



**IFW** / Interfaith  
Wolverhampton



**The Queen's Award  
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**Annual report for  
Year Ending  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018**

## **Interfaith Wolverhampton**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The Trustees of Interfaith Wolverhampton (IFW) present their report, which is also the Company's Directors' Report, and financial statements for the year ending 31st March 2018.

IFW is a registered charity (1114265) incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (3218967).

The registered office is at The Methodist Centre, 24 School Street, Wolverhampton WV1 4LF.

Principal Bankers: Cooperative Bank  
Independent Examiner: George Tonks

### **Directors of the Company**

The following were the Trustees of the Charity during the year to 31st March 2018:

Raleena Anast†	David Lavender*
Khalid Akhtar	Alan Marriott††
Harmail Bhogal	Jill Parker
Parveen Brigue	Rachel Parkinson†
Jaswinder Chaggar	Erik Pearse*
Christopher Collins†	Gurdev Rai
Jennifer Davis	Mohammad Rashad
Ganesh De	Harun Rashid
Jas Dehar	Yusuf Shafi
Bhajan Devsi	Fatima Shaikh*
Ray Gaston*	Satya P Sharma
Martin Gomborg	Opinderjit Takhar*
Rani Gundhu*	Mazir Uddin
Arshang Jahedi	Janette Watson*
Rajesh Jain	David Wright
Iris Linn†	

Secretary: Christopher Collins

\* Retired from the board on 20 September 2017

† Elected on 20 September 2017

†† Co-opted to the board on 17 October 2017

### **The Charity's Objects**

As set out in the Articles of Association, are specifically restricted to the following:

- a. The advancement of education aimed specifically at knowledge and understanding of the beliefs and practices of religious faiths with the purpose of the enhancement of religious and racial harmony within the City of Wolverhampton and its environs.

- b. To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Wolverhampton and its environs in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society by:
  - i. providing advice and support on how they identify and evidence needs or priorities of their community; how they plan projects; how they source appropriate funding, implementation and sustainability;
  - ii. supporting specific projects that are of benefit to the community helping people to take a full role in and participate more fully in society.
  - iii. The promotion of sustainable development for the benefit of the public by increasing awareness and knowledge in the area of energy conservation and the protection of the environment through prudent use of natural resources, thereby assisting in the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities.

## **Performance and Achievements October 2017 to September 2018**

During the year, Interfaith Wolverhampton has contributed to the understanding of faiths within the city of Wolverhampton in diverse ways. We present here a summary of the main events throughout the year.

### **School Visits**

IFW organized visits for schools to different places of worship throughout the year. In addition to their value in promoting greater understanding, they represent one way of generating income for IFW. Thanks to Mike Shelley-Smith for all his efforts to sustain this service

### **Monthly Bring & Share lunches**

Monthly meetings under the title of, Bring and Share have been organized. Usually these take place on the third Tuesday in the month. They are well organized and well attended. A guest speaker gives a short talk on a chosen subject and afterwards answers questions. Everyone joins in lunch using the food that has been donated. Our appreciation to Devi Bansal for all she does to organize these.

### **Prayers for peace.**

The service for this year took a different format with a different venue which was the Molineux Stadium and three schools took part in a presentation. The schools were, Nishkam Primary School, St. Paul's CE School and Islamic Preparatory School

### **Annual Conference**

Our annual conference took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> November at Wolverhampton University and the theme was Organ Donations. There were representational views expressed by the main faiths in Wolverhampton.

### **Holocaust Memorial Service 26th January**

The event was organized by IFW on behalf of the Mayor's office, with contributions from different faiths. This event aims to raise the awareness of our current and future generations about the consequences of hatred and intolerance in all communities.

### **Celebrating the Commonwealth**

As part of the Commonwealth Day Celebrations we organized a Commonwealth Lunch at The Royal School Wolverhampton. Apart from Civic Dignitaries about 50 members attended sharing mostly traditional food from member countries

As part of our ongoing commitment to the commonwealth we have worked in partnership with our local LEA, St Leonard's Church and Bilston CE Primary School to promote a concert of music given by The Metropolitan Police Band and the Walsall Gilbert and Sullivan Group with all proceeds going to the Masaba School in Kenya. This school has over 900 students many of who walk up to 10 kilometers and back each day just to get to school. The school is so short of funding that often a single pencil is cut into three so that three students will have something to write with. Monies raised will go to their building fund.

### **Armed Forces Day**

We facilitated an evening of discussion with military chaplains of all faiths provided an interactive workshop to promote the role of faith within the services.

### **Safeguarding in faith communities**

Many of us will know about new legislation that came into force in May this year albeit many of us were unprepared. With Funding from Near Neighbors and in partnership with WVSC we organized a program which sort to bring people of differing faiths together to learn about what they need to do so that their communities would be compliant with the law.

Planned events in the near future include our annual Conference which will be themed on mental health and wellbeing.

### **Financial review**

During the year Interfaith Wolverhampton received a net income of £2,218 which has increased our reserves to £14,630. This is the result of a significant fundraising effort by our fundraiser for the year, Erik Pearse to whom we extend our sincere thanks.

The board is mindful of the need to keep expenditure under a tight control and will continue to ensure that we use our income prudently and in line with the objectives of the charity.

### **Public benefit**

Throughout the year, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### **Future plans**

The board will continue to invest in the regular activities of Interfaith Wolverhampton such as the monthly Bring & Share lunches, our schools work, public events such as taking part in civic events such as Remembrance Sunday and Holocaust Memorial Day as well as our popular annual conference. All of this and our future work will be shaped around our strategic aims for the forthcoming year:

1. Increasing our understanding of our stakeholders and how we can support them
2. Youth engagement
3. Community engagement

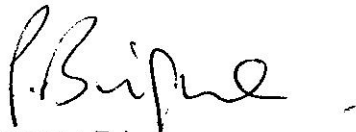
### **Conclusion**

I should like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the Board and the membership as a whole for their continued help and support. Our two part-time members

of staff, Mike Shelley-Smith and Gurdev (Devi) Bansal must be particularly mentioned for their continued enthusiasm, commitment and professionalism to the work which ensures the success of our efforts. They have continued to give far more of their time than they are required to.

As I write this in the fiftieth year since Enoch Powell's divisive and hurtful speech, we can be proud of our achievements of making Wolverhampton a great City of diversity where we can live in peace and harmony. However the political situation we find ourselves in with uncertainties around Brexit mean we must not be complacent as we have a long way to go yet to achieve justice and fairness for all. The work of Interfaith Wolverhampton must continue with renewed vigour and determination.

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the Small Companies Regime for Directors' Reports.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Brigue', with a small horizontal line extending from the end.

Parveen Brigue  
Chair

19 September 2018

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

Registered Office  
The Methodist Centre  
24 School Street  
Wolverhampton  
WV1 4LF

Company Registration No. 3218967 –  
(registered in England and Wales)  
Charity Registration No. 1114265

# INTERFAITH WOLVERHAMPTON

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2018

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	<u>2018</u> Total	<u>2017</u> Total
<b>Income</b>				
Donations and legacies ( <i>notes 3 &amp; 4</i> )	9,207	1,198	10,405	5,982
Membership Fees	3,348		3,348	3,316
Educational Services	1,099		1,099	1,720
Inter-Faith Events	<u>1,387</u>	1,265	<u>2,652</u>	<u>2,868</u>
Charitable activities	5,834		7,099	7,904
Other trading activities ( <i>note 5</i> )	3,938		3,938	1,705
Investment-Bank Interest	<u>5</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>5</u>	<u>16</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	18,984	2,463	21,447	15,607
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Office Expenses	553	1,198	1,751	490
Insurance	385		385	383
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,961		1,961	966
Payroll	9,800		9,800	10,858
Rent & Utilities	1,800		1,800	1,800
Telephone & Internet	857		857	766
Inter-Faith Events	511	1,445	1,956	2,340
Ivy Gutridge Fund ( <i>note 6</i> )	<u>176</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>176</u>	<u>120</u>
Total for Charitable activities	16,043	2,643	18,686	17,723
Fund-raising Events	543		543	510
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	16,586	2,643	19,229	18,233
Result for the Year	2,398	(180)	2,218	(2,626)
Funds Brought Forward	12,232	180	12,412	15,038
Funds Carried Forward	14,630	0	14,630	12,412

There were no transfers between funds or other recognised gains or losses during either of the years ended 31 March 2018 or 2017.

The Statement of Financial Activities is also the Profit and Loss Account in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

INTERFAITH WOLVERHAMPTON  
Balance Sheet at 31 March 2018  
Company registered number 3218967

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Tangible Fixed Assets</b> (note 7)	0	43
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors and Prepayments	942	971
Cash at Bank and in hand	<u>18,370</u>	<u>16,114</u>
Total Current Assets	19,312	17,085
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>1,301</u>	<u>3,293</u>
Net current assets	<u>18,011</u>	<u>13,792</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	18,011	13,835
Provisions for liabilities	<u>3,381</u>	<u>1,423</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><b>14,630</b></u>	<u><b>12,412</b></u>
<u>Represented by Funds</u>		
Restricted Fund	0	180
Unrestricted Funds	<u>14,630</u>	<u>12,232</u>
	<u><b>14,630</b></u>	<u><b>12,412</b></u>

**Directors' statement**

For the year ended 31 March 2018 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**Directors' Responsibilities**

1. The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
2. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.
3. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the FRS102 SORP.

On behalf of the Board

19 September 2018

Parveen Brigue  
Chair



Arshang Jahedi  
Treasurer





1. **Basis of preparation**

**Basis of Accounting**

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in Accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102 version) published in 2014 and applicable accounting Standards.

The company is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

There have been no changes in accounting policies or in accounting estimates during the year. No material prior year errors have been identified during the year.

**Going Concern**

The company is substantially dependent on grants and donations for the continuation of its work and the nature of these necessarily means there is some uncertainty about their continued receipt in future years. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and the Directors consider that this is appropriate, having regard to expectations of future grants and donations.

**Reserves Policy**

The Directors' policy is to maintain unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover between 3 and 9 months of expenditure from unrestricted and non-designated funds, together with the potential redundancy costs which would arise in the event that the activities of the company were to be substantially reduced.

**Recognition of income**

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Revenue grants receivable are credited to the relevant fund in accordance with the general income recognition criteria.

2. **Fixed assets and depreciation**

Capital items costing in excess of £500 are capitalised as fixed assets. Items costing under £500 each have been written off under repairs and renewals. Depreciation has been charged on equipment acquired since 1 April 2010 on a straight line basis to write this equipment off over a period of 6 years. Items acquired prior to 1 April 2010 have been depreciated on a straight line basis on the book value as at 31 March 2010 to write them off over a period of 6 years from 31 March 2010.

The Directors consider that the book value shown in the accounts represents a fair value.

### 3. Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies includes gift aid tax refunds of £331 (2017 £355) and grants of £2,548 (2017 £4,000). There were no legacies in either 2018 or 2017.

Four unrestricted donations of £500 or more were received during the year. The total of these was £6,000.

### 4. Restricted Funds

A grant of £1,198 was received from Midcounties Co-operative during the year in respect of office equipment.

Three grants totalling £1,265 were received during the year towards the costs of the annual conference. These were spent on arranging the conference along with the £180 balance from the grant received from The Barrow Cadbury Trust in 2017.

A grant of £3,200 was received from the Church Urban Fund during the year to fund a safeguarding project. Because arrangements for this project had not been finalised at 31 March 2018, this grant has been included in provisions for liabilities on the balance sheet and not recognised as income during the year.

### 5. Fund-raising Events (net)

Home Film show	381
Lighthouse Film show	1,212
Hall decoration event	748
Sponsored walk	1,054

### 6. Ivy Guttridge Fund

This Designated Fund (held as part of our Unrestricted Funds) was established by the Board of Trustees in 2005 to ring-fence a Legacy received from Ivy Guttridge, MBE.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Opening balance of Fund	5,671	5,784
Income (bank interest)	3	7
Expenditure	(176)	(120)
Closing balance of Fund	5,498	5,671

### 7. Fixed Assets

	<b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cost at 31 March 2017 and 2018	1,354	2,133	3,487
Accumulated depreciation			
At 31 March 2017	1,354	2,090	3,444
Charge for the year		43	43
At 31 March 2018	1,354	2,133	3,487
Net book value			
At 31 March 2017	0	43	43
At 31 March 2018	0	0	0

## **8. Debtors**

Debtors at 31 March 2018 relate to school visits (2017 £96 for school visits and £875 for conference)

<b>9. <u>Creditors</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
City of Sanctuary Grant	0	2,378
Other creditors	<u>1,301</u>	<u>915</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>3,293</b>

## **10. Provisions for liabilities**

As set out in note 3 above, provisions for liabilities at 31 March 2018 include £3,200 in respect of a grant received from the Churches Urban Fund to support a safeguarding project, the arrangements for which had not been completed.

## **11. Employees**

IFW has employed 2 part-time employees throughout both 2017-18 and 2016-17

## **12. Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses**

No remuneration was paid to any of the Trustees.

Trustees are reimbursed for expenditure they incur in providing services on behalf of the charity.

No travel expenses were paid to any of the Trustees during the year ended 31 March 2018 (2016-17 nil).

No expenses were due to or from the Trustees at 31 March 2018 or at 31 March 2017.

Membership fees and payments for attending IFW events were set at the same rates for Trustees as for third parties.

IFW received donations from Trustees.

## **13. Independent examiner's fees**

There were no fees charged by the independent examiner during the year (2016-17 nil)

## **14. Status of Company**

The company's liability is limited by guarantee.

## 15. 2017 income and expenditure

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	Total
<b>Income</b>				
Donations and legacies		5,982		5,982
Membership Fees	3,316			3,316
Educational Service	1,720			1,720
Inter-Faith Events	<u>993</u>		<u>1,875</u>	<u>2,868</u>
Charitable activities		6,029	1,875	7,904
Other trading activities		1,705		1,705
Investment-Bank Interest		16		16
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>13,732</u>	<u>1,875</u>	<u>15,607</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Office Expenses	490			490
Insurance	383			383
Printing, Postage & Stationery	966			966
Payroll	10,858			10,858
Rent & Utilities	1,800			1,800
Telephone & Internet	766			766
Inter-Faith Events	645		1,695	2,340
Ivy Gutridge Fund	<u>120</u>			<u>120</u>
Total for Charitable activities		16,028	1,695	17,723
Fund-raising Events		510		510
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>16,538</u>	<u>1,695</u>	<u>18,233</u>

## **Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Interfaith Wolverhampton ("the Company")**

I report on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2018.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Charity Trustees of the Company (and also its Directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

### **Independent Examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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/s/ September 2018