



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1st	April	2018		31st	March	2019

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Asian Students Christian Trust

Other names charity is known by

Children of the Dump - Manila

Registered charity number (if any)

272328

Charity's principal address

High Cross Church

Knoll Road

Camberley, Surrey

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	Alison Jean Morey	Vice Chair		
3	John Wenger	Treasurer		
4	June Cobbett			
5	Lydia Janet Osmond-Davis			
6	Fred Little			
7	David Regan			
8	Michael James Kelly			
9	Colin Shoveller			
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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)

Mr 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 (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the Board

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 to provision of accommodation and education and the necessities of life.

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 Asian Students Christian Trust) provides education, family support and loving care to deprived children living in extreme poverty on the Payatas Rubbish Dump in Manila. During 2018 – 2019 we had 173 children in our care; supported in different ways; some of whom have been neglected, abused or even abandoned. Since 1975 the supporters of Children of the Dump and our Filipino partner ASCF, have been giving young lives the chance to escape the cycle of poverty through education.

During 2018 -2019, we operated a residential children's home (Mango Tree House) and a scholarship programme (Grapevine). Our early years school (Cashew Tree) which was temporarily closed in 2017 has reopened for the new academic year in temporary accommodation for 60 students.

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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The key priority for the charity this year has been delivering the strategy to replace Cashew Tree School and raising the necessary income to open the school in temporary accommodation in June 2018, whilst maintaining the existing services in Mango Tree House and Grapevine.

We are delighted that the generosity of donors created enough capital funds to build a new school. Work started in March 2019 and will continue to see completion later in the year. This new building will have 4 classrooms and other necessary facilities. It will be able to cater for 200 students. The building is capable of supporting a second storey for future use when necessary and subject to funds being available. The charity is incredibly grateful to all those that have helped to make this possible.

Services in Manila continued to operate under the jurisdiction of local regulatory agencies and the board members of Asian Students Christian Foundation. The local environment has changed because Payatas dumpsite has been closed to garbage trucks and the new San Isidro Dumpsite opened. Scavenger communities continue to reside in Payatas as the recycling businesses are well established in the vicinity. A community of over 5000 people has developed around the new dumpsite where conditions are even worse than those in the more established Payatas area. Facilities provided by the charity are conveniently situated equi-distant between Payatas and San Isidro so can serve both communities.

Mango Tree House is a loving residential home for 47 children aged 4 – 21 (or until their education is complete). The increased national emphasis on re-integration with family has led to more children being supported to return home or to extended family if safe to do so. The charity has continued to support their education where necessary. New children have been admitted to Mango following assessment by our social workers.

Grapevine supports over 65 children to go to school while living with their family. This avoids the need for the children to work scavenging to assist the family income.

In the UK, the drive to improve value for every penny spent continues alongside further development of our communications with donors and supporters. Sponsors have seen more communications from their sponsor child with anniversary cards and video messages for some. The strategy for raising income continues to focus more on applying for grants and on-line fundraising. We are pleased with the increase in social media activity and the interest generated in our work across many countries. The traditional sponsorship model continues although this is reducing as a percentage of our total income.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Trustees believe it is essential to hold reserves to allow service changes in Manila to be implemented in a managed process should income levels fall substantially.

The target level of unrestricted reserves will be calculated at the end of each financial year, based on the approved budget for the following year, the general economic climate and recent trends in charity giving. The Target General Reserve at the end of 2018/19 was £70,000.

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

19/9/19