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**Annual Report for Year Ending  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021**

**Trustees' Report**

**Financial Statements**

# Interfaith Wolverhampton

## Trustee's report for the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees of Interfaith Wolverhampton (IfW) present their report, which is also the Company's Directors Report, and financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2021.

IfW is a registered charity (1114265) incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (3218967)

The registered office is based at: WVSC Building, 16 Temple Street, Wolverhampton, WV2 4AN.

Principal Bankers: Cooperative Bank

Independent Examiner Erik Pearce

### Officers and Directors of the Company

The following were the Honorary Officers of the Charity at 31 March 2020

President The Rt Revd Clive Gregory, Bishop of Wolverhampton

Vice Presidents Harun Rashid

Parveen Brigue

The following were the Trustees (known as Directors) of the Charity during the year to 31 March 2020:

#### *Chair*

Jas Dehar

#### *Vice-chairs*

Martin Gomberg

Jill Parker

Yusuf Shafi

#### *Secretary*

Revd Christopher Collins

#### *Treasurer*

Martin Gomberg

#### Ordinary board members

Khalid Akhtar

Jaswinder Chaggar

Parvinder Singh Choda

Ganesh De

Rajesh Jain

Muhammad Yaseen Khan

Revd Rachel Parkinson

Satya P Sharma

Revd David Wright

Harmail Bhogal

Revd Christopher Collins

Jennifer Davis

Bhajan Devsi

Satinder Kaur

Iris Linn

Mohammad Rashad

Mazir Uddin

## **The Charity's Objectives:**

As set out in the Articles of Association, are specifically restricted to the following:

- a. The advancement of education aimed specifically at knowledge and understanding of the beliefs and practices of religious faiths with the purpose of the enhancement of religious and racial harmony within the City of Wolverhampton and its environs.
- b. To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Wolverhampton and its environs in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society by:
  - ii. supporting specific projects that are of benefit to the community helping people to take a full role in and participate more fully in society.
  - iii. The promotion of sustainable development for the benefit of the public by increasing awareness and knowledge in the area of energy conservation and the protection of the environment through prudent use of natural resources there by assisting in the relief of poverty and the improvement of the condition of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities.

### **Performance and Achievement 2020 to 2021**

These few years have been challenging for all with the pandemic. Interfaith Wolverhampton has promoted social cohesion to overcome the challenges we face. In these unprecedented times, our method may be different, but the message remains the same

We were not able to gather in our faith communities; For many of us our faith is worked our socially with others in the community. Sacrificing our social gatherings is an act of love for our neighbours as we reduce the risk of the coronavirus spreading and reduce the burden on our NHS and other agencies.

I want to thank all faith institutions for their dedication and commitment; Community Cohesion, Community Togetherness, Communities United as One.

**We present here a summary of the main events throughout the year.**

**Bring and Shares:** We continued to hold Bring and Share as Virtual events an outside speaker is invited to share their Faith perspectives.

**School Visits:** IFW continues to support local schools in delivering broad faiths understanding by organising visits to places of worship and faith presentations in schools when possible.

### **Conferences:**

**In 2019** Interfaith annual conference was virtual **on Suicide prevention.**

**In 2020** Interfaith Annual Conference was virtual on **Covid 19/ Community Cohesion.**

**In 2021** Interfaith Annual Conference was face to face at Wolverhampton University on **Climate change.**

**2020 Dated 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020** Diwali Event Virtual

**2020 Dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020** Orange Event virtual

**2020 Dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020** Radio messages and faith leaders Webinar

**2021 Dated 5<sup>th</sup> July** Community Champions Project pop up vaccination clinics places of worship. See below

**2021 Dated 21<sup>st</sup> July** Covid 19/uptake of the vaccine Community talks in places of worship

**2021 Dated 14<sup>th</sup> November** Remembrance Sunday Civic Centre, St Peters Church Rev David Wright

IFW was involved in delivering a Community languages Covid awareness project. This entailed recruiting speakers from 18 different community languages in Wolverhampton , and record key public information messages. These messages were then broadcast on local radio stations, the IFW website and the WCC website. Funding for this work was provided by WCC and this led to a very successful community engagement exercise.

IFW were active in the delivery of another project around, promoting the Covid Vaccines to hard-to-reach communities in Wolverhampton. This project entailed over 20 public meetings, visits to Faith centres, a number of Radio broadcasts and newspaper promotion's Giving out free Sanitation kits and literature to people to stay safe. Staff Board and volunteers were active for over 4 months to ensure the outcomes were met. The project was a great success and IFW were commended by funders for the effective delivery.

Not only did this work bolster our finances, but also allowed us to raise the profile of IFW and promote our mission.

The project also has led to IFW becoming a partner in the Learning Communities Partnership, as organised by the local authority. This is a consortium network that is now embarking on a number of consortium bids to deliver similar projects in the future.

Interfaith Wolverhampton in Partnership with Cllr Greg Brackenridge - Mayor of Wolverhampton - secured and introduced prayers in different faiths at start of full Council meetings. The aim of this initiative is to allow Faith Organisations to access the local authority and to ensure that IFW has a presence at this very influential City forum.

### **Other Work with Local authority**

IFW have forged strong relationships with local Authority and working in collaboration in reviewing our strategies. Each year we work with the council to facilitate a vigil Holocaust Memorial Day and are present as City faith representatives in Remembrance Sunday and Civic Sunday.

Annually we organise social events, home cinema and film show at the Lighthouse to bring everyone together from all faiths and of none.

### **Financial review**

During the year Interfaith Wolverhampton net income was £412 which increased our reserves (unrestricted) to £18,398

The board is mindful of the need to keep expenditure under a tight control and will continue to ensure that we use our income prudently and in line with the objectives of the charity.

### **Public benefit**

Throughout the year the Trustee have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### **Future Plans**

The board will continue to invest in the regular activities of Interfaith Wolverhampton such as Bring & Share lunches, our schoolwork, public events such as Civic Events, Remembrance Sunday and Holocaust Memorial

Day as well as our annual conference. Work with Wolverhampton City Council and other funders in projects.

All our future work will be shaped around our strategic aims for the forthcoming year.

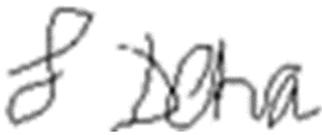
## **Conclusion**

A new structure to the Board is being developed which is envisaged will allow for swift and more focussed decision making by IFW. This will reduce the number of meetings and give all Board members Officer capacity and responsibility. The aim being to promote the aims and mission of the Organisation with a more assertive approach.

The board is committed to ensure that Interfaith Wolverhampton can continue to utilize our history and experience to help build a peace, harmony, community, cohesion togetherness.

Finally like to take the opportunity to thank the vice chairs, members of the board and the membership for their continued help and support. Our staff Devi Bansal her commitment and professionalism to the work of Interfaith Wolverhampton. Christopher Collins left as Secretary in June 2021 due to a relocation with his work. We thank him for his unstinting work as Secretary, diligent preparation and organisation of meetings and his wise support and advice to colleagues. We wish him well in his new role.

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the small Companies Regime for Directors Reports



Cllr Jasbinder Dehar  
Chairperson of Interfaith Wolverhampton

20 December 2021

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Registered Office

16 Temple Street

Wolverhampton

WV2 4AN

Company Registration No. 3218967 –

(registered in England and Wales)

Charity Registration No. 1114265

# INTERFAITH WOLVERHAMPTON

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	2,021 Total	2,020 Total
<b>Income</b>				
Donations and legacies (notes 3 & 4)	<b>2,897</b>	<b>4,121</b>	<b>7,018</b>	<b>4,251</b>
Membership Fees	3,963		3,963	3,972
Educational Services	-70		-70	1,062
Project Income	2,250		2,250	0
Inter-Faith Events	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>214</u>
<b>Total - Charitable activities</b>	<b>6,143</b>		<b>6,143</b>	<b>5,248</b>
Other trading activities (note 5)	<b>480</b>		<b>480</b>	<b>2,493</b>
Investment-Bank Interest	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,520</b>	<b>4,121</b>	<b>13,641</b>	<b>11,997</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Office Expenses	220		220	286
Insurance	420		420	437
Printing, Postage & Stationery	693		693	1,460
Payroll	6,287	501	6,788	8,936
Rent & Utilities	618		618	450
Telephone & Internet	697		697	938
Project Costs	100	1,200	1,300	0
Inter-Faith Events	72		72	102
Ivy Guttridge Fund (note 6)	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total for Charitable activities</b>	<b>9,108</b>	<b>1,701</b>	<b>10,809</b>	<b>12,609</b>
Fund-raising Events	0	0	0	570
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>9,108</b>	<b>1,701</b>	<b>10,809</b>	<b>13,179</b>
Result for the Year	412	2,420	2,832	-1,182
Funds Brought Forward	17,986	0	17,986	19,168
Funds Carried Forward	18,398	2,420	20,818	17,986

There were no transfers between funds or other recognised gains or losses during either of the years ended 31 March 2021 or 2020.

The Statement of Financial Activities is also the Profit and Loss Account in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

**INTERFAITH WOLVERHAMPTON**  
**Balance Sheet at 31 March 2021**  
**Company registered number 3218967**

	2021	2020
<b>Tangible Fixed Assets</b> (note 7)	0	0
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors and Prepayments (note 8)	4,586	812
Cash at Bank and in hand	17,582	18,523
	<u>22,168</u>	<u>19,336</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors:		
amounts falling due within one year (note 9)	3,770	1,350
Net current assets	<u>18,398</u>	<u>17,986</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	18,398	17,986
Provisions for liabilities (note 10)	2,420	0
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>20,818</u>	<u>17,986</u>
<b>Represented by Funds</b>		
Restricted Fund	2,420	0
Unrestricted Funds	18,398	17,986
	<u>20,818</u>	<u>17,986</u>

**Directors' statement**

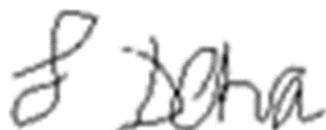
For the year ended 31 March 2021 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**Directors' Responsibilities**

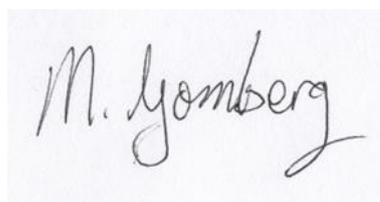
1. The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
2. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.
3. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the FRS102 SORP.

On behalf of the Board

20 December 2021



Jasbinder Dehar  
Chair



Martin Gomberg  
Treasurer

1. **Basis of preparation**

**Basis of Accounting**

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in Accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102 version) published in 2014 and applicable accounting Standards.

The company is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

There have been no changes in accounting policies or in accounting estimates during the year. No material prior year errors have been identified during the year.

**Going Concern**

The company is substantially dependent on grants and donations for the continuation of its work and the nature of these necessarily means there is some uncertainty about their continued receipt in future years. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and the Directors consider that this is appropriate, having regard to expectations of future grants and donations.

**Reserves Policy**

The Directors' policy is to maintain unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover between 3 and 9 months of expenditure from unrestricted and non-designated funds, together with the potential redundancy costs which would arise in the event that the activities of the company were to be substantially reduced.

**Recognition of income**

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Revenue grants receivable are credited to the relevant fund in accordance with the general income recognition criteria.

2. **Fixed assets and depreciation**

All assets have been depreciated to zero. Capital items costing in excess of £500 are capitalised as fixed assets and are depreciated on a straight-line basis over a period of 6 years. No new items in excess of £500 have been purchased in the last 6 years.

3. **Donations and legacies**

There were no legacies received in 2021 (2020:£nil). Two unrestricted donations of £500 or more were received during the year for £731.41 and £573.00 (2020: one donation of £2311.15).

4. **Restricted Funds**



## **11. Employees**

In the financial year 2019-20, following the retirement of Mike Shelley-Smith, only one part-time employee was employed from January 2020. In the financial year 2020-21 one part time employee was employed.

## **12. Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses**

No remuneration was paid to any of the Trustees.

Trustees are reimbursed for expenditure they incur in providing services on behalf of the charity.

No travel expenses were paid to any of the Trustees during the year ended 31 March 2021 (2019-20 nil).

No expenses were due to or from the Trustees at 31 March 2021 or at 31 March 2020.

Membership fees and payments for attending IFW events were set at the same rates for Trustees as for third parties.

## **13. Independent examiner's fees**

There were no fees charged by the independent examiner during the year 2020-21 (2019-20 nil)

## **14. Status of Company**

The company's liability is limited by guarantee.

# INTERFAITH WOLVERHAMPTON

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	2020 Total	2019 Total
<b>Income</b>				
Donations and legacies (notes 3 & 4)	4,251	0	4,251	15,289
Membership Fees	3,972		3,972	3,383
Educational Services	1,062		1,062	1,478
Inter-Faith Events	214		214	840
<b>Total - Charitable activities</b>	<b>5,248</b>		<b>5,248</b>	<b>5,701</b>
Other trading activities (note 5)	2,493		2,493	2,223
Investment-Bank Interest	5		5	5
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,997</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,997</b>	<b>23,218</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Office Expenses	286		286	106
Insurance	437		437	392
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,460		1,460	646
Payroll	8,936		8,936	10,858
Rent & Utilities (note 9)	450		450	1,800
Telephone & Internet	938		938	903
Inter-Faith Events	102		102	3,309
Ivy Guttridge Fund (note 6)	0		0	0
<b>Total for Charitable activities</b>	<b>12,609</b>		<b>12,609</b>	<b>18,014</b>
Fund-raising Events	570		570	666
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>13,179</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,179</b>	<b>18,680</b>
Result for the Year	-1,182		-1,182	4,538
Funds Brought Forward	19,168		19,168	14,630
Funds Carried Forward	17,986		17,986	19,168