

Summary Information Return 2009 (Online)



Summary Information Return 2009 Of Aims, Activities and Achievements

This return is intended to comprise a Summary of key information contained in the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts and in other documents.

THE WATERLOO FOUNDATION

Charity Number: 1117535

Submitted on 06 July 2010

This online version of the form shows the information you have entered through Annual Return 2009 Online and has been designed to make it easier for Charities to print.

This Summary Information Return was submitted online by MRS JANICE MATTHEWS on 06 July 2010. You do not need to send us a signed copy.

Question 1 - The Charity's Aims

What are your charity's aims?

World Development - Increasing access to education plus developing sustainable economic activity in some of the poorest countries.

Environment - Projects aimed at reducing man-made climate change overseas and in the UK, particularly avoided deforestation and marine issues.

Child Development - Research into children's psychological and behavioural development with a particular interest in certain neurodevelopmental conditions.

Wales - Projects aimed at increasing employment in Wales, and Welsh carers.

Question 2 - Who benefits?

Who benefits from the charities work?

The Foundation provides grants to a wide variety of UK and overseas NGOs, educational establishments, not-for profit organisations, voluntary groups, community groups and in some exceptional circumstances individuals.

How do you respond to their needs and how do they influence the charity's development?

We ask all petitioning organisations to follow our application process (as per our website), and then we evaluate each request for funding against our funding criteria (also set out on our website). We ask all recipients to send us information on the use of their award and for substantial awards a substantial report is required. We meet with project staff and visit projects when possible. From all this information, we make judgements as to how effective our funding has been, and identify areas which might need funding but where we are currently inactive. The Trustees have regular meetings to discuss the strategic direction of all programme areas and respond to changing levels of need.

Question 3 - The Charity's Strategy

What are the key elements of your charity's medium to long term strategy?

- 1) To continue to make grants in accordance with our objectives.
- 2) To manage our finances sensibly so that this is possible.

How does your charity measure the success of the strategy?

The Trustees review the following on a bimonthly basis:

- i) number and type of grants made
- ii) amount given
- iii) effectiveness of grants, through reports on funded projects.

Success is measured by comparing amount donated to budget expectations, and on the reported success of individual awards in achieving the Foundation's objectives.

In addition, Trustees monitor the performance of the Foundation's finances. Success is judged to be maintaining the level of the grants programmes for the life of the Foundation

Question 4 - The Charity's Objectives and Achievements

What were your charity's main annual objectives and were they achieved?

Objective	Achievement
To make effective grants in our 4 programme areas.	239 grants were made in total over the 4 programme areas.
To continue to refine our areas of support and criteria for funding.	We reviewed our priority countries under our World Development Fund. We carried out a review of our funding criteria for our Child Development Fund.

Question 5 - The Charity's Income and Expenditure

What were your charity's most significant activities during the year and how much did you spend on them?

Charitable Activities	£ 000s
Grant Funding	5,715
Support Costs	327
Provision of Grants	127,534
Explanatory Comments	
Grant funding consists of: World Development - £1,762,451 Environment - £1,561,788 Child Development - £886,813 Wales + Other - £1,374,266	

What were your charity's three main fundraising activities in the year and how much did each generate and cost?

Fundraising Activity	Income generated	Cost of Activity £ 000s
NIL	0	0
NIL	0	0
NIL	0	0
Explanatory Comments		
Not applicable - the charity has an expendable endowment.		

Question 6 - The Charity's Financial Health

How would you describe your charity's financial health at the end of the period?

Good.

Question 7 - The Next Year

How will the overall performance last year affect your charity's medium to long term strategy?

The performance of the charity in 2009, has not yet led to any major changes in policy nor to any concerns regarding its performance in the medium to long term, therefore, there are no radical plans to alter either its mode of operation or its strategy for grant-making over the coming months.

What are your charity's main objectives for next year?

We will be conducting a wide ranging review with the World Development Fund of the funded work to date and therefore future criteria.

In the Child Development Fund, 2010 will see a readjustment as our funding priorities have been amended.

The key Environment Fund's focus on tropical forests continues at both project and strategic levels, but is joined by an emphasis on work relating to the marine environment and fish stocks, plus the Size of Wales project.

Question 8 - The Charity's Governance

How does the charity ensure that its governance arrangements are appropriate and effective?

The Foundation has a simple organisational structure with the Chair of the Trustees overseeing the work of the Foundation office. The team consists of a Grants and Research Officer for each programme area and a Finance Officer.

The Chair and the three further Trustees meet every two months to review both applications and the governance of the Foundation. External professional advice is sought as and when necessary. We adhere to Charity Commission guidelines and the Foundation's accounts are audited annually.

Further details on all the answers given in the Summary Information Return can be obtained from:

www.waterloofoundation.org.uk

DECLARATION

Your Summary Information Return was submitted online by MRS JANICE MATTHEWS on 06 July 2010, telephone number 029 20838980.

MRS JANICE MATTHEWS certified online that:

- the information provided was correct
- it had been or would be brought to the attention of all the trustees

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