

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered charity name	Friends of Street Children Bangladesh
Charity registration number	1171061
Address for Correspondence	44 Slimmons Drive St Albans AL4 9AP
Board of Trustees	

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Mr. Michael John Sherriff (Chair)
Saif Uddin Osmani (Vice-Chair/Treasurer)
Anthony Stevens
Mahreen Ferdous (from 28/4/2019)
Hamida Chowdhury (from 13/10/2018)

Bankers	Nat West
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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charity for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019.

The trustees confirm that the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements.

OUR AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Purpose and aims

Our charity's purpose as set out in the objects contained in the Constitution are:

The promotion of health and relief of need of children and young people living on, or connected with, the streets of Dhaka and other parts of Bangladesh, in particular by supporting the work of street children LEEDO to reach children abandoned on the streets and to provide counselling, and residential facilities to meet their needs

The Trustees have developed the charity as a small organisation raising funds to support specific work undertaken by Street Children LEEDO in Bangladesh. This year we gave particular emphasis to working with LEEDO to bring a team of children from their residential home to take part in the Street Child Cricket World Cup. This was held in May 2019.

Public Benefit

During the reporting period the trustees have considered section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. We have sought to ensure that the charity is fulfilling its charitable purpose to benefit the public by raising funds for specific projects. This year we sent two grants to Bangladesh. One was to enhance the work of the mobile school and to support work at the peace Home. The second was a contribution towards the costs of bringing a team of children from the peace Home to take part in the Street Child Cricket World Cup.

In our second year of operation we have achieved the following outcomes from our work:

- We have recruited 2 additional trustees to support the development of our work
- We have sent our first two grants to support the work of LEEDO in Bangladesh
- We have raised awareness of the position of street children in Bangladesh at our fundraising events, through a stall at the Tower Hamlets mela and our promotion of the team from LEEDO Peace Home taking part in the Street Child Cricket World Cup
- We have raised £15,332 to support work with children who have survived on the streets- almost quadrupling the income raised in our first year
- We secured donations/sponsorship for the children's cricket team from LEEDO
- We have increased giving using our online giving platform with BT My Donate
- We have more than doubled the number of our face book followers
- We have linked with other organisations concerned with children who have survived on the streets- the Consortium for Street Children and Street Child United

The activities that we have undertaken to achieve these outcomes include:

Distribution of an Annual Report to coincide with our July fundraising event

Two fundraising dinners- one to raise money for bedding at the LEEDO Peace Home and one to support the children's cricket team from LEEDO coming to take part in the Street Child World Cup in the UK

A stall at the Tower Hamlets mela and display of photographs and paintings in the UK and Bangladesh

Regular posts to our face book page and encouraging people to follow us

Trustee spending time with LEEDO in Dhaka, especially helping to find financial sponsors and supporters to enable children from the LEEDO Peace Home to take part in the Street Child Cricket World Cup and to complete the process of applying for visas

Grant making

Friends of Street Children Bangladesh awarded two grants to Street Children LEEDO in Dhaka, Bangladesh during 2018/9.

Volunteers

The trustees of Friends of Street Children Bangladesh are all volunteers, organising fundraising events, applying for funds and arranging displays about the work of LEEDO.

During the year we recruited two new trustees. Volunteers also helped with our fundraising and we recruited volunteers to assist during the visit by children from Bangladesh to take part in the Street Child Cricket World Cup.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our achievements are monitored at regular trustee meetings at which we consider our performance and progress. During the reporting period we raised £15,332 through a fundraising meal and applications for grants and sponsorship to support the LEEDO Street Child Cricket World Cup team. We made regular use of our face book page and now have over 500 followers.

At our fundraising meal in July 2018 we recruited supporters for our charity and sought ideas and suggestions for its future development.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net incoming resources for the reporting period of £5,156.54 and our funds stand at £8,966.72 in total. Some of these funds are required for bedding for the new Peace Home extension, once it is completed, and to cover expenses related to the LEEDO Street Child cricket team being in the UK in April and May 2019.

The charity is dependent on fundraising and support from sponsors, charitable Trusts and individuals. We have registered with the inland revenue to claim gift aid from donations and have also established an online giving facility. We have held successful fundraising events during the year and successfully applied for sponsorship and support for the cricket team from LEEDO to take part in the Street Child Cricket World Cup.

All funds are held in a bank account with Nat West bank.

Reserves

Our plan is to hold less than £1,500 in reserves at any one time. This sum is to enable us to support priority projects with LEEDO where we have not raised sufficient funds by the time the project commences. We are currently holding in excess of £1,500 in reserves but a large portion of these funds will be needed to cover the expenses of the LEEDO children's cricket team when they are in the UK. £ 1833.75 is being held to cover the cost of bedding at the Peace Home, once work on its extension has been completed.

Going concern

The trustees confirm that Friends of Street Children Bangladesh is a going concern

Principal risks and uncertainties

During the year the trustees kept under review the risks faced by the charity. These mainly relate to the process of transferring funds to Bangladesh and ensuring effective accountability. Two trustees have previously attended workshops organized by the Charity Commission for recently formed charities working in high risk areas internationally.

There are risks associated with the visit by children from Bangladesh and a risk register was prepared by the charity covering events we have organized for the visit. Public Liability insurance for events has been obtained.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

2018/19 was our second full year of operation as a charitable incorporated organisation and our plans for the forthcoming period are to build on work undertaken to date, especially taking advantage of the opportunities that have been created by supporting the team from LEEDO taking part in the Street Child Cricket World Cup:

- We aim to recruit additional trustees who expressed an interest during the cricket tournament
- We aim to hold more fundraising dinners
- We aim to follow up contacts made during the Street Child Cricket Word Cup who might be interested in donating or fundraising in future
- We plan to submit a new application to our first Trust funder
- We plan to raise funds for LEEDO's outreach and education work
- We plan to increase our following on social media
- We plan to establish a new online giving arrangement as BT My Donate is closing
- We plan to develop our relationships with individuals and groups from the UK who have visited, or are interested in visiting, the LEEDO Projects in Dhaka.
- We plan to follow up in both the UK and Bangladesh the children's rights issues raised by the children during the cricket tournament, including the issue of children having a legal identity
- We will consider future applications to DFID (our first applications were unsuccessful)
- We will consider whether we should work with LEEDO on future bids to take part in Street Child United events

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation and is governed by its constitution. The charity was registered on 10th January 2017

The provisions of the governing document have been complied with during the reporting period under review.

The trustees serve on a Board of Trustees consisting of at least three members. Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

At present there are 5 trustees. The trustees keep under review gaps in experience and expertise represented on the board and are currently considering expressions of interest in becoming a trustee that were made during the Street Child Cricket World Cup tournament.

There are no staff employed by the charity.

STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with UK law and the Charities Act 2011. The statements of accounts, reports and returns must be sent to the Charity Commission, regardless of the income of the CIO, within 10 months of the financial year end.

As the gross income of the charity is less than £25,000 in the current financial year there is no requirement to have the accounts independently examined or audited.

The accounts are submitted on a receipts and payments basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with requirements of the Charities Act 2011. The trustees 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' report has been approved by the trustees on 25/05/2019 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'MS' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Michael Sherriff
Chairperson

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Friends of Street Children Bangladesh

Registered Charity Number 1171061

Receipts and payments to 31/3/2019

Receipts

£

Fundraising events:

Birthday event (remaining funds)	165.00
July fundraising dinner and mela stall	844.30
Saffron Walden fundraising dinner (for beds etc)	1833.75
Canary Wharf fundraising dinner (for Street Child Cricket)	3449.85

Donations

Daneford Trust (for Street Child World Cup Cricket)	2000.00
University of West England (for Street Child World Cup Cricket)	6000.00
Other donations	1040.05

TOTAL 15,332.95

Payments

Payment to LEEDO for mobile school and Other costs	2,500.00
Transfer fee	42.50
Zurich insurance -public liability	99.31
Transfer to LEEDO for Street Child World Cup Cricket costs	7,500.00
Transfer fee	34.50

TOTAL 10,176.31

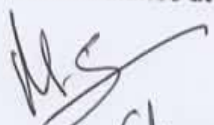
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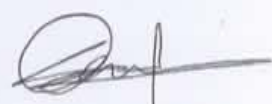
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Balance at 31/3/2019

8,966.72

Bank Balance at 31/3/2019 = 8,966.72


Chairperson 25/5/2019


Vice-Chair 25/5/19