



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	09	09	2020		01	04	2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Bosnian Genocide Educational Trust

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1191203

**Charity's principal address** 35 Cragside

High Heaton

Newcastle Upon Tyne

**Postcode**

NE7 7EJ

### 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	Smajo Beso	n/a	Since 09 Sep 2020	
2	Emily Scullion	n/a	Since 09 Sep 2020	
3	Siauw-Jung (Andy) Lie	n/a	Since 09 Sep 2020	
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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)

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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
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by 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.

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## Section C Objectives and activities

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

The charity's objects are restricted specifically, in each case only for the public benefit:

- To advance the education of the public benefit in the subject of the Bosnian Genocide. In particular, European, Bosnian and British Bosnian history relevant to the Bosnian Genocide. Furthermore, advancement of the subject in relation to other genocides and the Holocaust.
- To promote religious and racial harmony, equality, diversity and good citizenship by advancing the education about the Bosnian Genocide and its contemporary relevance.

**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)**

- To promote the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race, religion, disability, gender, sexual orientation by raising public awareness of the causes and effects of prejudice and racism in society including the significant impact of the Bosnian Genocide, as well as other acts of systematic discrimination, in particular those leading to genocide and the Holocaust.

The organisation advances genocide education, specifically centring on the Bosnian Genocide, however, it also will educate on other instances of genocide including the Holocaust.

We organise a variety of innovative educational events and activities throughout the year. All of our events and resources are based on internationally agreed principles of effective genocide / Holocaust education and contemporary research. We encourage participants / audience to explore the complexity of the Bosnian genocide through hearing first-hand experiences of survivors and victims. All educational material is based on first-hand testimony, and often involving at least one survivor sharing their story.

The main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to our objects fall under 3 categories:

**1: Research** where we gather survivor and refugees' stories, personal objects and contribute to publications.

**2: Education** including provision of workshops and talks in schools, universities, for public and private organisations, and organising study trips to Bosnia.

**3. Community** projects in collaboration with other organisations and charities to coordinate art and cultural projects, and commemorative events and activities.

The Trustees are aware of their obligations and responsibilities to act in accordance with the public benefit requirement and have taken all necessary steps and procedures, as outlined in the relevant legislation, to ensure that any personal benefit (if any) is incidental. The purpose and aim of the Trustees and the charity, is to carry out solely charitable acts for the public benefit. All future Trustees will be briefed and provided with relevant information as required.

**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.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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

**Trust admin/ management**

- Set up and maintenance of website.
- Set up bank account.
- Held regular trustee meetings.
- Developed network of volunteers and collaborators.
- Identified funding opportunities.
- Established key roles within the trust.

**Projects**

- Collected **survivor stories** and hosted these on our website as learning resources.
- Organised and provided **survivor talks** with various schools and organisations such as Show Racism the Red Card, Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, Ministry of Defence, Department for Work and Pensions etc.
- Organised and provided **commemorative and educational activities, events and workshops** with various local authorities across the North East as well as organisations such as the Northumbria Police and North East Ambulance Service, government institutions, charities, schools, colleges, NHS Trusts, Police, Unions etc.
- Developed and piloted **educational programme “Making Peace: Schools Programme”** with Show Racism the Red Card.
- Collaborated with local charities, local authorities and Council of Faiths to develop an **annual interfaith event “Festival of Lights”**.
- **Holocaust Memorial Day 2021**. Collaborated with local authorities, charities and organisations i.e. Skimstone Arts, Show Racism the Red Card, Holocaust Memorial Day Trust etc.
- **Publications and media**: speaker/ survivor contributions to articles in the Independent, MSN, Belfast Telegraph, Chronicle Live, BBC *World Holocaust Day*, Channel 4 *Britain’s Forgotten War with Tony Robinson*, National Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony, local news etc. Our speakers have been featured in national and international broadcasts including BBC, ITV, Channel 4, Al Jazeera, Turkey’s TRT World, Bosnian TV channel Hayat, The Irish News and more.
- **Art and cultural projects**: Collaborated with Skimstone Arts to produce poems, songs and soundscapes using shared stories about Bosnia.

## Section E Financial review

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

We are adhering to the Charity Commissions guidance on charity reserves.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None.

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

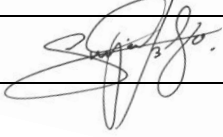
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Smajo	Beso
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>	26.01.2022	