

The AIM Project

REPORT & ACCOUNTS

Year Ended 31st March 2018

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Significant Information

The AIM Project is a registered Charity and is governed by its constitution of the 18th March 2003 with the following objective:

To advance the education of professional persons working with children, young people and their families who sexually abuse by the provision of advice, information and training with a view to developing personal responsibilities and improved family relationships.

Trustee Recruitment

The existing Board of Trustees identify potential trustees who have the appropriate skills and knowledge to assist AIM in its work. Potential new Trustees meet with those involved with AIM and are then invited to join the Board of Trustees. There is no time limit attached to being a Trustee.

Trustee Induction & Training

There is a comprehensive introduction to the work of AIM for new trustees. Relevant training courses and seminars are circulated to trustees.

Advisors

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The Trustees present their ANNUAL REPORT for the year 2017/18

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Board of Trustees

Una Hagan (Chair)

Julie Postlewaite – Youth Offending and Children's Services

Kenneth Ross - Psychologist

Raminder Aujla, Education

Pam Badger our previous Education Trustee retired this year and we wish her all the best in her retirement and thank her for all the hard work and support she has given the AIM Project over the years. We are delighted to welcome Raminder Aujla who has a wealth of experience in working with harmful sexual behaviours in Education settings and is a member of the CAPE (Child Abuse Protection in Education) Committee.

Activities, achievements and future plans

Background

The Annual Report for 2013/14 contains a full history of the work of the Project since its inception in January 2000. In January 2015 the charity celebrated its 15th anniversary and developed a three-year plan reflecting the greater confidence of all those involved in the financial status of the charity. This plan had a range of specific objectives but underpinning all of those was a restatement of the core business of the project: Delivering training; Developing practice manuals/guidance and consultation and the facilitation of policy and procedures within the context of multi-agency agreements

The 3 year plan - 2015 – 2018

The main focus of the plan was on revising, updating and developing our training programmes and publications and the majority of this was achieved, while others are still in development.

We were successful in revising and updating the Education Guidance which was launched in January 2017 and has been well received within the Education Sector. A copy was also sent to Westminster as part of the consultation process re sexual behaviours in Education settings. In April 2017 we also produced an integrated Restorative Justice (RJ) practice guidance and assessment model, which is now being used in other countries such as Norway.

Work is still ongoing on the development of a new Intervention Manual and a new Technology Assisted – HSB practice guidance to replace the previous i-AIM document and work on Autism and HSB is still in development as part of Carol Carson's PhD. All of these will be included in our new 3-year plan from 2018. We were in discussions with the College of Policing about the development of an adolescent version of the Police ARMS (Assessment and Risk Management Plan), but this did not progress.

With regard to training developments, we updated Managing and Supervising Staff and produced new courses on Diversity and HSB and an AIM2 refresher. AIM week, when we run a full week of our courses and attract wide UK interest, was successful and we are considered having AIM weeks in different locations in the future.

The 3 year plan 2018 – 2021

Development Work

This next 3 year period will see a significant amount of revision and development of our core publications, AIM2, Interventions, TA-HSB, Under 12s, Foster Carers and Residential Staff. This is to ensure that they are up to date with key current research and practice issues and in light of feedback from practitioners and managers. It is an ambitious programme of work, with timescales for delivery for TA-HSB being in the autumn of 2018 and AIM2 and Interventions in the spring of 2019. We are pleased to be supported in this work by Professor Simon Hackett. The TA-HSB is being developed in partnership with the NSPCC. New work on Restorative Practice, Sibling work and working with females will all be part of the development plan. There are also ongoing discussions about the format of our publications and the potential move to electronic rather than hard copy versions.

The costs of production and the impact of the transition period including a drop in sales of training and publications, will have a significant effect on our finances for the next year. We have reserves and as AIM's charitable aims are to continue to support the development of practice re HSB, it is felt that this is an appropriate use of part of these reserves.

International development

AIM has been approached by other countries particularly Norway and New Zealand with a view to promoting the AIM materials nationally in their work with adolescents and HSB. Work is ongoing re developing licencing contracts for how this will work in practice, with a view to looking at further developing our international links through this 3 year period.

Training

To date the demand for training has remained robust, including extensive training packages for Greater Manchester and Durham being completed during 2017 /2018. There will be a drop in

training during the transition period of the development of the new publications but we anticipate that this will pick up again once the new publications are launched.

During this year we have run 3 AIM weeks, one in London and two in Manchester and all have been successful. We hope to build on this success by adding additional AIM weeks on a yearly basis, in different locations such as Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

We are continually responding to demand from practitioners for additional courses and are in process of developing courses on working with siblings, autism, working with females, report writing and co-working.

Partnerships

We are also keen to develop our partnerships with NSPCC and with Greater Manchester. There is also potential further work within the North East

Risks policy

The trustees consider the risks that the charity is exposed to on a six monthly basis. The main risk identified is a significant reduction in demand for services. This year, this will be relevant but will be due to the transition period to the new publications. There are sufficient resources to support the project during this period.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission advice on public benefit.

Financial matters

The Project had net incoming resources of £31,288 (2017: £13,532) in the year and had net assets of £158,599 at the year-end (2017: £127,311) The trustees consider that the Project is in a satisfactory financial position.

Policy on holding funds in reserve

The trustees have carried out a review and agreed that the Project should in general hold a sum equivalent to six months expenditure in the general fund to cover the ongoing costs and cash-flow requirements of running the Project. At the year end this target was met.

X Una Hagan

Approved by the trustees on X 27.1.2019

Una Hagan – Chair of the board of trustees

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of The AIM Project

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Aim Project for the year ended 31st March 2018.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of The Aim Project you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

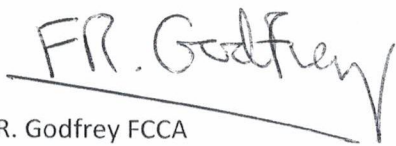
I report in respect of my examination of The Aim Project's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Aim Project as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date 27/1/19

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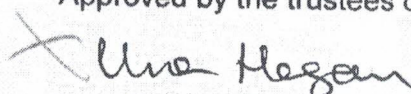
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2018

		2018 £	2017 £
	Notes		
Incoming resources:			
from charitable activities:			
Training & sale of manuals		453,827	316,858
Interest received		-	652
Total incoming resources		<u>453,827</u>	<u>317,510</u>
Resources expended:			
Charitable activities:			
Training & advice	2	<u>422,539</u>	<u>303,978</u>
Net (outgoing) incoming resources		31,288	13,532
Funds brought forward	7	127,311	113,779
Funds carried forward	7	<u>158,599</u>	<u>127,311</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017
Current assets			
Stock of manuals		5,531	4,467
Debtors	5	34,753	19,720
Bank		<u>124,544</u>	<u>119,797</u>
		<u>164,828</u>	<u>143,984</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	6,229	16,673
		<u>158,599</u>	<u>127,311</u>
Funds:			
General funds	7	<u>158,599</u>	<u>127,311</u>

Approved by the trustees on 27.1.2019 and signed on their behalf by:


 Una Hagan - Trustee

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018

The Aim Project is a public benefit entry, registered as a charity in England, further details and main address are included in the trustees report.

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting. The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102) section 1A applicable to small entities and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102).

Income. All income is accounted for on a receivable basis. Any general-purpose grants whose use is restricted by the grantor to some future accounting period are accounted for as deferred income until the restriction has been satisfied.

Funds. Unrestricted funds are corporate funds, which as such are available for use or retention at the discretion of the trustees, in accordance with the Charity's objects. Restricted funds are trust funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors.

Expenditure. Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Gifts in Kind. The Charity receives the benefit of work carried out by volunteers, and receives the use of facilities and equipment without charge. No value is placed on these items, except where the benefit extends over several periods, in which case they are valued and included in the balance sheet at a reasonable valuation.

Stocks. Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price to complete and sell.

Debtors. Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors. Short term creditors are measured at transaction price.

Taxation. As a registered charity the Project benefits from Rates relief and is generally exempt from Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax, but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

2. Expenditure on training & advice

	2018 £	2017 £
Travel & subsistence	47,152	32,076
Trainers fees	182,564	118,860
Training venues & catering	18,173	14,270
Production of books/manuals	24,111	15,665
Printing postage & stationery	9,299	6,091
Telephone & internet	1,294	1,387
Equipment expensed	-	538
Consultancy - Training & development	113,139	91,640
Admin support	18,025	17,425
Insurance	1,906	1,666
Accounting & independent examination	1,200	1,140
Other expenses	5,676	3,220
	<u>422,539</u>	<u>303,978</u>
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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018 (continued)

3. Staff numbers - Nil

4. Trustees - the trustees did not receive any remuneration or re-imbursement of expenses during the year.

5. Debtors

	2018 £	2017 £
Invoiced debtors & prepayments	<u>34,753</u>	<u>19,720</u>

6. Creditors - due within one year

	£	£
Invoiced creditors & accruals	<u>6,229</u>	<u>16,673</u>

7. Funds

	Brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Carried forward £
General funds	<u>127,311</u>	<u>453,827</u>	<u>422,539</u>	<u>158,599</u>
Represented by net current assets				<u>158,599</u>
Prior year: General funds	<u>113,779</u>	<u>317,510</u>	<u>303,978</u>	<u>127,311</u>

8. Related parties - there were no related party transactions requiring disclosure.