



UNITED THROUGH SPORT TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017



Progress and Accounts for the Charity

United Through Sport is a UK Registered Charity (number 1102107)

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1. Charity Details

1.1. Charity Name and Contact Details

Charity Name:

United Through Sport

Registered Charity Number:

1102107

Correspondence Address:

Hamilton House, 80 Stokes Croft, Bristol, BS1 3QY, United Kingdom.

1.2. Charity Trustees for year ending 31st March 2017

Mr David Burton (Chair)

Mr Nicholas Mould

Mr Ben Spier

1.3. Professional Advisors and Bankers

Bankers:

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Independent Examiner:

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2. Charity Objectives and Governance

2.1. Charity Vision and Objectives

United Through Sport is a sports development charity operating on an international basis to support individual and community development in deprived regions throughout the world. The charity works with a reliable and accountable network of vetted grassroots charities and not-for-profit organisations located in specific target countries, through which sponsored programmes are run and managed. United Through Sport works in partnership with these organisations to raise awareness and funds as well as advising on project direction and policy.

The Vision of United Through Sport, as ratified by the charity trustees is as follows:

1. To bring people together to play sport, have fun, build friendships and advance community development.
2. To develop people to their full potential in:
 - Sport
 - Education
 - Health
3. Use sport as a tool for development – through it's direct benefits, by developing life-skills and addressing critical issues

All projects funded by United Through Sport must fulfil this Vision. The target countries for United Through Sport during 2016/2017 were South Africa, Argentina, St Lucia and Thailand.

2.2. Management and Governance

Trustees are elected by the majority vote of the existing trustee body. Additional trustees are introduced to the charity provided it is considered that they bring significant benefit to the organisation through their specific skills and their dedication to the United Through Sport Vision. There is no official limit on trustee numbers, but the body is not expected to rise above three members at present.

The chair of trustees is responsible for the induction of any new trustee which involves awareness of a trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, and the Vision of the charity.

The trustees annually review the risks that the charity faces. The friends and members of the charity are currently protected through employers liability and public liability insurance. In addition, the charity works with a trusted network of registered charitable organisations overseas to avoid the risk of irresponsible, fraudulent or criminal use of funds.

2.3. Funding Policy

During the course of 2016/2017, funds were distributed at the point of need. All beneficiary payments were reviewed and approved by unanimous trustee vote.

Funds are allocated in response to requests from trusted organisations responsible for projects in the target countries. Each request must be accompanied by an outline proposal which identifies the cost, benefit and sustainability of the projects requiring funding.

3. Charity Achievements and Performance

3.1. Achievements for 2016/2017

2016/2017 has seen another year of steady control for United Through.

2015/2016 income: £237,034

2016/2017 income: £144,128

In terms of charity programmes, 2016/2017 has been a year of consolidation. With the decision to stop working in Ghana long term, this has seen a drop-in revenue but our efforts in other beneficiary locations have maintained steady control. This has allowed the charity to think about its position for the year ahead with expansion in countries like Argentina.

We also received less support from Team GB but the relationship is positive and we anticipate there being continued support over the next financial year.

In addition to this, the charity has continued to support our operations in Holland and our small team there fundraising and recruiting international volunteers for our overseas beneficiaries.

We have also established and registered United Through Sport as a 501 c(3) in the USA.

Below is a summary of progress in each programme country.

South Africa

The project has been very successful this year having exceeded all target numbers of children and having recorded good results in the qualitative indicators, showing strong improvements in areas measured around the development of the children participating in the program; notably, emotional well being, health, HIV and AIDS awareness, life skills, future aspirations, social capital, Maths and English.

For YDF training the project has reached a total of 3,622 children each completing 18 hours of life skills through sport activity, exceeding the year target of 3,000 children. For the direct sports coaching the project has reached a total of 12,454 children each completing 18 hours of sports coaching within eight different sports (cricket, rugby, soccer, netball, hockey, tennis, basketball

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and swimming) exceeding the year target of 10,000. These programs have been run in 56 different schools. All of this activity totals to 289,368 hours of sports and life skills activities for children. Pre and Post quizzes were conducted with all life skills participants, showing an overall knowledge and attitude improvement of 22% in life skills and HIV and AIDS awareness.

The fifth year of the Junior School of Excellence Program has been a huge success with great consistency. In total 141 beneficiaries have been registered as part of this programme, all originating from the Mass Participation Programme. Average daily attendance was 128 participants all of whom are benefiting from sports coaching, extra academic support, life skills programmes and personal mentoring on a daily basis, as well as receiving daily meals. A thorough pre and post testing was completed with all registered beneficiaries covering English and Maths academic levels, health and wellbeing and leadership and community engagement. Positive results were recorded throughout with an average improvement of 88% in English scores and an amazing average increase of 89% in maths scores. In terms of psychosocial development (measuring future aspirations, social, capital, emotional well being and morality) there was an average increase of 28%. We are extremely happy with the results yielded as it shows strong improvement across the board in key areas.

The Senior School of Excellence Programme continues to grow with a further 22 children place in top level schools this year bringing our total number of SSE beneficiaries to 79 currently in the programme all receiving top level academic education and support as well as top level sports coaching. This has yielded positive results with 9 of our beneficiaries making provincial teams this year and two beneficiaries making South African national teams for their age groups. The academic benefit of the Senior School of Excellence programme has been evident with 10 beneficiaries graduating from High School, with a 100% Bachelor pass (meaning they are eligible to enter University) compared to only a 41% area average. Of these graduates from the programme, 9 are now studying at University or Higher Education, which is a fantastic achievement considering the area average is only 3% University attendance.

An exciting development for the South Africa office was to be supported by the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation and become part of the network of Laureus supported partners. This is a prestigious accolade for the organisation and a reflection of the good results that have been achieved over the past few years.

Argentina

During this year UTS Argentina has continued and expanded efforts to change the poverty cycle for many children and with the support of strong partners like the City Council and Nike we have been able to reach more kids than ever.

It has been a great and challenging year with the opportunity to set up new relationships with schools in the area of Barracas and continuing our link with Pereyra Park, our office in the Barracas neighbourhood.

Our current operation at Pereyra Park allows us to have strong links with schools in the area and therefore expand our opportunities to reach more kids in Barracas. We continue building up confidence on the ground and thus we are now developing football and hockey competitions to

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our kids between the ages of 6 and 17 years as they are now representing UTS Argentina in different tournaments and sport events in the city. This was our main challenge and we are experiencing very positive feedback and behaviour from the kids towards these events.

We are continuing with our Mass Participation Programme allowing our sport volunteers to reach around 1500 kids with coaching sessions in 4 different schools in Barracas. However, we felt that this was not enough to work closely with schools and institutions in Buenos Aires. Therefore, we start also providing teaching English lessons as schools requested from us further involvement in several activities to improve academic achievements within their curricula. As an example, volunteers now attend kids English classes so schools can take advantage from an English native speaker and let him/her teach kids directly.

Along with the park we have signed an agreement with Nike to join the Nike Argentina Sport for Change Network. This agreement helped us to get involved in all of the sport events previously mentioned and also with donations and further visibility to promote what we are doing. The result were football shirts and boots donations, participation at annual charity events organised by Nike and UTS participation at the Youth Olympics 2018 taking place in Buenos Aires.

We have also decided to join the Argentina International Cooperation Network (RACI) in order to interact with other charities of multiple areas which are joined to seek for financial assistance by looking into international and local funds. All of these networks enables us to explore new ideas and ways of interactions as to understand how charities are moving towards the seeking of funds and sponsors.

The government continues to support us by funding our local coaches, allowing us to stay at the Park, and continuing delivering our sport coaching sessions at Pereyra. We have also received donations from partners and individuals during 2016 which positively contributed to our sports sessions particularly on our hockey and football lessons.

We are aimed at increasing the number of rugby sessions delivered at the Pereyra Park and also we are having conversations with a public school to formalise the relationship with them. As kids are coming from the nearby schools, our focus will be deposited towards strengthening the relationships with them in order to articulate actions to benefit the community.

The year 2017 finds us in good shape and ready to start establishing relationships with more schools and institutions in the areas around the Pereyra Park.

In conclusion, we have a great year ahead to cover a few topics which represent our priorities in 2017: a) Increase competition of our football and hockey teams for both boys and girls b) expand our actions in school not only with sport but also with teaching English and helping in the daily activities through culture and language exchange with our international volunteers, c) introduce local volunteers to our organisation, d) start reaching other communities beside Barracas.

St Lucia

This year we have attempted to build in the success of last year, and have again achieved impressive growth in our projects and operation. We've taken on more paid staff from within the local community including an enthusiastic aspiring football coach who has taken on the role coordinating our football projects, which has resulted in us increasing our outreach in particularly remote areas such as Ciceron and Canaries and implementing preschool football coaching to children as young as 3 years old!

Our volunteer operation has also seen great expansion; we have moved the accommodation for our overseas volunteers to a larger and more comfortable location, allowing us to attract and take on more volunteers than any previous years.

We've teamed up with the St. Lucia RFU and local sports club; Vide Bouteille Cultural Club to run an island-wide 'Get into Rugby' in and after schools, having successfully established programmes in Balata Primary, Corinth Secondary and Hess Secondary.

The St. Lucia programme have invested in more sports equipment than ever before and even been able to provide full kits for the St. Lucia National Rugby Team, meaning players do not have to pay out of their own pockets to represent their country and the children in our youth projects have something greater and more professional to aspire toward.

We are strengthening our commercial relationship and aim to find sponsors to provide food for our free Summer Camp next year, and transport for children in further or more rural areas.

Thailand

- We have been working with 3 government funded community schools over the last year. They are Anuban Promburi (Primary), Promburi Rachadapiek (Secondary) and Wat Pranon Chaksi (Primary). Despite some challenges with convincing mainly parents the importance of health and fitness to support better learning in children, they are still very focused on insisting culture, maths and sciences are the primary subjects.
- We have contributed 2750 hours of volunteer time in coaching sport to children in local schools.
- 428 students have benefited from our volunteer support.
- We ran two sports days at Anuban Promburi school. This involved a full day of sports which the children have never experienced before. We also invited the local community and food stalls were erected for the locals to sell snacks and drinks to help with bringing people together.
- The usual Thai student will receive 1 hour of physical activity a week. Our students now on average receive 3 hours.
- We now have more schools lined up to support and have invited teachers from these school to visit our existing programme to understand the opportunity and the achievements reached.

Financial Policy

For 2016/2017, United Through Sport has taken a low-risk policy to investment and had no liabilities to address at the close of the year.

The charity has a reserves policy to ensure that unreserved cash balances do not fall below £10,000 at any time. This policy will remain in 2017/2018.

At present the charity only supplies payments to beneficiaries for initiatives which are sustainable without a guarantee of future support from United Through Sport. The charity therefore has no fixed future financial commitments to beneficiaries and will offer support on a case-by-case basis until further notice. This implies that the charity's reserves policy is dictated only by operational expenditure and not by future commitments to beneficiaries.

The charity has a target of distributing 75% of total income to beneficiary projects in country, with 25% retained for UK administration.

3.2. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They 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.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees by David Burton.

Signed:



Date: 20/12/2017

4. Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2017, which are set out in Section 6.

4.1. *Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner*

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

4.2. *Basis of the independent examiner's report*

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

4.3. *Independent examiner's statement*

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 20/12/2017

5. Financial Activities for Year Ending 31st March 2017

5.1. Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2016 £
RECEIPTS				
General Income	12,687	109,336	122,023	174,451
JustGiving, VMG & Total Giving Income	2,156	7,029	9,185	20,294
Sales	12,921	-	12,921	42,289
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	27,764	116,364	144,128	237,034
PAYMENTS				
Beneficiary Payments	13,033	78,289	91,323	186,711
Sales	9,649	-	9,649	16,751
Marketing and Event Costs	2,497	-	2,497	2,106
Personnel Costs	-	15,039	15,039	25,959
IT Costs (inc JustGiving)	1,094	-	1,094	247
Administration Costs	8,355	1,852	10,206	15,780
Gift Aid Repayment	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	34,628	95,180	129,808	247,554
NET SURPLUS				
Net of Receipts / Payments	(6,864)	21,185	14,320	(10,520)
Transfer	(1,852)	1,852	0	-
Cash Funds Last Year End	36,580	1,062	37,642	48,162
Cash Funds This Year End	27,864	24,098	51,962	37,642

5.2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2017 £
ASSETS			
Cash at Bank	27,864	24,098	51,962
Total Cash Funds	27,864	24,098	51,962

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