

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 16/06/19
To Period end date 26/06/20

Charity name: Indian Futures

Charity registration number: 1173474

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To advance such charitable purposes for the public benefit according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees see fit including, but not limited to the relief and prevention of poverty of the people of Tamil Nadu ("the beneficiaries") in India by the provision of financial and other assistance to Laia Foundation and organisations with similar purposes to enable the beneficiaries to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) receive education and training in order to develop their skills and secure employment,(2) obtain micro-finance and engage in their own business ventures and thereby become more self-sufficient,(3) obtain medical and other assistance to improve their health, and(4) obtain equipment and provide support for disabled persons in order to improve their conditions in life.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>While the direct beneficiaries of our fundraising activities are the communities in and around the areas of Vedanthangal and Kanjanur (Tamil Nadu), we have had a great reception by the people and businesses of Brighton and Hove.</p> <p>In the first half of the reporting year (June to December 2019) we took part in two local festivals in the area of Brighton&Hove: Patchfest and Brunswick Festival. We also organised Indian Futures' 2nd anniversary barbecue, an 80s Disco Night an art exhibition/Halloween Night and an online</p>

	<p>Christmas campaign that was published in two languages -English and Spanish- for our supporters both in the UK and Spain.</p> <p>The second half of the reporting year has been greatly affected by Covid19. At the beginning of the global lockdown, two Indian Futures volunteers were in India monitoring and developing projects. As the pandemic spread, Indian Futures had to re-think and adapt our fundraising strategy. Along with volunteers in England we organised an online fundraising campaign using the 2.6 Challenge created by JustGiving. This was followed up by <i>Futuraula</i> (details below) whose members created a campaign based on the same model.</p> <p>Our activities in Brighton and Hove have two main purposes: 1) to raise awareness on the cultural and socio-economic situation of our area of action i.e. South India and, more specifically, the state of Tamil Nadu; 2) to involve the people of Brighton and Hove in our projects by promoting their participation in our activities and encouragement to design and develop their own fundraising ideas. Working closely with local artists, e.g. musicians, painters, writers, designers, etc., we promote both local involvement and awareness on the issues that affect our target population.</p> <p>The funds raised through our activities have covered the ongoing costs of our <i>IT Community Centres</i> project and in September 2019 we inaugurated our Student Sponsorship Programme which provides funds to 10 female students from rural India to access university (more information on both projects at https://www.indianfutures.org/in-india).</p> <p>This year we've also consolidated our school exchange project, <i>Future Communities</i>, by partnering with St. Luke's Primary School (Brighton&Hove).</p> <p>In January 2020, the two main Indian Futures' fundraisers, Anna and Tom, returned to our areas of action to monitor the progress of our projects. More details on the</p>
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		projects can be found below and on our website.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>Indian Futures' trustees and volunteers have planned the charity's activities keeping in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.</p> <p>We benefit communities both in the UK and India. The main purpose of our activities in India is to further the charity's objects, promoting the concept of <i>quality education</i> and contributing towards the development of the areas of action. In the UK, we promote our values and raise awareness by holding local events, working alongside local artists and creating partnerships with local community groups with a common interest in the development of the areas we work in.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Indian Futures is run solely by volunteers. Apart from the regular volunteers, we are lucky enough to have a wide social network that helps Indian Futures by donating funds and items and helping run activities and providing fundraising ideas.</p>
Other		<p>We are proud and impressed by the work done over the year by all our volunteers. This year, Indian Futures counts on the ongoing help of three new volunteers in the UK, specialised in the areas of digital media and marketing. Alongside this, we have the benefit of a group of students from Euroaula, University of Tourism (Barcelona) who organise fundraising events throughout the academic year.</p>

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>This year Indian Futures has seen a great expansion in terms of the number of fundraising activities and the impact of our funds on the educational projects we support in India. Thanks to the funds raised we've been able to continue to run and further establish the <i>IT Community Centres Project</i>. We give further details about the progress of the project in the 'financial review' section below.</p> <p>Here is a summary of the main achievements of Indian Futures during the year:</p> <p>UK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patchfest (July 2019) and Brunswick Festivals (August 2019) – Indian Futures set up our stall at both local festivals. We had children's games, such as the lucky dip and "Milk the Cow", and our great collection of Indian and donated clothes was a total success! - 2nd anniversary barbecue (Septemner 2019) – celebration of Indian Futures' second birthday. We organised a barbecue at St Ann's Well Gardens (Brighton and Hove) where we invited our friends and supporters. It was attended by about 30 people. - Halloween Art Exhibition (October 2019) – at the Farm Tavern in Hove we exhibited information on our projects in India and sold artwork donated by local artists. We also held a successful raffle. - 80's Night (November 2019) – we organised an 80's night at the Rosehill Tavern in Brighton. Between 40 – 50 supporters attended and danced the night away with us! We also sold beautiful pakora made and donated by a local chef.

- **Online Campaigns – Christmas 2019** saw the return of our online campaign. The theme of this year's campaign was 'reminiscence' where we looked back at our achievements in 2019.

In February 2020 an ongoing supporter ran the Brighton Half Marathon to raise funds for Indian Futures. This was also advertised through an online campaign.

As previously stated and as a result of Covid19 and the loss of income from planned events, in April 2020 we created an online campaign using the 2.6 model from JustGiving.

Other activities:

For the second year running we initiated a partnership between one of the after-school centres and a primary school in Brighton. In December Tom and Anna visited St Luke's Primary School to invite their year-3 students to take part in our *Future Communities* exchange project. The aim of the project was a cultural exchange between both schools. In January 2020, when Tom and Anna were in India, they presented the project to students in Vedanthangal. The students then prepared presentations on local art, geography and dance. This culminated in two online exchanges where the students met, presented their work and learned about each other.

Spain:

- Futuraula – a fundraising initiative run by a teacher and a group of students (called the 'Futuraula Committee') from the University of Tourism in Barcelona. Through the whole academic year, the Futuraula Committee organised fundraising events with the aim to provide financial support to Indian Futures' projects. The committee was particularly helpful during the

pandemic and created their own online campaign based on the 2.6 Challenge.

- MIT (Make an Impact on Tomorrow)
 - in October 2019 we applied successfully for funds through MIT, as part of *Henkel Ibérica S.A.*'s corporate volunteering programme in Barcelona. We worked collaboratively with one of their employees, who had been a supporter of Indian Futures since its creation, in order to apply for funds to cover the expenses of the refurbishment of the Nursery School in Vedanthangal (works completed in March 2020).

The funds raised through the year, have covered the ongoing costs of our *IT Community Centres* project, carried out in two after-school clubs in the areas of Vedanthangal and Kanjanur (Tamil Nadu, South India) at the same time. So far, we have been able to provide:

- 17 computers shared over three centres.
- Training of 3 IT teachers.
- Employment of one full time and two part time IT Teachers.
- Internet connection costs for the three centres.
- Other equipment for the IT centres: 1 cupboard to store laptops and other school material, 9 computer desks, 3 UPS, 1 amplifier and set of speakers, 1 projector and screen.

In September 2019 we started the Sponsorship Programme to cover the University fees and transport of ten female students from Vedanthangal and the surrounding areas.

Finally, in March 2020, just before the global lockdown, we completed the works on the refurbishment of the Nursery School in

		<p>Vedanthangal. This consisted of; painting educational murals on the external and internal walls, structural repair and tiling of the floor. As part of our commitment to quality education Indian Futures has introduced a salary increase for the two Nursery School teachers, in recognition of their outstanding work and promotion of our shared values.</p> <p>The impact of Indian Futures' projects in this reporting period extends to 198 school children, 10 female university students and 5 teachers.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of sponsorship programme • Expansion of sponsorship programme • Nursery School refurbishment • Maintenance of IT project
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patchfest and Brunswick Festival were successful. There is room for developing our fundraising strategy for festivals. • Improve the reach of people attending events beyond current social network by joining forces with the hosts on their platforms. • Online campaigns have larger outreach thanks to involvement of new volunteers in UK & Spain. • Online campaigns performed better when asking for a small donation. • While Covid19 has had a detrimental impact on our objectives due to events being cancelled, we have also witnessed a stronger sense of community which has led to increased involvement from our supporters.
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first monitoring visit to the IT Community Centres has been very positive. There is definitely room for expansion. We have tested the learning outcomes in two out of three centres and while the results are satisfactory, we have identified areas for improvement going forward.

		<p>In Chithiraikoodam Centre (Vedanthalangal) students have developed IT skills and understood concepts to a high standard. In Thandarai Pettai Centre (Vedanthalangal) the students have begun to familiarise themselves with the laptops and are able to use the educational tools well. However, they lack understanding of the basic IT programmes (Word, Excel, Email). Still to visit Kanjanur Centre which we hope to do in September 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We also met with the ten students from our Student Sponsorship Programme. All reported that their studies are going well and they enjoy their courses. Also, the feedback from their mothers who attended the event was very encouraging and showed the extent of the programme's impact on their lives as this mother expressed: ' I am so happy that my daughter joined this programme. Before she joined, I was worried that I would not be able to give my daughter the education she wanted. I want to thank Indian Futures' people and sponsors for giving my daughter this opportunity'.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We closed the financial year i.e. 31 st December 2019 with approximately a £3,000 increase in revenue. This equates to a 50% increase in our funds, as compared to the end of the previous financial year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As the reach of our projects continue to increase, this year we have deemed it necessary to hold a minimum of £1,000 reserves to cover unforeseen expenses.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1,000 (approx.)
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Campaigns and online donations prove to be by far the greatest source of income, followed by the university student sponsorship. We also receive income from corporate fundraising and events in Brighton and Barcelona.</p> <p>While events don't generate a high income compared to the other types of fundraising, they help to raise Indian Futures' profile and provide a valuable platform for networking. Also, events, over time, have become an important part of Indian Futures' identity.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>When planning our yearly fundraising we always consider our different options very carefully. As a result of this, we have diversified our fundraising strategy so that we don't rely on only one source of income. Alongside this, we have recruited more volunteers in order to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. expand our reach on social media 2. run more events 3. develop our marketing strategy. <p>Ultimately, we believe these new strategies will safe-guard Indian Futures' values and give it continuation into the future.</p>

Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees, i.e. quarterly trustees' meeting or Annual General Meeting.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	When it comes to the recruitment of trustees, we will follow the procedure stated in our constitution. We have worked with the same trustees since the charity was founded, apart from one new recruitment last year that was put to vote in a trustee meeting. We have not needed to recruit further as we consider the trustees provide all the necessary skills to run the charity efficiently.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Indian Futures operates in the area of Brighton and Hove, but our beneficiaries are rural and urban communities in South India. We work in partnership with Laia Foundation (Vedanthalangal, Tamil Nadu) and Vallalar Educational Trust/VET (Kanjapur, Tamil Nadu). One of our aims is to establish new relationships and partnerships with other reliable charities in South India in order to further the charity's objects.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We've made many partnerships with a number of individuals, organisations and businesses. The most relevant of these are; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. St Lukes Primary School (Brighton) 2. Euroaula, University of Tourism (Barcelona) 3. Dry Red Press (Brighton) 4. Henkel (Barcelona) 5. Asha for Education (London and Chennai) 6. Local artists from Brighton and Barcelona. https://www.indianfutures.org/our-supporters

Other		
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**Reference and Administrative details
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Charity name	Indian Futures
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1173474
Charity's principal address	65 – 67 Western Road, Hove, BN3 2JQ.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Adeline White		
2	Sushma Clark		
3	Gilly Woodley		
4	Cate Taylor		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers

(Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Anna Amado Bernardino

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Founder and Fundraiser

Date

26th June 2020