

## **Trustees Report for the Period 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

### **Reference and Administration Information**

Charity Name:	Crosslands (previously Acts 29 Oak Hill Academy)
Charity Registration Number:	1167211
Registered Office and Operational Address:	Unit 11, The Old Stables, Westbrook Court, Sharrow Vale Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S11 8YZ
Director - Trustees:	Mr S Timmis Dr D Strange Mrs J Charteris Dr J Woodrow Mr I Roberts Mr T McMahon
Chair:	Mr Stephen Timmis
Contact:	Chris Rimmer
Bank:	CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

### **Governing Document**

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), incorporated and registered as a charity on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The company is established under a constitution, which contains the objects and powers of the CIO.

### **Aims and Objectives**

#### Purposes and Aims

Our purposes, as set out in our constitution are:

- to provide for the public benefit Christian training to educate and equip church leaders, mainly but not exclusively in the UK, Europe and 10:40 window, to have the knowledge and skills required to care for the spiritual, moral and welfare needs of their churches and wider communities;

- to provide for the public benefit Christian resources that educate church congregations and individuals in accordance with Christian beliefs as outlined in our Statement of Faith; and
- to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in such charitable ways as the Charity Trustees think fit from time to time.

### The Focus of our Work

- Our main objectives for the period was to establish the relevant structures to provide for the public benefit Christian training to educate and equip Christians in the UK, Europe and 10:40 window.
- To this end, the main activities of this period were the following:
  1. establishing a recognised, strong and distinct brand for in-context theological training;
  2. developing a wide-ranging and well-received curriculum that equips people of all stages of Christian development;
  3. attracting a growing body of enrolled and potential students from across the UK and Europe;
  4. employing a strong, cohesive and diverse faculty of academics and practitioner-tutors;
  5. establishing an operational business plan to become a financially sustainable non-profit organisation.

In the academic year 2016/2017:

- 45 students enrolled and completed our Seminary programme.
- 7 study groups (ranging from 3 to 38 students) and 2 learning sites (with on average 6 students) around the UK accessed and studied our Foundation modules.
- 5 Foundation modules were translated into French, 22 modules into Italian and 21 modules into Czech.

### **Activities and Additional Governance Issues**

To achieve its charitable purposes, Crosslands aims to provide excellent in-context theological training and resources for churches and church leaders in the UK, Europe and 10:40 window. Crosslands provides accessible theological education through 3 separate courses: Entry, Foundation and Seminary.

The Entry Course is in development but will be accessed through our online platform and studied in small groups.

The Foundation Course is well established, studied individually in a learning site (open to anyone within a geographical area) or a study group (a closed group usually ran within a church or a para-church organisation) accessed through our online platform. Both learning sites and study groups teach the content in accordance with specific guidelines determined by Crosslands. They operate autonomously but are bound by a contract signed by the leader. This

contract confirms their commitment to our aims, objectives and values and outlines their responsibilities.

The Seminary Course is run in-house with two hubs, one in the UK and one in the Republic of Ireland for international students. Content is accessed through a combination of online resources, small-group seminar days throughout the year and teaching at 3 residential. Students are allocated into one of 11 tutor groups for their seminar days.

Crosslands was created by two organisations – Acts 29 and Oak Hill Theological College. Acts 29 acquired the intellectual property of all material from The Porterbrook Network on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016. This was then sub-licensed to Crosslands for use in the UK, Europe and 10:40 window. While Crosslands set up its own financial structures, trading continued through The Porterbrook Networks financial systems in the reporting period pertaining to this report. All financial activities were clearly designated within the Porterbrook Networks accounting to be able to transfer funds at a future date. As such all financial activities within the period 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017 will be reported on in The Porterbrook Network's annual return. Crosslands began trading as its own entity on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

## **Public Benefit**

When planning the activities of the charity, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance in relation to public benefit and in particular the guidance on the Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit.

The ways that the charity operates for the benefit of the wider public are detailed below:

- Curriculum is developed in such a way as to be contextually adaptable and appropriate. This is to equip and train Christians to intentionally invest in their local communities.
- Content is available to a wide variety of people, including Entry and Foundation which is available to those with little or no formal education, whether they are practicing Christians or not.
- The retail price of modules is aggressively discounted to make content available to a wide variety of students, to allow people to integrate study into their current context and so encourage people to study in groups which we believe provide better educational outcomes.

## **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

Under the requirements of the constitution the first trustees were elected to serve the following terms:

Stephen George Timmis for 4 years

Ian Jeremy Roberts for 4 years

Jennifer Ann Charteris for 3 years

Daniel Steven Strange for 2 years

Jonathan Daniel Woodrow for 2 years

Timothy John McMahon for 3 years

Apart from the first Charity Trustees, every Trustee must be appointed for a term of up to three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Charity Trustees.

All trustees work voluntarily and receive no salary from the charity for their work as Trustees, however Jonathan Woodrow is employed by the Charity as a Faculty Member. Any expenses reclaimed or royalties paid from the charity are described in notes 8 and 9 of the accounts.

All trustees appointed are in full support of the charity's aims and objectives.

### **Trustee Induction and Training**

All trustees have skills, knowledge and experience of the development and delivery of Christian educational materials. All trustees are familiar with the day-to-day practical workings of the charity.

Any newly appointed trustees will be given a copy of the current version of the constitution and a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

### **Responsibilities of the Trustees**

By law the trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company, as at the balance sheet date, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial period. In preparing those financial statements, they will:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will not continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees confirm that the accounts comply with current statutory requirements and those of the organisation's governing document.

In submitting this report, the Trustees confirm that they are acting in-line with their responsibilities.

### **Financial Review**

As outlined in the 'Additional Governance Issues' section, all financial activities conducted by Crosslands will be reported on by The Porterbrook Network for the period 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017 when it was in a start-up phase and hosted by The Porterbrook Network in their financial structures.

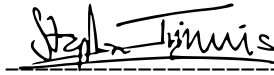
Crosslands began formally trading as a separate entity with its own financial structures in place on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018. As such, we submit a nil-return financial report for this period.

### **Trustee approval**



The board of Trustees approved this Report in full on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.

Signed:

  
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Name: Stephen Timmis

Position: Chairman and Trustee

Date: 04/05/2018



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ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED  
31 JULY 2017

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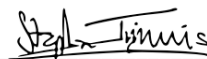
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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2017

	31 July 2017
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	-
Intangible assets	-
Tangible assets	-
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<b>Current Assets</b>	
Debtors	-
Cash at bank and in hand	-
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<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	-
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<b>Net current assets</b>	-
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<b>Total Assets less current liabilities</b>	-
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	-
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>	-
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<b>Net assets</b>	-
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<b>Charity Funds</b>	
Restricted Funds	-
Unrestricted Funds	-
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<b>Total charity funds</b>	£-
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The financial statements were approved by the Board on 02/05/2018

  
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Chairman & Trustee



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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD FROM 19 MAY 2016 TO 31 JULY 2017

	Unrestricted Funds 2017	Restricted Funds 2017	Total Funds 2017
<b>Income and endowment from:</b>	-	-	-
Donations and legacies	-	-	-
Charitable activities	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
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<b>Total Income and endowments</b>	-	-	-
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	-	-	-
Charitable activities	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
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<b>Total expenditure</b>	-	-	-
<b>Net gains (losses) on investments</b>	-	-	-
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>	-	-	-
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	-	-	-
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<b>Other recognised / gains (losses)</b>			
Gains (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	-	-	-
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	-	-	£-
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