2009 following application for it to be recognized by HMRC as a charity under the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Its inception and development had been motivated by a desire to engage in international initiative to support women, girls, children and infants, and their families, living in extremely difficult and impoverished circumstances within developing countries.

The current members of the Management Board of Sharing Fair are:

- Mr Anthony Brennan
- Sister Catherine Hughes (Treasurer)
- Geralyn Woods (Secretary)
- Mr Lawrence Purdy
- Mr James Toolan (Chairperson)

The Management Board meets at least 3 times each year.

The day to day running of the charity is managed by Sr Myriam McLaughlin (Executive Officer).

Mr Jude McCann resigned from the Board on 11 October 2023.

Charitable Status

Sharing Fair has been accepted as a charity for tax purposes by the Inland Revenue. The HMRC reference number is: - KAU14XG.

Sharing Fair has been registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland from 5 February 2016 under the Charity number 101168.

Statement of Compliance

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

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Principal Activities: Purposes and Beneficiaries

- The Sharing Fair Association was established to:
 - relieve poverty
 - promote the advancement of education, the preservation of health and the improvement of living conditions in developing countries where the Sisters of the Good Shepherd are active,
 - to target the above aims particularly towards women, girls, infants and other persons who are suffering from the effects of adverse social and economic circumstances.

- to promote, facilitate and support the maintenance, operation and management of a centre or centres in such developing countries for activities promoted by Sharing Fair.

- to support and enable the instruction and training of beneficiaries in sustainable trades through the teaching and development of skills in manufacture, production, repair, project management, administration and accountancy.

- to promote, facilitate and support the establishment of educational facilities in the interests of economic and social welfare of beneficiaries and with the object of improving their conditions of life.

- to enable the recruitment, selection and sending out of volunteers for short term service within such areas when necessary in the interests of the Association and for the promotion of its objectives and activities within the area concerned.

- to educate the general public as to the existence of adverse or detrimental social and economic circumstances within such developing countries and to promote awareness among the public, and advancement of the work undertaken by Sharing Fair with such developing countries.

Activities and Results for the year ended 31 December 2023

- We are happy to share with you highlights of our work in Sharing Fair during 2023.

- Thanks to our volunteers working with the sisters, through donations, we have the following results:

- **Total income** £ 18,071

- **Sharing fair returns to producing centres**

- Donations to centres £ 47,208

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Donations

From donations received during 2023 and previous years, the following distributions was made:

Paraguay	£5,000 Survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Restoration of the dignity of girls in the Rosa Virginia Shelter. Creating new life projects for survivors of human trafficking etc.
Columbia	£5,000 Migrant women and families. Supporting Venezuelan women towards safe migration.
Karala India	£5,000 To strengthen and build the capacity of youth/children to know their rights. x120 Youth, 170 children (6-15 yrs), 15 staff and volunteers
Indonesia	€5,000 (£4,312) Violence against women. Empowering community for the prevention and intervention of violence against women.
Lebanon	£6,826 Summer camp children in a precarious situation in Mt Lebanon.
Thailand	£1,679 Youth Centre CCTV camera.
Kenya	£4,079 Economically vulnerable women. Strengthening women's capacity for climate change, adaptation in Embu country.
Thailand	£1,000 Repair roof damage from recent heavy rains at Fatima Training Centre.
El Salvador	£5,000 Women social enterprising fostering resilience. x20 women social enterprising fostering resilience
Peru	£5,000 Facilitating productive training processes. Initiate income-generating activities. Provision of Literacy training. Increase women's livelihood.
Philippines	€5,000 (£4,312) Social Enterprise projects. Supporting a Youth Centre for unemployed young people

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The various projects we have supported has resulted in happier lives and increased empowerment for women, young girls and their families, results hard to quantify.

With the possibility of diversified activity given our charitable status, we would hope to continue our commitment to helping our mission for women and families in 2024.

Financial Review

The Trustees have a procedure in place to review the accounts annually. The accounts for the year to 31 December 2023 show a positive balance of £ 17,800 (Sterling Account) and Euro Account € 14,522 (£ 12,628 equivalent).

The current financial position of Sharing Fair is in a position of being able to meet its commitments.

The Trustees confirm that no harm has flowed from the achievement of the purposes, benefits or outcomes associated with the activities undertaken by Sharing Fair nor has any private benefit accrued to the Trustees or members of Sharing Fair by reason of its activities.

Risk Management

The Trustees are aware of the risks to which the charity may conceivably be exposed but are satisfied that under current arrangements this is set at a very low level. Requests for assistance are carefully scrutinised and outcomes are monitored. Safeguards are further promoted by the supervising presence of Sisters of the Good Shepherd in areas of benefit with whom close contact is maintained. A formal risk assessment process and strategies for dealing with identified risk areas is currently being addressed.

Conclusion

The Trustees of Sharing Fair together with the Sisters of the Good Shepherd here at home and indeed in so many parts of our world, wish to thank the members, volunteers, donors, benefactors and friends of Sharing Fair, for your on-going practical interest and sustaining work on behalf of Sharing Fair and its mission. Because of you, over time and to the present day, countless individuals and families in remote villages benefiting from the work of Sharing Fair and the presence of Good Shepherd sisters have been able to expose and export their traditional crafts with pride. Those who have come to our partnership centres have achieved and continue to achieve training, education and crucially the realisation of certain independence and escape from financial and social impoverishment through dignified work and the opportunity to market their creations.

SIGNED *Jama Lolla*
Trustee / CHAIR

DATE: 27 APRIL 2024

SIGNED *Lorraine Pardy*
Trustee

DATE: 27 April 2024