

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered charity name	Friends of Street Children Bangladesh
Charity registration number	1171061
Address for Correspondence	44 Slimmons Drive St Albans AL4 9AP
Board of Trustees	

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Mr. Michael John Sherriff (Chair)
Saif Uddin Osmani (Vice-Chair/Treasurer)
Anthony Stevens
Mahreen Ferdous
Hamida Chowdhury
Dulon Miah (from 13.7.2019)

Bankers	Nat West
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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charity for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020.

The trustees confirm that the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements.

OUR AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Purpose and aims

Our charity's purpose as set out in the objects contained in the Constitution are:

The promotion of health and relief of need of children and young people living on, or connected with, the streets of Dhaka and other parts of Bangladesh, in particular by supporting the work of street children LEEDO to reach children abandoned on the streets and to provide counselling, and residential facilities to meet their needs

The Trustees have developed the charity as a small organisation raising funds to support specific work undertaken by Street Children LEEDO in Bangladesh. This year our specific emphasis was to support LEEDO to bring a team of children from their residential home to take part in the Street Child Cricket World Cup and to organise some additional events whilst the children were in London. This was held in May 2019.

Public Benefit

During the reporting period the trustees have considered section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. We have sought to ensure that the charity is fulfilling its charitable purpose to benefit the public by raising funds for specific projects. This year we sent two grants to Bangladesh. One was to enhance the work of the mobile school in Dhaka and to support a street school operating in the Rayer Bazar area of Dhaka. The second was our final contribution towards the costs of bringing a team of children from the Peace Home to take part in the Street Child Cricket World Cup.

In our third year of operation we have achieved the following outcomes from our work:

- We have recruited an additional trustee with fundraising event experience to support the development of our work
- We have sent two grants to support the work of LEEDO
- We have raised awareness of the position of street children in Bangladesh at our fundraising events, through a stall at the Tower Hamlets mela and events with the children taking part in the Street Child Cricket World cup including a reception at Canary Wharf, a meeting with school children in Tower Hamlets and a cricket game with UK Members of Parliament followed by a reception with MPs and the High Commissioner of Bangladesh.
- We have raised £8,900 to support work with children who have survived on the streets of Dhaka
- We raised enough money to support the children's cricket team from LEEDO taking part in the Street Child Cricket World Cup
- We took part in a visit by British Members of Parliament to the LEEDO Peace Home
- We now have more than 800 face book followers and an email circulation list of almost 100
- Following the closure of BT MyDonate we set up an online giving facility using Golden Giving
- We have linked with other organisations concerned with children who have survived on the streets- the Consortium for Street Children and Street Child United

The activities that we have undertaken to achieve these outcomes include:

Publicised the fact that we are looking for new trustees, including during the cricket world cup programme

Produced leaflets to promote the work- including a flyer, case studies and background information for use during the street child cricket world cup

4 press releases and social media coverage during the street child cricket world cup

Three fundraising dinners- one to raise money for the street child cricket world cup and two focussed on supporting LEEDO's educational work on the streets

A stall at the Tower Hamlets mela and display of photographs and paintings at events before and during the street child cricket works cup

Regular posts to our face book page and encouraging people to follow us

Trustee spending time with LEEDO in Dhaka, especially helping to find financial sponsors and supporters to enable children from the LEEDO Peace Home to take

part in the Street Child Cricket World Cup and to complete the process of applying for visas

Organising an additional programme during the visit of the children from LEEDO to the UK. This included a reception at Canary Wharf, visit to a school in Tower Hamlets and event at Parliament including a cricket game with MP's

Grant making

Friends of Street Children Bangladesh awarded two grants to Street Children LEEDO in Dhaka, Bangladesh during 2019/20.

Volunteers

The trustees of Friends of Street Children Bangladesh are all volunteers, organising fundraising events, applying for funds and arranging displays about the work of LEEDO. During the year we recruited one new trustee. We also recruited a team of volunteers to help with the events we organised during the Street Child Cricket World Cup.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our achievements are monitored at regular trustee meetings at which we consider our performance and progress. During the reporting period we raised over £8,000 through a fundraising meals, an applications for a grant, and donations. We made regular use of our face book page and now have over 800 followers.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net outgoing resources for the reporting period of £2,953.65 and our funds stand at £6,012.77 in total.

The charity is dependent on fundraising and support from sponsors, charitable Trusts and individuals. We have registered with the inland revenue to claim gift aid from donations and have also established an online giving facility. We have held successful fundraising events during the year and successfully applied for sponsorship and support for the cricket team from LEEDO to take part in the Street Child Cricket World Cup.

All funds are held in a bank account with Nat West bank.

Reserves

Our plan is to hold less than £1,500 in reserves at any one time. This sum is to enable us to support priority projects with LEEDO where we have not raised sufficient funds by the time the project commences. We are currently holding in excess of £1,500 in reserves but a large portion of these funds will be needed to support our long term commitment to the street education work of LEEDO. We are also considering any additional help that we might provide to support LEEDO's work during the corona virus emergency in Bangladesh.

Going concern

The trustees confirm that Friends of Street Children Bangladesh is a going concern

Principal risks and uncertainties

During the year the trustees kept under review the risks faced by the charity. These mainly relate to the process of transferring funds to Bangladesh and ensuring effective accountability. Two trustees have previously attended workshops organized by the Charity Commission for recently formed charities working in high risk areas internationally.

There were risks associated with the visit by children from Bangladesh to the UK and the events that we organized during the visit. A risk register was prepared by the charity covering these events and relevant insurance was organized for the visit.

The current corona virus emergency poses a risk to our programme of fundraising events, which apart from donations, is the main way in which we raise funds. It also poses practical problems in terms of visiting the bank to arrange transfer of funds.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

2019/20 was our third full year of operation as a charitable incorporated organisation and our plans for the forthcoming period are to build on work undertaken to date, especially taking advantage of the opportunities that have been created by supporting the team from LEEDO taking part in the Street Child Cricket World Cup:

- We aim to hold more fundraising events and dinners
- We plan to continue to raise funds and support LEEDO's outreach and education work
- We plan to develop our communications with supporters including an email distributed newsletter
- We plan to develop our relationships with individuals and groups from the UK who have visited, or are interested in visiting, the LEEDO Projects in Dhaka.
- We will consider whether we should work with LEEDO on future bids to take part in Street Child United events
- We will consider if there are ways we can support LEEDO with their response to the corona virus emergency
- We will consider initiatives to support the older children living at the LEEDO Peace Home as they reach an age where they will be living independently

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation and is governed by its constitution. The charity was registered on 10th January 2017

The provisions of the governing document have been complied with during the reporting period under review.

The trustees serve on a Board of Trustees consisting of at least three members. Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

At present there are 6 trustees. The trustees keep under review gaps in experience and expertise represented on the board and aim to recruit new trustees accordingly.

There are no staff employed by the charity.

STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with UK law and the Charities Act 2011. The statements of accounts, reports and returns must be sent to the Charity Commission, regardless of the income of the CIO, within 10 months of the financial year end.

As the gross income of the charity is less than £25,000 in the current financial year there is no requirement to have the accounts independently examined or audited.

The accounts are submitted on a receipts and payments basis.


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 requirements of the Charities Act 2011. 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 charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' report has been approved by the trustees on 11/4/2020 and signed on their behalf by:



Michael Sherriff
Chairperson



Saif Osmani
Vice- Chair

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Friends of Street Children Bangladesh
Registered Charity Number 1171061
Receipts and payments to 31/3/2020

Receipts

£

Grant:

Education services grant for LEEDO mobile school 1,500.00

Fundraising events:

April fundraising meal (Camden)	572.00
July fundraising meal (Camden)	415.00
September fundraising meal (Saffron Walden)	490.00
Raffle- Canary Wharf event	360.00

Donations:

Spitalfields Housing Association (for Street Child World Cup Cricket)	1,000.00
Hope N Mic (for Street Child World Cup Cricket)	1,300.00
CAF	150.00
Online donations plus Gift Aid	2026.47
Other donations	356.67

Other income:

Refunds for cricket tournament expenses (Oyster cards, train tickets and Victoria Gardens)	745.50
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TOTAL	8,915.64
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Payments

Payment to LEEDO for Street Child World Cup Cricket costs	1,834.50
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Payment to LEEDO for mobile school and Street school	3,684.50
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Street Child United (cricket tournament)

participation fee)	4,343.75
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UK expenses for cricket tournament additional programme and team insurance	2,006.84
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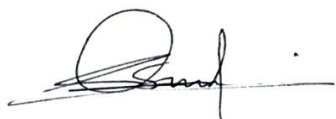
TOTAL	11,869.59
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Receipts – Payments 8,915.64 – 11,869.59	- 2,953.95
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Carried forward from 2018-19	8.966.72
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Balance at 31/3/2019	6,012.77
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Bank Balance at 31/3/2019 = 6,012.77



Saif Osmani
Vice Chair



Mike Sherriff
Chairperson