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YEAR AT A GLANCE



450
student
volunteers



£142,000
given in
grants



8
NGOs supported



50
uni teams

one movement for lasting, long-term change

Dear All,

Welcome to SolidariTee's annual report for the 2021-22 academic and financial year.

The SolidariTee story is one which is best told in two parts. There's the account of our volunteer movement, run by and for students and young people across the UK and beyond, and then there's the story of the work done by humanitarian response professionals providing legal aid through our partner NGOs.

Neither, of course, could exist without the other. The grants which fund vital legal aid for refugees and asylum seekers would be impossible if it weren't for the determined efforts and commitment of our student body.

Our volunteer movement, made up of university students and young people, works to raise awareness of the importance of refugee aid, combat harmful myths and stereotypes which are all too often perpetuated about forcibly displaced people here in the UK and beyond, and generate the very funds that make up the grants we give.

In parallel, our NGO partners, who receive SolidariTee grant funding, give purpose to everything we do.

Each and every person who has contributed to SolidariTee's work can be assured that, in addition to supporting our efforts to shape a society that is more welcoming to refugees in the long-term, they're also supporting tangible change that affects real people's lives in the here and now.

Grant-giving transforms us from being solely an outreach and student-focussed charity to one which takes a global lens. The intangible benefits that come with youth empowerment and engagement with refugee issues are mirrored with the more direct impacts - legal aid, and access to justice - for individual people who have been forced to flee their homes.

In turn, the questions around the sustainability of humanitarian response, and the need for longer-term culture change, are mirrored in our focus on equipping the next generation of professionals with the tools and knowledge to stand up for refugee rights. Grant-giving is one part of our journey, but it's amplified through advocacy and education. It's somewhere in the middle of this intersection that the uniquely SolidariTee energy and dynamism seems to come to life.

As I write this, I'm in my fourth year leading the charity, and SolidariTee is in its sixth year of life. This annual report marks the end of our first five years of existence, and our transition from being a newly set up charity to becoming an established, dependable presence, with the same vision, energy, and belief in the future.

All of us here at SolidariTee, and at our partner NGOs, extend an enormous thank you to all those who have supported us over the past year and beyond. As we look forward to a new strategic period, we will stay true to our core values of empowerment, innovation, and impact, finding new ways to create lasting change whilst keeping the youth-led dynamism and energy at the heart of what we do.

I hope in reading this report, you'll get a glimpse of some of the magic that makes up SolidariTee.

Yours in SolidariTee,

Alexa Netty
CEO & Trustee

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TESTIMONIALS

"I joined SolidariTee because I wanted to be a part of changing the injustices facing refugees by supporting NGOs that provide legal long-term solutions. Leading SolidariTee's NTU team, my highlights were a Christmas bake sale and an awareness online panel event involving NGOs, such as Equal Legal Aid, and refugee advocates."

Yasmin, Nottingham Trent Head Rep 21-22



'Everything would be difficult without Fenix's guidance. It will be like a person who is standing in front of an intersection and doesn't know which way to go.'

– 26-year-old woman from Afghanistan and client of Fenix Humanitarian Legal Aid. Fenix have been recipients of SolidariTee grant funding since 2019.

I've been volunteering for SolidariTee since October 2019. I joined the team because I have always been invested in the treatment of refugees and asylum seekers across the globe and saw SolidariTee as a sustainable and effective way to make an impact alongside my studies.

I enjoyed the role so much, especially the sales and fundraising aspect, that I decided to join the Central team as Shop Manager in June 2020 in order to maximise the impact I was having and to ensure that SolidariTee continued to raise money globally and provide legal aid to more and more people. In this role, I was lucky enough to deal with customers on a global scale as well as our worldwide teams and take a front seat in viewing the consequences of SolidariTee's work, while getting to work alongside some amazing and inspiring people!

While I have moved on from being a student, SolidariTee and its success will always be close to my heart.

Kyle, Shop Manager 20-22 & recent graduate, now working in the charity sector



Thank you so much for giving us this opportunity! This brings us a big step closer to securing the funds needed to implement our expansion plans for 2022. The whole team and I are deeply thankful for all the support SolidariTee has provided to us and it is amazing..... Please also send out a thank you from us to all your volunteers who help to raise all funds! I'm very hopeful that we will again put the grant to a good use and will be able to further assist all the people who are in deep need of help currently in Greece!

text: email from NGO partner following confirmation of grant funding

image: artwork created by children of parents receiving services from one of SolidariTee's partner NGOs

Executive Summary

Our Mission

SolidariTee exists to **create meaningful, lasting change** in the way refugees and other people who are forced to flee their homes are treated.

We seek to **unite local and student communities** in support of fundamental rights for all forcibly displaced people. Our goal is to ensure that all forcibly displaced people have access to empowering, long-term forms of support.

Who we are

In the 2021-22 academic year, we had more than **450 student volunteers** standing in SolidariTee across **50 universities**, including SolidariTee teams in Milan (Italy), Melbourne (Australia), and Menton (France).

SolidariTee has no paid staff, and is led by and for students and young people. Our regional campus-based teams are supported and coordinated by a student-led central team, with additional strategic and operational capacity provided by the steering committee & trustee board, made up of previous student volunteers.

What we do

- **Outreach and education:** from conferences and panel discussions to jazz nights and rock climbing collaborations, we put supporting refugee rights on the map as a central part of daily life.
- **Grant-giving:** In the 2021-22 academic year, we gave out £142,000 in grants to 8 NGOs.
- **Modelling and promoting respectful, inclusive volunteering:** the training, resources, welfare support and practical experience our volunteers gain during their time at SolidariTee provides training and reflective opportunities relating to accountable humanitarian response and charity work.



Alexa Netty

Executive Leadership 21/22



Anna Marshall



Our Theory of Change

How our activities combine to create lasting change for refugees

<p>Impact</p>	<p>Asylum seekers are better able to access their rights within the asylum process</p> <p>Asylum seekers have access to information about the asylum process in a language they can understand</p> <p>Asylum seekers have access to legal representation, as is their fundamental right</p>	<p>Asylum seekers & refugees are better able to access their long-term rights and begin to rebuild their lives in peace and safety</p> <p>Unjust rejections and deportations are prevented, unjustly rejected asylum seekers avoid being cut off from services & risk of destitution</p> <p>People with a legitimate claim to asylum under international law are granted refugee status, gaining the rights to work, housing and education</p>	<p>The asylum procedure in Greece is more fair and just. Systematic and procedural barriers to accessing rights are overcome.</p> <p>Procedural violations within the asylum system are challenged</p> <p>The capacity of the NGO sector to provide high quality legal aid is increased</p>	<p>International and UK community is more welcoming and accepting of refugees</p> <p>Wider public more accurately informed about international obligations towards refugees</p> <p>Rejection of harmful myths and stereotypes relating to refugees</p>	<p>Young people inspired and equipped to continue to volunteer and work in positions which support refugees and other forcibly displaced people</p> <p>Next generation of professionals understand challenges facing refugee populations</p> <p>Increased awareness of the problems with traditional humanitarian response, and broader shift towards more impactful, accountable methods</p>
<p>Outcomes</p>	<p>Local and student communities take a visual show of solidarity with refugees, whilst contributing to refugee aid provided by partner NGOs</p>	<p>Knowledge of the asylum process is built, and misinformation and harmful myths counteracted with accurate information</p>	<p>Spaces for learning and discussion about global refugee issues are created, and opportunities for knowledge sharing facilitated</p>	<p>Young people develop skills related to charitable work, student volunteering is facilitated and encouraged, and knowledge of forced displacement and humanitarian response is built</p>	<p>Reviewed applications from 31 NGOs</p>
<p>Outputs</p>	<p>'Dream' t-shirt collection designed in collaboration with two artists who are themselves members of the refugee community: Algohra & Salam</p> <p>T-shirts distributed to university teams, more than 5,000 products sold through direct & online sales</p>	<p>48 infographics produced on social media</p> <p>4 podcast episodes produced in conversation with speakers from refugee-focussed NGOs, focused on the impact of sexual orientation and gender identity within forced displacement</p>	<p>2022 annual conference - 'Then and Now: the 'refugee crisis' since 2015'</p> <p>70+ events and initiatives organised by regional university teams</p>	<p>450+ student volunteers across 50 universities</p> <p>Training weekends & regular seminars organised throughout the year</p> <p>Volunteering handbooks & resources created & distributed</p>	<p>Pledged £142,000 in grant funding to 8 NGOs</p> <p>NGO activities and outputs related to:</p> <p>Interview preparation</p> <p>Family reunification</p> <p>Appeals</p> <p>Information provision</p> <p>Advocacy</p> <p>Strategic Litigation</p>
<p>Activities</p>	<p>SolidariTee t-shirts</p>	<p>Educational materials</p>	<p>Events</p>	<p>Student Volunteering</p>	<p>Grant-Giving</p>

Context of our Work

The number of forcibly displaced people worldwide is increasing*, whilst attitudes towards refugees continue to move towards hostility, intolerance, and exclusion.

In 2021-22, our work has become more important than ever. The need for education about refugee issues continues to increase. Over the past year, among other global crises, the world witnessed Russia's invasion of Ukraine, displacing more than 7 million people across Europe as refugees, the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan, and continued border violence across the EU and beyond, leading to tragic loss of life.

The public response to events in Ukraine has been described by many within the NGO sector as 'once in a generation'. We have seen an overwhelming surge of support from those in power as well as local communities, and an enormous surge in funding for those affected by the conflict.

Sadly, we have also seen governments and states demonstrate increasingly asymmetric responses towards people fleeing persecution and experiencing humanitarian crises in other countries. Whilst EU institutions have to date provided 1.6 billion euros in humanitarian aid as part of its support to Ukraine, in March 2022, the UN announced that only 3.2% of the required funding for its humanitarian response plan in Somalia had been received.

In addition to global violence and persecution continuing to force people to flee their homes and seek asylum in Greece and other EU states, we are also operating in a context which increasingly views the European 'refugee crisis' as one that is in the past. Funding for legal aid and other forms of refugee aid in Greece and the Balkans continues to decline, with many major donors and other grant-giving bodies having shifted their attention elsewhere.

At SolidariTee, we are one of the very few charitable organisations providing funding specifically for legal-focussed aid in the Mediterranean. The timeline on the next page highlights just some of this year's key events affecting forcible displacement.

"The number of refugees worldwide increased from 20.7 in 2020 to 21.3 million at the end of 2021" - UNHCR

Context of our Work

AUGUST 2021

The Taliban take control of Kabul, Afghanistan's capital city.

As of January 2023:

- Women have been banned from schools in Afghanistan, and from working in NGOs
- More than 28m people identified to be in need of humanitarian assistance (UN OCHA), with more than 19m people acutely food insecure.
- Afghans seeking safety in Greece continue to face 'admissibility' procedures, and must prove why they should not be deported to Turkey before being allowed to apply for asylum.

NOVEMBER 2021

31 people drown in the English Channel

In December 2022, 4 more people died in the Channel whilst attempting to seek safety in the UK.

Violent pushbacks occur at the Poland-Belarus border.

Vulnerable migrants attempting to reach the EU continue to be met with force and left in limbo at the border. Vulnerable migrants attempting to reach the EU continue to be met with documented sustained border violence and are left in limbo at the border.

JUNE 2022

European Court of Human Rights grants interim measures regarding a group of vulnerable migrants in Greece's Evros region, ordering them to be rescued and provided with food, water and medical care.

Just 3 of 14 cases of interim measures granted by the ECtHR from March-June were respected, with remaining individuals being pushed back to Turkey. Illegal pushbacks continue, with more than 92 people found naked in Evros in October 2022, allegedly pushed back from Turkey.

SEPTEMBER 2021

The first EU-funded Closed Control Access Centre (closed refugee camp) is opened on the Greek island of Samos. Refugees and asylum seekers live with heavy surveillance and control of their movements, as well as limited access to NGO services inside or outside of the camp.

Reports continue to emerge of prison-like conditions and human rights violations, with residents left without sufficient water access for two weeks. Despite this, a further 4 CCACs are either now operational or being built.

FEBRUARY 2022

Russia launches a large-scale invasion of Ukraine.

As of January 2023, More than 7 million refugees from Ukraine have since been recorded across Europe (source: UNHCR).

APRIL 2022

Nationality and Borders Bill is passed, coming into force in June 2022. The Bill gives the UK government powers to offer a lower level of protection to those who have reached the UK via irregular routes.

In April 2022, the government also announced plans to forcibly send asylum seekers to Rwanda to lodge their asylum applications. If granted Refugee Status, the scheme intends for people to live permanently in Rwanda, with no option to return to the UK. So far, no deportation flights to Rwanda have taken place. Public pressure, in addition to a number of legal challenges, have led to several airlines pulling out of the scheme.

OUR ACTIVITIES

Educational Resources

SolidariTee Shirts

Events

Empowering Student Volunteering

Grant Giving

Activity 1: Educational Resources

Social Media & Podcast

This year, we published 48 infographics covering a range of topics including:

- Current events
- Unpacking EU asylum law
- Contexts in countries which generate the most refugees
- The importance of legal aid

We also published 4 episodes of our podcast, 'Right to Refuge', focused on the intersection between sexual orientation and gender identity, and forced migration.



Full text for our infographics is available on Instagram at @teesofsolidarity and on Facebook. All of our podcast episodes are available on Spotify.

Activity 2: SolidariTee shirts



In Autumn 2021, we launched our new collection...

DREAM by Algohra & Salam

Our tees are:

- Made from 100% organic cotton
- Vegan
- CO2 neutral
- Fair Wear Certified

The designs are printed using vegan, non-toxic (plastisol-free) inks, by London Living Wage employer Fifth Column.

The designs featured on our Dream collection are inspired by artwork created by two artists from the refugee community, transformed into the t-shirt design we know and love by graphic designer Nazy Raouf.

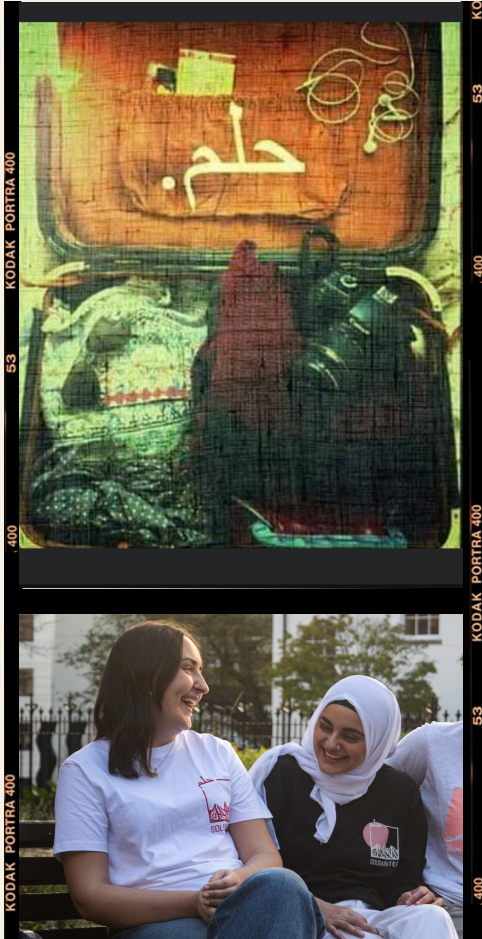
Across all of our designs, more than 5,000 shirts were sold in the 2021-22 academic year.

photo by Anna Calder

Behind the Design

The artwork which inspired our 'Dream' collection was created by two artists named *Algohra* and *Salam* respectively. Images of the original artwork are shown below.

Algohra



Salam
instagram:
[salam_11.6.5](#)

Algohra is a photo editor - the Arabic word superimposed on the suitcase above reads 'Dream' (with grammatical variations). There's a slight irony in the fact that the photo chosen is a holiday suitcase - a commentary on journeys and borders, and who is allowed to make them.

Salam has painted the Kurdish mountains. The mountains are an integral part of Kurdish culture, and he spoke of the calm he and his family feel watching him paint them.

When we see this design, we can reflect on a few things: the fact that, whilst we often focus on the injustice and suffering that refugees face, we can also focus on the dreams and aspirations of each individual person, and the fact that we're coming together in support of the safety and peace needed to pursue those dreams. We can also reflect on the fact that whilst persecution, oppression, and the cruelty of the asylum system itself take away so much, they cannot and will never be able to take away a person's internal thoughts, dreams, and wishes.

Activity 3: Events



Annual Conference

Themed '**Then & Now: The 'Refugee Crisis' since 2015**', our 2022 conference was the first that we've been able to host in-person. The event brought together more than **100 people**, both in-person and online, and covered themes including **media depiction of refugees, mental health in refugee populations, and the concept of 'sustainable' aid** in the humanitarian and development sectors.

Partnerships & Collaborations

Partnerships with university balls and events this year included Wadham Ball (Oxford) and King's Affair (Cambridge) in collaboration with What's A Pound, and the John Snow College Fashion Show (Durham). Together, these initiatives raised **more than £10,000** for SolidariTee. Our CEO also traveled to Switzerland to deliver a **workshop to 14-16 year old students** participating in the innovative LAS Edge programme for young leaders, and we gave **talks at law firm Osborne Clarke** through their Refugee Aid Action Group.

The event-focussed pillar of our work has grown the most in recent years. It overlaps with almost every other aspect of our work: through events, we're creating opportunities for learning and outreach, as well as student volunteering and leadership opportunities, all of which ultimately helps to fundraise for our NGO grants.

Regional Events

In addition to our centrally organised conference, student groups at individual universities organised **more than 80 events and initiatives**, represented in the word cloud opposite. **From panel discussions to documentary screenings, and dance events to distance challenges**, our students have once again shown us that the best way to bring the conversation about refugees into student focus is to make it a part of everyday life.



Activity 3: Events



Developing the diversity of ways to be part of the SolidariTee movement and aiding inclusion of students of all backgrounds and circumstances has been a priority for us this year.

We're focusing strongly on ensuring that all volunteers who want to join us feel able to, and on ensuring equal value is placed on both fundraising and outreach when seeking to make change that lasts.

In the early days of SolidariTee's journey, t-shirts were the central focus of almost all of our volunteers' time with us. Though several fantastic student events took place, we knew that we could do more to create a support structure outreach and knowledge sharing within our regional university teams, instead of just our central team, to support events. We also wanted to ensure that volunteering was inclusive of people from diverse backgrounds, particularly economic backgrounds, and placing a heavy emphasis on fundraising within volunteer roles can run contra to this.

Over the past few years, we have undergone a progressive strategic shift to ensure that education and outreach are front and centre in the work done by all of our volunteers.

We were encouraged by the success of the 20-21 move to offer designated events-focussed positions for the first time. In the 20-21 academic year, our student volunteers ran more than 250 events and initiatives as part of this shift, with huge improvements in our ability to raise funds outside of t-shirt sales.

In 21-22, our continued focus on supporting events-based activities continues to form part of our wider thinking around inclusion, both for our volunteers but also those who form part of the wider SolidariTee community. We have worked hard on underlining our message that there is no one right way to stand up for refugee rights, and that all forms of solidarity make a difference, whether financial or not.

Activity 4: Empowering student volunteering



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

7/11/2021	Gender & displacement
14/11/2021	Free Humanitarians Campaign
21/11/2021	Christmas sales push
28/11/2021	Continuing solidarity with Afghanistan
5/12/2021	Having difficult conversations & mythbusting
12/12/2021	More about our NGOs

SOLIDARITEE Sunday sessions



The events organised **by** our student teams for their university and local communities are just one part of the picture - the events organised **for** them are equally important.

Our volunteer training sessions and workshops, prepared by our student central team in collaboration with expert speakers and NGO partners, are crucial to what we do. Taking place during onboarding and throughout the year, these sessions complement the more practical, outward-facing parts of our volunteering roles, and ensure that all of our volunteers have access to opportunities to continue learning about a cause that they're passionate about.

We place a big focus on ensuring all of our volunteers are equipped to talk about the refugee crisis in a way which is accurate, accessible, and inclusive. We talk about the importance of avoiding victim/saviour narratives, and of being mindful of the fact that work to uphold refugee rights also needs to take an intersectional lens, since racism, homophobia, Islamophobia, and other forms of intolerance all play a part in anti-refugee rhetoric.

All of our central team members and team leads are invited to a 2-day training session, with all volunteers also having access to 'SolidariTee Sunday Sessions'. These sessions featured talks by NGO partners, in addition to training and discussions from previous volunteers across topics including fundraising, event organisation, publicity, and conflict management, mental health, and compassion fatigue

Activity 5: Grant-giving

In the 2021 - 22 academic year, we gave £142,000 in grants to 8 NGOs:

- A.Ss.I.S.T. (Chios & Athens, Greece)
- Elpida Home (Thessaloniki, Greece)
- Equal Legal Aid (Thessaloniki, Greece)
- Ethnovision (Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina)
- Fenix Humanitarian Legal Aid (Lesvos & Athens, Greece)
- Global Echo Litigation Center (international)
- Legal Centre Lesvos (Lesvos, Greece)
- Mobile Info Team (Thessaloniki, Greece)

In addition, SolidariTee-funded implementation periods from the prior grant cycle, paid out in the 20-21 academic year, were still active during this year for European Lawyers in Lesvos (implementation period ended 31st Aug 2021) and Legal Centre Lesvos (implementation period ended 31st Dec 2021).



We give grants to organisations providing **legal aid and other lasting forms of support to displaced people.**

6 of our grants went to legal aid NGOs operating in Greece. Why is legal aid so important in this context?

Greece receives refugees seeking safety from persecution who have fled countries all over the world.

Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ukraine, and Eritrea are just some of the places from which people are forced to flee.

This may be because they have experienced persecution because of their political opinions, or have been targeted by a regime because of their religion, ethnicity, or even job title. Others are forced to flee their homes because their lives are at risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, or because they are escaping forced conscription by militant groups.



In 2022, more than 18,000 people were reported to have arrived in Greece in search of safety. Due to violent 'pushbacks', whereby authorities illegally force people back across borders, the real number is likely to be far higher.

left: map of Greece; data: UNHCR

Activity 5: Grant-giving

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What happens once someone has reached Greece?

Even after someone has made a journey lasting weeks, months, or even years in escape of persecution, safety is by no means guaranteed. Throughout 2021 and 2022, reports continued to emerge of violent pushbacks conducted by Greek authorities, border force agencies, and even extremist civilian groups, causing physical harm and preventing people from crossing or staying in Greek territory.

For those who manage to avoid pushbacks, living conditions are dire. Many are forced to live in camps made of little more than plastic shed-like rooms or marquees no matter the weather. These camps are often nowhere near local towns, and with individual asylum seekers receiving as little as 75 euros per month, it can be incredibly difficult to access services, even when leaving camps is permitted.

Others are forced to sleep in abandoned city buildings, as the only alternative to the conditions and restrictions on movement of camps.



left: Athens buildings

right: Mavrovouni camp, Lesbos

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What does applying for Refugee Status in Greece involve?

The key step in the process of refugee status determination is a person's **asylum interview**. This interview is aimed at determining whether the persecution someone has experienced is 'credible', and generally consists of extremely detailed and invasive questions aimed at 'catching out' asylum seekers, by finding ways in which their story 'doesn't match up'.

Depending on location across a Greece, asylum interviews tend to happen in extremes: either within 2-3 days of a person's release from quarantine, leaving no time for preparation whatsoever, or months or even years after a person has arrived in Greece, due to severe barriers to being able to lodge an asylum claim on the mainland.

In all cases, asylum seekers are given effectively no information about the process or their rights. Any information published is generally only accessible in Greek, which is not a language that majority of asylum seekers speak or can understand.

In Greece, state-provided legal aid is effectively not available. When it is, it's normally after a person has already been rejected, and state lawyers frequently submit appeals without having had any contact whatsoever with the applicant themselves.

We give grants to organisations providing legal aid and other lasting forms of support to displaced people.

What happens without legal aid?

Estimates from our partner NGOs in 2021 suggest that fewer than 3% of asylum seekers are able to access legal aid before their asylum interview. This lack of legal aid leads to dire outcomes for thousands of people each year who have experienced persecution. Despite meeting the UN Refugee Convention's definition of a refugee, a large proportion of asylum seekers without legal aid will be wrongly denied access to their rights under international law.

Some of the consequences of a lack of legal aid include:

- **Unjust rejections for refugee status.** When this happens, people are at risk of being:
 - detained by authorities
 - deported to countries where their life is in danger
 - forced into destitution, sleeping in parks or abandoned buildings
- **Unaccompanied children being wrongfully treated as adults.** Without representation from a legal aid NGO, many unaccompanied minors are denied the special protections afforded to under 18s and forced to live in camps alongside adults without any special protections.
- **Separation of families.** Deadlines for family reunification claims are very tight, and no information is provided regarding this by authorities. This means that many people with parents, children, or spouses in another EU state are denied the opportunity to be reunited.

Activity 5: Grant-giving

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What happens with legal aid?

In short, people gain access to their rights.

People who have fled persecution and violence are given accurate information about the process of seeking asylum.

They understand what to expect within their interview and have received support in collecting necessary documents which may be needed as evidence.

They have the opportunity to be referred to doctors and psychologists for treatment and documentation of any physical or mental health concerns, and evidence of this is included within a person's asylum claim where relevant.

The asylum process is less traumatic, and people are equipped with the tools to advocate for themselves to the best of their ability.

Unjust rejections are prevented, and those who have fled persecution receive refugee status, as is their right. In turn, they gain access to the right to work in Greece, to send their children to school, and to receive medical care.

The population of people sleeping rough is reduced, as is the burden of needless appeals within the Greek asylum service from people who were wrongfully rejected the first time.

The asylum system becomes more functional, fairer, and less cruel. Solidarity with refugees is normalised, and their ability to contribute to Greek society is increased.

Activity 5: Grant-giving

IMPACT OF OUR NGOS

working in Greece

806 information session attendees

Mobile Info Team, 2021

316 legal consultations

A.Ss.I.S.T. September 2021 - March 2022

122 interview preparations for clients visiting drop-in centre

Elpida Home October 2021 - September 2022

96 clients supported with family reunification

*Fenix Humanitarian Legal Aid
Jan - Dec 2021*

375 individual consultations

Equal Legal Aid January - June 2022

214 people registered asylum claims in Lesbos

following legal assistance by Legal Centre Lesbos for newly arrived people to access asylum procedures, July - Sept 2022

75,000 people reached per informational post

Mobile Info Team, run a Facebook page with posts providing key information regarding the asylum system and refugee issues in Greece. Average reach per post over 2021.

344 humanitarian aid workers received training

*training provided by Fenix Humanitarian Legal Aid to NGO workers across Greece & beyond
Jan - Dec 2021*

A note on our NGO data:

Each of our partner NGOs agrees an implementation period (i.e the period of time during which SolidariTee funds will be spent) with us according to their own requirements. This rarely if ever correlates to the financial year of SolidariTee. Final reports for many of the grants provided in the 21-22 year are not due until 2023, so data shown here is taken from interim reports and/or calendar year annual reports produced by each NGO. We remain committed to strong monitoring and evaluation processes which are streamlined and avoid weighing down small organisations with inflexible bureaucracy, and which are useful for all parties. These statistics are intended as highlights only, and in no way reflect the full scope of their work.

IMPACT OF OUR NGOS

working in Greece

Two of our NGOs operated outside of Greece this year: [Global Echo Law Center](#), non-profit law firm that works with affected communities and civil society organisations to end corporate human rights violations in areas of armed conflict and occupation; and [Ethnovision](#), an NGO based in Bosnia and Serbia focussing on protection, information, and advocacy services.

Case study: Ethnovision

When reviewing applications from NGOs outside of Greece, we recognised the need for a flexible, needs-led approach to grant-giving. In the Western Balkans, where hypothermia & frostbite amongst vulnerable migrants are common, asylum services have incredibly low rates of recognition (granting refugee status), and the majority of those in the region are people on the move, attempting to reach a safe country in which to seek asylum and facing violent pushbacks at borders throughout the journey. NGO presence in refugee camps in Serbia and Bosnia is very limited, as the region receives very little funding.



SolidariTee's funding has been used to design, build, and fit out this container, pictured in various stages of development. The container can be transported into camps or to the border as needed, and the space can be used to run a range of protection and information services which would otherwise be impossible without a private, safe space which is protected from the elements.



Strategic priorities

2021-2022

At SolidariTee, we know that our words have power. At all times, we focus on not just what we're doing, but how we're going about doing it. Here are some of the core values which define our work this year, which aren't always easy to convey in short social media posts or at events, but which cut across all of our activities.

1 Remaining mindful of the fact that not all forcibly displaced people are refugees.

The UN Refugee Convention's definition of a refugee is a specific legal definition, and refers to people who have been forced to flee their homes because they fear persecution:

“someone who is unable or unwilling to return to their country of origin owing to a **well-founded fear of being persecuted** for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion.” - *1951 Refugee Convention*

However, it's important to acknowledge that there are millions of people across the globe who are forced to leave their homes and begin all over again who **aren't** covered by this definition. This often includes:

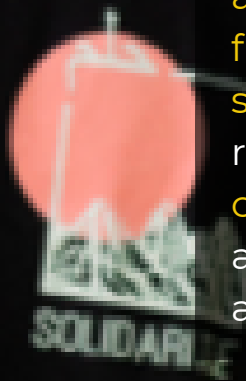
- **Internally displaced people:** (people who have been displaced within a country and who haven't crossed an international border)
- **Climate migrants:** because persecution refers to being targeted because of something personal to you, such as your identity or beliefs, drought, tsunamis, and other climate-induced disasters don't qualify someone for refugee status.



1 Remaining mindful of the fact that not all forcibly displaced people are refugees. (ctd)

- **Survivors of trafficking** - people who have crossed borders against their will, but not because they feared persecution in the country they left, are also not generally covered by the Refugee Convention
- **Unjustly rejected asylum seekers** - in Greece, where SolidariTee funds most of its work, wrongful rejections are common. This means that people there are thousands of people who are not officially recognised as refugees, and therefore have no access to the international protections and right to work, healthcare and housing in the country they have fled to, despite having fled persecution. Often, this is as a result of lacking legal aid.

Whilst we often use 'refugees' in sentences where it isn't practical to say 'refugees, asylum seekers, and other people forced to flee their homes and migrate in vulnerable situations', this year we have focused on remaining mindful of the diversity of circumstances around forced migration, and the need to avoid playing into 'good and bad migrant' tropes.





2 Combining legal aid with other forms of related support to enable us to support displaced people in a wider range of contexts

Legal aid is crucial in preventing asylum seekers from receiving unjust rejections, and the devastating consequences that often follow, namely deportations to countries where a person's life and freedoms are in danger, or homelessness without access to basic services in Greece.

However, in 2020-21, we were increasingly aware that, with a rise in border violence and a changing global context, legal aid within the context of asylum law, wasn't always the most effective intervention. In many of the countries that neighbour Greece, or through which forcibly displaced people live in or travel, (such as Bosnia and Serbia) asylum services are even less functional, and many forcibly displaced people are trying to reach other countries where they can apply for refugee status.

Therefore, in response to the rapidly changing context, this year, we decided to expand our grant-giving focus beyond Greece and direct legal aid. SolidariTee seeks to view legal aid holistically – as a form of lasting and empowering aid which operates in a complex and dynamic context. SolidariTee takes a needs-based and flexible approach which ensures that our mandate of lasting, empowering aid is at the heart of what we do.

In 2021-22, we gave the highest total amount of grant funding that we've ever given in a single year.

For the first time, we gave grants to two organisations based outside of Greece, where our partners usually work.

CHALLENGES & RESPONSES

A summary of our evaluation of the current threats to SolidariTee's operations, both internally & externally to the charity, and our strategy in responding to these.

THREAT	DETAIL	MITIGATION
Reduction in no. of volunteers	<p>Post-Covid, like many other organisations, we have observed lower levels of student volunteering. Our priorities are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to attract engaged, committed volunteers • Ensure that SolidariTee can remain functional and effective with fluctuating team sizes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have moved away from an individual, linear fundraising model predicated on each volunteer selling a certain no. of t-shirts. • We continue to place emphasis on events and group campaigns and fundraisers that can be carried out by uni teams of any size. • We collect data on, and are responsive to, the reasons why people choose to volunteer with us, and ensure that we continue to offer opportunities which meet these objectives.
Challenges fulfilling grant payments	<p>Cost of living increases, reduction in student volunteer uptake, and/or unforeseen events which force students off-campus (c.f coronavirus) could threaten fundraising for grants.</p>	<p>We operate a reserve policy which ensures leeway within our financial modelling. We go into each grant cycle with a proportion of the funds already raised, and always pledge less than we expect to raise in case of unforeseen circumstances. We pay grants in installments to diffuse financial risks.</p>

CHALLENGES & RESPONSES

THREAT	DETAIL	MITIGATION
<p>Access challenges for NGO partners</p>	<p>As Greece, as well as other EU and neighbouring states, operate increasingly hostile border and migration policies, access to refugee populations by NGOs comes under threat. This is evident in new registration requirements for NGOs in Greece, as well as in new procedures around Closed Control Access Centres (closed camps). Furthermore, several humanitarian workers across Greece and beyond have recently been implicated in criminal cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We continue to adopt a flexible funding model - should an NGO be unable to implement their initially proposed project, we remain ready to work with them to deliver viable, impactful, alternatives. • We continue to closely monitor the Greek & EU migration context, and conduct 8-weekly updates focused on context changes with our NGO partners.
<p>Challenges fulfilling operational capacity requirements using a solely volunteer-led model</p>	<p>Being led by current students as well as recent graduates and young professionals means that, by nature, we do not have full-time staff. Our challenge is ensuring the mental health and wellbeing of our volunteers, and ensuring that productivity remains high despite individual people having a lower capacity than full-time team members would do.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2021-22, we added a steering subcommittee to the board of trustees, with the aim of adding additional institutional knowledge and capacity to the student team. • Our dedicated welfare team helps to ensure volunteers continue to enjoy their roles and provides support in balancing volunteering with work/study. We also have a planned meeting with a qualified psychologist to advise on mental health strategy. • In 2022-23, we have separated the student president from the CEO role, to reduce the burden on individuals whilst providing greater opportunities for student autonomy.

CHALLENGES & RESPONSES

THREAT	DETAIL	MITIGATION
<p>Lack of media coverage and political attention on contexts in which SolidariTee operates</p>	<p>It is natural, if unfortunate, that media attention waxes and wanes with each new passing global crisis. However, the war in Ukraine has dominated both the discourse and the funding available for humanitarian work on a scale that has been described as a 'once in a generation'. As the 'refugee crisis in Greece' is deemed by many in the mainstream media to have been a '2015 problem', communicating the ongoing need in Greece and the Western Balkans to volunteers & donors is an ongoing challenge, with many large institutional donors having pulled out of the region.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We remain committed to funding contexts where we perceive our grants have the ability to make meaningful change, i.e., there is a need for the work SolidariTee funds, there are NGOs in the region with capacity to respond, there is a funding gap for such work, there is a functioning asylum system which makes intervention possible, and there is expertise regarding the context within our team. This means that we will not move contexts in search of more attention or funding, but will continue to advocate for support for underfunded contexts. • We continue to prioritise robust educational content published via social media, which keeps alive the conversation regarding the treatment of refugees in Greece and beyond.
<p>Challenges ensuring uniformity of volunteer experience</p>	<p>The experience a volunteer has on our team will differ according to where, if anywhere, they are studying, with their experience being affected by their team leader, as well as the university culture and ease with which events can be organised, and their own time availability. This can lead some volunteers to gain more from their experience than others.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We continue to provide thorough training available to members of all teams to ensure that knowledge of available opportunities, and access to learning about our cause, is universal. • We commit to placing greater emphasis on ensuring centrally organised events are held more widely across the UK, not just in London. • We place focus on building relationships with local businesses and venues, to make event organisation more feasible across a range of locations.



SolidariTee is a unusual charity: we're made up entirely of students and young people, everyone is a volunteer who fits SolidariTee around their work or studies, and most of us are at the very start of our careers with no professional experience to fall back on. Despite this, we're going strong into our sixth year, supporting NGOs doing essential work with refugees and asylum seekers. This year, I hope to see SolidariTee continue to work hard to uphold refugee rights: through fundraising across and beyond our university campuses, as well as by producing high-quality, far-reaching education that will help to combat the myths about displaced people that are so prevalent. SolidariTee is made up of lots of people doing what they can, but together we're able to have a real impact. The work that SolidariTee funds sadly continues to be extremely urgent, but change is possible, and I'm inspired every day by the students and young people who come together in solidarity with forcibly displaced people worldwide.



Looking ahead

A word from our Student President for 2022-23, Louisa Cowell

In 2022-23, Louisa works alongside Beth Molyneux, student Vice-President, and Alexa Netty, CEO, with priorities for the year including expanding our volunteer base to include non-students, and funding legal aid which is complemented by mental health and psychosocial support.



Our policy on reserves

Note: SolidariTee (CIO) also has a subsidiary trading company, wholly owned by the CIO, and which donates all of its proceeds to the CIO.

- We seek to maintain either £30k, or enough funding for the next 3 months' worth of grant installments, in reserves at any time. This is to enable us to be 'ahead' of our grant installment goals so that we are always comfortably able to meet our obligations to our NGO partners, and also so that we could launch a small emergency grant if necessary due to unforeseen changes to context (for example, the Covid-19 emergency grant cycle of £10.5k which was distributed in 2020). These reserves may be 'split' across the CIO bank and amounts owed by STC on occasion.
- We seek to strike a balance between financial prudence and maximising our ability to provide grant funding in what is a rapidly changing context with an urgent need for funding, coupled with financial forecasting and grant cycles based around academic years. It's important for our volunteers that their efforts directly contribute to the outcomes in a given year, and, given that we are cognisant of the usual peaks and troughs in income across the academic cycle, we seek to time our grant installments in accordance.
- Our grant installment timelines are always generous to ensure that, were we to have unforeseen challenges or a less successful fundraising year than anticipated, we have an extra 3+ months' of leeway against predicted fundraising goals. Where appropriate, we may sometimes therefore be in a position to provide grant funding before the final installment deadlines.





thank you

The board of trustees would like to extend our deepest thanks to all current and former volunteers for making SolidariTee possible; we would be nothing without your hard work, determination, and commitment to upholding refugee rights. We also express our gratitude to everyone who has supported our work this year, either financially, through attendance at one of our events, or by engaging with us online. Finally we would like to extend thanks to all those working at our partner NGOs: thank you for being, quite literally, the change we hope to see in the world.

With thanks to organisations and partners who have supported us:

- Durham University John Snow Fashion Show
- Guild of Dough
- Judy Fishel Watercolour commissions
- King's Affair (Cambridge)
- Oxford MedSoc
- Oxford Union
- Osborne Clarke
- The Climbing Lab
- Trinity College Commemoration Ball (Oxford)
- Wadham Ball (Oxford)

A big part of why our t-shirts are so central to SolidariTee's vision is because they act as a visual display of solidarity with refugees worldwide. They're often a conversation starter, opening the door to friendly, inclusive conversations about displacement.

That's why it's so important that the wider context behind each design is central at all times.



Wider Context

Though not an officially recognised state, the region of Kurdistan spans Turkey, Iraq, Syria, Iran, and Armenia. Kurds make up the fourth-largest ethnic group in this region, though do not have a permanent nation-state, and Kurdish people are heavily persecuted in each of these states. There is a semi-autonomous region of Iraq known as the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, and this region itself has received millions of refugees of several ethnicities.

Nonetheless, Kurdish people make up a large number of the world's refugees; in Iran, Kurds face oppression and discrimination, and in Turkey, laws attempting to crack down on Kurdish language and culture have been passed, with the government attempting to reduce Kurdish freedom of expression.

Within the asylum process in countries like Greece, there is often a complete lack of sensitivity to the persecution that Kurdish people face. In addition to being forced to live in unsafe conditions within camps which leave them vulnerable to further attack, there are often problems within asylum interviews themselves.

One of our NGO partners recently reported a situation whereby a Kurdish asylum seeker was been forced to complete their interview in the next room, and in earshot of, non-Kurdish people from the same country as them, who they live with in refugee camps in Greece.

On this occasion, the asylum seeker in question was too scared to explain the reason why he had fled his country (he was being persecuted because of his political opinion - he had advocated for an autonomous Kurdish state) because he feared retribution in the camps. This would have effectively cost him his asylum application, and is just one more reason why legal aid and advocacy is so crucial within the process. It's also an example of the history, learning, and conversation that can be brought about by wearing a simple tee.

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 July 2022

The narrative report on pages 1 to 35 along with the formal details below form the trustees' annual report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Dates
Alexa Katerina Netty	appointed 8 April 2021
Louisa Helen Cowell	appointed 1 September 2022
Isabella Emily India Ponsonby	appointed 1 September 2022
Rebecca Katherine Young	appointed 1 September 2022
Sarah Jasmine Davidson	appointed 1 August 2021
Tiara Sahar Ataii	resigned 20th November 2022
Emma Penney	appointed 1st August 2021 resigned 3rd October 2022
Rosie Richards	appointed 1st August 2021 resigned 3rd October 2022
Madeleine Hancock	resigned 3rd October 2022
Mouki Kambouroglou	resigned 27 Feb 2022

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Independent examiner

Rachel Cooper ACA
Welbeck
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Structure, governance and management

Solidaritee is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, charity number 1182195, its members are its trustees. Its governing document is a constitution registered 25th February 2019, and amended 1 Aug 2021.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed for a term of one to three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the existing trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and in particular the advancement of education and human rights, and relief of poverty. This is achieved through our awareness raising activities here in the UK, as well as our work to enable refugees and asylum seekers to access legal aid. In doing so, our work ensures that refugees are able to access their rights and are prevented from

falling into destitution and poverty after receiving unjust rejections on their asylum claims or receiving inadequate mental health support following the persecution and trauma that a great many asylum seekers have faced. It also ensures that the public are informed about refugee issues in the UK and worldwide.

Financial review

The net income for the year was £-58,082 (2021: £27,264) all of which was unrestricted.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £32,800 (2021: £90,982).

Our reserves policy is set out on page 33 of this report, and our spending this year was in line with our reserves policy following a year of increased income in the 2020-21 (prior) financial year.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Approved by the board of trustees on 7th March 2023

Signed..... (Trustee)



Name: Dr Alexa Netty VetMB

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Solidaritee

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2022, which are set out on pages 39 to 44.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 4 the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Rachel Cooper ACA

Date: Mar 15, 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 July 2022


	Notes	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Unrestricted funds £
Incoming Resources				
Income from:				
Donations and Legacies	(2)	73,328	73,328	119,419
Other trading activities	(3)	12,989	12,989	13,413
		-	-	
Total income		<u>86,317</u>	<u>86,317</u>	<u>132,832</u>
Resources expended				
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds		1,418	1,418	1,233
Charitable activities - grants to NGOs	(4)	141,788	141,788	103,500
Other		1,193	1,193	835
		-	-	
Total expenditure		<u>144,399</u>	<u>144,399</u>	<u>105,568</u>
Net income		<u>(58,082)</u>	<u>(58,082)</u>	<u>27,264</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>90,982</u>	<u>90,982</u>	<u>63,718</u>
Fund balances carried forward		<u>32,900</u>	<u>32,900</u>	<u>90,982</u>

All incoming resources and resources expended in the current financial year derive from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 July 2022

	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets			
Investments	(5) <u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Total fixed assets	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	(6) 30,577	30,577	70,563
Cash at bank and in hand	(7) <u>3,723</u>	<u>3,723</u>	<u>21,369</u>
Total current assets	<u>34,300</u>	<u>34,300</u>	<u>91,932</u>
Current liabilities:			
amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	(8) <u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,050</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,050</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)	<u>32,800</u>	<u>32,800</u>	<u>90,882</u>
Net assets	<u>32,900</u>	<u>32,900</u>	<u>90,982</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	<u>32,900</u>	<u>32,900</u>	<u>90,982</u>
Total funds	<u>32,900</u>	<u>32,900</u>	<u>90,982</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on **7th March 2023**

Signed:  (Trustee)

Name: Dr Alexa Netty VetMB

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 July 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Grants payable with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

At present the charity has no restricted or designated funds

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 July 2022

2 Donations

	2022	2021
General Donations	42,557	43,510
Donations from Subsidiary	22,819	75,909
	<u>65,376</u>	<u>119,419</u>

3 Other Trading Activities

	2022	2021
Events	12,989	13,413
	<u>12,989</u>	<u>13,413</u>

4 Grant making

Grants to NGOs	2022	2021
	Grants to institutions £	Grants to institutions £
Asylum Seekers Information Services Team	17,968	15,000
Fenix Humanitarian Legal Aid	18,000	20,000
Stichting Mushkila Kabira (Mobile Info Team)	17,931	10,500
Legal Centre Lesbos	17,961	20,000
Equal Legal Aid	17,933	-
Elpida Home	15,982	-
Ethnovision	18,077	-
Global Echo Litigation Center	17,936	-
Avocats Sans Frontieres	-	18,000
European Lawyers in Lesbos	-	20,000
Total	<u>141,788</u>	<u>103,500</u>

5 Fixed assets investments

	Investment in subsidiary	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£
Balance b/f	100	100	100
Additions	-	-	-
(Disposals)	-	-	-
Total	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

The company's investments at the balance sheet are in its subsidiary undertaking SolidariTee Sales Company Limited of which it is the sole shareholder.

6 Debtors and prepayments	2022	2021
	£	£
Debtors - Gift Aid	534	5,517
Amounts owed by subsidiary company	28,033	65,041
Other debtors	2,010	5
	<u>30,577</u>	<u>70,563</u>

7 Cash at bank and in hand	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash at bank	3,723	21,369
	<u>3,723</u>	<u>21,369</u>

8 Creditors and accruals	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	1,500	1,050
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,050</u>

9 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

Two current trustees received reimbursement for expenses incurred during their voluntary service to SolidariTee during this year. Neither trustee (R Young or I Ponsonby) was a member of the board of trustees at the time of expense reimbursement, and the combined total of reimbursed expenses was under £30.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

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Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to read this document. If you have any questions about SolidariTee's work or would like more information, please contact alexa@solidaritee.org.uk via email.



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