

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From** Period start date 13 12 2016 **To** Period end date 31 12 2017

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Vivekananda Human Centre

Other names charity is known by

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.



**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.

**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 five flagship events in 2017, all of which were well attended and supported. These were:

Birthday Celebration of Swami Vivekananda  
Thursday 12 January 2017

Birthday Celebration of Sri Ramakrishna Festival of Unity in Diversity & Holi Festival 2017 at Epping Forest Hall  
Sunday 19 March 2017

Vivekananda Festival 2017 & 150th Birthday Celebration of Sister Nivedita at Logan Hall  
Sunday 2 July 2017

Celebration of 70 years of India's Independence at The Indian Gymkhana Club  
Sunday 10 September 2017

Celebration of International Day of Peace, Diwali Celebration & Birthday Celebration of Holy Mother at Epping Forest Hall  
Sunday 19 November 2017

The showcase event was at Logan Hall to which several hundred participants attended to hear addresses including the H.E. Mr Y.K. Sinha High Commissioner of India, Revered Swami Suhitananda, Councillor Richard Cotton, Mayor of Camden, Revered Swami Chetanananda, Revered Swami Dayatmananda and Revered Swami Tattwasarananda. An interfaith panel was also convened, symbolic of the Parliament of Religions at which Swamiji made his famous addresses in 1893, with speakers including Rev. Alan Green, Chair of the Tower Hamlets Interfaith Forum, Mr Leon Silver, Mr Gary Thompson

In September, we were very delighted that thousands of people visited Vivekananda Human Centre's stall at the Celebration of India's Independent, including H.E. High Commissioner of India, MPs, Leaders, Councillors, Artists and Celebrities. We distributed thousands of free books on the philosophy of tolerance, diversity and harmony of Swamiji, as well as bottles of water, juice and dry foods. Also, we participated and performed songs at the celebrations from our centre.

During the year, Vivekananda Human Centre published its annual magazine – Vivek – which included messages from the Queen, Prince of Wales, High Commissioner for India, and many Swami. The fifth 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 2017 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

## Section G

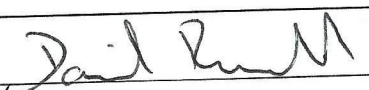

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	DAVID RUSSELL	RAM CHANDRA SAHA
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE
Date	22/05/18	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Vivekananda Human Centre**

Registered No:  
1170716

**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period from	13/12/2016	To	31/12/2017
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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	3,521	221	-	3,742	-
Delegate tickets	5,306	-	-	5,306	-
Advertising	7,150	-	-	7,150	-
Raffle tickets	-	280	-	280	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>15,977</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,478</b>	<b>-</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>15,977</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,478</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Hall hire	5,310	-	-	5,310	-
Souvenir and other printing cost	4,273	-	-	4,273	-
Guest speakers & artists	1,168	-	-	1,168	-
Food distributions & educational support	3,437	501	-	3,938	-
Sound system, musicians	1,520	-	-	1,520	-
Security and other cost	440	-	-	440	-
Advertisement	384	-	-	384	-
Decorations	151	-	-	151	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>16,683</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,184</b>	<b>-</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>16,683</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,184</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 706</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 706</b>	<b>-</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>5,903</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,903</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>5,197</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,197</b>	<b>-</b>

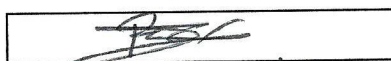



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at Bank and in Hand	5,197	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	5,197	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Ram C Saha  
David Russell

Date of approval

22/05/18  
22/05/18