

APPENDIX 1



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	29	02	2016	To	28	2	2017

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Massive Outpouring of Love (MOOL)
Other names charity is known by	MOOL
Registered charity number	SC46366
Charity's principal address	Plunton House Borgue Kirkcudbright, Dumfries & Galloway Postcode DG6 4SP

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Laura Moodie	Secretary		
2	Fiona Biddlecombe-Hall.	Finance Officer		
3	Roman DePaulitte		20/2/2017	
4	Jay Rubinstein	Acting Chair	23/9/2016	
5	Richard Arkless			
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Barbara Hutchinson	Up to 20/2/2017
Syrah Usman	Up to 23/9/2016
Demi Powell	Up to January 2016
Tabitha Mudaliar	Up to January 2016

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The board may at any time appoint any person to be a charity trustee - by way of a resolution passed by majority vote at a board meeting.

At the conclusion of the first AGM, one third (to the nearest round number) of the charity trustees shall retire from office; the question of which of them is to retire shall be determined by some random method.

At the conclusion of each AGM (other than the first)

any charity trustees appointed during the period since the preceding AGM (but excluding those re-appointed under clause 0 during that period) shall retire from office;

out of the remaining charity trustees, one third (to the nearest round number) retire from office.

The charity trustees to retire under paragraph 20.2 shall be those who have been longest in office since they were last appointed or re-appointed; as between persons who were last appointed/re-appointed on the same date, the question of which of them is to retire shall be determined by some random method.

A charity trustee who retires from office under clause 0 or 0 at the conclusion of an AGM shall be eligible for re-appointment under clause 0 at the next board meeting.

A charity trustee vacating office at the conclusion of an AGM will be deemed to have been re-elected at the board meeting which next follows unless:

he/she advises the board that he/she does not wish to be re-appointed; or

a resolution for the re-appointment of that charity trustee was put to the board meeting and was not carried.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The organisation's purposes are:

1. Promoting and furthering the relief of displaced persons, refugees or asylum seekers from the countries of their origin or domicile by reason of hostilities, persecution, oppressions, discrimination, natural disasters, economic adversity or other, like causes and to provide assistance to the families and dependents of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress.
2. Assisting and co-ordinating the work of providing and disseminating information to displaced persons in Dumfries & Galloway on the provision of education, employment, health, housing, social and other services of and to those persons and their families; and dependents.
3. For the benefit of the public, to advance education and to promote the relief of poverty, the advancement of human rights and the promotion of equality and diversity in Dumfries & Galloway.
4. To provide assistance to families and dependents of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress.
5. To empower, engage, educate and develop the personal skills of members of the local community; and encourage integration and active cultural participation through their involvement with MOOL.
6. To build supportive and proactive relationships with other organisations and work in partnership to maximise the benefit of assistance.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

1. Collection of clothes and other equipment to be sent to refugees in a variety of places.
2. Recruitment and training of befrienders for refugees. Providing a website for easy access to information regarding resources in the region.
3. Running education and publicity projects to raise awareness and understanding of the importance of equality and diversity and necessity to alleviate poverty.
4. The charity is developing relationships with other local charities to enable them to refer cases of hardship and need to us for assistance.
5. The charity takes part in a range of appropriate local activities and aims to empower and encourage all its members to expand their capabilities and activities.
6. The charity regularly joins with other local enterprises in cultural and social activities, forging links with a wide variety of local groups. The charity is closely involved with Dumfries and Galloway's resettlement board. We also have links with a wide variety of charitable and other bodies in the area and work with them.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

1. The charity has, throughout the year, collected clothes, bedding, luggage and equipment. Organised and sorted the various donations and arranged for their onward shipping to refugees and asylum seekers in a variety of locations, at first in France and latterly at a camp in Lebanon.
2. The charity has enabled the recruitment of, and provided training for a team of befrienders who have been the principal points of contact for families resettled in Dumfries and Galloway through the VPRS scheme. Latterly the charity has produced a website acting as a central point of information for befrienders and refugees on the facilities and services in the area.
3. Representatives of the charity have taken part in a large number of school-based and other community events to inform the public about the situation facing refugees. The charity has joined with other local groups to celebrate and promote equality, diversity and human rights in Dumfries and Galloway.
4. At various times during the year the charity has provided assistance, practical or financial help to those hit by flooding or other hardship or in the local area.
5. Mool volunteers have organised social and community events including market stalls and music events. The charity has undertaken a number of very successful craft -based events over the period. Sessions have been run to enable volunteers to act effectively to assist refugees in developing their use of English.
6. The charity has taken an active and important role in the resettlement board for Syrian refugees which has involved close co-operation with a range of other groups. The charity has also combined with other groups for social and cultural activities such as “One Day without Us” and the “Big Burns Supper”.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity's activities are largely volunteer driven and as such require little expenditure on behalf of the charity. However, there are two part-time employees and while their employment has largely been supported by specific project-based grants the charity would want to be confident that it can supply their wages for a further period if necessary.

The charity does not, at the time of writing, have any rent or service costs to consider apart from the provision of internet access at the depot and maintenance of a website. Potentially however the charity could take on premises which will require the payment of rent and/or service costs.

The charity will maintain reserves in unrestricted funds sufficient to meet the cost of three months' wages and other costs.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

All volunteers have given their time freely and without charge. Mool has also had the use of a council-owned depot for storage and organisation without charge. Over the period clothes, furniture and other goods have been donated without charge.

Other optional information**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)		
Position (e.g. Chair)		
Date		