



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
From	1st	April	2019	To	31st	March 2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Movement for Justice and Reconciliation
Other names charity is known by	MJR
Registered charity number (if any)	1161441
Charity's principal address	115 Preston Hill Kenton, Harrow Middlesex Postcode HA3 9SQ

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	Revd Alton Bell	Chair		
2	Paul Keeble	Deputy Chair		
3	Keith Cottrell			
4	Clive Ireson			
5	Bishop Joe Aldred			
6	Khareem Jamal			
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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution and Governance
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by resolution in properly constituted trustee meeting

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.

During the year, the Trustees have reviewed and ratified current policy and strategy documents.

These include:

- Trustee responsibilities and Financial Procedures Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Structure and Working Groups Policy
- Safeguarding Policy

The Trustees have also agreed a process for trustee re-election in accordance to the MJR Constitution.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

1. To advance the education of the public in general on the subject of colonial slavery and industrial exploitation in the 18th and 19th centuries and the effect it has had on today's society, in particular but not exclusively by raising awareness and providing information about how this era of our nation's history is impacting on British society today, and by promoting research in all aspects of this subject and publishing the results.
2. To develop the capacity and skills of members of socially and economically disadvantaged communities in such a way that they are better able to meet their needs, identify problems and to participate more fully in society.
3. Such other purposes as are exclusively charitable in accordance with the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time decide.

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)

The Movement for Justice and Reconciliation operates in accordance with the Constitution and Governance document submitted to the Charity Commission in April 2015.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is complying with the terms of this governance document and have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers and duties.

In particular they are continuing to conduct research relating to legacy issues and are organising wider project focussing on the findings of this research.

These projects is still in the planning stages and are being done in collaboration with various local community groups in Britain.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1. Research

MJR is continuing to develop on the strands of research already undertaken: *'Proving Legacy'*, focussing on educational issues; and *'Talking Legacy'*, focussing on the high prevalence of schizophrenia and diabetes among other health issues in the African Caribbean diaspora in Britain. The reports have been published and are available on our website, www.mjr-uk.com.

2. The Zong Project

The Zong Project has been the main focus of activity this year. Good links have been made with organisations and individuals in the various ports to be visited and the trustees have been very encouraged with the amount of support the project is receiving. It was originally hoped that MJR would sail a C17th schooner fitted out as a replica slave ship around Britain in July 2019. However, the trustees have decided to defer the voyage until the summer of 2020 to allow greater time for fundraising.

The aim of the project is to provide the ship as a free resource to support local groups in developing associated activities and long-term follow-up projects. Whilst nearly half of the funding to support this aim has been raised, the trustees felt that more was needed before they could allow the project to proceed. Deferring the project will not only allow time to secure the necessary funding, but will also enable a greater level of planning, and concur with the feedback from some ports who requested more time to plan related events. During the year, the trustees have established a renewed vision and strategy which we believe will ensure that the project will be delivered in 2020 and beyond. The Zong 2020 voyage will aim to:

- Raise awareness of Britain's leading role in the transatlantic slave trade.
- Stimulate and collate research into local involvement in this trade, and the legacy of the both the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and industrial exploitation in Britain.
- Provide encouragement to existing and a catalyst for new local community-led projects seeking to address issues identified.
- Create a greater national collective understanding and sharing of information and ideas to address legacy issues
- Assess levels of interest in establishing a permanent legacy centre.

Zong Project Strategy for 2019 / 2020:

- The trustees will work in partnership with local groups to organise a series of meetings to establish ways in which the visit of the Zong could most benefit and support local initiatives.
- Plans to produce an exhibition on-board the ship are progressing well and the extension will allow time for full consultation and planning to ensure the exhibition is appropriate for a subject of this sensitivity and importance. A smaller mobile exhibition will also be produced.
- Monthly updates of project news and prayer needs will be sent to supporters who sign up for this service.
- Fundraising is continuing and various new options are being considered such as encouraging paying passengers to sail on the ship from one port to the next; and working with partner organisations, providing display space on-board the ship.

Section D

Achievements and performance

3. MJR Manchester

In addition to the legacy of enslavement, about which the Zong Project is our major piece of work, MJR is investigating the legacy of industrial exploitation. This was an issue highlighted in the 'Proving Legacy' research on educational achievement which showed that poverty affects achievement levels among the white working classes more than any other group.

2019 marks the 200th anniversary of The Peterloo Massacre and many organisations in the Manchester area are planning commemorative events. In June 2018 MJR held an open meeting to investigate ways in which MJR could link with other like-minded organisations to mark this anniversary. It was agreed that MJR would work with various church and community groups to organise a Memorial service in the Cathedral on Sunday July 7th 2019. The three-fold theme will be: repentance; celebration of the social justice projects now in place; commitment to work towards social justice and equality in the future. A series of follow-up events are also being planned.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

No formal policy on reserves, but trustees ensure that all restricted funds are properly guarded and spent appropriately

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) *APBell*

Full name(s) Alton P Bell

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair

Date 14/12/2020