

**THE PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE APPEAL FUND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

**ALISON WARD ACCOUNTANTS**  
**CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS**

**28 HILLS ROAD**  
**BUCKHURST HILL**  
**ESSEX IG9 5RS**

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT - STATUTORY INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

**Trustee** Prisoners of Conscience Appeal Fund (Trustee) Limited

**Directors of the Corporate Trustee** Ian Baker  
Dr Lynn Bindman (appointed July 2017)  
Victoria Brittain  
Dorothy Connell  
John Cooper QC  
Stefanie Grant  
Roger Harrison  
David Ivy  
Catriona Jarvis  
Maria Saro-Wiwa  
Ansel Wong

**Chief Executive** Lynn Carter

**Principal address of the charity** P O Box 61044  
London SE1 1UP

**Charity number** 213766

**Bankers** HSBC PLC  
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London W1U 6AX  
CAF Bank Limited  
Kings Hill  
West Malling  
Kent ME19 4TA

**Independent examiner** Alison Ward FCCA  
Alison Ward Accountants  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
28 Hills Road  
Buckhurst Hill  
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TRUSTEE'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

The Trustee presents its report and the independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2017. The statutory information is shown on Page 1.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Constitution and Charity Objectives**

The Prisoners of Conscience Appeal Fund (PoC) was established in 1962 as a Charitable Trust with the object of relieving the hardship of prisoners of conscience and their families and also to cover the costs of travel and resettlement of former prisoners of conscience who have been granted asylum in other countries. In addition, it can provide funds for the relief of poverty of those who have fled their country to avoid being imprisoned for their political or religious beliefs; but excluding those guilty of crimes of violence, inciting violence, or fomenting hatred between races.

In 2011 a new company was established; The Prisoners of Conscience Appeal Fund (Trustee) Limited (the Corporate Trustee), which is the sole corporate trustee of the charity. All the serving trustees resigned in December 2011 and except for two of their number, they were all appointed as Directors of the Corporate Trustee. The object of PoC has now been condensed as follows:

The object of the charity is to relieve the poverty of any person throughout the world (and any spouse, child or dependant of any such person) who has performed an act of conscience for which he or she has been, or are likely to be imprisoned, persecuted or subjected to suffering, or have fled from their country to avoid such imprisonment, persecution or suffering, provided they have not used or advocated violence.

**Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

PoC no longer has any individual trustees. Its sole trustee is the Corporate Trustee. The Corporate Trustee is therefore responsible for the management of the charitable funds of the Charity. In practice, the Corporate Trustee is represented by and makes decisions through its board of directors who are responsible for running the Corporate Trustee. This structure is illustrated below:

Board of Directors (those who were previously trustees of the Charity)

Prisoners of Conscience Appeal Fund (Trustee) Limited  
(the Corporate Trustee)

The Prisoners of Conscience Appeal Fund  
(the Charity)

**Organisation**

PoC is administered by a sole corporate trustee, the board of which meets four times a year. The charity is also supported by a number of distinguished Patrons.