

CAMP SONSHINE PORTUGAL LTD

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2023.

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 Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "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).

Objectives and activities

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Directors have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland relating to public benefit.

The main objectives of the Charity are to establish and advance the Christian Faith among those who attend, to support the Christian mission, to prevent and give relief of poverty for the benefit of the public and give children and young people the opportunity to experience intercultural activities, which will broaden their understanding of other nations, languages and cultures.

The Charity has an active code of conduct for all leaders and volunteers that work at the camps, which they must abide by for the wellbeing of themselves and other people during camp. In addition to this, the Charity has a strict child protection policy, which details different aspects that must be considered when looking after children and young people at camp. The beneficiaries of the charity are the general public and various partner charities.

In order to achieve its set objectives, Camp Sonshine Portugal Ltd promotes the Christian faith. The charity does this by ensuring all its leaders and volunteers are of the Christian faith and by promoting fun learning activities for the children and young people to engage with. The alleviation of poverty comes through the provision of support, items and services to those in need and providing a safe environment for troubled children to enjoy the camp and benefit from it. In addition, the charity sponsors all children who attend camp from an orphanage and the Salvation Army. Through a Leaders in Training programme the charity provides education and leadership skills for young people, which allows them to develop leadership skills in a responsible and safe manner under supervision of more experienced leaders. The charity has developed international exchange programs whereby children from Northern Ireland attend Camp Sonshine in Portugal. This permits young people to observe lifestyle in an international setting opening up their understanding to national and cultural differences.

The main activities that the charity undertakes include the promotion of the Christian faith, education, intercultural activities and the prevention and relief of poverty. The direct benefits that flow from the promotion of the Christian faith include a greater sense of engagement and quality of life by those who regularly benefit from the activities of the charity. The charity teaches young people to be ambassadors of their own countries and cultures, reinforcing abstract learning with learning experiences, therefore benefiting the public. The Leaders in Training (LIT) programme enhances the confidence in young people and allows them to become good leaders, which can be later implemented in their own communities and future employment. Through the relief of poverty, the charity alleviates hunger and gives relief from the symptoms of poverty. This also allows volunteers to have a greater understanding of the issues surrounding poverty and allows them to assist in enabling members of the public to take remedial action to the consequences of poverty. Finally, Intercultural activities can serve to give the young people and leaders a better understanding of the culture of new groups in order to function effectively as a contributing member of the global community.

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Achievements and performance

We were delighted to have held our biggest Camp Sonshine Portugal Summer yet in 2023. We welcomed over 300 campers through our doors across 3 weeks of Camp Sonshine Portugal in 2023 with over 90 volunteers from across Portugal, UK and Ireland. Out of our 300 campers over 80 were sponsored campers through donations and fundraising activity. We created a fun, educational and safe environment for kids and young people to engage in our programme and had many new leaders giving up their time to join us from a variety of different churches to serve in Portugal. During this time the charity also organised fundraising events to raise awareness of what we do and ultimately to support local orphanages, Salvation Army and also Ukrainian refugees to attend the summer camps.

In 2023 we continued to run our Leaders in Training programme to provide an opportunity for young aspiring leaders ages 15-17 to volunteer with us during the kids week of camp. We opened this programme to bring LITs from the UK to Portugal for the first time which worked exceptionally well, allowing them to have cross cultural experiences with our team in Portugal and allowing them to serve as aspiring leaders, helping with the summer camps. We engaged in various training activities and sessions to equip the young leaders with new skills and develop in this area. Our LITs (Leaders In Training) thrived during camp, getting involved and helping out as much as they could with our younger campers. It was wonderful to have various of our LITs as past campers themselves, continuing to invest in Camp Sonshine Portugal and the local community.

After camp 2023 many of our campers continued to join the youth club at the church campus and interact with the church activities, increasing the weekly numbers from 30 each week to 60 attending and we are excited to welcome them back to Camp again for Camp Sonshine Portugal 2023.

We are delighted with the achievements of this year and look forward to continuing to improve ways of working to make 2024 the best one yet.

Financial review

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

At the period end the charity had unrestricted funds and free reserves of £4,884. The charity does not have a policy to build reserves as it does not have any ongoing financial commitments and it relies on donations to fund summer camps each year. Any reserves held at the year end will be used towards the costs of the following summer's camps.

The charity's principal source of funding is through voluntary donations by churches and individuals, and through camp fees paid by leaders.

The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee. It is constituted under a Memorandum of Association dated 17 February 2017 and is registered as charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under number NIC106930.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ms K Clague

Mr G Bowden

Mr R McComiskey

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Directors who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

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Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

The Members of the company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up.

The charity relies on volunteers and has no paid employees. All decision making is carried out by the Directors.

Small companies' exemption

The report of the directors has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies' exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

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

Katie Clague

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Ms K Clague

Trustee

01/07/2024

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