



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

2017

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month January	Year 2017		Day 31st	Month December	Year 2017

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Reach 2 Romania

Other names charity is known by Fundatia Emanuel Betania UK

Registered charity number (if any) 1107398

Charity's principal address Griffin Court, Town Farm Lane

Norley

Frodsham

Postcode

WA6 8NG

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	Pamela Dance	Secretary		Membership
2	Alison Hague			Membership
3	Liz Tanner	Chair		Membership
4	Martin Woodhall	Treasurer		Membership
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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

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution of 'Reach 2 Romania' dated 7 th November 2009, which replaced the constitution of 'Fundatia Emanuel Betania UK', dated 27 th November 2004
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Association
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	The constitution states that eligible trustees are elected by the members at the annual general meeting held in each year. The appointment of the above trustees was confirmed at the AGM held on 8 th April 2017.

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.

<p>The trustees familiarise themselves with relevant material from the Charity Commission website, and work to meet their legal obligations. The charity's child protection policy is based on Safeguarding Children and Young People, published by the Methodist Church, April 2010. The Nicene Creed is adopted as a statement of Christian faith.</p> <p>The constitution permits the charity to co-operate with other organisations. No co-operation was carried out during 2017.</p> <p>The Trustees are not related.</p> <p>Financial risks: the bank account requires two signatures. Data Protection Act: information is maintained solely for the purpose of carrying out the day to day running of the charity.</p>

Section C Objectives and activities

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

<p>The advancement of education, the advancement of religion, the relief of poverty and the assistance in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life for the people of Romania, in particular but not exclusively, children and the elderly, by providing financial and other assistance.</p>
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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)

Activities in relation to advancement of education:

Supporting the teachers of the Sunday-School in Timisoara with clothing, school bags, art materials, and a video projector. School materials via Christmas boxes. Supporting the schools in Berindei, Cornesti and Adamus with school bags, clothing and equipment such as computers, whiteboards, tables, consumables and sports equipment.

Activities in relation to advancement of religion:

Supporting various activities in Teius, Cornesti, Timisoara and Berindei – encourage children and adults to attend their local church, singing of Christian music, evangelistic meetings and bible study.

Activities in relation to relief of poverty:

Provision of food, second hand and new clothing. Humanitarian relief in Berindei. Clothing for the prisoners in Aiud gaol. Sponsorship of a nurse for home visits to the elderly in Berindei.

Activities in relation to facilities for recreation:

Annual program of holiday camps and clubs for children from Teius, Cornesti, Berindei and Timisoara – by sponsorship of children and/or leadership teams. Provision of sports equipment. Construction of Youth Hall in Teius for sport, music and drama.

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.

The current policy on grant making is that all grants are made direct to Romania. Grants are not made to individuals or organisations in UK. The majority of funds are focussed on Fundatia Emanuel Betania, a not-for-profit company registered in Teius, Romania.

There is no policy to invest funds. Funds not required for immediate use are held in an HSBC savings account.

During 2017 all but one money transfers to Romania were carried out by SEPA in euros, which minimises the transaction charge.

The trustees are personally responsible for their own travel and administration costs. All volunteers are required to be self-funding. The charity's administration and transport costs are met by the trustees and do not appear in the payments section of the CC16a Accounts.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

At the AGM in April 2017 the Trustees agreed to wind down the work of the charity in 2017/8 to be in a position to close the charity registration in 2019; unless another group, or individuals, come forward to take over. A consequence of this decision was the need to spend a large part of the charity reserves during 2017.

During 2017 the bulk of our financial support continued to go to Fundatia Emanuel Betania in Teius. Material aid was focussed on projects in other places, particularly Berindei in the south of Romania.

During 2017 we constructed a new entrance and toilet block at the hall in Teius; and commenced work on obtaining a fire certificate and sanitary certificate for its use as a public building. The focus of activities in Teius is being shifted from those we run ourselves, to activities run by other groups. A Foundation from Targu-Mures led a weekly meeting for mothers in Teius, during the second half of the year.

Summer holiday camps were sponsored for 70 children from Cornesti and Sona. 330 T-shirts were donated to children and young adult camps from Timisoara.

Approximately 80 Christmas presents were sent for poor children in the village of Cornesti. In Autumn 2017 we received a large quantity of children's clothes and schoolbags from Rowlinson Knitwear, and a large quantity of nutrient snack bars from Wholebake. These formed part of our wider Christmas program in Timisoara, Berindei, Draganesti-Olt, Cornesti, Adamus, Teius and Aiud.

Private sponsors were found to help a number of university students.

We have a new contact for visiting prisoners in Aiud gaol, and their families in the community.

We received quantities of medical dressings which were sent to Dr Alina Nistor in Berindei. We extended the sponsorship of a nurse in Berindei by two more years to provide home visits for the elderly (year 4 of 5).

Trustee News: Martin Woodhall visited Romania three times during the year to check on the progress of projects.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At year end £15,433 was being held towards general expenditure in Romania in a non-restricted fund. Some of this money will be used to complete the necessary registrations of the Hall in Teius as a public building during 2018.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds in deficit

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 source of funding in 2017 was the legacy money, received in 2013 & 2015, and held in reserve.

The breakdown of income by source is given in Section A1 of the CC16a Accounts for 2017.

Funds not required for immediate use are held in an HSBC savings account. The charity does not have an ethical investment policy.

Section F

Other optional information

The Charity moved its registered address during 2017 from SY14 7LJ to WA6 8NG.

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)	Martin Nigel Woodhall	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	21 st March 2018	