



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	01	01	2019	To	31	12	2019

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Vivekananda Human Centre

Other names charity is known by

Vivekananda Centre  
Vivekananda Centre for Human Excellence

Registered charity number (if any)

1170716

Charity's principal address

2A Elmhurst Drive

London

Postcode E18 1BT

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ram Chandra Saha			
2	David Russell			
3	Narahari Chinthakuntla			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Ram Chandra Saha

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO - FOUNDATION REGISTERED
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION ('FOUNDATION')
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	ELECTED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All new trustees will receive copies of the constitution as well as any relevant guidance from the Charity Commission. In addition, new trustees will receive copies of all Vivekananda Human Centre policies and procedures for their perusal and are encouraged to review them at least annually in line with Vivekananda Human Centre policy.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds and the prevention or relief of poverty in the UK and overseas by providing: grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guides PB1, PB2 and PB3 when making decisions they are relevant to. New trustees must read these documents, which are must be taken into consideration when planning the charity's activities for the ahead.

The following statement summarises the way in which the Vivekananda Human Centre have contributed to the public benefit:

The Vivekananda Human Centre promotes the philosophy of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda of Human Excellence, Unity in Diversity, Universal Tolerance, Harmony and Peace. It stages events through the course of the year to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds - regardless of age, belief, gender or sexuality. Events include an annual "Festival of Unity and Diversity" which brings together people of different religions to celebrate equality and diversity

The Vivekananda Human Centre benefits the general public by fostering a greater understanding and respect of diversity in British society. This is considered more important now than ever due to the rise of intolerance, and as such there is a need for an organisation to counter that through promotion of equality and diversity, and religious harmony, in particular that philosophy as developed by Swami Vivekananda.

In addition, the charity has responded to the identified need – and request from the trustees, volunteers, members and supporters of the charity – to address hardship and nutritional support for people living in poverty as well as provide educational support for vulnerable and marginalised young people in both the local communities where the charity conducts activities in the UK, as well as overseas, particularly India, Bangladesh and Nepal.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

This year the Vivekananda Human Centre staged four flagship events in 2019, all of which were well attended and supported. These were:

Birthday Celebration of Swami Vivekananda  
Sunday 12 January 2019

Birthday Celebration of Sri Ramakrishna Festival of Unity in Diversity & Holi Festival 2019 at Scout Hall  
Sunday 17 March 2019

Vivekananda Festival 2019 at Logan Hall  
Sunday 21 July 2019

Diwali Celebration & Birthday Celebration of Holy Mother at Epping Forest Hall  
Sunday 24 November 2019

As ever, our annual showcase event was at Logan Hall to which several hundred participants attended to hear addresses including the Revered Swami Sarvapriyananda (Minister, Vedanta Society, New York, USA), Revered Swami Sarvasthananda (President, Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre, UK), Mr Virendra Sharma, MP (Chair of the Indo-British All-Party Parliamentary Group) and Mr Rohit Vadhvana (First Secretary of the India High Commission of the UK).

An arts and cultural programme was performed with songs and dance directed by Esha Ramesh and Lena Rai-Shetty (Vedika Academy for Dance and Music, London), Gouri Choudhury (Head of Suraloy, Music School, London), Ashvini Kane (Director, Swaradhana, South Ruislip) and Pravin Amin (National Association of Patidar Samaj, UK). As well, there was convened an interfaith panel, symbolic of the Parliament of Religions at which Swamiji made his famous addresses in 1893, with speakers including The Revd Preb. Alan Green (Team Rector, St John on Bethnal Green, Church of England & Chair, Tower Hamlets Interfaith Forum).

During the year, Vivekananda Human Centre published its annual magazine – Vivek – which included messages from the Queen, Prince of Wales, Prime Minister, High Commissioner of India, and many Swami. The seventh publication of the magazine, is a principal vehicle for informing and educating more people on the message of Swami Vivekananda and is distributed free at our events.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Vivekananda Human Centre will work towards achieving reserves equal to 3 months of ordinary running costs through fundraising activities.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal funders of Vivekananda Human Centre in 2019 were individual donors, as well as ticket sales and advertising generated from public events.

All funding secured has been channelled to support the project activities, in particular the events and publication of Vivek.

## Section F

## Other optional information



The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Although COVID-19 has had an impact on the organisation, sufficient funding continues to be secured. It is for this reason that the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	RAM CHANDRA SAHA	DAVID RUSSELL
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	28/09/2020	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Vivekananda Human Centre

Registered No:  
1170716

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### Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2019	To	31/12/2019
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#### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	7,532	221	-	7,753	6,647
Delegate tickets	4,580	-	-	4,580	4,985
Advertising	6,350	-	-	6,350	7,901
Raffle tickets	-	300	-	300	346
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>18,462</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,983</b>	<b>19,879</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>18,462</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,983</b>	<b>19,879</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Hall hire	5,260	-	-	5,260	12,090
Souvenir and other printing cost	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,160
Guest speakers & artists	4,581	-	-	4,581	3,000
Food distributions & educational support	2,279	521	-	2,800	1,787
Sound system, musicians	1,950	-	-	1,950	1,570
Security and other cost	635	-	-	635	580
Advertisement	100	-	-	100	520
Bank Charge	-	-	-	-	13
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>17,805</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,326</b>	<b>22,720</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>17,805</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,326</b>	<b>22,720</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>- 2,841</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>2,356</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,356</b>	<b>5,197</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>3,013</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,013</b>	<b>2,356</b>



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank and in Hand	3,013	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>3,013</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval


Ram C Saha  
David Russell

28/09/20  
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