



GlobalARRK

Global Action on Relocation & Return with Kids

Charity Number: 1170455

**Trustees' Annual Report
and Financial Statements
for the Period
April 2017 – April 2018**



April 2018

Reference & Administration Details**Charity name: GlobalARRK**

Other names charity is known by: Global Action on Relocation & Return with Kids

Charity number: 1170455

Charity's operating address: The Guild Co-working Hub, High Street, Bath, BA1 5EB

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity *(Add extra rows as required)*

<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Retired</i>
1: Rosalind Osborne	Chair	Founding	
2: Costas Calamvokis	Treasurer	Founding	
3: Iva Petzold		30.1.2017	
4: Anita Gera		2016	2017

The Organising Committee

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>
Kate Hollingsworth	Lawyer Liaison
Kim Moore	Marketing & Website
Claire Titchmarsh	Moderator & Translations
Siobhan Lett	Parent Support Volunteer
Ann Wise	Parent Support Volunteer

Description of the Charity's Trusts**Type of Governing Document:** Constitution**How the Charity is Constituted:** Charitable Incorporated Organisation**Trustee Selection Methods:** Appointed by the chair and other trustees

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the Objects of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document:

The charities objectives are:

“To relieve the needs of parents or guardians planning to relocate abroad, or who have relocated abroad, and their families, particularly where there is conflict or potential for conflict between parents in international child residency and custody disputes by:

- *Raising awareness of the risks of relocating abroad and the possible legal implications for families*
- *Supporting parents or guardians before, during and after emigration*
- *Assisting with mediation, counselling and other advice*
- *Encouraging research and study into such issues and publicising the useful results”*

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Charity's Objects:

GlobalARRK is the only charity aiming to tackle the underlying causes of ‘International Parental Child Abduction’ (IPCA) by providing holistic support to parents going through international child custody disputes including Relocation and Hague Convention cases. We offer to help with the emotional and practical needs of the ‘stuck’ parent and child, whether that be finding a domestic violence hostel or an international mediator. Our peer to peer support groups reduce isolation and increase empowerment enabling parents to act legally and continue to care for their children. The aftermath of IPCA can be devastating: emotionally and financially. For the child it can mean several cross-border upheavals, exposure to high conflict and violent situations and can even result in the loss of contact with one parent. There is a huge amount of work still to be done but our charity has a solutions-based approach and plans to introduce innovative projects designed to tackle the root causes of IPCA and reduce conflict in international residence disputes.

Raising awareness:

85% of ‘stuck’ parents said they were not aware of the International Law: The Hague Convention on Child Abduction before they moved abroad. GlobalARRK sees raising awareness as key in preventing ‘International Parental Child Abduction’.

Things we’ve done to raise awareness this year:

- Created a new website with lots of resources to guide parents through moving abroad with their children. www.globalarrk.org
- Worked on our Social Media: On our Facebook Page we post educational articles, links to help and stories of stuck parents. Our followers increased from 1,112 to 1,413. Our likes increased from 1,139 to 1,387. We usually receive 40 new likes per month.
- Appeared on mainstream media: We have collaborated on numerous national & international articles and appeared on national BBC TV and BBC World.
- Given talks to other organisations working with stuck parents to better inform them of the challenges stuck parents face.
- Lobbied the Foreign & Commonwealth Office to better publicise the law to British nationals moving abroad and they updated their leaflet to include information on this issue: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/going-to-live-abroad>

Supporting parents:

This year, the average number of **new** parents contacting us has risen from 1 up to 3 per day. 227 stuck parents have filled in our contact form this year. We have been contacted by 195 parents via Facebook message and we receive hundreds of emails per month.


Who are the beneficiaries of GlobalARRK?

Our survey of over 250 parents tells us that 98% are primary carer mothers. 70% of parents wanted to go back to their home country because they didn't feel safe. 20% wanted to go home because they didn't have a visa to work or stay in the country with their children. 90% of them have experienced some form of abuse with 37% suffering physical violence from the father of their children. 30% of them have 'abducted' their children back to their home country. After the 'abduction', 25% of these mothers lost contact with their children.

How have we helped our beneficiaries this year?

- We have added over 100 parents to our peer to peer support group. Here the parents share empathy and knowledge.

One mum said:

Such an amazing organization, the love and support I receive every day from them (and the other stuck parents) is invaluable. No matter which way our lives go, I'll always be a part of this incredible group and will help them any way I can. I've met so many strong, brave women who have inspired me to be the same. I wouldn't wish this situation on my worst enemy but I take comfort in knowing I'm not in it alone and that there are many others like me, who understand what I'm going through. Thank you #Globalarrk I couldn't imagine doing this without you 

- Sarah

- Our volunteers have spoken to over 100 parents and given emotional support and practical information including:
 - Information sheets on The Hague and Relocation
 - Mediation or lawyer contacts
 - Signposted to other organisations and charities that help with issues such as domestic violence, homelessness, immigration and benefits.

Assisting with mediation:

We are building up a list of organisations that specialise in international family mediation. We pass on contacts and advocate for mediation & amicable agreements where possible.

It is wonderful to hear parents are starting to resolve their conflicts amicably:

I spoke to you from Stockholm during January. My husband announced over Christmas, completely out of the blue, that he was leaving me, but he wouldn't let me relocate home to the UK with our son, and I really was at rock bottom.

I am happy to be able to tell you that after mediation he has changed his mind and agreed to the relocation. We signed an agreement this week and my son and I will be moving back home where we have family support over the next couple of months.

You were wonderfully kind and helpful at a time when I was so distressed that I couldn't even recognize myself, and I know that there are many in my situation who are going through an even more terrible time.

- Helen

Encouraging research:

This year we were pleased to provide case studies for research on the Child's Role in IPCA cases conducted by Professors Marilyn Freeman & Nicola Taylor. We also continued our own statistic gathering and publish the results on our website.

Unfortunately, there is currently no research on the 'underlying causes' of IPCA, so it is very difficult for us, other organisations and government bodies to put strategies into place to combat it. Studies tell us that the majority of parents who 'abduct' their own child out of their country of habitual residence are "going home" to the State in which they were brought up or in which they have family ties. 73% of taking parents are mothers and 83% are primary or sole carers for their children. To date, there has never been a study looking for potential common causes or reasons why these primary carer mothers are taking their children.

We see the need for further research into the underlying causes of International Parental Child Abduction in order to prevent these causes and prevent the high conflict and damaging effect on international families. We hope to work with an academic body to encourage further research in this area.

Achievements & Performance

Statutory Declaration

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Summary of the Main Achievements:

Our achievements this year:

- 106 parents have been added to a peer support group
- Volunteers have spoken with over 100 parents to find positive ways through their situation
- Published information and resources on our new website
- Given 125 parents information sheets on The Hague and Relocation
- Given 100 parents recommendations for a lawyer or mediator
- Contributed towards research on the child's role in Hague Convention cases
- Raised awareness in the media in newspapers and national TV
- Given talks to other organisations on how to support stuck parents
- Met with decision makers to highlight the stuck parent issue

To deal with the increase in demand from parents we launched our new CRM system in January 2018. This allows our volunteer Parent Support team to keep track of stuck parents' needs more easily. Since the start of the new system we have received another 60 contact forms, all from stuck parents needing help.

Since January parents have booked 58 meetings with our volunteers to find a way forward with issues such as poverty, domestic violence, homelessness, visa issues and depression.

This graph shows that demand for our support is always increasing.



Future Projects for 2018/19/20 include:

Our user led organising committee met in March 2018 to discuss projects for the coming three years which will have the greatest impact. Some of these interventions & projects will only be possible with funding, others we can do with the help of our committed volunteer team.

- Developing Information Guides for international parents
- Domestic Violence Package & Safety plans abroad
- A new tool for parents: The International family Mediator and Lawyer locator
- Translator project: sharing language skills to help one another
- Well-being courses for stuck parents
- Country Fact Files: including immigration, benefits & charity information
- Advice packs for Apart parents: staying close to your child across borders

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves. We aim to have between three and six months running costs. We do not currently have any overheads in terms of rent or wages, so our reserve can be small. All GlobalARRK staff are committed volunteers who work from home online. Our overheads are currently minimal.

Further Financial Review Details: As the spreadsheet below shows our income is currently all donations from the public. We received £2,259 and spent £1,481 between January 2017 – April 2018. We recognise that the charity would be able to help more people and achieve more with further funding and we aim to focus on this in the coming year.

Statutory Notes to the Accounts

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the CIO

N/A

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

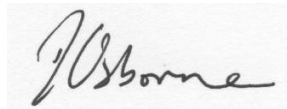
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Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s):



Full Name(s): Rosalind Osborne

Position(s): Chair of Trustees

Date: 30.4.18



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Jan-17

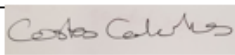
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	2,259	-	-	2,259	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,259	-	-	2,259	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,259	-	-	2,259	-
A3 Payments					
IT & Website	196	-	-	196	-
Marketing	100	-	-	100	-
Membership	115	-	-	115	-
Postage	22	-	-	22	-
Printing & stationary	155	-	-	155	-
Room hire	60	-	-	60	-
Other	11	-	-	11	-
Training	95	-	-	95	-
Insurance	136	-	-	136	-
Travel expenses	591	-	-	591	-
Sub total	1,481.00	-	-	1,481	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,481	-	-	1,481	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	778	-	-	778	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	778	-	-	778	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	778	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Details		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Details		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		C. Calamvokis		30.4.18