



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	27	06	2020		26	06	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Indian Futures

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1173474

Charity's principal address 10 Sudeley Place

Kemptown

Brighton

Postcode

BN2 1HF

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	Sushma Clark			
2	Adeline White			
3	Gilly Woodley			
4	Catherine Taylor			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Anna Amado Bernardino (Founder)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees, i.e. quarterly trustees' meeting or Annual General Meeting.

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.

Indian Futures raises funds in Brighton (UK) and Barcelona (Spain) but our beneficiaries are rural communities in South India.

In India, we work in partnership with the Laia Foundation (Vedanthangal, Tamil Nadu) and Vallalar Educational Trust/VET (Kanjapur, Tamil Nadu). One of our aims is to establish new relationships and partnerships with other reliable charities in South India in order to further the charity's objects.

In the UK, this year we've been sponsored by Dry Red Press (<https://www.dryredpress.com>) and the Development Society at Sussex University.

In Spain, we're mainly supported by *Futuraula*, a committee of students from Euroaula University School of Tourism, and Henkel Ibérica S.A. (<https://www.henkel.es/>).

Indian Futures has 4 trustees, 4 volunteers and no paid members of staff, therefore nearly all the funds we raise go to our projects in India.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance such charitable purposes for the public benefit according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees see fit including, but not limited to the relief and prevention of poverty of the people of Tamil Nadu ("the beneficiaries") in India by the provision of financial and other assistance to Laia Foundation and organisations with similar purposes to enable the beneficiaries to:

- (1) receive education and training in order to develop their skills and secure employment,
- (2) obtain micro-finance and engage in their own business ventures and thereby become more self-sufficient,
- (3) obtain medical and other assistance to improve their health, and
- (4) obtain equipment and provide support for disabled persons in order to improve their conditions in life.

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)

While the direct beneficiaries of our fundraising activities are the communities in and around the areas of Vedanthangal, Vandavasi and Kanjanur (Tamil Nadu, South India), we organise art and other community events and educational collaborations in Brighton (UK) and Barcelona (Spain).

This year, in response to the covid crisis, we've had to rethink and reinvent the way we raise funds for our communities and how we engage with our supporters. In the summer months we would have usually taken part in local community festivals so, as all festivals were cancelled, we decided to move all our events online:

- In September 2020, we had our first online yoga fundraiser by yoga teacher Laura Sterry. A friend of Indian Futures, Laura offered her precious time for the benefit of our communities, and she has been doing so ever since. Every second Saturday of the month, at 10am, she continues to run her online yoga sessions for us. She's adapted to all levels so anyone can attend. Her approach is very gentle and accessible, with modifications for all bodies, working with physical postures and a connection to the breath to find strength, balance and calmness.
- Having just returned from India (where they'd been monitoring the projects and later in lockdown!), Tom and Anna, our main fundraisers and volunteers, wanted to dedicate the next programme to all the women who had had an impact on Indian Futures. And so they created *#OurInspiringWomen*, a collection of women's stories where there's a voice for every single woman who wanted to come forward and tell us their fascinating story, stories from the East, the West, stories about families, careers, the difficulties of being a woman in a male-dominated world but above all, a celebration of and for women, of their achievements, their strength, a thank you message to all of them. *#OurInspiringWomen* can still be seen on our Instagram account @indianfutures from 18th October to 20th December.
- After the success of our *2.6 Challenge* campaign back in May 2020 -a joint effort between volunteers in India, the UK and Spain- we thought we were ready to take on the next challenge: an online exhibition! In the past -in those face-to-face times...- we'd had the privilege to work and hold exhibitions with artists local to Brighton and Hove. We were incredibly lucky to be donated several pieces of artwork which we exhibited in the flat of two of our volunteers in Brighton and on 27th November, we went live on Instagram. The exhibition is still available on our account.
- To put an end to the challenging 2020, on 6th December we launched our yearly online Christmas campaign, as a final dedication to *#OurInspiringWomen*, with the aim to continue to collect funds for our Student Sponsorship Programme in India (details below).
- February 2021 was the month of online workshops. Our friends and tireless Barcelonian fundraisers -the *Futuraula Committee*

from Euroaula (University School of Tourism)-, organised four online classes on yoga, fitness training, contemporary dance and mindfulness.

- As our supporters know very well, regardless of what other activities we run, our Indian Futures hearts are always with the artist communities, those wonderful beings who have helped us get through this pandemic thanks to their endless creativity and generosity. We couldn't but do something in return for them. And this is how the idea of *Art Apart* became a reality. As we stated on our promotional outlets, Art Apart is 'a burst of creativity that follows the journey of several artists in lockdown, expressing themselves, in fullness and in all their different forms.' The main aim of Art Apart is to shine a light and celebrate the often undervalued -and definitely underpaid- amazing work of artists during the pandemic.

From 19th March to today (and until 30th June), we've been publishing and selling artwork through our social media. Not only that, we've also been exploring the depths of our artists, who they are, what inspires them, all those little secrets that hide behind each work of art and are often missed. We're hoping to find a venue in Brighton soon where Art Apart can become truly alive!

- In the middle of our art frenzy, we managed to partner with the Development Society of Sussex University and organised *#fundraiseforadesk*, a fundraiser collaboration project between the students from the society and Futuraula. This was an opportunity for students from the UK and Spain to come together and create an online campaign to raise funds to buy school furniture for 2 of our educational centres in Vedanthangal. The campaign was a total success with 20 student participants and a raised total of £1,728.

Our activities in Brighton and Hove have two main purposes: 1) to raise awareness on the cultural and socio-economic situation of our area of action i.e. South India and, more specifically, the state of Tamil Nadu; 2) to involve the people of Brighton and Hove in our projects by promoting their participation in our activities and encouragement to design and develop their own fundraising ideas. Working closely with local artists, e.g. musicians, painters, writers, designers, etc., we promote both local involvement and awareness on the issues that affect our target population. In organising all these activities, our trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Indian Futures is run solely by volunteers. We have four regular volunteers who specialise in the areas of social media, website management, events organising and trust and grants fundraising -the latter is a new post that started at the beginning of June 2021.

We also have the invaluable help of a student committee from Barcelona who, in April this year, joined forces with another group of students from Brighton (more details below).

Finally, we have a wide social network that helps Indian Futures by donating funds and items and helping run activities and providing fundraising ideas.

We are proud and impressed by the work done over the year by all our volunteers as, without them, Indian Futures wouldn't be able to run.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Thanks to the activities described above, we've been able to raise enough funds to cover the running costs of our projects in the rural areas of Tamil Nadu, South India, where the charity operates. We've also provided extra funds for two emergency appeals and have put some aside to start a new project, waiting for the Indian lockdown to ease.

Apart from the collection of funds, Indian Futures has also had great success in three specific areas:

- 1) **Collaboration:** Through our project *Futuraula*, students from both Barcelona and Brighton, joined forces to create the online campaign #fundraiseforadesk. The campaign was a joint effort that took several sessions of online meetings and work 'behind the scenes' for both groups of students. The collaboration brought a number of benefits to students; they exchanged learning experiences, shared ideas on the best way to create, organise and manage the campaign, developed their confidence at preparing and doing online group presentations, team work and negotiation skills, etc.
- 2) **Awareness:** Indian Futures is constantly creating awareness on the conditions of living and needs of some of the poorest areas of the Indian sub-continent. Through our activities, we promote the concept of *quality education*, that goes beyond providing educational material, but focuses on the quality of the teaching/learning experience, adapts to children's individual needs, promotes the idea of life-long learning and involves students' parents and the entire community.

Since we set up our Student Sponsorship Programme (more information below), we've also been raising awareness on gender issues in the communities where we work. There is no doubt anymore that a key element of community development in rural India is women's education. While most women attend primary and secondary schools, very few get to access further education which the aim of the programme.

- 3) **The promotion of the arts:** since the beginning of our creation, Indian Futures has invested in promoting art, particularly local artists, by running small-scale art exhibitions. We used to call these exhibitions Art for Change. This year, as a result of the pandemic, Art for Change has become Art Apart, as explained above.

The impact of our activities on our operating areas is as follows:

- **IT Community Centres:** we continue to run 3 IT centres in the villages of Chithiraikoodam, Thandarai Pettai and Kanjanur. The centres are attended by a total of 122 students and also used for teachers' training purposes. Besides the IT material, Indian Futures covers the 3 IT teachers' salaries, IT software and internet costs. Apart from the lockdown period from February to May 2021, the centres have continued to run, providing both students and teachers the opportunity to take online lessons and further their IT and general knowledge.
- **Student Sponsorship Programme:** during the 202/21 academic year, we've provided funds to a total of 14 female students. The

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Achievements and performance

funds have covered the costs of college/university fees and transport to and from the educational centres. Many of these students have also accessed our IT centres in times of lockdown to do online lessons as they don't have internet access at home.

- **Other personal contributions:** Indian Futures provides a monthly financial contribution to two volunteers who help us on the ground, and also pays a salary top-up to the two Vedanthangal Nursery School teachers, in recognition for their professionalism, consistency and dedication over the years.
- **School furniture:** thanks to the funds raised through #fundraiseforadesk campaign, we can now cover the costs of 21 3-seater desks in the after-school centre of Thandarai Pettai, Vedanthangal. The project is currently on hold, waiting for educational centres to reopen fully after a long period of lockdown.

This is the first stage of a much longer project that aims to provide school furniture to a total of 19 after-school centres and Vedanthagal Nursery School.

- **School material:** For the third year in a row, Indian Futures has applied successfully to the MIT programme (Make an Impact on Tomorrow), run by Henkel Ibérica S.A. We were donated a total of 1,700€ (about £1,500). These funds were initially supposed to pay for books, notebooks and school shirts for the students of Vallalar Nursery and Primary School in Kanjanur, but due to the impact of the pandemic on donations to the school, we decided to allocate some of those funds to teachers' salaries instead, and funded their salaries in January and March 2021.
- **Covid relief:** Indian Futures has sent £1,500 to our partners in India who are in the process of buying very necessary covid-related items to deal with the crisis in the most remote rural areas. In particular, these funds will cover the costs of:
 - 100 PPEs
 - 1,000 masks
 - 100 face shields
 - 10l. sanitiser
 - 1,000 gloves
 - 10 500 A4 sheets – to be used as medical prescriptions

The medical items described above will be sent to the two Primary Care Centres in Vedanthangal and Kanjanur.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Due to the expansion of our current projects and the extra expenses we'd foreseen due to the pandemic, this year we have deemed it necessary to hold a minimum of £3,000 reserves, out of which £1,500 have been sent out to our Indian Partners to help with covid-related medical items (see above).

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

Particularly this year, campaigns and online donations have proven to be by far the greatest source of income, including the campaign #fundraiseforadesk, organised by Euroaula and the Development Society students.

Our second biggest donation has come from Henkel Ibérica S.A through their MIT programme (Make an Impact on Tomorrow).

While in-person events don't generate a high income compared to the other types of fundraising, we are keen to start running them again as they do raise Indian Futures' profile and provide a valuable platform for networking. Also, events, over time, have become an important part of Indian Futures' identity, particularly at a local level.

Finally, and as mentioned above, since the beginning of June one of our volunteers is focusing on trust and grant fundraising in the hope this will bring a more solid and regular source of income to cover the costs of our ongoing projects in India i.e. the IT Community Centres, Student Sponsorship Programme and School Furniture.

Section F

Other optional information

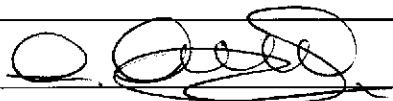
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Anna Amado Bernardino

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Founder

Date

05/07/21

Balance Sheet

Indian Futures R/C As at 31 December 2020

31 Dec 2020

Assets

Bank	
Co-Op Business Bank Account	4,059
Total Bank	4,059
Total Assets	4,059

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
Other Creditors	783
Total Current Liabilities	783
Total Liabilities	783
Net Assets	3,276

Equity

Current Year Earnings	(1,264)
Profit and Loss Account	4,540
Total Equity	3,276

Profit and Loss

Indian Futures R/C 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

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Income

Charity Boxes	64
Donations - Other	18
Donations - Regular	859
Events - Art Exhibition etc.	68
Futuraula	357
Justgiving Campaigns	1,840
Merchandise Sales	1,195
Oversea Donations	2,134
Sponsorship Program	736
VET - Donation	2,710
Total Income	9,981

Less Cost of Sales

LF - IT Projects Donation	1,813
LF - Nursery School	2,934
LF - Operating Costs	54
LF - Salaries & Educational Activities	219
LF - Student Sponsorship	1,132
VET - Education	4,303
Total Cost of Sales	10,455

Gross Profit	(474)
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Less Operating Expenses

Bank Charges	57
Event & Merchandise Costs	222
Online Fees & Credit Card Charges	121
Postage and Courier	13
Subscriptions	216
Website, Hosting, SEO	160
Total Operating Expenses	790

Net Profit	(1,264)
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