

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020  
for  
Deaf Reach**



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**Photograph shows Deaf tailors at Friends of Handicap's workshop in Kayonza, Rwanda making the anti-coronavirus masks they have been contracted to make by a number of clients , including UKAID**

## Deaf Reach

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## Deaf Reach

### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2020

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **Introduction by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees**

Deaf Reach started life in 1971 as The Richmond Charitable Trust. It was established by Joan Mackinnon to make grants to deaf and deafblind children and adults across the UK towards toys, equipment and leisure pursuits that could not be funded by the state. The trust's income was exhausted in 2016, but rather than close down, the trustees decided on a new venture in Africa. Our members and supporters have been involved with organisations and services for children and adults with sensory impairments, both at home and overseas, and through the existing international networks. While it is fair to say that a child diagnosed with sensory loss is likely to receive appropriate services in the developed world, this is very far from being the case in many countries, and this prompted our decision to support deaf children and young people in Africa.

After consultation with colleague organisations, it was decided to focus initially on Uganda and Rwanda. In the former country, we are working with our partner, Signhealth Uganda, to develop pre-school education for deaf children across the country. Our main programme is in Rwanda, working with Nyabihu deaf school, and with Friends of Handicap in Rwanda in support of its deaf school, Umutara, and its plans to build an inclusive Vocational Training Centre serving both deaf and hearing trainees. In Rwanda, such centres are called TVET. Thus we are concentrating our efforts on the two most challenging times in a family with a disabled child - school entry and school leaving.

TVET will provide training to school leavers in Hairdressing, Tailoring and Construction. To date, most of the buildings have been erected and the Tailoring Department has been fully equipped. We propose to fully equip the other two departments in 2021.

Two years later, we started work in Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Our work in Burundi came about as a result of an amalgamation of DeafReach with the Aurora charity. Here we are contributing to the fees of pupils of two deaf schools in Bujumbura and Gitega. An essential element of our support with any overseas partner is to ensure that they are able to develop an effective Business Plan. Towards the end of 2021 we will be visiting Burundi to help the Gitega school with its plan for the development of a Deafblind Department. As soon as the coronavirus pandemic allows, we will also be travelling to Uganda to help Signhealth Uganda with its Business Plan.

CENYSED is a charity running three deaf schools in Congo. We have known and worked with its Founder and Chief Executive, Rev Kamonyo Botanyi, for many years, and over the past 18 months have assisted him in developing not only a Business Plan for the charity, but also a specific plan for the development of a Deafblind School in Goma. We are grateful to Stephen Waldron, an architect based in Wales, for his generous offer of designing the new school without charge.

In its 48 years of existence, Deaf Reach has been an entirely volunteer organisation with no paid staff. It is managed from the home of its Chairman, and all administrative costs are met by the Trustees, which means that 100% of its income from members and supporters is used for front-line activities. The charity's policy is that Deaf Reach will continue on this basis for the foreseeable future. As a result, the scope of programmes and projects that it undertakes is limited to the degree that they are manageable by volunteers. However, we are fortunate that we have been able to meet the demands of the challenging programme we have given ourselves.

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### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2020

We have also been fortunate in bringing together a group of people willing to give time, money and energy to our cause. They have my deepest thanks and gratitude.

Rod Clark  
Chairman

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

##### **Activities for achieving objectives**

Our **Vision** is a world where all deaf children and adults have the opportunities for early diagnosis, followed by effective, educational, work, health and social services to enable them to live life to the full.

Our **Mission** is to work with deaf schools and organisations in developing countries in support of this vision.

Our **Aims** are to help establish or develop in those countries where we work:

- Pre-school classes for deaf children to enable them to start school on a level with their hearing peers
- Access to secondary education for deaf children
- Inclusive Vocational Training Centres for both young deaf and hearing trainees
- Management Training for our partners

##### **Main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Principal funding sources**

In this fourth year of its overseas programme, nearly all of Deaf Reach's income has again come from its trustees, members and supporters together with the resulting Gift Aid. We are also grateful for the ongoing support provided by The Beatrice Laing Charitable Trust. In order to develop our charitable income, we established in late 2019 a fundraising committee, DREAM, based in Cambridgeshire, but sadly it has yet to get off the ground because of the pandemic. We hope and pray that they will be able to get to work at some point during 2021.

##### **Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

##### **Investment policy and objectives**

With little in the way of reserves, and with returns currently so low, the trustees have not felt it necessary to consider an investment policy. We hope for an amelioration in both aspects in the years to come.

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

Since Deaf Reach does not employ staff, there is no requirement for us to meet any contractual commitments arising either from an unexpected cancellation of a programme or project, or the closure of the charity. We ensure that we have sufficient resources at all times to meet committed expenditure and basic operational expenditure which is very small. Free reserves at 31 August 2020 were £35,920 (2019: £20,871).

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Deaf Reach is a charitable trust, its charity number is 262962 (England & Wales). It is governed by the Board of Trustees under its Trust Deed, dated 20th August 1971. The Trustees who served during the year were;

Isobel Blakeley

Rod Clark

Anthony Eaton

Chris Kubwimana

Teresa Quail

Anne Ryan

Susan Tindall

Deaf Reach is a membership organisation and the trustees are drawn from its members. They are appointed on the basis of a declared wish to contribute positively to the work of the charity, and in order to provide the Board with the necessary professional, business and compliance expertise. The Board meets at least 4 times a year, and none of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity.

The charity has a policy that all of its work is done on a volunteer basis. The reasonable expenses, incurred overseas, of volunteers who are actively involved in delivering Deaf Reach's mission are met.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

262962

##### **Principal address**

31 Sutton Road

SHREWSBURY

Shropshire

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**Report of the Trustees  
for the year ended 31 August 2020**

**Trustees**

Mr Rodney Clark	Chairman
Mr Anthony Eaton	Trustee
Mrs Susan Tindall	Trustee
Mrs Isobel Blakeley	Trustee
Ms Anne Ryan	Trustee
Mr Christopher Kubwimana	Trustee
Ms Teresa Quail	Trustee

**Independent Examiner**

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The Co- Operative Bank Plc  
PO Box 250  
Skelmersdale  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Deaf Reach**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Deaf Reach**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Deaf Reach (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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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BSc FCA MEWI  
Caerwyn Jones  
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Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021



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**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31 August 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		64,931	40,495	105,426	87,721
Investment income	2	1	-	1	19
Other income		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>501</u>
<b>Total</b>		64,932	40,495	105,427	88,241
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants		-	64,333	64,333	48,310
Other		<u>9,110</u>	<u>14,008</u>	<u>23,118</u>	<u>22,365</u>
<b>Total</b>		9,110	78,341	87,451	70,675
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		55,822	(37,846)	17,976	17,566
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	9	<u>(40,773)</u>	<u>40,773</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		15,049	2,927	17,976	17,566
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>20,871</u>	<u>2,653</u>	<u>23,524</u>	<u>5,958</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>35,920</u></u>	<u><u>5,580</u></u>	<u><u>41,500</u></u>	<u><u>23,524</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet  
31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	160	-	160	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	116	-	116	-
Cash at bank		<u>36,724</u>	<u>5,580</u>	<u>42,304</u>	<u>24,424</u>
		36,840	5,580	42,420	24,424
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,080)	-	(1,080)	(900)
		<u>35,760</u>	<u>5,580</u>	<u>41,340</u>	<u>23,524</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		35,920	5,580	41,500	23,524
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>35,920</u>	<u>5,580</u>	<u>41,500</u>	<u>23,524</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	9				
Unrestricted funds				35,920	20,871
Restricted funds				<u>5,580</u>	<u>2,653</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>41,500</u>	<u>23,524</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 August 2020**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 August 2020

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1</u>	<u>19</u>

3. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2020	2019
	£	£
Grants	<u>64,333</u>	<u>48,310</u>

Analysis of Grants payable

	2020	2019
	£	£
DRC	-	4,343
Rwanda: FHR/UDS	45,312	41,667
Rwanda: Nyabihu and Umutara	5,527	2,000
Burundi	2,819	300
Uganda	<u>10,675</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>64,333</u>	<u>48,310</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2020 nor for the year ended 31 August 2019.

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2019 - £Nil).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2019 - £Nil).

During the year no (2019 - 3) trustees received reimbursement in relation to travel expenses (2019 - £1,890) or in relation to postage and stationery (2019 - £267).

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2020 nor for the year ended 31 August 2019.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 August 2020

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	81,558	6,163	87,721
Investment income	19	-	19
Other income	<u>501</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>501</u>
<b>Total</b>	82,078	6,163	88,241
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grants	44,800	3,510	48,310
Other	<u>22,365</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,365</u>
<b>Total</b>	67,165	3,510	70,675
<b>NET INCOME</b>	14,913	2,653	17,566
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>5,958</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,958</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>20,871</u></u>	<u><u>2,653</u></u>	<u><u>23,524</u></u>

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
Additions	<u>240</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
Charge for year	<u>80</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 August 2020	<u><u>160</u></u>
At 31 August 2019	<u><u>-</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 August 2020

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade debtors	<u>116</u>	<u>-</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>1,080</u>	<u>900</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.19	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.8.20
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	20,871	55,822	(40,773)	35,920
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Projects fund	2,653	(37,846)	40,773	5,580
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>23,524</u>	<u>17,976</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,500</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	64,932	(9,110)	55,822
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Projects fund	40,495	(78,341)	(37,846)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>105,427</u>	<u>(87,451)</u>	<u>17,976</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 August 2020

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.19 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	5,958	14,913	20,871
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Projects fund	-	2,653	2,653
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,958</u>	<u>17,566</u>	<u>23,524</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	82,078	(67,165)	14,913
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Projects fund	6,163	(3,510)	2,653
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>88,241</u>	<u>(70,675)</u>	<u>17,566</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	5,958	70,735	(40,773)	35,920
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Projects fund	-	(35,193)	40,773	5,580
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,958</u>	<u>35,542</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,500</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 August 2020

#### 9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	147,010	(76,275)	70,735
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Projects fund	46,658	(81,851)	(35,193)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>193,668</u>	<u>(158,126)</u>	<u>35,542</u>

#### General Funds

The general funds relate to all income and expenditure the Charity incurs by carrying out its charitable activities.

#### Restricted Funds

The restricted donations relate to the following:

Nyabihu and Umutara School Revenue: Donations towards the provision of food for the children and for the salaries of teachers at Nyabihu and Umutara Deaf Schools in Rwanda.

FHR TVET Project: A capital project to construct a Technical and Vocational Education and Training Centre for Friends of Handicap in Rwanda, including the appointment of a Development Officer to enhance income generation within Rwanda.

#### 10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Trustees made aggregate grants and donations to the charity of £44,705 (2019 - £54,978). These grants and donations were made without conditions.



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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31 August 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	83,602	46,173
Gift aid	20,724	9,748
Grants	<u>1,100</u>	<u>31,800</u>
	105,426	87,721
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	1	19
<b>Other income</b>		
Other income	<u>-</u>	<u>501</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	105,427	88,241
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants to institutions	64,333	48,310
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Printing and postage	320	856
Bank charges	383	514
Travel expenses	14,662	12,039
Website	456	446
Donations	-	7,465
Telephone and Wi-Fi	400	-
Sundry expenses	972	-
Consultancy	4,765	-
Computer equipment	<u>80</u>	<u>-</u>
	22,038	21,320
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>1,080</u>	<u>1,045</u>
Total resources expended	<u>87,451</u>	<u>70,675</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>17,976</u></u>	<u><u>17,566</u></u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements