



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	16	06	2018	To	15	06	2019

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Indian Futures

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1173474

Charity's principal address

Basement flat

62 Montpelier Road

Brighton

Postcode

BN1 3BB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Miss Adeline White (Chair)			
2	Mrs Sushma Rani Clark			
3	Miss Catherine Taylor			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution) Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

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 governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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 (Vedanthangal, 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.

All trustees are volunteers and receive no remuneration or benefits for running the charity.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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:

- (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.

Indian Futures' trustees and volunteers have planned the charity's activities keeping in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The sole purpose of our activities is to further the charity's objects, promoting the concept of *quality education* and contributing towards the development of our areas of action.

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.

As detailed below, we have taken part in four local festivals and a car boot sale, and organised Indian Futures' 1st anniversary barbecue, a DJ session, two art exhibitions, a curry night and an online Christmas campaign that was published in two languages -English and Spanish- for our supporters both in the UK and Spain. We also received the support of two athletes who raised funds for Indian Futures through their participation in two sports events.

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.

The funds raised through our activities have covered the costs of our *IT Community Centres* project (more information at <https://www.indianfutures.org/in-india>). We're about to start stage 3 for which we've received funds from Euroaula, one of Barcelona's University of Tourism (more details below).

This year, we've increased our presence on social media by advertising our events on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. As part of our media strategy, we've also released a podcast and a video.

In January 2019, the two main Indian Futures' fundraisers, Anna and Tom, travelled to our areas of action to monitor the progress of our IT project. Apart from meeting with the directors of both Laia Foundation and VET to review the project and agree on the goals and funds needed for the year, Anna and Tom ran *Future Communities*, our first educational exchange project between the 4th and 5th year students from VET (Kanjanur, India) and La Llacuna School (Barcelona, Spain). More details on the project can be found below.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

At present, Indian Futures is working in partnership with Laia Foundation and VET. However, as our funds grow we will develop links with other charities in the area with a view to also help their projects financially.

All the educational projects we fund **MUST** follow the guidelines for *quality education*, as described by AID India on http://www.eurekachildusa.org/about_EurekaChild.html. Based on this premise, Indian Futures reserves the right to decide which projects we're interested in funding.

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.

The funds raised so far have been transferred to Laia Foundation and VET to cover the costs of our *IT Community Centres* project. There is a project description and budget plan in place for both charities to follow. The funds are only sent to both charities once they provide evidence of completion for every stage (<https://www.indianfutures.org/how-we-re-doing>).

Through this project, Indian Futures has created three jobs and provided the funds for the training of the three IT teachers and purchase of 17 computers for two local IT centres.

Although the project will end in December 2019, Indian Futures will continue to pay the salaries of the three IT teachers beyond that date and for the foreseeable future.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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 complete stages 1 and 2 of our *IT Community Centres* project. We give further details about the progress of the project in the 'financial review' section below.

Here is a summary of the main achievements of Indian Futures during the year:

- **1st anniversary barbecue (16/06/18)** – celebration of Indian Futures' first 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.
- **Patchfest (14/07/18) and Brunswick Festivals (18&19/08/18)** – Indian Futures set up our stall at both local festivals. We had children's games, such as the lucky dip and tombola, and our great collection of Indian and donated clothes was a total success!
- **Car boot sale (09/09/18)** – the Indian Futures Team took all the donated clothes and other items we hadn't been able to sell through the summer to Brighton Racecourse's popular Sunday market.
- **DJ session (29/09/18)** – we organised a music night at the Rosehill Tavern in Brighton. Three local DJs (*Trepanic, Gaz Fisher and Brân*) delighted everyone with their reggae, dub and techno beats, until early hours of the morning... All the funds collected for entry tickets were donated to Indian Futures.
- **Art for Change ed.1 (10/11/18 to 09/03/19)** – we worked with four local artists (Mark, Remi, Lesley and Vivienne) to create an art exhibition in the back room of The Bee's Mouth, a very popular Brighton pub.

- **Curry night (29/11/19)** – Indian food at its best, cooked and served by the Indian Futures team!
- **Art for Change ed.2 (04/05/19 to 09/06/19)** – we moved Art for Change to a new venue in Brighton, the Windmill Pub, that hosted our exhibition for the entire month of May, coinciding with the city's popular Fringe Festival.
- **St Ann's Well Gardens Spring Festival (18/05/19) and Kemptown Carnival (01/06/19)** – the festival season has started for Indian Futures. We've already had stalls at two local festivals and will also be present at Patchfest and Brunswick festivals. Our stall has the looks of an Indian corner shop, where a bit of everything is sold, from Indian clothes, to spices, incense, cards, and where children (and adults!) can come and enjoy our 'milk the cow' game.

Other activities:

This year, we've taken part in three new initiatives as a way to both raise funds and promote the values of Indian Futures, in particular our commitment to *quality education* in the areas we support.

In October 2018 we applied for funds through MIT (Make an Impact on Tomorrow), 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 stage 2 of our *IT Community Centres* project in India. The application was successful and Indian Futures were granted a total of 1,500 euros. On 26th November 2018, our *Henkel* volunteer presented the work of Indian Futures at an award ceremony attended by other charities and company employees.

Through 2018/19 academic year, Indian Futures has started up two exciting collaborative projects with two educational centres in Barcelona, La Llacuna School and Euroaula's University of Tourism.

Indian Futures ran *Future Communities*, an exchange project between La Llacuna and VET's 4th and 5th year students. The students made models of their neighbourhoods and villages and presented them to the students in the other country at two arranged dates and times in January 2019, via Skype. The purpose of the project was for the students from both countries to 1) learn about the culture and lifestyle of the other country, 2) meet students of a similar age and exchange educational impressions, 3) practise English as both group of students' second language. The project was a real success with a total of 90 students taking part in the preparation and exchange sessions.

The second project was 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 funds raised from this initiative have covered half of the expenses of stage 3 of our *IT Community Centres* project. The project was so successful that Euroaula's board of directors have requested it's run again in 2019/20 academic year.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Digital Indian Futures:

This year Indian Futures has also focused on promoting our image on social media. As a result, we've recorded a promotional podcast and a video that are being circulated on all our social media and will soon also be available on our website.

The funds raised through the year, have covered our entire *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:

- 13 computers
- Training of 3 IT teachers
- Employment of 1 IT teacher (since February 2019)
- Internet connection costs
- 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 LCD monitor.

The above project will continue to be rolled out until December 2019. After that date Indian Futures will not provide any more equipment to the IT centres but will continue to fund the teachers' salaries and monthly internet bill.

Indian Futures' aim from now on will be to monitor the quality of the IT centres already funded, design and implement two new projects we're currently discussing with our Indian partners, and open new IT centres in the areas of Vedanthangal and Kanjanur.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Indian Futures does not hold any reserves. All the funds raised go towards the current *IT Community Centres* project and the very small amount left (less than £1,000) covers the costs of running the charity in the UK, such as entry fees to festivals and festival-related materials, JustGiving costs, promotional materials (e.g. leaflets), etc.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The funds raised from the activities described above have been sent to VET (who have then shared the funds with Laia Foundation) in two instalments:

- 1) 23rd October 2018 – a total of £1,208.80 to cover the costs of the pilot stage (stage 1) of the *IT Community Centres* project (See *Section D* for further details on the project).
- 2) 13th February 2019 – a total of £4,492.00 to cover the costs of stage 2.

A further payment to cover the costs of the third and final stage will be sent in July 2019, as soon as all the details about items and costs have been agreed by Indian Futures, VET and Laia Foundation. As explained above, once the current project is completed i.e. December 2019, Indian

Futures will continue to fund the salaries of the 3 IT teachers and the internet bill of both IT centres.

Section F Other optional information

Our aims for 2019/20:

As explained in previous sections, Indian Futures has a number of objectives for our third year of existence:

- 1) To complete the third and final stage of our *IT Community Centres* project in the areas of Kanjanur and Vedanthangal (Tamil Nadu, South India).
- 2) To continue to fund the 3 IT Teachers' salaries and internet costs beyond the completion date of the above project.
- 3) To design and start implementing two new projects in the areas of Kanjanur and Vedanthangal in order to further our commitment to the development of the two areas of action.
- 4) To continue to run fundraising events in the area of Brighton and Hove.
- 5) To develop our volunteering programme in the area of Brighton and Hove. At the moment, Indian Futures relies on the work of our three trustees and two volunteers and is inducting two new volunteers who are already contributing to our cause.
- 6) To continue to work in partnership with our Indian partners and two educational centres in Barcelona, Spain.

Section G Declaration

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	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Founder&Fundraiser	
Date	21/06/19	