

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	Day 1st	Month August	Year 2019	To	Day 31st	Month July	Year 2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Himalayan Youth Foundation UK (HYF-UK)

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1124243

7 Hallam Mews

London

Postcode

W1W 6AR

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	Norman Stromsoy	Chairman		HYF-UK
2	Samantha Michel	Secretary		
3	Gerry Slater	Treasurer		
4	Cathy Kerr	Trustee	4 TH March 2020 onwards	
5	Koenraad Foulon	Trustee		
6	Stephan Michel	Trustee	Retired 4 th Mar ch2020	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The charity works closely with the Himalayan Youth Foundation in the USA (HYF-US), Mountaineers for Himalayas (M4H) in Andorra, and the Fontana Foundation in Switzerland.

Working with these organisations, support is provided to the following operational charities

- The Himalayan Children's Foundation (HCF) which operates the Kailash Home in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- The Choki Traditional Arts School (CTAS) in Thimpu, Bhutan

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance Education, relieve poverty, sickness and distress and promote the good health of children, particularly those aged 6 to 18, living in the Himalayan region, in such ways as the Trustees think fit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity has continued to work closely with HYF-US and M4H to support the needs of both HCF in Nepal and CTAS in Bhutan.

HCF in Nepal

Mountaineers for Himalayas in Andorra (M4H) has overall financial responsibility for HCF in Nepal.

HCF in Nepal runs a hostel constructed in 2007 on the outskirts of Kathmandu which houses 100 underprivileged and/or orphaned students as well as mentoring and financial support to 25 students undertaking Higher Education in the community. The hostel provides general care and assistance for the children and provides for their education through local schools. We support HCF by providing individual sponsors for each child.

We have continued to seek new sponsors and have been successful in finding three this year. We have also transferred management of 3 of the children to HYF-US, meaning that our total remains at 24 based within Kailash. This figure is measured against our long-term target of 33. A further 8 students under our care are undertaking Higher education and living outside the Kailash Home

We have continued to work with the Madrinha Trust to provide financial support and guidance for children who are planning to leave the Kailash Home and commence University.

Madrinha provide mentoring to the children in their final year at Kailash, helping them to make their University choices. They then go on to provide funds to cover University fees and living expenses during their course. Two children have now successfully graduated, and an additional 5 children are now being supported bringing the total to 8. We have improved education and mentoring support for all students through the appointment of a full time Education Officer employed through HCF.

As detailed in section D below, funds have been provided to contribute to the existing operational costs of the Kailash hostel.

Construction of the new Study and Social Pavilions was completed as scheduled in Nov 2019. Funds to cover the significant UK contribution have been raised and transferred.

CTAS in Bhutan

The Fontana Foundation in Switzerland has overall financial responsibility for CTAS in Bhutan, and we work with them to support the children at the Choki school.

CTAS in Bhutan is a private school for traditional arts, set up to help children from broken and economically disadvantaged homes. The school provides free education, food and lodging and schools the children in the traditional arts of Lhadri(painting), Jinzo(sculpture) and Pap(carving).

Funds have been provided to cover the Operating costs of all the students at the school, and a contribution has been made towards the costs of a new study block, for which construction has commenced but not yet completed.

Charity Commission Guidance

In managing the charity's activities, the Trustees have taken due notice of the Guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. A Trustee with recent and relevant experience has been appointed with child safeguarding responsibility. He liaises with HCF and the management team to hold them to account for ensuring high standards of safeguarding are maintained.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making.
- policy programme related investment.
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The number of children the Charity supports through sponsorship remains at 25 children in the Kailash Home in Nepal. We support a further 8 students undertaking Higher education and training.

The charity is pleased to record its highest level of fundraising in the reporting period with the following sums being raised and distributed during the year-

- Raised the sum of £115,244
- Distributed the sum of £150,826

The funds were distributed as follows: -

To Kailash Home in Kathmandu

- £32,119 to provide sponsorship of 25 children at the Kailash home.
- £25,845 to cover the costs of 8 children at University.
- £28,460 has been contributed towards the cost of the new Social and Study Buildings which were completed in late 2019.
- £8,845 has been donated to cover Medical costs for all the children, and to provide laptops for study purposes
- £1,136 was donated to the Children's Gift Fund

To Choki Arts School in Thimpu

- £42,568 towards the Operating Costs for the school.
- £11,144 towards the cost of new Classroom Building due for completion in Dec 2020.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Recognising the responsibility of maintaining an increasing number of sponsors, the Charity operates a Reserve Policy, which provides financial cover in the event of a default by sponsors. During the current year, the Reserve has been maintained at the same level as in the previous year.

Additional reserves are also in place to protect the charity from exposure to adverse movement in the currency exchange rate.

We work in close co-operation with M4H in Andorra and Fontana Foundation in Switzerland, and these organisations operate reserve policies aimed at ensuring that operating costs at HCF and CTAS are fully covered.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal sources of funding for the Charity have been donations from individuals and from other charitable organisations.

The Charity has been able to support its key objectives by maintaining and its register of sponsors, and by raising funds which enable it to contribute to the educational, caring and accommodation needs of HCF and CTAS.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	N. Stromsoy	Sam Michel
Full name(s)	Norman Stromsoy	Samantha Michel
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Secretary
Date	November 2020	