Company Registration No. 03416885 (England and Wales)

ACTION FOR RUSSIA'S CHILDREN DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2017



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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

The trustees present their report and accounts for the period 1 Jannuary 2016 to 30 June 2017.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Incorporation, the Companies Act 2006 and the SORP (FRS 102) 2015 (Accounting and Reporting by Charities).

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales.

The directors who served during the period were: Preslava Fentham-Fletcher Sarah Philps

Directors are volunteers who are appointed because of their interest in the charitable objects of the company.

No director has any beneficial interest in the company. Sarah Philps and the Secretary, Rachel Smith, are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

ARC's primary objective is to raise funds in order to help support local Russian NGO's, all of which offer an alternative to State care and are of direct benefit to disabled and disadvantaged children.

ARC is one of the few British registered charities operating independently in Russia. The fundamental principle underpinning our existence is to highlight the fact that there is an alternative to the less than adequate provision made by the State with regard to disabled and disadvantaged children in Russia.

This we do by supporting several Russian run NGO initiatives, all of which were set up by Russian healthcare professionals and parents of disabled children.

ARC has been a registered British charity for more than 18 years and continues to work towards setting an example of how disabled and underprivileged children deserve to be treated.

Specific projects that have been supported during the current year are outlined in Note 5 to the accounts.

The directors have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

Over the past 18 months we have been able to support all our funded projects to:

- * further their mission
- * reach and benefit new people with disadvantages
- * raise further awareness of their work
- * grow and become more professional

Throughout 2016/17 the ARC Moscow Management Committee visited all the projects to monitor how the distributed grants were being used. The Committee consists of four volunteers based in Moscow who act as charity co-ordinators and advisers.

ARC has provided these charities with access to new potential sponsors and funds as well as advice, management expertise and access to best practice and examples from the UK. We have also provided our projects with PR advice as well as support with the English translations of their literature communication materials and website.

ARC has established a number of direct relationships between regular corporate ball sponsors and the projects it supports.

Achievements and performance

Fundraising

The Autumn Ball

Money is raised from ticket sales to private individuals and from corporate sponsorship, also from instant win tickets sold on the night, and live & silent auctions, all three of which contain items donated from business organisations or individuals.

Grants

Every year, local Moscow based charities are invited to submit funding requests to the ARC management team. Based on the funds available within ARC, each request is evaluated and a Grant is allocated. The Grants allocated in the financial year are outlined in Note 5 to the accounts. Grant payments are made based on an agreed timetable or when the relevant expense is due.

Financial review

All funds within the charity are available for distribution as grants to qualifying institutions, subject to any restrictions being placed on the funds by the donor. Such funds are accounted for as Restricted Funds and distributed to the relevant organisations based on the request from the donor, usually as part of the allocated Grant unless the donor has requested a specific application.

During the past year, Grants totalled £159,819 (2015:£131,899). As at 30th June 2017 Unrestricted Funds were £167,363 (2015: £186,841), which is in line with the reserves policy of maintaining cash reserves equal to at least the year's grants. The expected reserves at the end of the year is reviewed annually based on the success of the previous year's ball and the grants are set accordingly.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the period.

Plans for the future

The Trustees are currently reviewing the activities and scope of the charity.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Action for Russia's Children for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board of trustees

Sarah Philps

Director

Dated: 30 November 2017

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTION FOR RUSSIA'S CHILDREN

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 30 June 2017, which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, who are also the directors of Action for Russia's Children for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, the 2011 Act, and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;

have not been met; or

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(b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Linda Noel FCA

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Dated: 30 November 2017

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Notes	2017 £	2015 £
Income and endowments from	***************************************	~	_
Donations and legacies	. 2	1,555	1,461
Investment income	3	68	56
Chariritable activities	4	193,570	192,638
Total incoming resources		195,193	194,155
Resources expended	5		
Raising funds		60,699	44,352
Charitable activities	•	164,151	138,494
Total charitable expenditure		224,850	182,846
Net movement in funds		(29,657)	11,309
Other recognised gains and losses			
Gains on investment assets		10,341	
Net movement in funds		(19,316)	11,309
Fund balances at 1 January 2016		186,679	175,370
Fund balances at 30 June 2017		167,363	186,679

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive form continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

		2017		2015	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	8	10,592		26,970	
Cash at bank and in hand		176,656		183,690	
		187,248		210,660	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(19,885)		(23,981)	
Total assets less current liabilities			167,363		186,679
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			167,363		186,679
			167,363		186,679

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the period ended 30 June 2017. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The accounts were approved by the Board on 30 November 2017

Sarah Philps

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Director

Company Registration No. 03416885

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the SORP (FRS 102) 2015(Accounting and Reporting by Charities) and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

1.3 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Resources expended, including fundraising costs, are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Governance costs of the charity relate to the costs of running the charitable company such as management, Independent Examination and statutory compliance.

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

1.4 Accumulated funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

2 Donations and legacies

		2017	2015
		£	£
	Donations and gifts	1,555	1,461
3	Investment income		
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		2017	2015
		£	£
	Interest receivable	68	56
			

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

4	Incoming resources from charitable activities		
		2017	2015
		£	£

Annual Fundraising Ball 193,570 192,638 192,638

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Costs of £1,271 (2015: £1,196) were incurred for visa and travel costs for two trustees and the secretary.

7 Employees

There were no employees during the period.

8	Debtors	2017 £	2015 £
	Other debtors	6,742	26,970
	Prepayments and accrued income	3,850	-
		10,592	26,970
9	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2017 £	2015 £
	Grants payable	15,735	21,641
	Other creditors	1,810	-
	Accruals	2,340	2,340
		19,885	23,981