

# **The Breakthrough Trust**

## **Trustees' Report**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2023.

### **Trustees**

The Trustees that have served during the year are listed on page 1.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is an unincorporated entity which was registered with the Charities Commission on 27 November 2015.

The Breakthrough Trust was established under the terms of a Trust Deed dated 21 January 1997 which set out the objectives and powers of the charity. The charity is managed by its 2 trustees.

### **Objectives and activities**

The Breakthrough Trust receives funds from donors and passes these on a wide range of charitable activities.

The Trust makes donations to organization whose objectives falls into at least one of the following:

The prevention of relief of poverty. The trust selects charities which are effective in preventing / relieving poverty for example Christians Against Poverty, a national debt counselling charity who provide debt counselling services, money management courses and job clubs for the unemployed.

The advancement of education. The Trust supports charities who are involved in advancing education particularly in third world countries.

The advancement of Religion. The Trust supports a number of Christian organisations involved in missionary and outreach activities.

The advancement of Community Development. The Trust grants funding to organisations involved in community development in third world countries.

All projects selected by the trustees have a proven track record in their area of expertise to ensure that the money go to the intended beneficiaries.

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### ***Public benefit***

The Breakthrough Trust meets the Public Benefit Requirement by providing support to charitable organisations which are directly involved in providing benefits to the public. The benefits which flow from the charitable purposes of the Trust include:

1. We support the relief of the poor through debt counselling, money management training and the provision of grants, clothing and food which results in the relief of hunger, ability of beneficiaries to better manage debt, improved living conditions and generally minimising the stress caused by poverty.
2. We support enhanced knowledge and understanding in orphaned children (and some adults) who receive an education which results in increased intellectual development and self esteem of individual beneficiaries as they develop new skills, knowledge and capabilities.
3. We support the promotion of the Christian faith leading to more positive mindsets and a change in lifestyle which encourages people to be good citizens as a direct result of their moral development. The benefits of this are evidenced through the provision of social support, community development, healthy alternatives for young people, reduction in anti-social behaviour, increased friendship and support to those in need.
4. Provision of clean water and basic shelter enabling survival and rebuilding of communities affected by natural disasters which results in improved community life as individuals have access to basic amenities and can join together to work on rebuilding their community. These benefits will be evidenced through improved conditions of life for all in the community, together with increased confidence and capacity and greater social cohesion within the community.

### **Achievements and performance**

The Trust made donations, in line with its objectives, to over 30 different charitable organisations during the most recent financial year.

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 purpose and provide benefit to the beneficiaries.

The charity has received many thank you letters from those causes we have helped. Orphans have been taken off the streets, people have got out of debt, prisoners have been visited, the lonely and depressed have been lifted up, and so on.

### **Financial review**

The Trust has continued to be well supported by donations with total income of £113,160 for the year (2022: £140,486). This together with donations from prior years enabled to make donations to other charities with total expenditure on charitable activities of £76,514 (2022: £124,604). At the year end the charity showed unrestricted reserves of £103,903 with an equivalent amount held in the entity's bank accounts.

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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 annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 06 Jun 2025 ..... and signed on its behalf by:

*Stephen Gunning*

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Stephen Gunning  
Trustee