Child Rights Information Network (CRIN)
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
Registered Charity No: 1125925
Registered Company No: 06653398

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2009 TO 31 MARCH 2010
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Directors/Trustees

Peter Newell (Appointed 22 July 2008)
Mike Annison (Appointed 23 February 2009)
William Bell (Appointed 22 July 2008)
Eva Geidenmark (Appointed 23 February 2009)
Andres Guerrero-Feliu (Appointed 23 February 2009)
Gema Vicente (Appointed 26 February 2009)
Knut Haanes (Appointed 11 September 2009)

Sven Winberg (Appointed 22 July 2008) RESIGNED IN MAY 2010

Secretary

Gema Vicente (appointed 25 May 2010)

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Charity Registration Number

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Introduction

The Trustees, who are also Directors of the charitable company, have pleasure in presenting this report and the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2010. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page xx and comply with United Kingdom Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, the Charities Acts 1993 and 2006, the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2005.

Objectives, activities and public benefit

The objects of the charity are to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of children in the UK and abroad with particular regard to the provisions relevant to those purposes in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, including, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the relief of poverty, sickness and distress, the safeguarding and maintenance of health, the provision of care, protection from abuse and all other injurious, humiliating and degrading treatment and the advancement of education and training and to advance public knowledge in all matters concerning those charitable purposes.

How our activities deliver public benefit

CRIN's contribution to public benefit resides mostly in its information delivery. CRIN provides information on children's rights and issues affecting children, in the UK and overseas. This information is collected through its members and disseminated widely, and in four different languages.

CRIN also responds to enquiries from the general public about various issues on children's rights.

All of the services CRIN provides, including reports and other resources, are entirely free as CRIN strongly believes that information should be freely accessible.

CRIN has produced a number of toolkits made available through the website for different audiences, both non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and media (for instance a guide on reporting on children for journalists) and is currently developing educational materials on children's rights.

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in considering the activities of, and plans for the charity.

CRIN has regularly undertaken both quantitative and qualitative research to measure its impact and user satisfaction. This is then used to modify or adapt existing services and to develop new services.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 22 July 2008 and registered as a charity on 17 September 2008. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.
Recruitment and Appointment of Members of the Council

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company’s Articles are known as members of the Council.

Organisational Structure

CRIN has a Council of up to 12 members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Council has nine members from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the management of CRIN’s work rests with the Director who line manages a team of four permanent staff – the Office Manager, two Child Rights Officers and a Legal Coordinator, and two interim staff – one Communication Assistant and one Advocacy Assistant.

Financial Review

Principal Funding Sources

CRIN is reliant on grant funding from donors and the total income for the financial year 2009-10 was £xxxxx. Our main funders are the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), Save the Children Sweden, Plan International, UNICEF, the Oak Foundation, the Tides Foundation, the American Jewish World Service and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMFA).

Fundraising

CRIN has drafted and implemented a fundraising strategy to safeguard CRIN and provide a more secure financial base. Fundraising activities are part of the core work of staff, mostly undertaken by the CRIN Director with support from all staff members.

Reserves Policy

The CRIN Council, at their meeting in September 2009, decided to aim to build free reserves in unrestricted funds over the coming period. This will be reviewed regularly.

Risk Management

CRIN has been an independent organisation since July 2008 and has been effectively operational since January 2009. Initially, the Trustees established a number of robust policies and procedures to minimise the risks that the charity may be subject to. CRIN is now moving to its second year of operational existence and therefore trustees are addressing Risk Assessment and management, developing a detailed policy to be reviewed annually.

Related Parties Disclosures

CRIN Council has discussed the issue of “related party disclosures” as well as conflict of interest policy, and has agreed that this will be raised as an item at Council meetings and a policy adopted. [SARAH do we need to include this element in this year's report as discussion on the matter was in May 2010?]
Disclosures of Information to Auditors

The Trustees who held office at the date of approval of this Trustees’ Report confirm that, so far as they are individually aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company’s auditors are unaware, and each Trustee has taken all reasonable steps that he/she ought to have taken as a Trustee to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company’s auditors are aware of that information.

Appointment of auditors

Littlejohn LLP were appointed as auditors during the period and have indicated their willingness to continue in office.

By Order of the Board of Trustees

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Chairman

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The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities' SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the charity's financial position and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.