



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1 January 2023 **To:** 31 December 2023

Charity name: International Peace Project 2000

Charity registration number: 1101966

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	'The objects of the Trust are the advancement by all charitable means of the education of the public in the differing means of securing a state of peace and avoiding a state of war.'
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>* To organise 'Peace Games':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- to predict the prospects for peace or war in various areas of conflict;- to publish the findings of differing methods of analysing each conflict;- to judge and debate the results against the subsequent course of events. <p>* To roll out the educational course on 'Peace and The Constitution', which was successfully piloted in two local Zimbabwean communities in 2014, to all the provinces of Zimbabwe as and when the support of Zimbabweans amongst the Diaspora and in the mother country is built up to sustain that endeavour and thereby help secure a state of peace.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees again note the Commission's guidance on public benefit with the qualification made in their 2009 Report.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p><u>Policy on grant-making towards the 'Peace Games':</u></p> <p>No grants made up to the year-end but an important change was agreed by Trustees at their special meeting held on 14 June 2020 (by Zoom) to consider the proposed IPP Peace Games 2020. Instead of grants the award of an annual International Peace Prize totalling GB£10,000 over 2021-2023 was approved by Trustees for predicting peace or war in certain regions of the world. Contestants to the IPP Peace Games 2020 would be judged by the same criteria as the previous grant-making policy: (a) Technical merit; (b) Objective criteria for judging outcomes in conflict areas; and (c) Political balance. Likewise, bids would have to be submitted in a pre-specified format to aid comparison and test the foresight shown over time in conflict areas.</p> <p>While the lack of any bids from contestants towards the Peace Games 2020 meant that Trustees had to withdraw the IPP International Peace Prize, it was agreed in principle that the GB£10,000 prize money would instead be used to fund an IT/data science project linked to an IPP China Briefing, as part of the Advanced Peace Game Trials, 2021-2023.</p> <p><u>Policy on grants towards the 'Peace and the Constitution' educational project in Zimbabwe:</u></p> <p>A further grant was made in February 2020, after resolving certain issues, to enable our Zimbabwean partner, the Southern Institute of Peace-building and Development (SIPD), to hold a Hub Training Workshop in March 2020 in co-operation with their partner in Mutare. The purpose would have been to 'train the trainers' who would support the planned roll-out of the course thereafter, in that part of Zimbabwe, provided sufficient funds could be raised. Unfortunately, though, the coronavirus pandemic meant the Training Workshop had to be postponed indefinitely.</p>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	<p>The research, writing up and publication of IPP Briefing No. 1 on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was undertaken in 2005-2006 on an entirely voluntary basis to illustrate the concept and practice of the 'Peace Games'.</p> <p>Similarly, the research and writing-up in 2021-2022 and publication in 2022 of the IPP China Briefing was undertaken on a voluntary basis to develop the Advanced Peace Game Trials, 2021-2023 in connection with the planned IT/data science project.</p> <p>The planned pilot project on 'Peace & The Constitution' in Zimbabwe was taken forward with the active assistance of the ZG Club, a Zimbabwean business and philanthropic organisation based in London, and Ngoro Children's Charities. In 2014 the pilot project was carried out in Goromonzi, Mashonaland East in co-operation with IPP's main Zimbabwean partner, SIPD. IPP also helped to fund the subsequent course in Mabvuku, Harare Metropolitan District. During 2015-17 IPP explored with various Zimbabwean organisations in the UK, especially churches, how the course might be rolled out across all the provinces of Zimbabwe with funding provided by the Diaspora to supplement what might be raised in the mother country. The Orientation Workshop to that end, funded by IPP in 2018, was made possible by the effort of volunteers in Zimbabwe and the UK. The planned Training Workshop in 2020 would have included honoraria for the tutors.</p>
<p>Other</p>		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The main achievement of the year was the recruitment of a Consultant and an IT Adviser to the Trustees to develop a computer programme to predict the propensity for a state of peace or war with, or affecting, China. This was done as part of the Advanced Peace Game Trials, 2021-2023. Due to the aftermath of Covid on our partner in Zimbabwe, the SIPD-IPP educational project on 'Peace and the Constitution' remained dormant.</p> <p>As approved by Trustees towards the end of the previous year, the recruitment process began in February 2023 by direct invitation to mostly doctoral students in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Oxford. While the number of responses was few, the prospect of a successful recruitment was sufficiently good that Simkins LLP was instructed to draft a consultancy contract which would ensure any intellectual property was vested in the Trustees. At about the same time, one Trustee was able to put a Data Architect in southern Africa in contact with Peter Southwood to work together on the Project and become the IT Adviser to Trustees. Together, they conducted the interview with the successful candidate who, on approval by the Trustees, accepted the offer of a consultancy on the proposed contractual terms for a period of six months extending to the year-end. The Consultant was supervised by the IT Adviser and Hon. Secretary via three 'milestone' online meetings when the work programme was agreed and initial or final bonus targets set.</p> <p>The Consultant drafted the 'IPP Model', based on network theory, and wrote the computer programme on week-by-week communication with the Hon. Secretary. The first conflict area was North v South Korea and the second the USA v China especially over the island of Taiwan. The Consultant also wrote a User Guide, which was particularly commended by the Adviser. His End-of-Project Report also contained valuable insights on future development. Trustees agreed payment in full of bonuses.</p> <p>In 2024 the focus will be on the potential commercialisation of this IT programme and the setting up a trading subsidiary.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Incoming resources of GB£8,172 were exceeded by resources expended of GB£11,139 during the year under review, including the return to IPP of £7,000 of restricted funds plus interest from the donor, which he had held in a special deposit account for the IT project. This left the charity with a balance of unrestricted funds as at 31 December 2023 of GB£13, down from GB£24 at the end of the previous financial year. There were also GB£197 of restricted funds (2022: £3,153).
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trust has no financial reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Lack of any surplus funds beyond foreseeable requirements.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)</p>	<p>Para 1.47</p>	<p>Peter Southwood, the former IPP promoter, continued to provide most of the funding for the charity as <i>gifts in kind</i> to support both charitable activities and governance costs. An exception was his £10k restricted donation in <i>cash</i> towards the Peace Games 2020 switched, when that could not be taken forward, to the Advanced Peace Game Trials IT project in 2022-2023.</p> <p>The amounts involved from Peter Southwood, as disclosed in the accompanying accounts, were not felt to compromise the independence of the Trustees but were essential for the follow-up to the Trial Peace Games, 2004-2007 and, during the year under review, the Advanced Peace Game Trials, 2021-2023 and also for the pilot project in Zimbabwe in 2014 and the proposed sequel. However, the need to extend the base of funding support is well recognised by the Trustees.</p> <p>An important development in 2014 had been a generous Gift-Aid donation from an individual to the pilot project which led to IPP applying to register with His Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) for the purposes of reclaiming tax on such gifts. This was successfully completed in 2015 and has remained in place since then.</p> <p>Subscribers to the Briefings were also asked in 2007 if they would support a 'peace tax' on future briefings as a means of raising funds. Some were willing to consider this. In 2016 this term was replaced with that of a 'peace offering', linked to the Zimbabwe educational project.</p> <p>With respect to fundraising, it is relevant to note that as Peter Southwood, Special Editor of IPP Briefing No. 1, meant to participate in future peace games that was the only IPP Briefing he would edit. The IPP China Briefing was solely authored by Peter Southwood and was judged by IPP Trustees in 2022 on Peace Games 2020 pre-determined criteria. Opposing bids were encouraged and would be published, providing they met those quality standards. The policy of seeking a new and independent editor for any future Peace Games Briefing is unchanged. <i>The commercial potential of the embryonic computer programme created out of this year's IT Project is to be explored in 2024.</i></p>
---	------------------	--

Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Declaration of Trust executed on 2 November 2002
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	A trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	International Peace Project 2000
Other name the charity uses	International Peace Project or IPP or IPP2000
Registered charity number	1101966
Charity's principal address	Peter M. Southwood Hon. Secretary 110 Purves Road Kensal Rise, London NW10 5TB

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	Ms Y.S.K. Kuimba	Vice Chair		The charity trustees themselves
2	Dr A. Lemon	Finance Director		
3	Mr L. Maruziva			
4	Dr E.O. Mogire			
5	Prof J. Oshomuvwe			
6	Air Vice Marshal M.N. Umaru (r'td)	Chairman		
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				
21				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd	25 Kings Hill Avenue, King's Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ
Solicitors	Farrer & Co LLP	66 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3LH
Solicitors	Simkins LLP	7-12 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9LT

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

--

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

--

Other optional information

--

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<u>A. Lemon</u>	
Full name(s)	Dr Anthony Lemon	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Finance Director	

Date

<u>27 September 2024</u>
