

PEACE DIRECT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 December 2023

PEACE DIRECT ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Trustees' report for year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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Howard Mason (Treasurer) (appointed 28/03/2024)
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David Loyn
Niamh Neville (resigned 23/02/2023)
Stacey Haefele (resigned 23/02/2023)
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Ryan Boyce (Joint Head of Fundraising and Communications) to April 2023
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Valerie Bloomfield

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Executive Summary

Highlights of 2023 included:

- Directly supporting over 27 local peacebuilding organisations in 14 countries.
- Launch of a global campaign called ‘Peace Starts Here’ to amplify local solutions for peace, which is being led and coordinated by a group of ten local peacebuilders worldwide.
- Deepening our innovative re-granting model for local peacebuilding actors, known as the Local Action Fund (LAF), in six countries. This included establishing a pilot LAF in Colombia. We also hosted a learning exchange with LAF partners in Pakistan, Myanmar, Afghanistan and Sudan, who shared their learning on innovative approaches to peacebuilding in highly restricted civic spaces.
- Publishing a comprehensive, practical guide focusing on how to transform partnerships across the humanitarian, development and peacebuilding sector.
- Launching our new website and brand. The new look and feel to our website and logo is designed to help Peace Direct reach a wider audience, particularly those who aren’t familiar with peacebuilding.
- Supporting the participation of 50 peacebuilders around the world to participate in the ‘ShiftThePower’ global summit in Bogota.



Peace Direct's Vision and Mission

Our vision

A just world, free from violent conflict

Our mission

To work in partnership with local peacebuilders and other allies to shift power and resources for sustainable peace.

Our values

We believe in:

- Non-violence
- Dignity and respect
- Inclusion
- Trust
- Courage and speaking 'truth to power'

We are

- Non-partisan
- Entrepreneurial

Objectives and activities for the public benefit: Progress against our strategic plan

We made some encouraging progress towards our goals. Our activities, performance and achievements are reported on below under our strategic objectives. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims, objectives, and future plans.

Strategic Goal 1: People in fragile and conflict-affected countries will have the tools, power and resources to prevent and respond to violence and lead efforts to build sustainable peace.

Highlights of our work include:

- **Directly supporting over 27 peacebuilding organisations in 14 countries**, including providing access to flexible resources to contribute to their peacebuilding efforts, organisational development priorities, safety, security, psycho-social support needs and emergency response initiatives. Overall, £1.57m was provided in grants to local peacebuilding organisations and networks of local peacebuilders in 2023.
- Through the **Local Action Fund** model, 120 micro and small grants totalling £252k were awarded to local groups (formal and informal, organisations and individuals) by LAF partner organisations across six countries. These grants have contributed to strengthening civil society groups to be resilient in the face of extreme threat in Afghanistan and Myanmar; promoted peaceful co-existence, countered hate speech, and monitored human rights abuses during escalation of conflict in Sudan; and promoted the role of women and young people as peacebuilders in Pakistan, Colombia and Nigeria.
- **Coordinating an in person learning exchange for Local Action Fund (LAF) partners**, bringing together partners from Afghanistan, Myanmar, Pakistan and Sudan to share experiences, insights and learning around operating in restricted civic spaces, and explore ways to enhance solidarity, collaboration and strengthen our collective influencing efforts.
- **Securing new and follow-on funding for the LAF model** to expand support for local peacebuilding and civil society resilience efforts in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria, Myanmar and Sudan, and launching a pilot LAF with three local partners in Colombia.
- **Supporting 50 local peacebuilders to take part in the #ShiftThePower Summit in Bogotá**, to strengthen the connections between and among people who are crafting and testing new practices and approaches that are driven from the bottom up, or who are leading experiments and authentic efforts to shift power from within the existing system.

Plans for 2024:

- Ongoing support for the Local Action Fund to resource and amplify local peacebuilding and civil society resilience efforts with partners in Nigeria, Myanmar, Sudan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Colombia
- Ongoing accompaniment to local peacebuilding efforts on community-based violence prevention, conflict transformation, transitional justice, livelihoods and peace education in Zimbabwe, Nigeria, eastern DRC and Syria
- Produce a locally led and decolonial MEL practice guide to help contribute to changing MEL practice in the peacebuilding sector
- Facilitate in person learning exchanges bringing together local peacebuilding partners in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the Great Lakes (eastern DRC and Burundi) and Local Action Fund partners from Afghanistan, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan and Sudan
- Launch new work to identify and fund idea generation around innovative approaches to justice and accountability meeting the needs of survivors/victims of conflict

Strategic Goal 2: Targeted institutions and organisations will recognise and support locally-led peacebuilding as an effective and essential approach to building sustainable peace and will begin to address neo-/colonial attitudes and practices in their work

Highlights of our work in 2023 include:

- **Publishing two major reports aimed at shifting sector practice:** *The Nine Roles of Intermediaries in International Cooperation*, and *Transforming Partnerships in International Cooperation*. Our partnerships report builds on our previous research to provide an operational guide to decolonising partnerships in the humanitarian, peacebuilding and development sector. Based on consultations with 200 participants from 70 countries, the report offers comprehensive practical recommendations to build more equitable partnerships between entities in the Global North and South. The paper continues to generate interest and has led to a number of invitations to present our work to organisations such as Save the Children and Christian Aid. Our ‘Nine Roles’ paper was picked up by a number of organisations, including being featured on Oxfam’s ‘Poverty to Power’ website and has already helped influence a number of INGO strategies.
- **Extending our advocacy influence to key donors in collaboration with our partners:**
We continued to engage with key policymakers from the US, UK, German, Dutch and other governments, as well as at the UN and the EU. We also deepened our collaborations with key CSO networks to advance our shared advocacy aims. For example:
 - We represented our research and priorities at a global conference on locally-led development, invited by the US and Danish governments and the ICRC.
 - We worked with two global CSO networks (the Movement for Community-led Development and CIVICUS) to facilitate an open letter by local civil

society organisations in the Global South to push for changes to how international conferences held by Global North actors are held. The letter garnered over 1,400 signatures and resulted in commitments by USAID and other donors to change their practices.

- We maximised our impact in collaboration with wider INGO networks including BOND, Gender Action for Peace and Security, the Alliance for Peacebuilding and the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network – for example co-chairing a UK NGO working group on locally-led donor practice.
- Through extensive government outreach and consultation, we strengthened UK policies on locally-led development by influencing a new international development White Paper – leading to new UK commitments to create new equitable, local partnerships.
- In collaboration with the Movement for Community-led Development, we consulted over 400 local and community based organization to strengthen US policies on locally-led development by influencing USAID on its commitment to localise its practice.
- Our efforts to shift donor practice, which contributed to the development of Donor Statement on Supporting Locally-led Development signed by 20 countries in 2022 garnered additional support from 15 Foundations in 2023.
- **Supporting INGO transformations:** As part of the ‘Stopping As Success’ consortium (which focuses on INGO transition strategies), we led the accompaniment work with HelpAge International and Nuru Nigeria to support their transition processes. We also published numerous blogs and op-eds on INGO transitions and strategies and delivered presentations and workshops to a number of large INGOs.
- **Supporting partner-led advocacy:** We collaborated with our partners from Afghanistan and DR Congo to advance their advocacy priorities through co-developed advocacy strategies and impactful partner visits to the USA, UK and EU. The strategies included:
 - delivering a high-level policy webinar about the December DRC elections led by our local partners, and
 - joining network and campaign actions around the restrictive environment for women and girls in Afghanistan, collaborating with a national organisation on a confidential report for policy-makers on this topic.

Alongside this, we continued to support advocacy and policy requests from partners across the countries where Peace Direct works.

Plans for 2024:

- Extending our engagement with policy targets in the USA, UK and EU on decolonising the international development system through roundtable events, in addition publishing a paper on decolonising the UN institutions
- Continue delivering proactive advocacy strategies with our partners in DR Congo and Afghanistan and create a new strategy for Sudan. Support partners’ advocacy priorities and advocate for increased attention to ongoing atrocities in Sudan, DRC, Gaza and other emerging areas of crisis.

- Advance Peace Direct's priorities alongside upcoming EU, UK and US elections, and collaborate with the other advocacy networks to run global, regional and national level consultations and engagement on USAID's 'localisation' policies.
- Produce, in direct collaboration with partners and other Global South civil society organisation, a guidance note for international NGOs, donors and bilateral development agencies to use to host more inclusive conferences and meetings on the locally-led development agenda.
- Produce and pilot a Donor Scorecard in collaboration with CIVICUS, UNOY and MCLD focused on locally led funding practices

Strategic Goal 3: Peace Direct will generate mass support for locally led peacebuilding.

Highlights of our work include:

- **Launching our new branding and website:** Our new website and brand were designed to help us achieve a clearer, bolder and more engaging public profile. Our website showcases our partner's stories, with strong, vibrant colours and an easy-to-navigate structure. Our new logo represents the Global North and South working in partnership, talking together to achieve peace.
- **Working more closely with partners to create co-owned content, strategies and appeals,** including delivering our first co-appeal: In 2023 we launched our first fully co-owned public fundraising appeal with a partner, working with Chanan Development Association (CDA) to raise vital funds and awareness for young peacebuilders in Pakistan. The appeal was entirely co-designed and co-branded, with proceeds shared equally between CDA and Peace Direct.
- **Expanding our communications to our audiences within the sector,** namely policymakers, peer INGOs, peacebuilding practitioners and funders: In 2023, we focused significant attention on our communication with this audience, which resulted in improved engagement metrics. This included launching a dedicated newsletter "The peacebuilder" with tailored content on advocacy work, new resources for the sector, decolonising systems updates, articles from our platform Peace Insight, and opportunities for this audience to engage with us.
- **Supporting the creation and launch of Peace Starts Here:** Over 2023 we accompanied a global team of 10 local peacebuilders as they developed "Peace Starts Here", a campaign that amplifies local solutions for peace, raises awareness of the effectiveness of local peacebuilding efforts and garners international support. The campaign launched in January 2024.
- **Continued investment and attention on public engagement and fundraising from individuals,** growing our supporter base and launching a range of merchandise, alongside our ongoing programme of appeals, events, digital advertising and regular email communications.

Plans for 2024:

- Develop and launch our second co-appeal, with new partners
- Support the Peace Starts Here campaign to achieve its five manifesto goals

- Develop and launch Community Engagement Strategy, to build awareness and support for PD with new audiences
- Improve our understanding of current perceptions of peacebuilding and peacebuilders through social listening and other research
- Develop a formalised approach to accompanying our local partners with communications and fundraising support long-term

Strategic Goal 4: Peace Direct will be a strong, dynamic, inclusive organisation better equipped to deliver our mission.

Highlights of our work include:

- **Revisions to our strategy:** In July 2023 the Board approved changes to Peace Direct’s organisational strategy. These changes included amendments to our goals, to simplify the language and ensure that they reflected new areas of work that emerged during the previous three years. An important example of this is the special focus on tackling structural racism in the sector, which is now reflected in our influencing efforts (goal 2) and our organisational development efforts (goal 4).
- **Systems audit:** To improve knowledge retention and internal communication an audit was undertaken of how Peace Direct’s stores and shares information across the organisation. This led to a comprehensive reorganisation of internal communications and platforms, including significant improvements to SharePoint and Asana.
- **Internal decolonising work:** During the year we launched an internal secondment to support our efforts to analyse and improve ways of working that are in line with the recommendations in our ‘Time to Decolonise Aid’ report. The internal secondment has established a baseline of existing ways of working, including policies, and is expected to work with the CEO and SLT to help improve these over the coming years.
- **New policies:** We launched a number of new policies in 2023, including a new environmental policy which commits Peace Direct to being a ‘net zero’ organisation by the end of 2025. A CO2 audit was also undertaken, providing for the first time a baseline which we can compare our efforts to over the coming years.

Plans for 2024

- Achieve the Investors in People Platinum accreditation and sign up to the government’s Disability Confident Scheme to widen our talent pool
- Continue to diversify bank and cash transfer mechanisms.
- Development of organisational strategy for 2025 onwards.
- Rollout of new Human Resources Information System which will link to the payroll system.
- Finalise the establishment of a new affiliate in the Netherlands.

Recognition and thanks

As always, we owe a debt of gratitude first to our partners, who are working on the frontlines of conflict, at great personal risk, to stop violence and build peace. We continue to be inspired by their bravery and are honoured to be working with them. As in previous years, we could not have achieved our goals without the support of a range of donors and supporters.

We are grateful for the financial support from a number of governmental institutions, including Global Affairs Canada, European Partnership for Responsible Minerals and Guernsey Overseas Aid.

We are very grateful to Trusts and Foundations that provided flexible and generous multi-year funding for our work, including Humanity United, Robert Bosch Stiftung, Open Society Foundation and the People's Postcode Lottery. These funders in particular demonstrated the type of support and flexibility that we hope will become commonplace across the philanthropic sector.

We are also grateful to the Trusts, Foundations and other bodies that provided project funding of more than £10,000 per year, including the Alan & Nesta Ferguson Charitable Trust, Blandford Lake Trust, Carnegie Corporation of New York, Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, Jusaca Trust, Network for Social Change, Polden Puckham Charitable Foundation, Sir James Reckitt Charitable Trust, and Sulney Fields Trust. Many other trusts and foundations provided us with grants of up to £10,000 and we are grateful for their support.

We are also very thankful to the hundreds of people who continue to support Peace Direct with gifts of all sizes. We are very grateful for their belief in what we do. Their generosity is so important to us in order to help us respond quickly and flexibly to the needs of our local partners, and to keep Peace Direct running in an efficient and sustainable way.

As in previous years, we would like to thank Google for providing us with free advertising, which helps drive traffic to our website

Last but not least, we would like to thank the staff and Board of Peace Direct, who have dedicated significant time and effort to making sure that the organisation has long-lasting and positive impact for those living in conflict-affected areas.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity started as a Trust in 2004. Today its operations are governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 20 December 2007 (as amended December 2008). Peace Direct is registered under the Companies Act 2006 as a company limited by guarantee and not having share capital. The company was registered as a charity on 18 March 2009 under registration number 1123241. The charity complies fully with both the letter and spirit of the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulation 2018, which was effective from 25 May 2018.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Trustees in office in 2023 are set out on page 1. We actively seek out Trustees with specific skill sets through advertising, recommendations and other sources. New Trustees are approved by the whole Board. Trustees must be at least 18 years of age. The Trustees may from time to time appoint a person to fill a vacancy or act as an additional Trustee. This appointment is subject to approval of the Trustees at the next quorate Trustee meeting.

Organisation

The Board meets quarterly. Its role is one of governance and strategic oversight. It approves the budget, operational and strategic plans, and appoints the Chair and Chief Executive.

The Board has a Finance Sub-committee and a Safeguarding lead that operate under agreed terms of reference, oversee key aspects of Peace Direct activity and report back to the full Board. Trustees can also attend “in-weeks” which provide all staff and Trustees the opportunity to focus on strategy, planning and training sessions.

The Board primarily contributes to the governance and good management of Peace Direct through regular board and committee meetings. The day to day running of the charity is managed by the Chief Executive, with decisions taken and limits to authority governed by Peace Direct's delegated authority framework.

Trustee induction and training

Induction is tailored to the individual requirements of Trustees, but in all cases involves a review of the annual and strategic plan, and review of the minutes of previous Board meetings.

Related parties

Peace Direct has no formal links with other organisations, other than our affiliate in the United States, but works closely with many in the fields of peacebuilding, human rights and accountability, both in the UK and overseas.

Our affiliate in the United States, Peace Direct Inc, is an independent non-profit organisation that operates under licence from Peace Direct. There is close collaboration between the two organisations to further Peace Direct's charitable objects, including fundraising for programmes, advocacy to the US government and to the UN, research and public education. In 2023 £336,443 was transferred to Peace Direct Inc to support activities in line with our organisational strategy.

No Trustee received any remuneration from the Charity (2022 – £nil) and none of the Trustees were reimbursed expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Risk management

The Trustees confirm that they are satisfied that adequate control actions and monitoring processes are in place to mitigate the charity's exposure to major risks. These major risks which the Charity faces have been identified as:

- Operational – overseas and in UK
- Reputational
- Financial
- Human Resources
- Governance

Appropriate actions to mitigate against the potential impact of each of these risk categories are considered on an on-going basis as part of the Risk Management process.

They are summarised as follows:

Operational: The risk of injury or death to employees and consultants whilst overseas is minimised through the completion of a risk assessment for each trip, monitoring travel advice from FCDO and by seeking information from other agencies. The failure to exercise due care and diligence with respect to the Charity's IT systems, and the consequential loss and compromise of data, is countered through ownership of the IT system, staff training and the regular review of data security.

Reputational: The Board of Trustees determines the major issues that affect the Charity's public image – for example whether to endorse campaigns promoted by other organisations, whether to engage in forms of fundraising that might be deemed sensitive, and any issues with significant legal implications. The potential risk from partners misreporting on projects is addressed by undertaking a comprehensive assessment of potential partners followed by regular monitoring.

Financial: A possible fall in unrestricted reserves resulting from shortfalls in income, failure to secure co-financing or unanticipated expenditure would be foreseen through the receipt of regular financial reports and accurate and prompt re-forecasting allowing for timely reductions in the budget, additional fundraising and the encouragement of earlier receipt of pledges from major donors. Foreign exchange losses are monitored and may be minimised through offset against foreign exchange gains, forward purchasing, capping of costs in sterling as well as modifications to project budgets if agreed by the donor. Alternative funders may also be approached to make up for any budget shortfall caused by exchange rate losses.

Funding is diversified as much as possible so as to minimise the effect of specific funding applications being unsuccessful. Brexit related risks are also being mitigated by exploring ways to broaden the charity's funding base as well as looking at establishing an EU presence in the Netherlands. In addition, there is continuing investment in potential new fundraising streams and products. If speculative income fails to materialise, this is offset by cancelling corresponding expenditure. Should donors change their modus operandi to funding partners directly, then the Charity

would seek contributions for value added services provided directly to the partner. Peace Direct is also considering a consultancy model to generate income from commercial contracts and has recently launched an online discussion platform which is being marketed on a commercial basis to NGOs wishing to hold large virtual consultations.

Human Resources: The disruption to the Charity's work, risk to programme implementation and to key external relationships due to the unavailability of key staff member(s) owing to illness, resignation, etc, is addressed through the sharing of knowledge amongst the Senior Management Team and the comprehensive documentation of information and systems. Field visits also contribute to key partnership relations.

Governance: The Board of Trustees is responsible for the Governance of the Charity. It meets quarterly and approves the budget, operational and strategic plans, appoints the Chair and Chief Executive, and approves overall policy in relation to staff employment. It also ensures good governance through the operation of the Finance sub-committee. The charity has clear policies on conflicts of interest, and in addition all Trustees sign a code of conduct. All policies have recently been subjected to extensive review and updating. The recruitment, appointment, induction and training of Trustees is detailed under the Structure, Governance and Management section of this report. In addition, procedures are in place to ensure compliance with the Health and Safety of staff, volunteers, partners and third parties working on the charity's programmes. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of financial and other procedures. The charity adheres to the highest ethical levels in its fundraising policies and activities and complies with best practice and generally accepted standards.

Internal controls

The Trustees confirm that internal control procedures are in place in order to provide reasonable assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- Comprehensive financial policies and procedures.
- Internal audit of cash handling and other financial procedures.
- Comprehensive system of annual budgets, approved by the Trustees, and financial reporting of actuals against budget.
- Regular forecasting of predicted income and cashflow.
- Regular monitoring of reserves policy.
- Annual review of the charity's risk register.

Financial review

Peace Direct's income in 2023 was £4,535,268 which represents a 5.3% increase compared to 2022 (£4,308,726).

This is due in part to legacy income increasing to £170,566 from (2022: £104,362).

Institutional income was £473,294 compared to (2022: £754,672), a result of several institutionally-funded projects closing.

Income from Trusts and Foundations increased to £3,646,752 (2022: £3,120,696), an increase of 13.4%. This is largely due to increasing commitments from existing funders such as the People's Postcode Lottery and the Robert Bosch Stiftung.

The organisation benefits from a gift in-kind contribution of £31,500 in relation to its head office.

Expenditure on fundraising activities rose during the year as the organisation invested in rebranding and the implementation of a new website as well as digital strategy and ethical content gathering/

Expenditure on charitable activities remained consistent with that of the previous year, £3,748,239 (2022: £3,827,756). This reflects the consistency of funding and the continuation of programme activities.

The unrestricted reserve as at 31st December 2023 was £709,621 (2022: £742,707).

Peace Direct has set aside designated reserves, designated specifically for programmatic purposes, future commitments, general operating costs and partners core support. Designated reserves as at 31st December 2023 was £763,816 (2022: £797,552).

Restricted reserves increased to £1,434,147 (2022: £1,004,477) reflecting the timing difference between receiving income and this being spent implementing projects.

Staffing costs increased for the year to £1,358,811 (2022: £1,057,894). This reflects an increase in staff numbers - the average actual staff numbers increased to 26 (2022: 22) and the awarding of increases in remuneration in line with the benchmarking policy within which the market pay comparison reflected the costs of living crisis.

Principal funding sources

The sources of funding remained consistent with the previous year :

- individual donations £329,117 = 7.3% (2022: £320,337 = 7.4%)
- trust and foundation grants £3,646,752 = 80.4% (2022: £3,215,709 = 74.6%)
- institutional income made up 10.4% £ 473,294 (2022: £754,672 = 17.5%)
- other sources of income making up the remaining 1.9% (2022: 0.4%)

As part of our risk management strategy, Peace Direct strives to have a balance of funding sources and not become overly reliant on one funder or on funding linked to one specific partner.

Investment powers and policy

The Trust Deed authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds of the charity. Due to fluctuating cash flow demands and substantial movements in exchange rates during the year, only a minimal balance was maintained in a low interest earning investment account so as to assist in cash flow management and to minimise the impact of exchange rate losses. However, the Finance Committee agreed to moving £500,000 into a deposit account, earning 5% interest, and this was actioned towards the end of 2023.

Reserves policy

The Charity requires free reserves in order to:

- cover gaps between incurring expenditure and receiving the corresponding grants for certain projects.
- maintain services until new income streams can be found if funding is withdrawn or if other income targets are not reached.
- pay for unforeseen expenditure.
- innovate and seed fund new projects and undertake research.

The Trustees consider three month's unrestricted reserves as the minimum level that should be maintained. However, in the medium to long term it is desirable to achieve a level of unrestricted reserves equivalent to six months' core expenditure.

At 31 December 2023 the value of unrestricted reserves (£709,619) were equivalent to 4.7 months operating expenditure (2022: 5.9 months). A reduction in our unrestricted reserves was supported by the Finance Committee given the high levels of designated funds that could be released if needed.

The effective management of reserves will be achieved, inter alia, by efficient financial and operational management, effective cost control, the pursuit of additional and diverse sources of funding and the insistence on the financial viability of all activities undertaken by the Charity.

Policy on grant-making

Peace Direct seeks to identify local organisations that are committed to stopping violence and building sustainable peace in their communities. In most cases, Peace Direct seeks out groups to support through long term partnerships and therefore does not respond to unsolicited requests for funding. Grants made overseas are monitored to ensure that funds are spent on charitable purposes and that strict principles of governance are met.

Fundraising policy

Our fundraising activities focus on raising money to support the work of our peacebuilding partners around the world, and related projects, as well as to ensure the sustainable running of the organisation.

We raise funds from trusts, foundations and other donor institutions, individual supporters, community fundraising, events and companies. We have also been grateful to receive the support of those who have remembered Peace Direct with gifts in their wills.



We adhere to the guidance as provided by the Institute of Fundraising, and we are paid members of the Fundraising Regulator. In 2023 we received no complaints about our fundraising activity, either directly or via a third party, nor any reports on the Fundraising Preference Service.

Peace Direct has taken an “opt-in only” approach to its direct fundraising communication with supporters, so only those who have explicitly stated they wish to hear from us about ways to support us including fundraising will do so. We also provide clear and simple ways for supporters to opt-out of our fundraising communications at any time. Donor numbers are growing but remain small enough for us to be able to easily track and identify any unusual behaviour, so we can act appropriately if we have reason to believe a vulnerable person is donating to us. Should anyone under 18 wish to donate to or fundraise for Peace Direct, we will always seek consent from a parent or legal guardian.

Statement of Directors' and Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also Directors of Peace Direct for the purposes of Company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under Company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of disclosure to auditors

So far as the Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware. Additionally, the Directors have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

For and on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anthony Smith".

Anthony Smith

Chair of Trustees

Date: 29th October 2024

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF PEACE DIRECT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Peace Direct ('the company') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs(UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Corporation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' annual report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' annual report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and from preparing a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 17, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the

date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charitable company.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the company and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council and UK taxation legislation.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charitable company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any party other than the charitable company and charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Moore Kingston Smith LLP

Neil Finlayson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP, Statutory Auditor

9 Appold Street
London
EC2A 2AP

Date: 30/10/2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2022 £
INCOME FROM									
Donations	2	435,591	3,678	-	439,269	392,247	38,707	72,063	503,017
Charitable Activities	3								
International Programmes		-	2,508,440	718,234	3,226,674	10,000	2,495,758	426,040	2,931,798
Policy & Research		44,262	814,877	-	859,139	10,126	439,621	422,949	872,695
Other Income		10,187	-	-	10,187	1,215	-	-	1,215
TOTAL INCOME		490,040	3,326,995	718,234	4,535,269	413,588	2,974,086	921,052	4,308,725
EXPENDITURE ON									
<i>Raising Funds</i>	4	338,892	-	-	338,892	48,436	36,101	80,250	164,787
<i>Charitable Activities</i>	4								
International Programmes		139,164	2,464,744	592,894	3,196,802	185,751	2,793,727	308,776	3,288,254
Policy & Research		15,568	417,867	118,002	551,437	12,783	253,555	273,163	539,501
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		493,624	2,882,611	710,896	4,087,131	246,970	3,083,383	662,189	3,992,542
Net Surplus/(Deficit) From Operations		(3,584)	444,384	7,338	448,138	166,618	(109,297)	258,863	316,183
Net Unrealised Exchange gains/ (losses)		(85,291)	-	-	(85,291)	44,450	-	-	44,450
Net Surplus/(Deficit) Before Transfers		(88,875)	444,384	7,338	362,847	211,068	(109,297)	258,863	360,633
Transfers Between Funds	11	55,787	(14,714)	(41,073)		(76,292)	(120,774)	197,066	-
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		(33,088)	429,670	(33,735)	362,847	134,776	(230,071)	455,929	360,634
Funds Brought Forward		742,707	1,004,477	797,552	2,544,736	607,931	1,234,548	341,624	2,184,103
Funds Carried Forward	11	709,619	1,434,147	763,817	2,907,583	742,707	1,004,477	797,552	2,544,737

There were no recognised gains or losses for the above two financial periods other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

All gains and losses arising in the year have been included in the Statement of Financial Activities and relate to continuing activities

The notes on pages 27 to 28 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	8		11,285		9,863
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	134,540		102,844	
Cash at Bank & in Hand		<u>3,514,537</u>		<u>3,642,165</u>	
		<u>3,649,077</u>		<u>3,745,009</u>	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>752,779</u>		<u>1,210,135</u>	
		<u>752,779</u>		<u>1,210,135</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			2,896,298		2,534,874
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			2,907,583		2,544,737
NET ASSETS			<u><u>2,907,583</u></u>		<u><u>2,544,737</u></u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted Income Funds	11		709,619		742,708
Designated Income Funds	11		763,817		797,552
Restricted Income Funds	11		1,434,147		1,004,477
			<u><u>2,907,583</u></u>		<u><u>2,544,737</u></u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29th October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

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 ANTHONY SMITH
 Chair of Trustees

Company Number 06458464

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

Notes	2023 £	2022 £
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net cash (used in)/ provided by operating activities	<u>(32,684)</u>	<u>1,728,218</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of fixed assets	(9,652)	(14,553)
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>(9,652)</u>	<u>(14,553)</u>
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR	(42,336)	1,713,665
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	3,642,165	1,884,050
Change in cash and cash equivalents due to exchange rate movements	(85,291)	44,450
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	<u><u>3,514,537</u></u>	<u><u>3,642,165</u></u>

RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income for the year	448,138	316,183
Depreciation	8,230	6,694
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(31,696)	537,678
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(457,356)	867,663
	<u><u>(32,684)</u></u>	<u><u>1,728,218</u></u>

ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND NET DEBT

	Balance 1/1/2023 £	Cash flows £	Foreign exchange movements £	Balance 12/31/2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	3,642,165	(42,336)	(85,291)	<u><u>3,514,537</u></u>
	Balance 1/1/2022 £	Cash flows £	Foreign exchange movements £	Balance 12/31/2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,884,050	1,713,665	44,450	<u><u>3,642,165</u></u>

Notes to the financial statements

Peace Direct is a public benefit entity, a charity registered in England and Wales (registered charity number 1123241) and a company limited by guarantee (company number 06458464), registered in England. The registered office and its principal place of business is 1st Floor, Dynamis House, Sycamore Street, Barbican, London EC1Y 0SW.

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Peace Direct meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies.

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the year end that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying value of either assets or liabilities within the next accounting period.

1.2 Income recognition

Voluntary income including donations, legacies and grants that provide unrestricted funding are recognised when entitlement and the amount can be measured with reasonable accuracy. Such income is only deferred when:

- * The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- * The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement to it.

Income from charitable activities includes income received where the funds must be applied for specific purposes stipulated by the donor. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support performance activities and is recognised when entitlement and the amount can be measured with reasonable reliability. Income is deferred when performance-related grants are received in advance of the performance or event to which they relate.

Bank interest and investment income are included on a receipts basis.

Income Tax recoverable (Gift Aid) on donations received is included on an accruals basis.

1.3 Volunteers and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements. Further details of the contribution made by volunteers can be found in the Trustees' Annual Report. Where services are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements at an estimated sum based on the value of the contribution to the charity. The income equivalent is recognised within incoming resources as a donation, and equivalent costs included within resources expended under the relevant cost categories.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred.

1.5 Cost of Generating Funds

Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in raising income for the charity.

1.6 Charitable activities

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with achieving the objectives of the charity and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.

1.7 Governance costs

Governance costs include costs associated with meeting regulatory and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. Under the new Charity SORP they are included in Charitable Activities on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.8 Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by number of staff, and staff costs by time spent in different areas of work by staff members.

1.9 Pension costs

The pension costs charged in the accounts represent the contributions payable by the charity during the period.

Pension costs represent contributions paid to a defined contribution scheme on behalf of the charity's employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered scheme.

1.10 Funds structure

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees and in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are funds received where their use is subject to donor imposed conditions.

1.11 Grants payable

Grants are expensed in the period in which they are paid.

1.12 Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income in a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.13 Irrecoverable VAT

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to each activity. Irrecoverable VAT is charged to the category of resources expended to which the item it relates to has been charged.

1.14 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and claims exemption from income tax and corporation tax on income and activities arising from its charitable activities.

1.15 Foreign currency exchange gains and losses

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated in to sterling at the ruling rate of exchange at the year end. Transactions in foreign exchange are translated into sterling using the middle rate on the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds for the year. Unrealised gains on conversion of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the year end are credited to a designated reserve to be utilised in offsetting any future foreign currency exchange losses.

1.16 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity and depreciation.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives: computer equipment 3 years; fixtures and fittings 4 years. Equipment is capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000.

1.17 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.18 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short term maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of a deposit or similar account.

1.19 Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due. Deferred income represents income that has timing restrictions placed upon the use of that income so that it is recognised in a future period.

2 INCOME FROM DONATIONS

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Designated £	2023 Total £	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Designated £	2022 Total £
Donations from Individuals	154,933	3,678	-	158,611	177,268	38,707	-	215,975
Legacies	170,566	-	-	170,566	104,362	-	-	104,362
Sub-total	325,499	3,678	-	329,177	281,630	38,707	-	320,337
Grants								
Small Grants	8,495	-	-	8,495	13,950	-	-	13,950
Blanford Lake Trust	10,000	-	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	10,000
Jusaca Trust	20,000	-	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	20,000
Sir James Reckitt Charitable Trust	40,000	-	-	40,000	30,000	-	-	30,000
Sulney Fields Trust	-	-	-	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
The Alan & Babette Sainsbury Charitable Fund	-	-	-	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
Anonymous	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,063	72,063
Sub-total	78,495	-	-	78,495	103,950	-	72,063	176,013
Corporate								
Donated Services	31,597	-	-	31,597	6,667	-	-	6,667
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	31,597	-	-	31,597	6,667	-	-	6,667
TOTAL INCOME FROM DONATIONS	435,591	3,678	-	439,269	392,247	38,707	72,063	503,017

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Designated £	2023 Total £	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Designated £	2022 Total £
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES								
Grants Received								
Institutions								
European Partnership for Responsible Minerals	-	57,839	-	57,839	-	113,873	-	113,873
Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development Commission	-	16,742	-	16,742	-	16,742	-	16,742
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency	-	-	-	-	-	119,538	-	119,538
UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	210,330	-	210,330
German Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen (Zivik Funding Programme)	-	-	-	-	-	80,347	-	80,347
Global Affairs Canada	-	393,713	-	393,713	-	213,842	-	213,842
Sub-total	-	473,294	-	473,294	-	754,672	-	754,672

Trusts and Foundations

Blandford Lake Trust	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
Carnegie Foundation	118,683		118,683			
HCD Memorial Trust	24,000		24,000			
Humanity United		165,112	165,112		109,104	109,104
Network for Social Change	18,837		18,837	16,600		16,600
Peace Nexus Foundation	23,315		23,315			
People's Postcode Lottery	1,000,000		1,000,000	887,500		887,500
Robert Bosch Foundation	43,550		43,550	115,737		115,737
Open Society Foundation	-	355,317	355,317	340,978	289,911	630,889
Sir James Reckitt Charitable Foundation	10,000		10,000			
Wellspring Philanthropic Fund	706,972	197,805	904,777	252,292	27,025	279,317
Anonymous	89,789		89,789	127,979		127,979
Other small grants	-		-		-	-

Sub-total

-	2,035,146	718,234	2,753,380	10,000	1,741,086	426,040	2,177,126
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Sub-total

-	2,508,440	718,234	3,226,674	10,000	2,495,758	426,040	2,931,798
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Policy & Research**Grants**

Knowledge income	44,262		44,262			
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust		37,934	37,934	50,828		50,828
Humanity United		39,209	39,209	-	185,773	185,773
Robert Bosch Stiftung		463,600	463,600	173,551		173,551
Carnegie Corporation			-	131,961		131,961
United Nations Peacebuilding Fund			-	83,281		83,281
Wellspring		124,134	124,134	-	81,070	81,070
Open Society Foundation			-		156,106	156,106
Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation		150,000	150,000			
Other small grants			-			-

Contracts

Other small contracts			-	10,126			10,126
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Sub-total

44,262	814,877	-	859,139	10,126	439,621	422,949	872,695
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TOTAL INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

44,262	3,323,317	718,234	4,085,813	20,126	2,935,379	848,989	3,804,493
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4a ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Basis of Allocation	Cost of Raising Funds £	International Programmes £	Policy & Research Programmes £	2023 Total £
Staff	Direct Costs	167,097	618,132	164,585	949,814
Grants Payable (Note 5)	Direct Costs	-	1,561,021	4,537	1,565,558
Programme & Direct Costs	Direct Costs	88,171	533,763	333,602	955,536
Support Costs	Staff & Office Costs	83,624	483,886	48,713	616,223
Total expenditure 2023		338,892	3,196,802	551,437	4,087,131

	Basis of Allocation	Cost of Raising Funds £	International Programmes £	Policy & Research Programmes £	2022 Total £
Staff & Office Costs	Direct Costs	80,250	646,448	194,592	921,290
Grants Payable (Note 5)	Direct Costs	-	1,779,551	2,641	1,782,192
Programme & Direct Costs	Direct Costs	48,436	572,492	271,021	891,949
Support Costs	Staff & Office Costs	36,101	289,763	71,247	397,111
Total expenditure 2022		164,787	3,288,254	539,501	3,992,542

4b SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

Support costs consist of	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs		408,996	204,381
Office Costs		184,984	179,481
Governance Costs	6	22,243	13,250
		616,223	397,112

5 GRANTS PAYABLE

<i>Restricted Fund Grants - International Programmes</i>	2023	2022
	£	£
EPD, Afghanistan	40,158	493,596
Beni Peace Forum, DRC	51,331	
Centre Resolution Conflits (CRC), DRC	22,247	158,088
Fondation Chirezi (FOCHI), DRC	35,803	75,174
RIDA, DRC	27,961	
Burma Monitor, Myanmar	13,424	
Initiatives for International Dialogue, Myanmar	26,195	
Khet Khet Tin, Myanmar	26,848	
Paung Ku, Myanmar	130,748	
Swe Ta Har, Myanmar	138,374	
HIVE, Pakistan	-	18,946
CDA, Pakistan		11,462
Hurras, Syria		52,501
Envision Zimbabwe Women's Trust, Zimbabwe		9,439
Other	16,667	
 <i>Multi-partner International Programmes</i>		
SIDA Youth Action for Peace in DRC, Mali and CAR, Pakistan	-	62,147
Local Action Fund - Myanmar, Nigeria and DRC	454,769	400,341
FCDO Jo Cox Fund - Supporting peacebuilding in Burundi and DRC	-	90,706
People's Postcode Lottery - Supporting various local peacebuilding projects	442,047	404,869
Shift the Power	53,493	
Robert Bosch Humanitarian Grant - Global Campaign	29,841	
Partner Core Support Fund	51,115	
<i>Sub-total</i>	1,561,021	1,777,269
 <i>Restricted Fund Grants - Policy & Research</i>		
Strength From Adversity	4,537	2,641
<i>Sub-total</i>	4,537	2,641
 <i>Unrestricted Fund Grants - various</i>	-	2,282
TOTAL GRANTS PAYABLE	1,565,558	1,782,192

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6 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR YEAR

This is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	£	£
Operating lease rentals:		
Property	30,000	74,604
Depreciation	8,230	6,693
Auditor's remuneration:		
Audit fees	21,113	13,250
in respect of previous years	-	-
Foreign exchange (gains) / losses	<u>85,291</u>	<u>(44,450)</u>

7 STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	£	£
Salary Costs	1,180,923	913,010
National Insurance Costs	115,094	96,540
Employer Pension Costs	62,793	48,344
	<u>1,358,810</u>	<u>1,057,894</u>

The number of employees whos emoluments exceeded £60,000 were:

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
£60,000 - £69,999	2	1
£70,000 - £79,999	1	-
£80,000 - £89,999	-	1
£90,000 - £99,999	-	-

The charity's key management personnel are considered to be the senior leadership team (SLT) comprising at 31 December 2023 the CEO, and the Heads of International Programmes & Research / Deputy CEO, Finance & Operations and two Fundraising & Communications on a job share.

Their total remuneration including NI and pension contributions amounted to £318,446 (2022 £324,726).

The average monthly full time equivalent number of staff employed by the charity during the period was as follows:

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
Raising Funds	3	2
Charitable Activities	23	20
	<u>26</u>	<u>22</u>

See note 13 on related party transaction for

Trustees remuneration and expenses.

8 *FIXED ASSETS*

	Computer equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
<i>COST</i>			
As at 1st January 2023	40,052	5,343	45,395
Additions during period	9,652	-	9,652
Disposals during period	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2023	<u>49,704</u>	<u>5,343</u>	<u>55,047</u>
<i>DEPRECIATION</i>			
As at 1st January 2023	30,350	5,182	35,532
Charge for period	8,069	161	8,230
Disposals during period	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2023	<u>38,419</u>	<u>5,343</u>	<u>43,762</u>
<i>NET BOOK VALUES</i>			
As at 31 December 2023	<u>11,285</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,285</u>
As at 31 December 2022	<u>9,702</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>9,863</u>

9 DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grant Receivable	28,324	37,357
Prepayments & Other Debtors	106,216	65,487
	<u>134,540</u>	<u>102,844</u>

10a CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other Creditors	86,418	183,601
Taxation & Social Security	-	-
Deferred Income (Note 10b)	666,361	1,026,534
	<u>752,779</u>	<u>1,210,135</u>

Income is deferred when it is received during the period but relates, in whole or in part, to one or more subsequent periods when the matching expenditure will be incurred.

10b DEFERRED INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred income brought forward	1,026,534	212,500
Released to income in year	(1,026,534)	(212,500)
Income deferred in year	<u>666,362</u>	<u>1,026,534</u>
Deferred income carried forward (Note 10a)	<u>666,362</u>	<u>1,026,534</u>

11 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

		E	E	E	E	E	E
	Project	Opening Balance	Income	Expenses	Transfers between funds	Foreign Exchange Gain/(Loss)	Balance 31/12/2023
RESTRICTED FUNDS							
SINGLE-COUNTRY PROGRAMMES							
	Afghanistan EPD Local Action Fund 2022/23	119,647	100	(79,249)	(40,498)	-	-
	Afghanistan EPD Local Action Fund 2023/25		89,789	-	171,668	-	261,457
	EPRM Peace Gold	(40,451)	67,839	(30,974)	3,586	-	-
	EWER Systems Ituri & North Kivu (Zivik)	91	-	(91)	-	-	-
	Radio Amani	833	-	(833)	-	-	-
	GOAC FOCHI 2022-23	1,181	16,742	(20,980)	3,057	-	-
	Myanmar Local Action Fund	158,595	383,713	(450,117)	-	-	102,191
	Aware Girls Commonwealth Foundation 2017-2020	15,119	-	-	-	-	15,119
	Radio Amani Phase 2	-	24,000	(23,246)	-	-	754
MULTI-COUNTRY PROGRAMMES							
	FCDO Jo Cox 2019/20/21/22	(104)	5,000	(4,926)	30	-	-
	YAPP SIDA 2019/20/21/22	1,805	-	(1,805)	()	-	-
	PPL Extra 2021/22	21,899	-	(19,280)	(2,619)	-	-
	PPL 2022/23	13,559	225,000	(179,843)	(58,716)	-	-
	PPL 2023/24	-	775,000	(630,094)	(47,939)	-	96,967
	LAF Robert Bosch 2020/21/22	45,688	-	-	(45,688)	-	-
	LAF Anonymous 2019/20/21/22	59,417	-	(5,727)	(53,690)	-	-
	LAF Blandford Lake 2021/22	-	706,972	(611,946)	109,672	-	204,698
	Peace Nexus MEL 2020/21/22	4,696	23,315	(9,099)	-	-	18,912
	Global Campaign 2022/23	234,368	37,415	(143,430)	64,233	-	192,586
	Shift the Power	-	82,760	(112,328)	31,968	-	2,400
	Robert Bosch Humanitarian	-	160,213	(33,021)	(127,192)	-	-
P&R PROGRAMMES							
	Beni Action Research Carnegie 2022-24	86,922	118,683	(121,044)	8,655	-	93,216
	SAS2.0	1	124,134	(123,963)	-	-	172
	JRCT UK Advocacy 2021/23	8,815	25,418	(34,233)	-	-	-
	JRCT UK Advocacy 2023/25	-	12,516	(12,260)	-	-	256
	Robert Bosch Advocacy 2021/22/23/24	215,907	265,971	(104,790)	-	-	377,088
	Strength from Adversity	7,757	19,037	(19,747)	5,000	-	12,047
	RTC Book and online course	212	-	-	-	-	212
	Decolonising Aid	-	150,000	(163,779)	68,171	-	54,392
RESTRICTED INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS							
	Small funds of restricted individual donations	1,015	3,378	(2,713)	-	-	1,680
OTHER							
	5% Salary & Overhead Reserve	47,505	-	-	(47,505)	-	-
	Reallocation of funds between categories	-	-	56,907	(56,907)	-	-
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		1,004,477	3,326,995	(2,882,611)	(14,714)	-	1,434,147
		1,004,477	3,326,995	(2,882,611)	(14,714)	-	1,434,147
DESIGNATED FUNDS							
	Advocacy Designated	23,198	-	-	-	-	23,198
	Research Designated	190,177	-	(46,353)	-	-	143,824
	Future Commitments Fund	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
	Partner Core Support Fund	59,591	-	(51,115)	28,317	-	36,793
	5% Salary & Overhead Reserve	-	-	-	44,448	-	44,448
	Foreign Exchange Gain Reserve	93,462	-	-	(65,146)	-	28,316
	Wellspring Designated 2019/20/21/22	14,983	355,317	(317,224)	(36,397)	-	16,679
	Humanity United Designated 2019/20/21/22	64,889	165,112	(161,320)	(8,481)	-	60,200
	OSF Designated	301,252	197,805	(78,863)	(59,835)	-	360,359
	Reallocation of funds between categories	-	-	(56,021)	56,021	-	-
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS		797,552	718,234	(710,896)	(41,073)	-	763,817
		797,552	718,234	(710,896)	(41,073)	-	763,817
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		742,707	490,040	(493,624)	55,787	(85,291)	709,619
		742,707	490,040	(493,624)	55,787	(85,291)	709,619
ALL FUNDS		2,544,736	4,535,269	(4,087,131)	-	(85,291)	2,907,583
		2,544,736	4,535,269	(4,087,131)	-	(85,291)	2,907,583

Funds in 2022			€	€	€	€	€	€
Project	Purpose	Opening Balance	Income	Expenses	Transfers between funds	Foreign Exchange Gain/(Loss)	Balance 31/12/2022	
RESTRICTED FUNDS								
SINGLE-COUNTRY PROGRAMMES								
Afghanistan EPD Local Action Fund	Local Action Fund civil society resilience	-	540,646	(573,088)	152,089	-	119,647	
FOCHI Super courts	Other locally-led peacebuilding action	58	-	-	(58)	-	-	
EPRM Peace Gold	Other locally-led peacebuilding action	(10,847)	113,873	(143,477)	-	-	(40,451)	
EWER Systems Ituri & North Kivu (Zivik)	Other locally-led peacebuilding action	-	80,347	(80,257)	-	-	91	
Radio Amani	Peace education and awareness-raising	-	20,000	(19,167)	-	-	833	
Beni Action Research Carnegie 2022-24	Peacebuilding research	-	131,961	(45,039)	-	-	86,922	
GOAC FOCI 2022-23	Other locally-led peacebuilding action	-	16,742	(15,560)	-	-	1,181	
Myanmar Local Action Fund	Local Action Fund civil society resilience	-	213,842	(55,247)	-	-	158,595	
Aware Girls Commonwealth Foundation 2017-2020	Other locally-led peacebuilding action	36,630	-	(21,511)	-	-	15,119	
Aware Girls Network for Social Change (& others)	Other locally-led peacebuilding action	6,000	-	(6,000)	-	-	-	
HIVE Ploughshares 2020/21	Other locally-led peacebuilding action	1,298	-	-	(1,298)	-	-	
CDA Ploughshares 2021/22	Other locally-led peacebuilding action	85	-	-	(85)	-	-	
Chino Cienega 2015-2019	Other locally-led peacebuilding action	8,249	-	(8,249)	-	-	-	
CFPS Belgian MFA 2017-2019	Other locally-led peacebuilding action	12,123	-	(7,231)	(4,892)	-	-	
CFPS PPL Matchfunding Belgian MFA 2017/18/19 (PP)	Other locally-led peacebuilding action	19,664	-	-	(19,664)	-	-	
CFPS FCO3 2016/17/18	Other locally-led peacebuilding action	(19,664)	-	-	19,664	-	-	
Network for Social Change 2021/22	Other locally-led peacebuilding action	7,666	-	(7,665)	(1)	-	-	
Hurras Peace Committees in N Syria	Peace education and awareness-raising	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-	-	
Simon Fisher MA Course	Peace education and awareness-raising	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-	-	
MULTI-COUNTRY PROGRAMMES								
FCDO Jo Cox 2019/20/21/22	Other locally-led peacebuilding action	(46,746)	210,282	(164,624)	983	-	(104)	
YAPP SIDA 2019/20/21/22	Local Action Fund youth peace and security	56,661	119,538	(163,194)	(11,200)	-	1,805	
	Organisational development Peace Direct and partners; other peacebuilding initiatives; peacebuilding research	-	-	-	-	-	-	
PPL 2021	Organisational development Peace Direct and partners; other peacebuilding initiatives; peacebuilding research	111,215	212,500	-	(91,973)	-	21,899	
PPL Extra 2021/22	Organisational development Peace Direct and partners; other peacebuilding initiatives; peacebuilding research	-	675,000	(209,843)	(55,000)	-	13,559	
PPL 2022/23	Organisational development Peace Direct and partners; other peacebuilding initiatives; peacebuilding research	-	-	(606,441)	-	-	-	
LAF Robert Bosch 2020/21/22	Local Action Fund violence prevention and peacebuilding	107,440	-	(61,752)	-	-	45,688	
LAF Pax Sapiens 2020/21/22	Local Action Fund violence prevention and peacebuilding	4,213	-	(4,617)	404	-	-	
LAF Anonymous 2019/20/21/22	Local Action Fund violence prevention and peacebuilding	355,738	252,292	(548,613)	-	-	59,417	
LAF Blandford Lake 2021/22	Local Action Fund violence prevention and peacebuilding	9,500	-	(9,500)	-	-	-	
Peace Nexus MEL 2020/21/22	Peacebuilding research	17,180	-	(12,483)	-	-	4,696	
Global Campaign 2022/23	Peace education and awareness-raising	-	173,551	(24,010)	84,827	-	234,368	
P&R PROGRAMMES								
SAS2.0	Peacebuilding research	36	83,281	(83,317)	-	-	1	
JRCT UK Advocacy	Support for Peace Direct's UK Advocacy Programme	8,609	50,828	(50,622)	-	-	8,815	
Robert Bosch Advocacy 2021/22/23/24	Support for Peace Direct's EU Advocacy Programme	311,522	-	(95,615)	-	-	215,907	
Strength from Adversity	Peace education and awareness-raising	-	17,800	(10,043)	-	-	7,757	
NSC - Decolonising Aid	Peace education and awareness-raising	-	16,600	(16,600)	-	-	-	
RTC Book and online course	Peace education and awareness-raising	187	-	-	25	-	212	
Working with Conflict Online Course Polden-Puckham 2	Peace education and awareness-raising	25	-	-	(25)	-	-	
UNPBN Mapping Local Peacebuilding Sahel 2020	Peacebuilding research	-	48	-	(48)	-	-	
FFS	Peacebuilding research	57,559	-	-	(57,559)	-	-	
FFS ALG	Peacebuilding research	10,697	-	-	(10,697)	-	-	
SAS	Peacebuilding research	115,420	-	-	(115,420)	-	-	
RESTRICTED INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS								
DRC CRC Individual Donations	Core support for local partners	1,202	3,133	(3,614)	-	-	721	
Pakistan Aware Girls Individual Donations	Core support for local partners	2,180	375	(2,555)	-	-	-	
Sri Lanka CPBR Individual Donations	Core support for local partners	8,121	1,683	(9,359)	-	-	445	
DRC FOCI Individual Donations	Core support for local partners	(254)	-	-	58	-	(196)	
Afghanistan EPD Individual Donations	Core support for local partners	803	24,314	-	(25,116)	-	-	
Henri Bura Ladyi Fund	Core support for local partners	47	400	(468)	22	-	-	
Pakistan CDA Individual Donations	Core support for local partners	-	50	(5)	-	-	45	
OTHER								
5% Salary & Overhead Reserve		36,933	-	(3,618)	14,190	-	47,505	
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		1,234,548	2,974,086	(3,083,383)	(120,774)	-	1,004,477	
DESIGNATED FUNDS								
Advocacy Designated	Supporting Advocacy Projects	23,198	-	-	-	-	23,198	
Research Designated	Supporting Research Projects	21,278	-	(14,825)	183,724	-	190,177	
Future Commitments Fund	Supporting Future or Emergency Projects	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000	
Partner Core Support Fund	Supporting Partners Core Activities	25,446	-	-	34,144	-	59,591	
	Arising from net unrealised exchange gains, to be utilised in offsetting any future foreign currency exchange losses	44,938	-	-	44,024	-	93,462	
Foreign Exchange Gain Reserve		-	-	4,500	-	-	-	
Wellspring Designated 2019/20/21/22	Supporting General Organisation Support	40,668	180,159	(205,844)	-	-	14,983	
Humanity United Designated 2019/20/21/22	Supporting General Organisation Support	136,095	294,876	(301,256)	(64,827)	-	64,889	
OSF Designated	Supporting General Support and LAF Colombia	-	446,017	(144,765)	-	-	301,252	
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS		341,624	921,052	(662,189)	197,066	-	797,552	
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		607,932	413,588	(246,970)	(76,292)	44,450	742,708	
ALL FUNDS		2,184,104	4,308,725	(3,992,542)	-	44,450	2,544,737	

12 ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCES BETWEEN NET ASSETS

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Designated Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	11,285	-	-	11,285
Net Current Assets	698,334	1,434,147	763,817	2,896,298
As at 31 December 2023	<u>709,619</u>	<u>1,434,147</u>	<u>763,817</u>	<u>2,907,583</u>

	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	2022 Designated Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	9,863	-	-	9,863
Net Current Assets	370,133	513,714	1,651,027	2,534,874
As at 31 December 2022	<u>379,996</u>	<u>513,714</u>	<u>1,651,027</u>	<u>2,544,737</u>

13 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No trustees were re-imbursed for expenses during the period (2022 £nil).

One trustee received £740.20 from the charity for contribution to a publication (2022: £360)

During the year, Peace Direct transferred £336,443 to our affiliate in the United States, Peace Direct Inc. (2022: £389,238). At year-end, £11,395.70 was owed by this organisation

14 FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2023, Peace Direct's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<i>LAND & BUILDINGS</i>		
<i>Less than one year</i>	30,000	30,000
<i>One to five years</i>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>50,000</u>
<i>Total commitments</i>	<u><u>47,500</u></u>	<u><u>80,000</u></u>

(The Charity was committed to a rental agreement until August 2025 at 31 December 2023)

15 LEGAL STATUS OF THE CHARITY

The charity is limited by guarantee and therefore does not have a share capital. The liability of the members is limited to the sum of £1 per member, and the number of members was 10 (2022: 10)