

**COMMUNITY OF TIGRAYAN IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**  
(CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION)

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

**CHARITY NUMBER: 1158762**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

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## **Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2017**

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2017.

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

#### **Structure**

The Community of Tigrayan in the United Kingdom (CTG-UK) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registration number 1158762 and was set up on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014.

#### **Recruitment and Appointment of the Management Committee**

The trustees, all CTG-UK members, are known as members of the Management Committee and are appointed in accordance with the constitution of the charity, being elected at the Annual General Meeting. Because the charity focuses its work on the most disadvantaged and marginalised community, the Management Committee seeks to ensure that it reflects the specific needs of these groups through the diversity of the knowledge and skills brought in by the trustee body, such as management skills and finance expertise.

#### **Organisational Structure**

The charity has a trustees of up to 4 members who meet monthly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The trustees have the power to co-opt up to 3 further members.

There are no staff other than volunteers and the trustees who have therefore carried out all the operations of the charity during the year.

#### **Risk Management**

The trustees continues to consider potential organisational, operational, financial and administrative/systems risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure that systems and strategies are in place to minimise those risks.

#### **Child Protect Policy**

CTG-UK has a Child Protection Policy in place. Criminal Records' Bureau checks are carried out on volunteers and trustees. These checks are repeated every 3 years in accordance with statutory requirements.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Charity's objects ('Objects') are:

(1) The relief of poverty, sickness and distress and the advancement of education, particularly among persons of the community of Tigrayan now living in the UK.

(2) To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

(3) To promote social inclusion of persons of the community of Tigrayan now living in the UK by preventing them from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate in society.

(4) To act as a resource for young people, particular from the community of Tigrayan, by providing advice, assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of advancing in life and helping such young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to fully participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.

### ***Ensuring our work delivers our aims***

The CTG-UK trustees continually review the work of the charity to determine whether it continues to meet its aims, objectives and activities and provides good quality services for the benefit of the public. The trustees monitor, and respond to, the views and opinions of its service users, and other interested parties, to ensure that the services the charity delivers meet their needs.

### ***How our activities deliver public benefit***

CTG-UK's main activities and services include:-

- Supplementary classes and homework clubs;
- Advice, support and advocacy in various areas including welfare benefits, settlement issues, education, training, employment, and other settlement issues;
- Female and young people training and development programmes;
- Health development programmes;
- Job search activities and CV writing;
- Provide courses such as English, IT, web-design;
- Organise social and cultural events, trips seminars and workshops;
- Providing volunteering and work placement opportunities;
- Advice, information and support on small business start-ups.

### **Achievements and performance**

The services provided by CTG-UK are divided into different projects. Each project is assigned to a volunteer project leader. This allows service users to feel comfortable by giving them a constant point of contact. The services provided at the Centre are varied and driven by our clients' needs. The range of client's problems handled include emotional support, education, training, housing, employment, job search, and small business start-ups. Also included are escorting clients to GPs, hospitals, housing offices, Job Centres, Social Services

and other agencies. Organised 3 workshops on health, training and education, in 2016/2017 over 235 clients received support and advice this year; this includes telephone, outreach and face-to-face advice and support.

The young people sport and intergenerational project has also run 3 successful workshops in bringing young people and the elderly by empowering the young people to build their confidence, maximise their potential and contribute to the Tigrayan community in particular and the wider British society in general and actively participating in community activities.

### **Financial Review**

There was no income from any source in the year except members' donations and income from events. Resources expended on support and core activities amounted to £5,709. This amount was taken from the unrestricted fund, leaving a balance on the fund at the yearend of £11,996. There were no restricted funds.

### **Principal Funding Sources**

Donations from members accounted for the majority (100%) of funding in the period.

### **Investment Policy**

Any funds not required for immediate use are moved into bank deposit accounts.

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees of the CTG-UK has developed a reserve policy and will be reviewed annually.

### **Plans for the future**

CTG-UK trustees are developing annual operational plan based on the 3 years business plan (2017 – 2020). The Trustees are also working very closely with the tenant organisations based in 13 -15 Stockwell Road to develop a join projects and partnership working programmes.

**CTG-UK Trustees for 2016/2017**

The trustees who served throughout the year were as follows:

Regeat Asgedom  
Shewit Hzkias  
Mulat Haregot  
Berhane Gebru

**Trustees' responsibilities**

Charity law 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 surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those 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;
- 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 proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, to disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the charity at that time and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Act 2011. 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 above report, which has been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015), and the requirements of accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015), (SORP 2015), was approved by the Trustees on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

  
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Shewit Hzkias  
Treasurer

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Community of Tigrayan in the United Kingdom**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2017 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

**Respective Responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of an independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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11 November 2017



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

**INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31/03/2017**

	Note	Total Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2016 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>			
Donations	3	6,571	10,212
Income from events	3	0	2,901
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>6,571</u>	13,113
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Expenditure on charitable activities	2	5,709	1,979
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>862</u>	1,979
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR</b>		862	11,134
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	6	11,134	0
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>11,996</u>	11,134

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

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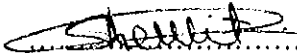
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**BALANCE SHEET  
31 MARCH 2017**

	2017	2016
Note	£	
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Tangible Assets	4 -	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Other debtors and prepayments	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	11,996	11,134
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	<b>11,996</b>	<b>11,134</b>
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<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	-	-
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>11,996</b>	<b>11,134</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>11,996</b>	<b>11,134</b>
<b>FUNDS OF CHARITY</b>		
Restricted income funds	-	-
Unrestricted income funds	11,996	11,134

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for smaller entities (effective January 2015).

Signed as approved by the Trustees on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017.



Shewit Hzkias  
Treasurer

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

**1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

- (a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), *Accounting and Reporting by Charities*, published in March 2015 and applicable accounting standards.
- (b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.
- (c) Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets where applicable, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable which means that funding received in advance of expenditure that will be incurred in a future period is deferred to that future period.
- (d) Incoming resources from investments is included when receivable.
- (e) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT that cannot be recovered.
- (f) All expenditure is allocated to support costs on the basis that there was minimal activity in the year and no direct charitable expenditure. This represents a change from prior periods, when costs not incurred directly on charitable activities were allocated between charitable activities and support costs on the basis of the amount of staff time spent on non-specific or administrative work.
- (g) Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
- (h) Restricted income funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.
- (i) Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- (j) Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value over each asset's expected useful life, as follows:-

Computer and office equipment	25% reducing balance
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**2. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY EXPENSE**

	<b>Total 2017 £</b>
Rent	1,025
Telephone	431
Insurance	181
Pettycash	1,000
Website design & hosting	72
Transfers	3000
	<u>5,709</u>

No trustee received any remuneration or other payment including reimbursement of expenses during the year (2017: no trustee remuneration or other payment including reimbursement of expenses).

**3. DONATIONS**

	<b>Total Funds 2017 £</b>
Donation from previous charity	0
Donations	3,568
Transfer	3,000
Interest	3
	<u>6,571</u>

**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017 (continued)**

**4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

None

**5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2017 £
Other creditors and accruals	-

**6. STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS**

	Fund balance brought forward	In-coming resources	Out-going resources	Transfer between funds	Total balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted income funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted income funds	11,134	6,571	5,709	-	11,996

**7. CONTROL**

The charity is controlled by the trustees and has no staff.