

STUDENTS SUPPORTING STREET KIDS

(SSSK)



**Registered charity numbers: 1070646 (England and Wales) and SC041706 (Scotland)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011**



## **STUDENTS SUPPORTING STREET KIDS (SSSK) TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 15th October 2011.

The Trustees, all of whom served throughout the year unless otherwise specified were as follows:

Mr Edward Bretherton  
Miss Kate Bretherton  
Mr Gordon Couch  
Miss Victoria Newton  
Miss Emily Stephens  
Mr Thomas Stephens  
Miss Emma Wright  
Mr Adam O'Boyle

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Trust Deed is dated 3 December 1997, and the charity was registered on 22 July 1998.

The management of the Trust is carried out in accordance with the Trust Deed, and in particular, when it is necessary to appoint a new trustee, a Special Meeting of the existing Trustees is held to discuss and agree any appointment.

Many of the Trustees have had experience of running various aspects of one of the university branches, and/or have experience of visiting and working with the NGOs we support in various countries.

Most of the Trustees stay in the post for more than four or five years, but inevitably people have, sometimes, to move on as their job moves to another location or they acquire other time-consuming responsibilities.

While this is not a requirement of the Trust Deed, the trustees themselves donate the money needed to cover all the expenses involved in running the Trust, so that we can say honestly that "ALL the money raised by the branches, and other money donated, goes directly to the charities/NGOs we support".

### **Risk management**

In relation to the Trust Funds, the trustees seek to minimise any risk which would prevent us from sending the funds raised to the NGOs we support. In particular we have taken steps, as discussed under our grant making policy, to smooth out the spikes in our income (which are unavoidable) so that we can offer consistent support where we have promised to do this. In addition we keep in close touch with our branches to ensure that they are properly, ethically and responsibly run, and that they keep appropriate records of their activities.



## **Objectives and activities**

The Trust objectives are:

- to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of 'street children', and in particular, but without prejudice to the foregoing
- to relieve poverty, sickness and distress;
- to preserve and protect health; and,
- to advance education.

Its area of operation is worldwide, and its activities are described below.

The Trust is run by a group of Trustees who meet about eight to ten times a year to coordinate the activities of branches. Each branch is run by its own committee with the twin objectives of raising awareness amongst students and other appropriate groups about 'street children' issues, and of raising money for the NGOs we support who are working to improve the prospects for the street children in their area. The branches encourage students to get involved:

- in understanding the situation of street children in different countries; and,
- in taking action which will help the children to have opportunities for education and healthcare by raising funds which are in turn used by local NGOs who work effectively to provide appropriate facilities and support.

At the year-end, there were SSSK branches in:

Cambridge University

Edinburgh University, and

Oxford University

and at

St Paul's Boys School in London, and

St Paul's Girls School in London.

As shown in the accounts, branch income is considerably lower than in the previous financial year. The amount generated by branches fluctuates from year to year depending on the focus given by branches on awareness raising rather than fundraising, or vice versa. It also depends on how proactive the branch organising committees are. We are actively looking to increase the number of universities and schools where SSSK can be represented and to re-activate the branches at Bristol and Durham.

We are members of the Consortium for Street Children.

The Trust maintains a website whose prime aim is to provide background information for students. It is continually updated with recent resources and articles about work done by various NGOs with street children, and studies undertaken by organisations such as UNICEF. The site also provides information about the activities of the NGOs we support, and contact details for the trustees.

## **Grant making policy**

The policy of the Trust is to support NGOs who have been visited by SSSK branch members and/or Trustees. We also try to provide consistent and sustainable support wherever possible. We normally meet once a year during the summer to determine our grants, following the circulation of a discussion paper.



During the financial year 2010/2011 we made grants totalling £13,500 to eight different NGOs in Cambodia, Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, India, Peru, the Phillipines, Sudan, South Africa and Vietnam. Some of this was in the form of ongoing grants, and some donations were regarded as being a 'one-off'.

Due to annual fluctuations in income, it is part of SSSK's policy to retain a significant balance at year end to ensure we are able to continue supporting our regular beneficiaries even when donations and branch income are lower than expected. At financial year end 2010 SSSK held a balance of £19,053. We are pleased that although our income during the year was lower than the previous year, we were able to distribute more money in grants than in any other financial year to date.

### **Achievements and performance**

The trustees and the branches have had a busy year. Most of the branches managed to maintain their level of activity, although as with all student organisations there is a yearly change of personnel, and branch sustainability and the gathering of a new committee to take it on during the following year is an ongoing challenge.

### **Financial review**

As this is only the fifth formal Trustees' Report to be submitted to the Charity Commission with certified Financial Statements, it is worth reviewing the recent history of the Trust. The gross income and expenditure of the Trust during the (financial) year ending in October 15th in each case is as follows:

Financial year end	Gross income £	Total expenditure £
2000	2,524	1,500
2001	2,171	1,500
2002	2,160	2,138
2003	5,098	6,151
2004	7,317	800
2005	2,763	9,237
2006	19,848	12,700
2007	45,509	21,700
2008	18,553	20,130
2009	26,801	24,458
2010	16,612	29,131

The financial statements submitted here for 2011 show the gross income of the Trust to be £11,983 and expenditure to be £14,064. The sudden annual increase in income during 2007 was the result of a contribution from a one-off event, as explained in the 2007 Annual Report.



This year we have received income from contributions which were made 'In Memoriam' for an SSSK member Oliver Shilling, who died from leukaemia during August 2009. To date £6,000 has been distributed in SSSK grants, in consultation with his parents to Koto and the Amos Trust

Within these figures, all the direct expenses incurred in running the Trust are paid for in full by contributions from the Trustees themselves, as stated under Structure, governance and management.

In the Financial Statements, the monies coming from the branches are described as 'Restricted Funds' all of which go to the NGOs, while the money contributed by the Trustees is described as 'Unrestricted Funds' which can be used as necessary to cover the direct expenses involved in running the Trust and its website.

#### **Investment policy and performance**

The Trusts funds are held in an interest bearing account with the Charities Aid Foundation, and this resulted in a £25 contribution to our income, much reduced because of the current drop in interest rates.

#### **Reserves policy**

The Trust does not intend or need to hold any long-term reserves, as our funds are intended to go directly to the NGOs we support. However, because of the spiky and slightly uncertain nature of our income, the Trustees decided to smooth out the grants made over a two or three year period as discussed under our grant making policy.

#### **Plans for the future**

The Trust aims to ensure, as far as possible, the sustainability of the various branches in both schools and universities, and to look for opportunities for starting new ones. It aims to grow organically, and at a pace which it can sensibly cope with.

The Trust is anxious to ensure consistent support to the main NGOs which it supports, although one-off grants are considered where appropriate. It seeks to maintain as far as possible the personal links with the NGOs supported, and either Trustees or student SSSK members are encouraged to visit whenever possible (albeit at their own expense).

Many students are interested in volunteering in various ways both as a direct way of helping development work and of learning more about it. While we are not able to offer volunteering opportunities ourselves, we are building a list of appropriate NGOs who offer volunteering opportunities. We are passing this information on to any student enquirers.

The Trust is now registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

#### **Trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for producing the Annual Report and accounts in accordance with applicable Law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity law requires



the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the results of the charity for the year. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and to apply them consistently; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and signed by:

**Gordon Couch**

Trustee

Signed: Gordon Couch

&

**Kate Bretherton**

Trustee / Treasurer

Signed: Kate Bretherton



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## Statement of Financial Activity

Year to 15 October 2011

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year ended 15 October 2011	Year ended 15 October 2010
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
SSSK Branch Contributions	-	4,632	4,632	9,619
Trustee Contributions	810	-	810	1,140
Private Donations	-	1,346	1,346	662
Marathons & Fundraising Events	-	3,261	3,261	1,045
Trusts & Foundations	-	683	683	1,500
In Memoriam Donations	-	1,226	1,226	2,610
Bank Interest	-	25	25	36
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>11,173</b>	<b>11,983</b>	<b>16,612</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Grants	-	13,500	13,500	28,500
Expenses	564	-	564	631
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>14,064</b>	<b>29,131</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>(2,327)</b>	<b>(2,080)</b>	<b>(12,519)</b>
Funds at the start of the year	4,126	17,007	21,133	33,652
<b>Funds at the end of the year</b>	<b>4,372</b>	<b>14,681</b>	<b>19,053</b>	<b>21,133</b>

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts.

All activities are continuing. There are no gains or losses other than those recognised through the statement of financial activities set out above.



# STUDENTS SUPPORTING STREET KIDS (SSSK)

## Balance sheet

Year to 15 October 2011

	2011 £	2010 £
Fixed assets	0	0
Tangible assets	0	0
Programme related investments		
Current assets	0	0
Debtors	19,053	21,133
Bank balances and Cash	19,053	21,133
Total current assets		
	0	0
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	19,053	21,133
Net current assets		
	19,053	21,133
Total assets less current liabilities		
Represented by:	14,681	17,001
Restricted Funds	4,372	4,126
Unrestricted Funds		
	21,133	34,277
Total funds		

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Approved by the Trustees on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and signed by:

Gordon Couch, Trustee

Signed:

*Gordon Couch*

&

Kate Bretherton, Trustee / Treasurer

Signed:

*Kate Bretherton*



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## **Notes to the Accounts**

**Year to 15 October 2011**

### **1. Trust History**

Students Supporting Street Kids is governed by a Trust Deed dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1997, and was registered with the Charity Commission on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1998 (registration number 1070646).

### **2. Principal Accounting Policies**

#### **a) Accounting convention and basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

The charity has adopted as far as practicable the updated Statement of Recommended Practice for charities issued in 2005 and the Charities Act.

The financial statements of Students Supporting Street Kids for the year ended 15 October 2011 comprise the statement of financial activities (SOFA) and the balance sheet.

#### **b) Incoming resources and resources expended**

These accounts have been prepared on a receipt and payment basis and reflect all incoming resources and resources expended over the trust's financial year.

#### **c) Fund accounting**

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

Unrestricted funds are those funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives of the Trust at the discretion of the Trustees.

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