



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day19	Month06	Year17		Day15	Month06	Year18

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)		19 th June 2017 to 15 th June 2018	
2	Mrs Sushma Rani Clark		19 th June 2017 to 15 th June 2018	
3	Miss Catherine Taylor		19 th June 2017 to 15 th June 2018	

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)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>Indian Futures operates in the area of Brighton and Hove but our beneficiaries are rural and urban communities in South India.</p> <p>We work in partnership with Laia Foundation, Vedanthangal, 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.</p> <p>All trustees are volunteers and receive no remuneration or benefits for running the charity.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

<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> <ol 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 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)

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, contributing towards the development of our area of action.

While the direct beneficiaries of our fundraising activities are the communities in and around the area of Vedanthangal (Tamil Nadu), we have had a great reception by the people and businesses of Brighton and Hove. It has been through their generosity that we have been able to start up our fundraising activities which have always been very successful.

As detailed below, we have taken part in four local festivals, and organised two pub quizzes and a music event in Brighton 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.

All the funds raised through our activities aim to contribute to the development of our target area. We're currently raising funds to provide computers and hire and train an IT teacher for each of the 19 after-school support centres run by Laia Foundation.

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 in Vedanthangal. However, as our funds grow we will develop links with other charities in the area with a view to also help their projects financially. Prior to doing so and with the experience we aim to gain working with Laia Foundation in the coming year, we will design, develop and put into practice a policy on grant making, using the tools provided by the Charity Commission and guidance from other registered charities working internationally.

Indian Futures is run solely by volunteers i.e. three part-time fundraisers and three trustees. Apart from the regular volunteers, we are lucky enough to have a wide social network who help Indian Futures by donating funds, buying items for us to sell at events and helping run activities and providing endless helpful fundraising ideas.

We have no doubt that without the friendly and open-minded local community of Brighton and Hove we would not be here today.

All the funds raised will be transferred to Laia Foundation towards the purchase of 19 laptop or tablet computers and the salary of 19 IT part-time teachers. We will do so as soon as Laia Foundation receive their FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act) licence.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Since our registration with the Charity Commission on 19th June 2017, we've taken part in four local festivals and organised two pub quizzes, a music event and two Christmas campaigns (one in the UK and one in Spain). Two of our supporters have also helped raise funds by participating in sports events.

July-August 2017

- Patchfest: We made our first public appearance in Brighton's local community by setting up a stall at one of the city's fastest-growing summer festivals -Patchfest. The event went very well. Our stall was always full of people browsing through our items on sale (beautiful prints from FirmGently, incense, clothes, books, DVDs, etc.), playing our popular Carrom game, in search of their lucky dip or just enquiring about the work we do.
- Brunswick Festival: On 19th and 20th August, Indian Futures took part in the Brunswick Festival, two days of intense experiences, fantastic bands, stalls and, of course all the lovely visitors who came to see our stall and bought our stuff on sale, from second-hand books and DVDs to purses made by the women attending the sewing workshop in Vedanthangal.

September-December 2017

- Pub Quiz: The event took place on Thursday 28th September at the Windmill, Brighton. Our lovely Events' Coordinator, Anita, did a brilliant job at presenting the quiz that had an added interesting twist... The Cheese Round! Pub quizzers were given four different cheeses and had to guess the name and country each cheese was from. All quite cheesy but everyone seemed to enjoy our little tasting session...
- Christmas campaigns -UK and Spain: We created two online Christmas campaigns through our JustGiving page with the motto 'Don't Buy, Donate'. The main thought behind the campaign was to remind our supporters and readers of the financial excesses of the Christmas festivities, and encourage charity donation as an alternative to buying presents.

January-March 2018

- Sports events: Indian Futures cannot thank enough Shawn (100-mile runner) and Nick (half-marathon runner), two inspiring athletes with a social commitment that defies all borders. They put a lot of effort into training for their own races and also took the time to write and share with our supporters their personal stories explaining why they wanted to raise funds for Indian Futures.
- Pub Quiz: A new pub quiz organised by the Indian Futures Team, this time at the Caxton in Brighton. The quiz had five separate sections: general culture, Brighton, India, clay modelling ('making Ganesh') and a music round. It was a great opportunity to talk to old and new supporters about the work of Indian Futures and, at the same time, learn a bit about our own and such a remote culture!

April-June 2018

- Music event: On 12th April, chef Jodie made two types of soup and some Indian snacks while our supporters arrived at the Rose Hill, a well-known arts café in Brighton. Later in the evening, we had the pleasure to listen to Mike the Mic's (accompanied by guitarist Nick) lively manouche music, Jennie's inspired covers

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Achievements and performance

and Marina's magnificent voice.

- St Ann's Gardens Spring Festival: a fun-filled day where Indian Futures set up its bright stall where we were selling donated and hand-made goods, such as clothes, bags, DVDs, books, etc. Despite a whole day of rain, we had the opportunity to talk to a lot of customers who approached the stall and do some networking with other charities.
- Hove Carnival: This time the Indian Futures stall took part in this event organised by the Martlets. The festival was held in the beautiful grounds of Hove Park (Brighton) where both young and old were able to participate in a number of activities, including our Carrom game and lucky dip.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

While we wait for Laia Foundation to receive their FCRA licence, the funds raised will be kept in Indian Futures' bank account, as of 15th June 2018 holding a total of £2,632. These are all unrestricted funds. Indian Futures will send all the funds to cover the costs of Laia Foundation and Indian Futures' joint ICT project which consists of providing a laptop or tablet computer to each of the 19 after-schools support centres in the areas of Vedanthangal and Vandavasi, and covering the salary of their 19 IT teachers. The total cost of the project is £9,742.70.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

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.

Our main source of funds in 2017 and 2018 has been our online campaigns for Christmas, the Arc of Attrition 100 mile race and the Brighton Half Marathon. Our other income has come from the seven other events, i.e. four festivals, two pub quizzes and a music night.

As mentioned above, the funds we hold will all go towards the ICT project in Vedanthangal and Vandavasi. This project will provide access to online resources to both the students and teachers currently attending the after-school support centres. Many of the necessary resources these centres need in order to improve the quality of education (such as educational tools for teachers) can only be found online. Also, with internet access, students and teachers will have access to other online information. The IT teachers will be trained on responsible internet use and will be given research topics. They will then monitor the students' use and ensure they only access internet for educational and training purposes.

Section F

Other optional information

Our future activities

Indian Futures is currently organising its first-year anniversary. We've invited our friends and supporters to a barbecue day on Brighton seafront. The aim of the barbecue is to promote the aims of Indian Futures by handing out literature on the work we do and how people can get involved. We will also run several activities such as a tombola and a Carrom competition.

We have also established contact with *La Llacuna* School, a primary and secondary school in Barcelona, and are organising an exchange programme for 2018/19 school year. The programme will consist on creating a students' working group both in Vedanthangal and Barcelona, through the subject of English. Once the groups have been created, the students will be given one topic per term i.e. my neighbourhood or village. They will then be asked to create a project on the topic that both groups will present to each other at the end of the term through a Skype conversation. During the term, both students and teachers will communicate about the progress of the project by email. The aim of the exchange is for the students to get to know each other's culture, learn about the different topics and improve the use of written and oral English. Through this project Indian Futures wishes to start creating a learning community that will hopefully go beyond physical borders and will spur a real link between Spanish (and British in the near future) and Indian schools.

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	15 th June 2018	