



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

ASNA AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

ASNA supports the spiritual, emotional, physical and social needs of people living with disabilities. ASNA also provides disability awareness training, information and advice to enable volunteers and workers to ensure access to services for all.

Our unique service enables the development of programs that meets our objectives, which are to educate, elevate the theological model of disability and serve as a forum for all to be included in worship and supporting those living with disability.

Through our programs, we aim to ensure that all have access to health education, peer support, social opportunities and spiritual development.

In 2018 we continued to provide the successful services we have developed over the last 17 years with the support of our sponsors and donors we have provided the following:

Connect Breaks and Assign:

These projects provide respite and training residential short breaks for people living with disability and special needs for peer support, spiritual development and social interaction. Workshops provide training for the families that support people with disability and for the volunteers who support these families. The *Connect Breaks* project takes place in the spring, summer and autumn.

Spring 2018

(CONNECT BREAKS – Respite and training weekend)

The annual Respite and Training Weekend took place at Wokefield Park Hotel in Reading. Over 100 people attended where families make connections with like minded families for peer support and sharing ideas and support. This year we were pleased to have the Stanborough Park Press with us again to share literature for support and encouragement.

The weekend provides a place for church disability champions to meet families and receive training. The theme for the year, Restoring Joy, informed the workshops and activities.

The adults were able to receive respite during the day allowing opportunities to attend workshops focusing on spiritual health, emotional health and time to make and meet new friends for peer support.

Carers were able to receive pastoral counselling as well as great workshops and outdoor health walks. The weekend also saw the appointment of ASNA trustees and a report on the activities over the year during the 15th Annual AGM.

The positive response from delegates about the weekend included:

Great weekend, really enjoyed the venues facilities

I made a lot of new friends

Really lovely working with the puppets

The family weekend also provides an opportunity for volunteers to receive training. ASNA depends on the commitment and efforts of its volunteers. We would like to recognise the time given by our volunteers towards the work of providing 'an oasis of calm and respite' for the families using ASNA services.

Autumn 2018

(CONNECT BREAKS – *Living to Care*)

October saw the annual ASNA Carers weekend which took place at the Sedgebrook House Hotel in Northampton. Attendance at the Carers Retreat is decreasing mainly due to the difficulty for Carers to find care to be able to attend. We will look into reviewing this project in 2019 to increase awareness of the programme and encouraging Carers and ASNA supporters to come together for fellowship and learning.

The Health expo at the weekend was well received. Delegates were encouraged to be intentional about better health practices. Nigel Nicholls (ASNA Chairperson) and Grace Walsh (Mental Health representative) provided excellent workshops on the importance of Restoring Joy. ASNA launched - **Carers Network** during the Carers weekend with the aim of connecting Carers together during the year for further support and information.

SUMMER: SYCAF

ASNA Young Carers respite residential week away took place in August. Ten young Carers attended the SYCAF programme 2018. The Young Carers responded positively to the evaluation of the event and express their interest in the project running again in 2019 / 2020. It is likely that the project will run in 2020.

LATESUMMER: FAMILY FUN DAY AND RUN @ Parallel London

Members, friends and family all came together on the 4th September 2018 to take part in the accessible fun run held at Olympic park. The event was set up as an all inclusive family fun run. Various races of differing duration were preceded by an exuberant warm up. 10 participants took part, running for ASNA. The super sensory 1K run saw ASNA members 'running' in a course developed to be interactive, multi sensory and for the runners with severe learning disabilities. Members found the event *amazing, inspiring, awesome*. ASNA volunteers came along to raise money for ASNA as well as to be involved in the post event activities. An all inclusive family and disability friendly festival followed the fun run. ASNA would like to say a big thank you to all the runners who help to raise awareness for ASNA. ASNA volunteers manned the exhibition stand where we were able to engage with the runners and their families.

ASSIGN

This project provides people living with disabilities and special needs with information, advice and signposting to support their caring role. This year we were able to provide support for over 200 people during the connect breaks, over the phone and by email. These events have enabled ASNA to provide spiritual, physical, social and emotional support for people living with disabilities. They have also

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enabled young people to access events and activities that they would not normally have access to which have challenged their skills and given them new experiences.

Volunteer training: Volunteers are provided with training workshop highlighting our need to understand people with mental illness. A series of regional workshops took place across the country including disability awareness programmes and celebration days. Visits to Aberdeen, Huddersfield and Plymouth to name some of the areas ASNA has been able to provide training. Volunteers also received essential training during the residential breaks.

Engaging New Volunteers

We continue to grow our volunteer team with over 40 volunteers and 9 trustees on our database. Volunteers support the respite weekends and residential programs.

Contacts & Supporters:

We continue to attract supporters and contacts through our workshops, telephone contacts and social network outlets. Our website has enabled a wider audience to access our online services and brought people 'closer' together via social networking and other online accessible services. At present we have a contact database of over 1000 contacts thanks to the thinkaboutit campaign.

Our marketing strategy is aimed at increasing ASNA reach within the church, local communities, regional communities and having a face on the international stage where appropriate. We also aim to further develop partnerships with other organisations and agencies.

With the increase in the number of membership subscription and the administration of such applications, ASNA needed to secure administrative support. Vivienne Alexander worked to help update the membership database and to claim the ASNA gift Aid for over 3 years funding.

Partnership working

We continue to work in partnership with ADRA UK (volunteer training), Through The Roof (resources and training), *Churches For All* (Associate membership supporting Annual Christian Resource Exhibition and disability conferences), SEC (Regional SEC training Exposition, disability coordinator support & training, support for members), NEC (training) and the BUC (National training conference).

In April 2018, Sophia Nicholls and Caroline Kamara took an exhibition to the World International Health congress in Bucharest where they shared a stand with the leadership within the European Union of churches. They were able to secure further membership and support.

Effecting Policies

ASNA continues to work with the church administration to effect change in policies and procedures. Feedback from the TED on the paper drawn up in 2012 by the BUC executive committee on Baptism for people with learning disabilities was reviewed and advice and feedback from ASNA membership was given to the leadership for information.

Churches for all:

ASNA is delighted to be able to work with other Christian Charities working towards the goal of inclusion for all and making the gospel accessible to all. As associate partners of '*Churches for all*' (a

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partnership of Christian Charities involved in ministry for the disabled) ASNA has been able to make an impact on a National level within Christian Networks.

SEC

ASNA continues to support the SEC through training and resources. Church visits in the SEC and during regional conferences have proved very helpful to SEC church members and leaders.

Other news items: In 2018 ASNA published a number of articles in the national SDA newsletter helping to raise awareness amongst the 35,000 memberships.

Finance

Income and expenditure 2018

In a time of economic challenges, we are thankful to all our members for the continued donations received in 2018. ASNA is working to diversify its income stream as there has been a reduction in the funding from ADRA UK. This has been due to ADRA funding other UK based projects reducing available funds for ASNA. SEC continues to be the main sponsors.

Income 2018	(£)
Grants	13,124.28
Self Generated	12,393.33
Total income 2018	25, 518.11

Expenditure 2018	(£)
Training & Awareness	3,358.19
Membership Support	27,885.77
Charity Admin	4,692.77
Total Expenditure 2018	35,936.73

ASNA would like to thank all those who contributed to making 2016 another successful year. We continue to work in the field of access and inclusion. As we move into 2017 we would like to look 'Beyond inclusion' towards creating a sense of belonging for all those experiencing isolation and exclusion as a result of living with a disability. We would like to continue to work in partnership with ADRA UK, SEC and BUC as well as our many donors, Charitable Trusts and Foundations and supporters. We would like to increase our contact with young people willing to support people living with disabilities. We look forward to future years as we continue to connect people and change their lives.

ASNA Trustees 2018

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**Adventist Special Needs Association Income & Expenditure Account
for the Year ending 31 December 2018**

	2018		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Income			
Grants			
BUC central	0.00	0.00	0.00
NEC Central	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADRA UK	0.00	0.00	0.00
SEC Areas	2,172.68	0.00	2,172.68
SEC Central	10,951.60	0.00	10,951.60
Further Grants/Awards	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal - Grants	13,124.28	0.00	13,124.28
Self Generated Funds			
Special fundraising Events (supporters events)Parallel London Concert	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership fees	105.00	0.00	105.00
Sale of merchandise	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations and Concert Sales	2,814.47	0.00	2,814.47
Respite weekend payments	4,242.50	0.00	4,242.50
Training programmes / training resources sold	3,601.86	0.00	3,601.86
Carers weekend payments	1,025.00	0.00	1,025.00
SYCAF Activity week	605.00	0.00	605.00
Bank Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal - Self Generated Funds	12,393.83	0.00	12,393.83
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	25,518.11	0.00	25,518.11
Expenditure			
Training & Awareness			
T&W:1 - Lecturer/Workshop/Seminar Leader fees and expenses	1,798.94	0.00	1,798.94
T&W:2 - Partnership / subscriptions	46.00	0.00	46.00
T&W:3 - Equipment/resources (flip chart & paper, Stand)	1,513.25	0.00	1,513.25
T&W:4 -National Conference Expenditure (BUC partnership)	0.00	0.00	0.00
T&W:5 - Volunteer Carers expenses to support respite weekend training and volunteer training	0.00	0.00	0.00
T&W:6 - Volunteer Training during carers weekend	0.00	0.00	0.00
T&W:7 - Website Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal - Training & Awareness	3,358.19	0.00	3,358.19
Membership Support			
MS:1 - Communication/Newsletter Expenditure	1,850.00	0.00	1,850.00
MS:2 - Fundraising & Promotion (leaflets, cards, marketing tools) inc. concert	0.00	0.00	0.00
MS:3- ASNA Special fundraising and awareness event	0.00	0.00	0.00
MS:4 - Respite Weekend - member subsidy, resources, workshops	14,050.00	0.00	14,050.00
MS:5 - Carers Weekend - member subsidy, resources, workshops	2,887.76	0.00	2,887.76
MS:6 - Annual Family Funday	0.00	0.00	0.00
MS:7 - Regional Events	0.00	0.00	0.00
MS:8 - Equipment/Resources (ongoing childrens activities, adult activities, workshops)	950.34	0.00	950.34
MS:9 -Data Management and administration	4,367.67	0.00	4,367.67
MS:10 - SYCAF	3,780.00	0.00	3,780.00
Subtotal - Membership Support	27,885.77	0.00	27,885.77
Partnership Projects			
PW:2 - SYCAF implementation (Residential week)	0.00	0.00	0.00
PW:3 - SYCAF support group network development & project management	0.00	0.00	0.00
BUC partnership / special projects/ HANDS	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal - Project Work	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charity Governance Costs			
CAC:1 - Charity Reports Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAC:2 - Charity Audit Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAC:3 - Charity Committee Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAC:4 - Charity Commission Reports	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAC:5 - Postage and stationary & telephone	127.93	0.00	127.93
Accomod Cost	4,564.84	0.00	4,564.84
Other (management costs)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal - Charity Administration Costs	4,692.77	0.00	4,692.77
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD	35,936.73	0.00	35,936.73

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Adventist Special Needs Association

I report on the accounts of the Adventist Special Needs Association for the Year ended 31st December 2018, as set out on the "Adventist Special Needs Association Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ending 31st December 2018".

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 2011 (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 Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(3) 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

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

Signed: 

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