

# Concrete Jungle Foundation CIO

Charity Number 1177490

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts  
for the year ended 1st April 2020.



## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: Concrete Jungle Foundation

Other names the Charity is known by: CJF

Charity registration number: 1177490

Principal address:

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## Structure, Governance and Management

Concrete Jungle Foundation was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 9th of March 2018 and is governed by Constitution.

Current Trustees:

- Lisa Jacob (appointed on the 17th of August 2019)
- Bob Zevenbergen (appointed on the 7th of March 2020)
- Clément Taquet (up to the 7th of March 2020)
- Harry Gerrard (up to the 7th of March 2020)
- Tim van Asdonck (up to the 7th of March 2020)
- Troy Björkman (up to the 7th of March 2020)

Directors:

- Clément Taquet (Executive Director)
- Harry Gerrard (Operations Director)
- Tim van Asdonck (Programmes Director)
- Troy Björkman (Development Director)

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in August with the exception of the 2020 Annual General Meeting being held in Kingston, Jamaica on the 7th of March 2020 for practical reasons (all members were present for the construction of the Freedom Skatepark).

## Objectives and Activities

Mission: To empower disadvantaged individuals and communities worldwide through fostering and sustaining the positive values inherent to skateboarding.

The objectives of the charity are:

- 1) To empower disadvantaged individuals and communities worldwide through fostering and sustaining the positive values inherent to skateboarding.
- 2) To promote community participation by building socially active spaces which provide positive outlets and opportunities for the underprivileged in habitants of those areas.
- 3) To provide skateboarding facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreational use of individuals who have need for such facilities by reason of their youth, disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life and well being.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have followed it to the best of our abilities.

The strategies employed to achieve the charity's aims and objectives are:

- a) To construct professional quality skateboarding parks, within impoverished communities, that otherwise lack adequate social and community spaces.
- b) To run free-of-charge youth-based programming aimed at personal development and transferring vocational skills to local adolescents

Putting these strategies in action we are active in 3 countries; Peru, Angola and Jamaica.

### Peru:

Started in April 2017, the Alto Trujillo Skatepark in northern Peru is Concrete Jungle Foundation's first full-scale international project. Funded by individual private donations from all over the world, the 150m<sup>2</sup> skatepark was constructed on the grounds of a local school by some 40 international and local volunteers. The Edu-Skate programme is part of the school's curriculum, giving students the chance to be part of the programme instead of having general physical education classes.

### Angola:

The Luanda Skatepark is a 750 m<sup>2</sup> community skatepark located in the Golfe 2 district of Luanda, Angola. The grassroots project was conceived and realized in partnership with Angola Skateboarding Union (ASU) and New Line Skateparks. A dozen international and 50 local volunteers took part in the build in November-December 2018. The Edu-Skate programme is given by our local partner ASU.



## Jamaica:

The Freedom Skatepark is a 1300 m<sup>2</sup> community skatepark located in 8 Miles, Bull Bay, Jamaica. The grassroots project was conceived and realized in partnership with Flipping Youth, Seprod Foundation, Sandals Foundation and Tmrw Tday Culture. 27 international and 23 local volunteers took part in the build in March and April 2020.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Peru**

**March 2019** - Our local partner organization SKIP-Supporting Kids in Peru closed its door after 15 years of outstanding work in the disadvantaged neighborhoods of Trujillo.

**June 2019:** New partnership in place with the local organization Espanglish in Trujillo  
**September 2019:** Re-start of Edu-Skate programme in our location of Alto Trujillo after 1 season off .

**November 2019:** Project visit by the Executive Director and donation of 20 new completes by The Skateroom.

#### **Data's first season (September 2019 - December 2019):**

- 46
- 33% female 67% male
- 57 edu skate classes
- 2 international volunteers
- 5 local volunteers

#### **Summer Programme activities (January 2020 - February 2020):**

- Photography workshop
- Videography workshop
- Painting workshop
- Setting up a skateboard workshop
- Skatepark exchange! Visiting another skatepark
- Swimming pool excursion at the end of the Summer Programme
- Skateboard teacher plan new activities to work on life-skill classes each week
- Balance board activities to do at home during the quarantine

**January 2020:** Project visit by the Programme Director leading to a redesign of the structure of our work in Peru, in which we don't rely on other organisations for housing and coordination of our international volunteers, but in which we rent our own CJF apartment and coordination by our local team. This way the international volunteer contributions can sustain both rent and salary for the local staff.

**February 2020:** Employing 8 local people in Peru to work on our programming.

**February 2020:** Making a partnership with Otra Cosa Network, providing us with a new project location in another disadvantaged area in Trujillo to work ('La Rampa').



## Indirect impact of our work:

*Quote: "Leyla Garboza Leon (ex-Project Manager, 26 years old)*

"Concrete Jungle Foundation reminds me of family, of day by day progress, and of equal access to opportunities. The aim of this foundation is to provide alternative ways to confront the everyday challenges for new generations who find themselves in difficult situations - whether if it's economically, social or in the family. Its purpose is to empower youth and open new, diverse opportunities for them by developing new skills and fundamental values despite the limitations these kids have to face every day.

Being part of the project in Alto Trujillo has been one of the best experiences of my life. I have been able to share different stories and experiences with kids who are often forced in one way or another to assume roles that are not corresponding to their age. And through skateboarding, I have found a tool to reach them.

I feel that I have contributed to their lives and have shown them a different perspective than what they would otherwise be exposed to. There are so many things our society tells us to do and skateboarding simply shows us other and diverse ways to improve, grow and prosper. It encourages us to pursue dreams, smaller or bigger ones, and demonstrates that there is a way of getting along with things - or at least motivates us to try to find one. Through shared dreams and intentions, we can reach groups of people who may have lost sight of their hopes and dreams and empower them to face adversity. For the many lessons learned as well as yet to be discovered, thank you Concrete Jungle Foundation. Thank you for showing me that when something is wanted, it can be achieved."

## Angola

**February - June 2019:** Edu-Skate programme ran by Angola Skateboarding Union (ASU)

**24 June 2019:** End of Edu-Skate competition and handover to the local partner organization ASU which is now running its own programme Skate for Growth.

## Indirect impact of our work:

### *SPEED SADC CHAMPIONSHIP*

On the 14th, 15th and 16th February 2020, the Luanda Skatepark hosted the first African Skateboarding Championship with 6 African nationalities represented.

## Jamaica

**May 2019:** Pre-trip from the Executive Director and Operation Director to meet and greet the local partner, visit the proposed land and evaluate the sustainability of the project.

**August 2019:** The Skateroom committed to providing \$51,000 for programming and construction.

**October 2019:** Pre-trip by the Development Director and Programmes Director

**February 2020:** Finding a new location in 8 Miles, Bull Bay due to the loss of the initial plot of land in Harbor View.

**February 15th to April 9th, 2020:** Construction of the Freedom Skatepark.

**March 1, 2020 to April 1st 2020:** The first rendition of the Planting Seeds Apprenticeship Programme focused on skatepark construction skills and was implemented in partnership with New Line Skateparks and Flipping Youth during the construction of the Freedom Skatepark in Kingston, Jamaica, between March 1 April 1. During the 4-week programme, six skateboarders and BMXers from the Kingston area shadowed our professional skatepark builders while also working as a group to plan, budget, source materials for and ultimately construct their own skate obstacle at the Gully DIY. Construction skills provided to beneficiaries encompass universally sought-after proficiencies in budgeting, planning, coordination, design work, foundation-laying, wood forming, bricklaying and concrete shaping.

**March 5, 2020:** CJF successfully crowdfunded 15,584€ for the skatepark construction.

## **Organizational improvements and achievements:**

**February 20, 2019:** Google Gsuite For non profit.

### **Team meeting:**

- Pre-trips to Jamaica in May 2019 and October 2019.
- Brussels meeting in July 2019.
- Pushing Boarders Sweden meeting: Annual Trustee meeting in August 2019.
- Mexico meeting in January 2020.
- Jamaica project in February 2020.

### **Project visit (Peru):**

- Executive Director in November 2019
- Programmes Director in January 2020

### **Fundraising events:**

- San Diego, California, USA
- St. Petersburg, Florida, USA
- Out of the blues: Paris, Grenoble, Marseille, France
- Utrecht, The Netherlands
- Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- London, United Kingdom
- Fundraising via crypto currency (BitGive Foundation partnership)

### **Achievements:**

- Successfully fundraise £47,389 in the course of our financial year.
- Successfully finding a new project location for the Freedom Skatepark 3 weeks before the build
- Successfully managing \$130,000 budget in a course of 2 month
- Successfully completing the build of the Freedom Skatepark in Jamaica
- Successfully running the first edition of the Planting Seeds Apprenticeship Programme
- Concrete Jungle Foundation has been featured in the UNHCR Innovation Service Medium on the 3rd of May 2020 and in Grey Skatemag on the 4th of May 2020



## The year in numbers:

- 33 international volunteers were involved in our activities.
- 30 local volunteers were involved in our activities.
- 8 locals are receiving a stipend for their work in Peru.
- 6 locals received a stipend for the apprenticeship in Jamaica.
- 150 children aged between 7 and 12 years old have benefited from our activities.
- 113 Edu-Skate classes has been given.
- Our activities had an average attendance of 37% female and 63% male.

## Challenges 2019-2020

**March 2019:** Losing our original partner organization in Peru.

**June 2019:** Stopping Edu-Skate programming in Angola.

**January 2020:** Losing the land we were originally aiming to build the Freedom Skatepark 4 weeks before the build.

### Starting March 2020:

- All programming on hold due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Having volunteers stuck in both Peru and Jamaica due to travel restrictions related to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Prematurely losing about half of the construction volunteers of the Freedom Skatepark build, significantly increasing the workload on the people staying behind.

## Financial Review

	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Total Receipts	13,823	33,566	47,389	23,744
Total Payments	11,137	24,497	35,634	21,262
Surplus for the year	2,686	9,069	11,755	2,482

Concrete Jungle Foundation held unrestricted funds of £2,686 and restricted funds of £9,069 for a total of £11,755 at the year end.

The reason for this amount of held funds is due to finishing the construction of the skatepark after the end of the financial year and therefore, having remaining funds for the educational programme coming when the COVID-19 situation improves.

Any reserves must be used towards CJF operations and programme worldwide.

Approved by the trustees on 27.08.2020 and signed on their behalf by:

L. Jacob



Date 27.08.2020



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
CONCRETE JUNGLE FOUNDATION  
CHARITY REGISTERED NO.1177490**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the receipts and payments accounts of the charity for the year ended 1 April 2020 which are set out on pages 9 to 10.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 examiners' statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 1st September 2020

## Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 1st April 2020

<b>Receipts</b>	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Donations				
Independent donations	112	-	112	2,056
Monthly donations	183	-	183	24
Fundraising activities				
Fundraising - Donorbox	-	8,009	8,009	7,743
Individual fundraising events	7,014	-	7,014	1,677
Gift Aid repayments	-	-	-	-
Merchandise sales	3,819	-	3,819	1,023
Refund/resell	2,695	-	2,695	-
Grants				
The Skateroom	-	23,887	23,887	11,221
Volunteers contribution	-	1,670	1,670	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>13,823</b>	<b>33,566</b>	<b>47,389</b>	<b>23,744</b>
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<b>Payments</b>	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Organisation				
Fundraising and awareness				
Fundraising expenses	512	-	512	8
Merchandise	2,160	-	2,160	1,924
Postage	708	-	708	158
Administration				
Shop Online	59	-	59	32
Salaries	-	-	-	-
Bank accounts fee	138	-	138	-
Fixed Cost	1,415	-	1,415	-
Equipment	216	-	216	-
Currency fluctuations	480	-	480	-
New project				
Volunteer Expenses				
Overweight luggage	-	332	332	-
Housing	-	3,131	3,131	3,564
Food	340	-	340	-
Beverage	254	-	254	-
Staff expenses				
Plane Tickets	-	3,994	3,994	3,960
Insurance	-	811	811	822
Communication	105	10	115	-
Pre-trip	3,677	-	3,677	345
Transportation	-	269	269	-

	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Construction				
Materials	-	8,357	8,357	9,075
Tools	-	6,454	6,454	1,374
Petrol	300	6	306	-
Project - Peru				
Project Manager Housing	759	-	759	-
Translation	14	-	14	-
Annual visit	-	1,133	1,133	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>11,137</b>	<b>24,497</b>	<b>35,634</b>	<b>21,262</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>2,686</b>	<b>9,069</b>	<b>11,755</b>	<b>2,482</b>

  

<b>Statement of Balances as at 1st April 2020</b>			
	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2020 £
<b>Funds at start of financial year</b>			
Bank balance at start of year	2,482	-	2,482
Currency at start of year	-	-	-
<b>Total funds at start of year</b>	<b>2,482</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,482</b>
<b>Funds at end of financial year</b>			
Bank balance at end of year	5,168	9,028	14,196
Currency at end of year		41	41
<b>Total funds at end of year</b>	<b>5,168</b>	<b>9,069</b>	<b>14,237</b>

**Statement of assets and liabilities as at 1st April 2020**

	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2020 £
<b>Cash at the end of year</b>	<b>5,168</b>	<b>9,069</b>	<b>14,237</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>			
The Skateroom owed funds	-	15,087	15,087

Approved by the trustees on 27.08.2020 and signed on their behalf by:

L. Jacob



Date 27.08.2020

The notes on page 11 form an integral part of these account.



## Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 1st April 2020

### a) Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the aims and objectives. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted General fund for the day-to-day running of the charity. Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are received for specific purposes.

### b) Restricted fund: The Skateroom

The Skateroom fund were restricted for the Freedom Skatepark project in Jamaica, and part of it were accordingly spent on volunteers and materials incurred during the build. All receipts were approved by The Skateroom and the remaining funds of £24,156 are to be used for the Edu-Skate programme and programme development (administration) as per the MOU signed with The Skateroom.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Skateroom was unable to meet the original deadline of February 2020 for the completion of their donation. It was agreed that the remaining payment of £15,087 will be donated by June 2020.

### c) Related party transactions

None of the trustees receives payment of remuneration.

The Trustee Lisa Jacob has donated the equivalent of £2250 (2500 euros) to Concrete Jungle Foundation over the course of the financial period through the sales of her magazine "Out of the Blues".

### d) Currency use

Concrete Jungle Foundation manages 5 different currencies (GBP, EUR, USD, PEN, JMD).