

Charity registration number: 101671

The Peace People Charitable Trust

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Mrs Ann Paterson Mr Kevin Toland Mrs Clare Grehan-Toland Mr Gerry Crehan
Charity Registration Number	101671
Principal Office	224 Lisburn Road Belfast Antrim BT9 6GE
Independent Examiner	McKeage Morgan & Company Independent Examiner 27 College Gardens Belfast Antrim BT9 6BS

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

The Peace people continue to work to make a valuable contribution to the continuation of peace building in Northern Ireland and beyond. Our work involves International peace work and dialogue our centre of reconciliation. The Peace People also provides spaces for organisations as tenants in the Peace House building.

These groups include:

- The Peace Players
- AI-Anon
- NIGAT
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Refugee meetings

Organisational Projects:

1. Asylum seekers and Refugee support & aid work. Ann Patterson our main outreach worker and Trustee managed this work. Ann meets with a group weekly and helps to support them with racism issues, housing, mental health support etc. Clare another Peace People Trustee set up remote drop off points for much needed aid for the participants. We collect monthly for refugees for essentials of clothing, toiletries, food etc. The Peace People also donate monthly to this group.
2. Work with the Nobel Peace Centre in Oslo. This work involved detailed photos and images being provided from The Peace Peoples archives. Discussions with ex-members. We also worked closely with the Linen Hall Library & their website. This project also required working closely with the Ulster Museum.
3. It was a great pleasure to work with Amelia Clarkson and Ruaidhri Maguire in developing a new ballet for Belfast in early August this year called "White Doves". This ballet was based on the story and legacy of the The Peace People. This was rolled out and performed to sold out crowds in the Mac theatre.
4. Peace People Peace meetings. Gatherings happen at the peace house every two months. These meetings are set up to discuss matters of emergency or concern. Topics and discussions have included the following areas:

- Palestine
- Myanmar
- Wars
- Refugee work/support
- Protests/Marches for various peace protest

We also throughout the year facilitate various groups from schools and universities in the peace house. At these meetings the groups will hear about The peace people history and work.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the public interest statutory guidance issued under section 4 of the Charities (Northern Ireland) Act 2008.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Financial review

The statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 8 of the accounts. Total income increased from £26,785 in 2022 to £50,843 in 2023. This increase was largely due to donations received. Total expenditure in the period decreased from £40,860 in 2022 to £32,268 in 2023.

Policy on reserves

The charity has no formal policy on reserves. It creates reserves as required for specific projects. If funds were materially in deficit at any time steps would be taken to eliminate the deficit, normally by a special appeal to existing donors.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Peace People Charitable Trust is a charity constituted by a Trust Deed and is recognised as a charity by the Charity Commission (NI), number NIC 101671

Our constitution requires we have 3 trustees and no more than 9 trustees.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

All trustees are given guidelines on their responsibilities and on how meetings are to be conducted. These guidelines are in written form and each of the trustees have a copy. Training is by active work within the committee and all overseen by the Chairperson.

All long term members of The Peace People Charitable Trust, who are over the age of 18 and have over one years of voluntary service within the charity are eligible to be trustees. Each prospective trustee serves for a probation year to assess their commitment and if suitable then is invited to join as a trustee. The trustees and positions of trustees are elected as part of the Annual General Meeting

Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration

One trustee is remunerated for administrative services supplied. All other trustees are voluntary.

Organisational structure

The trustees are responsible for the day to day management of the charity.

Trustees are responsible for making decisions on matters of day to day running of the charity, future projects and all matters of concern to the charity. The trustees also make decisions on how funds are allocated and on bills to be paid.

The trustees meet each twice a year.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 17 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Trustees' Report (continued)

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Mr Gerry Crehan
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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


The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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 period. 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 (Northern Ireland) 2008, Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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 are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 17 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr Gerry Crehan
Trustee