# PEACE ADVOCATE PROJECT LTD

## TRUSTEE' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026*

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "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)".

**Objectives and activities**

The charity's objects are

- The advancement of conflict resolution by encouraging a conflict resolution philosophy in young people in countries across the world and enabling young people and adults to become 'Peace Advocates'.
- The advancement of education by training and accrediting facilitators to create and organise 'Peace and Conflict Resolution' groups in schools and communities and promoting equal status for life skills (such as conflict resolution skills) in the school curriculum.
- The advancement of citizenship by liaising and building local and global networks to promote a culture o peace and enabling 'Peace and Conflict Resolution' groups to identify problems in their community that can be tackled using conflict resolution skills.
- the advancement of health by promoting the knowledge and understanding of the impact of mental health on behaviour and offering skills to allow young people to take control of their mental health problems and empower them to improve their own health and that of others.

The practices and procedures in furtherance of these objects are delivered through an interactive programme that recognises, enable and empowers young and old to make informed decisions which will affect their lives and the lives of others. The skills- based training creates Peace Advocate who through community projects can achieve the criteria to the International Award of Peace School/Hub Blue Flag standard.

The primary funding of the charity continues to be financially packaged for one overall fee that incorporates all the necessary resources including the Blue Flag. When each school group is ready to train their next cohort additional resources (workbooks and badges) will need to be purchased.
During the past year the main source of income continues to be enhanced by the success of the Primary Peace Advocate Project. In addition, programmes for Facilitating Peaceful Family Communications, awareness training programmes for teachers and school Parental Bodies.

There has been no change in these during the year.

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing their objectives and in planning their future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the objectives they have set

**Achievements and performance**

*Significant activities and achievements against objectives*

It's been very encouraging to recognise that this year has identified how our initiatives are not only relevant but necessary to support students and families facing complex difficulties in their schools, homes and communities. These include empowering adults and young people to skilfully tackle 21st century problems such as Toxic masculinity, misogyny, domestic abuse, drugs and negative influences presented on social media.

There continues to be an enthusiastic interest in the Blue Flag Award programme for schools from volunteers who volunteer to support our programmes in their local schools. A source of renewed interest arose in Mexico where a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) for peace engaged the Directors to act as advisers and mentors to support their organisation to interact with schools.
Thomas Allyne High School, Uttoxeter achieved the International Blue Peace Schools Flag and started a new group of Peace Advocates to sustain the award during 2026/27.

Special mention and appreciation go to the Rotary District 1070 Leadership Team who have prioritised promoting peace strategies with schools employing the Peace Advocate Project programmes. The Rotary District encompasses areas of Northamptonshire, South Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. The programme achieved the involvement of 3 Secondary and 3 Primary schools. The Nene Valley Educational Trust consisting of one secondary and three primary academies has engaged all their schools to build continuity across pupil stages. The Rotary District Leadership Team have agreed a budget to fund more schools to engage in 2026/27.
Locally the Trustees have started 3 new schools in Dumfries and Galloway and successfully re-engaged with the Peace Advocates of Douglas Ewart High School. Those Peace Advocates have uniquely delivered a pilot well-being programme to students in their first secondary school year.

Overall, this has been a very successful and worthwhile year when pilot project possibilities have become successful additions that widen the scope of the Charity. We continue to be encouraged and committed by the mission of spreading the skills-based approach to peace and conflict resolution within individuals, in schools and communities across the world

**Financial review**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with current statutory requirements and the charity's memorandum and articles of association.

The income for the charity was £3,683 (2025: £2,392). Overall the charity had a surplus of £706 (2025: £106).

The charity is now primarily funded by the sale of training programmes.

*Reserves policy*

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure (estimated at £750). The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. Such reserves were £6,447 at the year end, and therefore the trustees consider the charity a going concern.

*Major risks*

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

**Plans for future periods**

During the Rotary year of 2026/27 The Directors have agreed to organise a 'Trainer of Trainers Programme' for the Rotary District 1070 to enable and empower volunteers to build continuity and sustainability to self-deliver the Peace Advocate Project beyond 2027.

A second focus for the Directors is to encourage the growth of the number of primary schools participating in the programmes and encouraging involvement from their associated secondary schools to increase greater continuity in the life skills associated with peace and conflict.

Another aspect associated with the second focus is to encourage and engage parents understanding of the value of leading regular family discussions valuing everyone's contribution. This will also be promoted with School Parent Groups.

2025/26 has enabled the charity to agree a range of delivery options for schools which is most appropriate to suit their circumstances. The Trustees constantly receive feedback that the charity continues to have relevance and the ability to make positive changes to individuals living through troubled times that are not getting any less.

**Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and a Scottish charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association. Charity number: SC049839. Company number: SC592405. The liability of each of its members being limited to £1 each.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr K Best

Mrs J Best

*Recruitment and appointment of trustees*

There are no current plans for the method of recruitment and appointment of future trustees. The Peace Advocate Project Ltd Charity is identifying a network of individuals who could become future trainer of trainers and anticipate that future Trustees could be drawn from those contacts.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The trustee' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Keith Graham Best

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Mr K Best

**Trustee**

Date: 19/10/26

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## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE' RESPONSIBILITIES

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026*

The trustees, who are also the directors of Peace Advocate Project Ltd for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustee' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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.