



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From 01 April 2016 To 31 March 2017
Period end date

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name ASIAN STUDENTS CHRISTIAN TRUST

Other names charity is known by CHILDREN OF THE DUMP

Registered charity number (if any) 272328

Charity's principal address High Cross Church

Knoll Road

Camberley

Postcode GU15 3SY

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	Kay Mackay	Chair		
2	John Wenger	Treasurer		
3	June Cobbett			
4	Lydia Langford			
5	David Regan			
6	Nicola Regan		Resigned 22/10/16	
7	Fred Little		Appointed 22/10/16	
8	John Peddie		Appointed 22/10/16	
9	Colin Shoveller		Appointed 22/10/16	
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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)

John Busby Manager

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

Trust

Trustee selection methods

Vacancies advertised. Appointment approved at a Board meeting.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- 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.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

The relief of poverty amongst Asian students and children by providing accommodation in hostels and other places; providing education in schools, colleges, universities and other places; and providing financial support and making grants towards the provision of accommodation and education and the necessities of life.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity has continued to raise funds to support its activities in Manila and retained the full range of services for vulnerable children despite the drop in income and exchange rate.

A special appeal was launched in March 2017 to raise additional funds to counter the effects of the fall in the £/PHP exchange rate.

The residential children's home provided a loving environment to nurture 45 children and support their education. The Grapevine educational scholarship scheme supported 65 children to go to school. Sponsors for 99% of these children were maintained through the year.

Reports of their progress are shared regularly with sponsors with our social workers and teachers providing local monitoring and support to all children.

An additional social worker has been appointed to comply with new regulatory standards.

The Cashew Tree Learning Centre supported Kinder 1 level education for 140 children in the centre of the Payatas dumpsite slum.

Strategic plans have been agreed for the replacement of Cashew Tree Learning Centre subject to additional income being raised.

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)

Children of the Dump (registered as ASCT) has worked in the Philippines since 1975, providing loving care, family support and education to hundreds of deprived children. In 2016-17 we had nearly 300 children in our care, many of whom have been abused, abandoned or neglected. We have a residential home for 45 children, a school for up to 200 4 - 6 year olds and an educational sponsorship scheme.

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.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees believe that the charity should hold reserves to enable it to continue to deliver a full range of services following an unexpected fall in income or change in the £/Philippines Peso exchange rate. If funds transferred to Manila cannot be restored to previous levels, then services may have to be curtailed but the changes can be implemented in a planned way.

The target level of free reserves will be calculated at the end of each financial year based on the approved budget for the next year, the general economic climate and recent trends in charity giving. The Target for 2017/18 is £66,000

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

Section F

Other optional information

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)

Kay Mackay

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date