

Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts

2019/20

For the year ended 31 March 2020

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Reference & Administrative Details

Charity name

Refugee Compassion

Charity number

1184885

Registered address

10 Domino Way
Aylesbury
Buckinghamshire
HP18 0FZ

Website

www.refugeecompassion.org

Trustees

Rebecca Snaith – Chair
(appointed 13 August 2019)

Richard Snaith – Treasurer
(appointed 13 August 2019)

Sarah Kitchener – Secretary
(appointed 13 August 2019)

Luke Martin – Safeguarding Officer
(appointed 13 August 2019)

Bankers

Metro Bank plc
One Southampton Row
London
WC1B 5HA

Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and governed by its constitution.

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed for an initial term of one year by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees, the Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

Potential Trustees will submit an application form which will be reviewed by existing Trustees to decide whether to appoint or not.

Induction & Training of Trustees

New Trustees will be given documents to read relevant to their role. At a minimum they will be expected to read the Constitution for Refugee Compassion, and roles and responsibilities of a Trustee from the Charity Commission.

Trustees' Report

In our first year as a registered charity, Refugee Compassion has mainly focussed on sending aid to refugees and asylum seekers either living in France or on the Greek islands.

We have sent lots of nappies to Vial camp on Chios Island. We had heard that there had been a severe shortage of nappies in the camp and babies were going several days without new nappies. We sent numerous pallets of nappies to the island. Some nappies we had donated and others we purchased.

We have also sent a variety of supplies to France. Some of these supplies have been collected by volunteers from music festivals around the UK. Once the festivals have finished left over supplies were collected, washed and sorted and sent to France to help homeless refugees and asylum seekers. Some of the items we have sent include sleeping bags, tents, blankets and food.

We have had a couple of successful fundraising events this year. In October we held the 'Roaring Twenties' fundraising ball which raised a total of £3193. We also worked with students from the National Citizen Service (NCS) over the summer of 2019 and raised a total of £4790 through a number of fundraising events which they organised. This is the highest amount we have raised to date. As part of the NCS programme, we taught students about the current refugee crisis and about the work of Refugee Compassion. Many of the students were shocked about the current situation and felt very motivated to help.

OBJECTIVES

The objects of the CIO are:

1. For the public benefit to relieve the needs of refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons wherever they are in the world, particularly, but not exclusively, by providing money, items or other assistance for such persons or organisations established to assist them as the Trustees shall think fit.
2. To advance the education of the public in general about the issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum.

The Trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

- Collected left over supplies from festivals such as sleeping bags, blankets and tents. These were washed and sent to France to be distributed to refugees and asylum seekers. The items we collected would otherwise have gone to landfill, so this had an added environmental benefit.
- Worked together with students from the National Citizen Service to fundraise money for our unrestricted funds.
- Bought and shipped pallets of nappies to go to babies living in Vial camp on Chios Island. This was delivered via Chios Eastern Shore Response Team.
- Shipped baby supplies including prams to Vial camp via Chios Eastern Shore Response Team.
- Held 'The Roaring Twenties Ball' to fundraise for our unrestricted funds.
- Delivered aid to Paris Refugee Ground Support including tents blankets and sleeping bags.
- Sent 5,000 condoms to Paris Refugee Ground Support in response to an outbreak of STIs amongst asylum seekers and refugees in Paris.
- Multiple trips to Calais to deliver supplies to assist refugees and asylum seekers in northern France.

Financial Review

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

Fig 1: Where our funding comes from

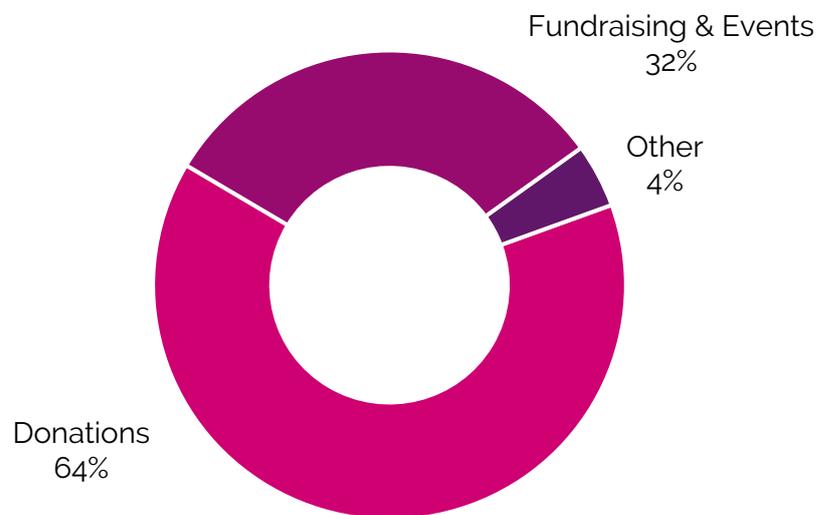
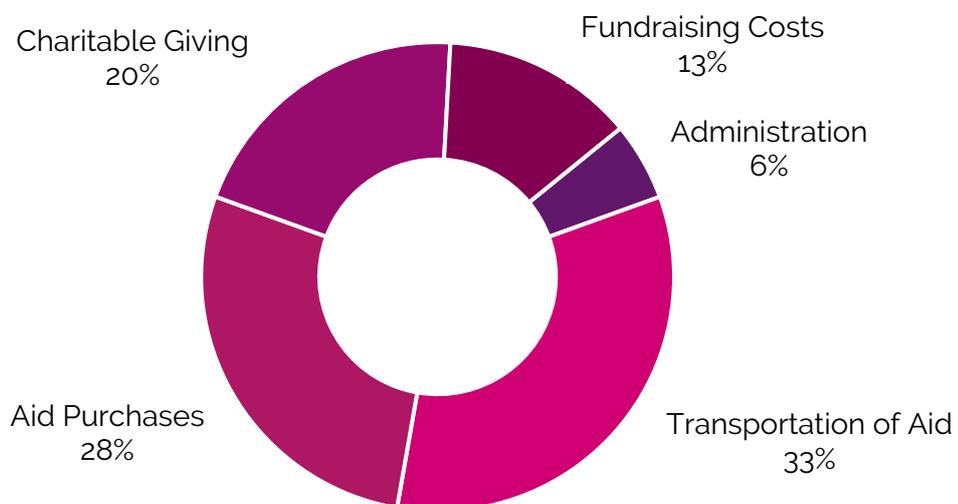


Fig 2: How we spend our money



Statement on Financial Position

During our financial year from 13 August 2019 to 31 March, Refugee Compassion's income was £11,004.

Of this, £7,053 came from donations from individuals and organisations including other charities. £3,468 was raised from specific fundraising events organised by Refugee Compassion.

Over the course of the year we spent £7,385 as follows:

- £1,372 was spent on internal costs, made up of £976 on fundraising costs and £321 on administrative costs, mainly printing, IT and public liability insurance.
- £3,553 on purchasing items or services for refugees, including donations to associations such as Paris Refugee Ground Support, Refugee Community Kitchen and Chios Eastern Shore Response Team, and direct aid, such as sleeping bags and blankets.
- £2,460 on transport and fuel costs for our trips to Calais and for shipping pallets to Greece.

Reserves Policy

Reserves that are not classified as restricted funds will be utilised in further pursuit of the charity's aims and objectives in line with its charitable purposes outlined in its constitution

It is the Trustees' intention to establish sufficient reserves to cover running costs of the charity for three months. As the charity becomes more established the Trustees will review the Reserves Policy.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were materially in deficit at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the Charity

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

Approved by the Trustees on 30 September 2020 and signed on their behalf by:



Rebecca Snaith
Chair of Trustees

Statement of Receipts & Payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
Receipts			
Donations	7,053	-	7,053
Fundraising events	3,468	-	3,468
Other	483	-	483
Total receipts	11,004	-	11,004
Payments			
Fundraising costs	976	-	976
Aid purchases	2,053	-	2,053
Charitable giving	1,500	-	1,500
Fuel	708	-	708
General office costs	149	-	149
Insurance	137	-	137
Shipping	1,490	-	1,490
Travel	262	-	262
Other	110	-	110
Total payments	7,385	-	7,385
Net of receipts / (payments)	3,619	-	3,619
Cash funds at start of year	1,655	-	1,655
Cash funds at end of year	5,274	-	5,274

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
Cash funds	5,274	-	5,274
Other monetary assets	-	-	-
Investment assets	-	-	-
Assets retained for own use	-	-	-
Liabilities	-	-	-

Approved by the Trustees on 30 September 2020 and signed on their behalf by:



Rebecca Snaitth
Chair of Trustees



Richard Snaitth
Treasurer

Notes to the accounts

Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the "Receipts and Payments" basis.

Nature and Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The Trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity's work.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. There were no receipts or payments in respect of restricted funds during the year.

Cost of Fundraising

The cost of fundraising includes the costs of promoting the organisation's activities to potential donors and of collecting donations.

Related Party Transactions

No remuneration was paid to the Trustees or to any connected person during the year.

No travel expenses were paid to the Trustees during the year.

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