



**Women's
Education
Partnership**

**Annual Report
& Accounts
2017**

Registered Charity 1151145

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Women's Education Partnership

Registered Charity No. 1151145

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The Trustees of Women's Education Partnership have approved this report of the charity's work and activities in 2017.

Advisers and Volunteers

The charity's banker was Barclays Bank, Barclays House, Alexandra Road, London SW19 7JZ. The Trustees are grateful to the firms of El Karib and Medani and Hassabo & Co in Khartoum for pro bono legal and auditing services; to the British Ambassador to Sudan, Mr Michael Aron and the staff of the British Embassy, Khartoum, Sudan and the staff of the British Embassy in South Sudan for generous support; to the Ambassador and staff of the Swiss Embassy for their generous support; to the staff and administration at Ahfad University for Women in Omdurman; to Mr George Pagoulatos of the Acropole Hotel in Khartoum for much help in kind; Trustees greatly appreciate the support of Ms Samia Omar in linking the charity locally with the Khartoum International Community School; and of Dr Hania Fadl OBE and Dr Leila Bashir for their support in developing partnerships in Sudan; and to many volunteers in Sudan who have given their time to help with scholarship selection, eye-care and other programmes. The Trustees are grateful to Silas Jojo at Kimu Health Centre, Juba and to Dr Philip Wani at Juba University for their tenacity in encouraging and monitoring the progress of our students in South Sudan.

Activities

In 2017 Women's Education Partnership developed and expanded the projects in Sudan to which we are committed despite operational challenges and some lengthy bureaucratic delays locally.

We now have 105 sponsored undergraduates at 5 Universities in Khartoum and arrangements for monitoring progress have been enhanced following further training for our local staff in the office in Khartoum. We are most grateful for the scholarships awarded by All Saints Educational Trust, the Gordon Memorial College Trust, the

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Postcode Africa Trust, The Bryan Guinness Trust, St Martin-in-the-Fields and by individual donors. We are most grateful for the generous commitment shown by Trustee Imogen Thurbon to the development of our Adult Literacy projects. We have 2 undergraduate students who are studying law who are supported by the London-based Worshipful Company of Fruiterers. In addition, we monitor the progress of 4 undergraduate students who are sponsored by the DAL group.

We work in partnership with the universities in Khartoum and we now have a local member of staff who is designated to monitor and follow up the selection progress and the academic development of each student.

We continue to work in partnership with Khartoum International Community School and we are grateful for a donation received from the KICS Street Fayre and for practical support given by the Principal, Peter Round and Angela Dundass, teacher of English.

We have increased the number of adult literacy circles that we support in Sudan and technical agreements are in place for 15 of these together with the support that we offer to 10 elementary schools. We continue to support eye care outreaches and we have worked alongside The Leprosy Mission in delivering eye care.

In response to requests from the disadvantaged women, we have held a vocational course to train a cohort of students to work as childhood diabetic nurses in rural areas. In addition, women from the literacy circles have participated in

courses run by the Sayga (DAL) Group receiving vocational training to become skilled bakers. We appreciate the generosity of the DAL Group in generously providing this education.

In 2017 we held 3 awareness raising and fund-raising receptions. Trustee Dr Anna Snowden hosted a reception at Wolfson College, Cambridge; The British Ambassador Sudan, in partnership with Patron Samia Omar, hosted a reception at the British Embassy in Khartoum; and Patron Baroness Kinnock hosted a reception at the House of Lords, London that was organised by Bryony Pike and Trustee Kate Smith. Among the donations received at the reception in Khartoum was a generous gift from the Kenana Sugar Company, Sudan.

Neimat Hussein (our country coordinator based in Khartoum) attended the reception in London and, along with meeting all Trustees, Neimat met Lord Sheikh at the House of Lords. Neimat also visited Ursuline High School and spoke to students about the work of WEP.

During the year, Trustees Islam Ali, Dr Anna Snowden and Dr Rita Bellamy-James visited Khartoum spending time with our staff in the office and some of our sponsored students.

We appointed a new Trustee, Ms Sally Abdolmoneim, Director of Human Resources at Khartoum International Community School and a new Patron, Zuheir Saeed President of the Saeed Industrial and Commercial Group Sudan.

Julia Waters, Headmistress of the Ursuline High School Wimbledon has also become a Patron and she has generously encouraged her school to become engaged practically in the work of WEP through fund raising. Girls from the Ursuline High School attended the reception at the House of Lords and we much appreciate the fund-raising initiatives that they have organised at school.

In South Sudan, we have continued personal support for Kimu Health Clinic. Through the work of Silas Jojo, we have been able to fund, through the generosity of David Wootton Education, an adult literacy class teacher. That class meets regularly in a classroom built by WEP at the Clinic on the outskirts of Juba. Despite very great challenges, this work has continued and we have received regular reports of progress.

The Trustees of Women's Education Partnership wish to thank our Webmaster Dave Lewis and our Treasurer, Norman Swanney for their tireless hard work in helping us overcome difficulties so that Women's Education Partnership can flourish.

The work done by Women's Education Partnership depends on the generosity of many volunteers and many donors in the United Kingdom, in Africa and in the rest of the world. We much appreciate the support we have received during the year as this has enabled us to do significantly more to provide education opportunities for the disadvantaged women of Sudan and South Sudan.

Financial Information and Policy

In 2017 some 50% of the Trust's income was donated by individuals to whom the Trustees wish to express their warmest thanks. They are also most grateful to partners who have made generous donations for specific projects.

The Trustees' policy is to maintain reserves equivalent to eight months' running costs to guard against fluctuations in receipts or expenditure and to ensure provision for terminal benefits for their Sudanese staff. This target was comfortably exceeded in 2017.



PETER F HULLAH
Voluntary Director

12 January 2018

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2017

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Note 1a

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
		General	Designated	Funds	£	£
		£	£	£		
Receipts						
Voluntary receipts	2	45,532	-	2,025	47,557	59,572
Grants	2	6,558	-	40,826	47,384	65,500
Investment dividends/interest		451	-	-	451	498
Other income		-	500	-	500	5,427
		52,541	500	42,851	95,892	130,996
Asset & investment sales		-	-	-	0	-
Total Receipts		52,541	500	42,851	95,892	130,996
Payments						
Charitable Activities	3,4	31,585	17,968	54,643	104,196	69,393
Fund raising & publicity		1,971	-	-	1,971	693
Governance, management		2,938	-	-	2,938	743
Other costs	3d	6,485	-	-	6,485	
		42,979	17,968	54,643	115,590	70,829
Asset & investment purchases		-	-	-	0	-
Total Payments		42,979	17,968	54,643	115,590	70,829
Excess (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		9,562	(17,468)	(11,792)	(19,698)	60,167
Transfers between funds	6, 7	(24,008)	17,468	6,540	0	-
		(14,446)	0	(5,252)	(19,698)	60,167
Bank accounts & cash at 1st January		144,612	5,000	103,223	252,836	192,668
Bank accounts at 31st December		130,166	5,000	97,971	233,138	252,836

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

		£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds						
Bank accounts & cash		126,603	5,000	-	131,603	-
Funds on deposit		3,564	0	97,971	101,535	-
		130,166	5,000	97,971	233,138	252,836
Other Monetary Assets						
Grants agreed		-	-	-	0	-
Income tax recoverable	2c	6,266	-	-	6,266	8,431
		6,266	0	0	6,266	8,431
Investment Assets						
Funds/shares at market value		0	0	0	0	0
Assets retained for charity use						
Office equipment		2,190	0	0	2,190	2,690
Liabilities (severance pay)						
	5	(20,521)	0	0	(20,521)	14,154

The attached **Notes** and Independent Examiner's **certificate** form part of these financial statements

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by



Peter Hullah

Director

Date: 19 February 2018



Norman Swanney

Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2017

Note 1. Basis of preparation.

- a. **Basis of accounting.** The Accounts are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 on a Receipts & Payments basis.
- b. **Funds.** Trustees are free to use unrestricted funds to further the charity's objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds, where the trustees may create a fund for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are spent as directed by the donor.
- c. **Changes to previous year's accounts .** Note that previous year (2016) figures have also been adjusted to the Receipts & Payments basis for more meaningful comparison.

Note 2. Receipts analysis	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2017	2016
	Fund	Fund	Fund		
	£	£	£	£	£
a. Grants					
Gordon Memorial College Trust Fund - UK	-	-	15,750	15,750	16,430
Women's literacy	-	-	7,269	7,269	9,029
KICS, Khartoum - Street Fayre	6,558	-	-	6,558	-
All Saints Educational Trust - UK	-	-	6,000	6,000	6,000
Kenana Sugar, Khartoum	-	-	3,789	3,789	-
Bryan Guinness Trust	-	-	3,000	3,000	1,200
St Martin's-in-the-Field & other UK Churches	-	-	2,938	2,938	1,200
University scholarships - private donors	-	-	1,080	1,080	8,100
Children of Sudan	-	-	1,000	1,000	966
Postcode Africa Trust	-	-	-	0	25,000
Sarum St Michael Trust - UK	-	-	-	0	3,800
Swiss Embassy, Khartoum	-	-	-	0	3,074
Total grants	6,558	0	40,826	47,384	74,800
b. Donations					
Gift Aided donations	24,465	-	-	24,465	25,625
Gift Aid rebate	6,415	-	2,025	8,440	7,395
Other donations	13,653	500	-	14,153	18,451
Total donations	44,532	500	2,025	47,057	51,472
c. All other income	451	-	-	451	5,925
Total receipts	51,541	500	43,851	95,892	132,196
Total donations from individuals as percentage of overall income				50.2%	61.4%

Note 3. Payments analysis	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2017	2016
	Fund	Fund	Fund		
	£	£	£	£	£
a. Charitable Activities - Education Projects					
University scholarships	-	-	44,552	44,552	8,372
Women's Literacy, Khartoum	-	-	6,383	6,383	19,414
Scholarships to educate AIDS-affected orphans	-	-	3,709	3,709	3,015
Cost of delivering education projects	29,672	-	-	29,672	32,062
Total Education projects	29,672	0	54,643	84,315	62,863
b. Charitable Activities - Educational Support Projects					
Eye Care outreach, Khartoum	-	3,524	-	3,524	6,530
Cost of delivering education support projects	1,913	-	-	1,913	-
Total Education Support projects	1,913	3,524	0	5,437	6,530
c. Charitable Activities - grantmaking					
Kimu Charitable Society, Juba	-	14,444	-	14,444	8,073
Total grant payments	0	14,444	0	14,444	8,073
Total payments for charitable activities	31,585	17,968	54,643	104,196	69,393
d. Other costs: fund-raising, admin, publicity	4,909	-	-	4,909	1,435
currency losses (fx)	6,485	-	-	6,485	-
Total payments	42,979	17,968	54,643	115,590	70,829

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Note 4. Aid work - monitoring and support overhead costs.

Charitable Activities	Staff	Office	IT & comms	Transport & other costs	Total 2017	Total 2016
	£	£	£	£	£	£
a. Wages, salaries and operational costs						
Locally-engaged staff, Khartoum	27,063	1,773	410	2,340	31,585	47,157
Other locations	-	-	-	-	0	0
Total	27,063	1,773	410	2,340	31,585	47,157

b. Average number of full time equivalent permanent staff in the year, excluding casual labour, is 4

Note 5. Pension provision

There is no staff pension scheme but funds are set aside for severance pay liabilities under Chapter IX of the Sudan Labour Code 1997

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Charitable commitments Total
	£	£	£
Commitments outstanding at 1 st January	14,154	-	14,154
New commitments set aside in year	12,759	-	12,759
Commitments paid or cancelled during the year	(6,392)	-	(6,392)
Amount of commitments as at 31st December	20,521	0	20,521

Note 6. Movements in funds

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers in (out)	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated					
WEPE-funded eyecare outreach	5,000	500	3,524	3,024	5,000
Kimu Charitable Society, Juba	-	-	14,444	14,444	0
Total Designated	5,000	500	17,968	17,468	5,000
Restricted					
Sponsored aid work	103,223	42,851	54,643	6,540	97,971
Total Restricted	103,223	42,851	54,643	6,540	97,971

Note 7. Transfers between Funds

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2017
	£	£	£	£
WEPE-funded aid work	(17,468)	17,468	-	0
Worshipful Company of Fruiterers	(2,000)	-	2,000	0
Other (e.g. currency fluctuations)	(4,540)	-	4,540	0
Total	(24,008)	17,468	6,540	0

Note 8. Transactions with related parties, loans, trustees' remuneration & benefits

- Remuneration & benefits: No remuneration or other benefits are paid to trustees. (2016 - Nil).
- Loans: No amounts are owing to or from the charity's trustees at any time. (2016 - Nil).
- Other transaction/s with trustees or related parties: No transactions have been undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a trustee or other related party has a material interest. (2016 - Nil).

Note 9. The Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012

No guarantees have been given by the CIO, no outstanding debts are owed, nor are there any express charges on any of its assets.

Women's Education Partnership ACCOUNTING POLICY

Receipts and Payments Accounting

General funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions and available for the general purposes of the charity. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the charity.

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity can be held responsible.

Receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

Foreign currency transactions are recognised at the average monthly rate of exchange received or using the best available published data.

All exchange differences are recognised in the receipts and payments account.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Governance costs include the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following assets are recognised:

- Any tangible fixed assets held by the charity.
- Fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the charity is free to dispose of such assets and where the original cost exceeded £500.
- Any amounts owing to the charity including tax rebates or insurance claims.
- Legacies where formal notification and amount has been received at 31 December.
- Any investments held beneficially by the charity.
- Closing bank balances as shown in the receipts and payment account.

The following liabilities are recognised:

- Any loans or overdrafts advanced to the charity.
- Funds set aside for severance pay liabilities.
- Creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced by 31 December.

Monetary assets and liabilities are translated into sterling at the exchange rate at the end of the financial year, 31 December.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Women's Education Partnership

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2017, which are set out on the previous pages of this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and to 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:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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



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