

Annual Report

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Annual Report

Dear VITAL supporters,

Welcome to the 2017 Annual Review of VITAL. Another exciting year with new young faces joining VITAL with interns and students from Royal Holloway University, poetry nights and recitals from various talented musicians. In fact, so much has happened this year it is hard to find a place to start from!

We have partnered with the talented design team at Bulletproof to give our branding and logo an extra sparkle – meaning it's onwards and upwards for VITAL!

A specialised team at Bulletproof will also join us on our October trip to India and meet the children they fundraise for face-to-face for the first time.

We have completed the construction of the second floor of the school of Anirban (West Bengal, India), which will accommodate 150 children and have started planning for the new VITAL clinic we will build in rural Anirban also. Without your kind donations this would never have been possible – well done!

This year we have hosted an array of incredibly talented musicians, athletes and our VITAL interns who all raised funds for our charitable projects (specific details can be found below). We also partnered with Royal Holloway University RAG (Raise and Give charity) for the first time and have made the VITAL internships an integral part of their As I reflect on the past year, I can happily sit back knowing we have achieved so much. The feeling, however, is short lived as I quickly realise there is so much more than can be done, and with your kindness and help we can continue to achieve greatness. Together, we can break the vicious cycle of poverty in Kolkata and give each child a better, brighter future.

All the best

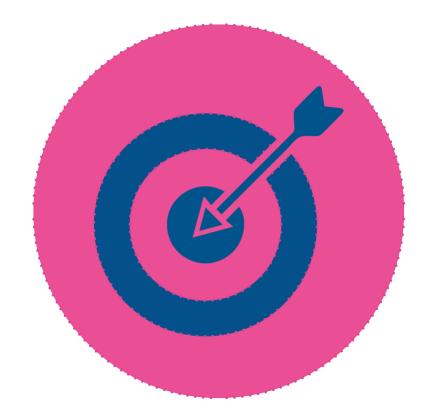
Yvonne Neuman

Yvonne Neuman, Founder

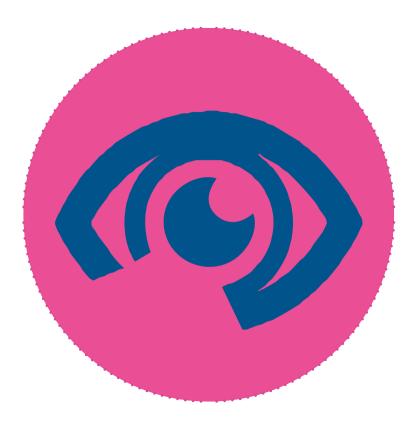




About us



Our **mission** is to provide protection, education and healthcare to underprivileged children living in Kolkata, India.



Our **vision** is to ensure each child we care for has a meaningful childhood and a brighter future, so that we can one day live in a world where no child must suffer the injustice of poverty.



Our **philosophy** is that if we act now, we can make a lasting and sustainable difference with immediate effect.











Our Project Criteria

We personally ensure all our projects are sustainable and can truly maximise each and every donation we receive. Here are just a few criteria that go into the decision-making we do here at Vital.







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2016

School attendance

has increased overall by 6%







Nine year old Raju spent his days begging outside one of the largest railway stations in Kolkata. The police ordered his mother and father to stop sending their children to steal food, so Raju's parents decided to abandon him and his younger brother at the station.

The two children quickly faded into the background and became invisible. In Kolkata, railway children are just another everyday feature of the railway platform - no more human than the trains or track.

Thanks to your support, the two children are now protected by our social workers and have a chance to attend school and gain access to vital health care.





26 children handed over to S childline le in 2016









Trishi was born in the red light district of Kolkata.

She found a passion for studying and would volunteer to help her classmates do their homework.

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Trishi quickly saw our school as a refuge from the chaos at home and began spending more and more time with our teachers.

She went on to chairing our children's parliament which has been taken as a model for other charities in the area.

Now, Trishi studies sociology at University with the hopes of becoming a social worker. She took the initiative to conduct research studies on the children which revealed a great deal to us and one day would like to start her own projects as a social worker. Trishi says the teachers at our project greatly inspired her to become a social worker and give back, so that she can impact a child's life like we have hers.







Our Projects

Asansol

Railway Children

Shobhabazar

Nabadisha

Central Kolkata

Keertika

Rural Kolkata

- Anirban
- Vital Clinic

Rambagan

Red Light District Project





Keertika

25 children

→ aged 3-17←

Keeritka is a shelter home for destitute girls with a focus on those who have fallen victim to human trafficking and other forms of Violence.

• Impact: 25 girls are now under our full time care

• Beneficiaries: 120 indirect



- 105 activities and events took place
- 24 children now have a healthy BMI for their age
- 98 group-counselling sessions took place
- 63 Individual Counselling sessions were conducted for 12 girls



Railway Children

400 children

→ aged 2-17←

Protecting the rights and safety of children who find themselves on the dangerous railway tracks of Kolkata.



- 53 children accessed by government hospitals
- 26 children handed over to childline
- 46 children restored to child care institutions
- 28 children reunited with family



Nabadisha

365 children

→ aged 2-17←

Dedicated to the education of street and slum children. We provide 12 hours service on streets, health services, counselling, detoxification services, open shelters and much more.

- Number of children helped: 200+
- Age group of children: 2-17yrs



- 9 children were enrolled in formal school.
- 66 out of 72 children improved their health status
- 106 children were provided with after school support
- Through the serivce 114 children were provided with supplementary nutrition



Anirban

510-550children

aged 4-16(

Providing necessary elementary education to 500 underprivileged children in rural subsistence farming areas in a community of West Bengal, India.



• 1000+ people in the first year benefited from drinking water wells and toilets built from the publics donations



Rambagan

511 children

→ aged 2-18←

Caring for hundreds of children living in dangerous red-light area, where there is a high concentration of hazardous sex work and drug trafficking.



- This year VITAL has enrolled 109 children to the ICDS* and 73 children to formal school education
- 73 individual counselling sessions were held
- 317 children took part in activities such as dance, football, karate and art classes



Vital Clinic

1500 children

Newborns

This year, VITAL has launched a new project to build a clinic in Ariban. The clinic will cater for Kolkata's poorest and aims to prevent deaths in the local area.

In the remote area of Anirban, India, the closest hospital is over an hour away and most people cannot afford a single visit there.

India has one of the highest mortality rates in the world for children under five and the vast majority of these deaths are caused by fevers and malnutrition, both which can be prevented or treated. We are very proud of the new clinic we are building in Anirban, offering free healthcare to the poor and bringing us one step closer to the 3rd UN Sustainable Development Goal for health.

Success:

- Projected people the clinic will help in its first year running: 1,000+
- End of Project construction, 2018



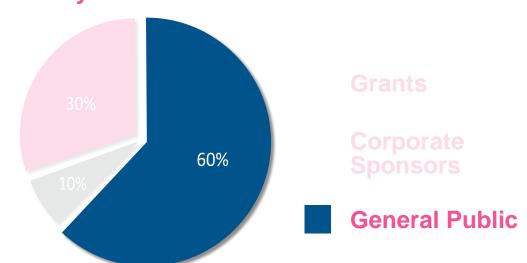


Fundraising

In 2016, hundreds of people came together to attend VITAL events so we could give even more children better, brighter futures. Some supporters put their strength to the test in an unforgettable muddy adventure, whilst others attended our infamous talent shows, recitals, TedX Talks and poetry nights.

The kindness and generosity of our donors and supporters pushes us to be even more ambitious in our programme outreach. We are incredibly grateful for your help and look forward to many great years ahead of us!

Money Raised





• Amount fundraised by Public: £60,000



Our Partners

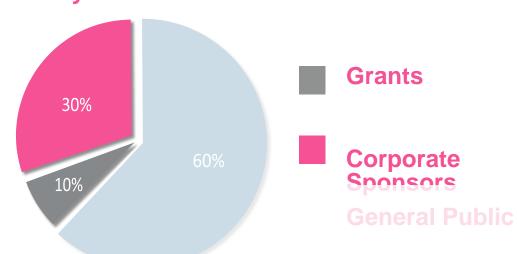
Government

This year our Rambagan students successfully lobbied for the Indian government to recognise July 7th as national child protection day.

Local NGOs

Alongside local NGO CINI, this year VITAL has formed a children's parliamentary scheme which strengthens communication between the police and youth. The method has been cited as a model for other local charities due to its success.

Money Raised





- Amount fundraised by grants: £10,000
- Amount fundraised by corporate donors: £30,000





















Structure, management and governance

VITAL is an unincorporated charity. Our governing document follows the charity commission scheme and we have Memorandum of Agreement with all partner charities and organisations.

Under its Trust Deed the Trustees shall hold the trust fund and its income upon trust and to apply it with special and primary focus on children in developing countries, starting with India to promote and protect good health, to relieve sickness, to advance education and to relieve poverty and to support such other general charitable purposes as the Trustees from time to time determine.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and planning future activities.

No remuneration has been paid to the Trustees during the current or preceding period. The Charity has not met any individual expenses incurred by the Trustees for services provided to the Charity.

The Charity was formed under its Trust Deed dated 28 October 2007. The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales on 8 November 2007.

The Trust Deed provides that the minimum number of Trustees will be three. The Trustees may appoint such additional persons as they in their discretion consider suitable to be Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees, the Trustees must have regard to skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effectiveness administration of the Charity. New trustees can be put forward by any trustee or the assistant director and will then have to be elected by an overall majority before they are offered such position. A Memorandum of Agreement will be sent to them so we can best clarify the skills they will dedicate to VITAL in the future.

Risk management

In today's climate for the voluntary sector, the greatest risk for many charities is insufficient income generation on a regular and predictable basis. VITAL is fortunate to have the back up of Westrock Limited and the Neuman Foundation to continue in perpetuity in its mission of the sustainable development of the children living on the



Reserves policy

VITAL has decided that holding reserves is unnecessary as it has secured guaranteed continued funding for all admin costs from a private foundation. All unrestricted reserves will go towards supporting the projects for the next year.

As at 31 August 2017 the total reserves of the charity were £39,008 (2016: £12,301). Of this £39,008 (2016: £9,187) were restricted funds leaving £Nil (2016: £3,114) free reserves. The free reserves are to be used to directly support beneficiaries of the charity. The overheads are covered by the Admin Costs restricted reserve with a balance of £39,008 (2016: £4,190). There are funds available to cover more than the next 12 months of anticipated overheads.

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 & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and 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 trust deed. They 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was approved by the Trustees on	2018 and is signed on their behalf by:-		
Yvonne Neuman - Trustee			



Annual Report

Charity Information

Trustees: Yvonne Neuman

Michael E Neuman

Aravinda Neuman

Arjuna Neuman

Gloria Proops

Robert Bingham

Jay Mundae

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VITAL Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of VITAL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of VITAL for the year ended 31 August 2017, which are set out on pages 29 to 38.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity 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 charity'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. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do 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.

Alexandra Shore FCA CTA
A C Mole & Sons
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
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Blackbrook Park Avenue
Taunton
Somerset TA1 2PX

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Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 August 2017

Income	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Donations & Legacies	2	13,582	87,000	100,582	93,760
Total Income		13,582	87,000	100,582	93,760
Expenditure Charitable Activities	4	16,696	57,179	73,875	92,896
Total Expenditure		16,696	57,179	73,875	92,896
Net income/(expenditure)		(3,114)	29,821	26,707	864
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUN THE YEAR	DS FOR	(3,114)	29,821	26,707	864
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total Funds Brought Forwa	ard	3,114	9,187	12,301	11,437
Total Funds Carried Forwa	rd	-	39,008	39,008	12,301

The notes on pages 31 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

VITAL Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2017

		2017	2016	
		£	£	
	Notes			
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents		38,008	13,968	
Debtors		1,000		
		,		
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year				
Accruals		_	(1,667)	
			(1,007)	
			_	
NET ASSETS		39,008	12,301	
		33,000	12,301	
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:				
General Unrestricted Funds	5	_	3,114	
Restricted Funds	5	39,008	9,187	
	. <u></u>	33,000	3,167	
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		39,008	12 201	
		33,008	12,301	
These financial statements were approved by the Tru	stees on		2018 and signed	l on th

2018 and signed on their behalf by:

YVONNE NEUMAN

<u>Trustee</u>

The notes on pages 31 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

1. Accounting Policies

(i) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)), Update Bulletin 1 issued February 2016, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(ii) Income Recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. Donations and grants are recognised when the charity been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

(iii) Expenditure Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

(iv) Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Charitable activities comprise all costs directly incurred in undertaking activities to fulfil the Charity's objects, support costs and governance costs. This includes all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one year or multi-year grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled conditions attaching to that grant are outside of the control of the Charity.

(v) Fund Accounting

Funds are classified according to the manner in which they are allowed to be spent. The unrestricted general fund represents the accumulation of the Charity's income and expenditure that has not been earmarked for specific projects and is not considered by the Trustees to be for a restricted purpose.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

(vi) Foreign Currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balances sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Any exchange losses resulting from translation are included within support costs.

(vii) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

(viii) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at settlement value.

(ix) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with FRS 102 requires the trustees to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The trustees are of the opinion that there were no critical accounting judgements or key sources of estimation uncertainty in the current year.

2. Donations & Legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted		
	Funds	Funds	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Donations	9,288	87,000	96,288	35,553
Gift Aid	4,294	-	4,294	-
Donation – VITAL Italy	-	-	ŧ -	58,207
	13,582	87,000	100,582	93,760
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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 August 2017

4. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	2017	2016
Direct Costs	Ľ	£	£	£
Grants paid	16,696	34,209	50,905	86,716
Support Costs				
Travel Expenses	-	4,307	4,307	1,500
Exchange (Gains)/Losses	-	(192)	(192)	(450)
Bank Charges	-	58	58	133
Consultancy	, ,-	18,797	18,797	4,997
	-	22,970	22,970	6,180
	16,696	57,179	73,875	92,896

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4. Charitable Activities (continued)

Grants paid comprise the following grants to institutions:

	Unrestricted	Restricted		
	Funds	Funds	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Arati Paul Hospital	395	-	395	-
Hope Foundation	5,292	2,395	7,687	42,473
Children in Need Institute	11,009	_	11,009	26,507
Child Right Projection (CRY)	-	-	-	8,436
Anirban Rural Welfare Society	-	25,000	25,000	2,993
Asansol project (CRY)	-	6,814	6,814	6,307
	16,696	34,209	50,905	86,716

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For the year ended 31 August 2017

5. Statement of Funds

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	Balance at 1 September 2016 £	Income Ex	penditure £	Balance at 31 August 2017 £
General Funds	3,114	13,582	16,696	-
Restricted Funds Admin Costs VITAL Italy Clinic	4,190 4,997 -	62,000 - 25,000	27,182 4,997 25,000	39,008 - -
Total Restricted	9,187	87,000	57,179	39,008
Total Funds				
Total Funds	12,301 ———	100,582	73,875	39,008

Donations received from the Trustees Y Neuman and A Neuman, are to be used for administrative costs of the charity, the clinic and any other projects which the Trustees find appropriate. Funds received from Vital Italy funded the following projects: Keertika, Nabadisha, Asansol, Rambagan, Anirban, Baghar dump and Hope hospital instruments. The balance on the fund was spent on the Asansol project during the year.

6.	Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
	Cash and cash equivalents Debtors	£ - -	£ 38,008 1,000
	Total Funds		em constitue restantanta
	Total runds		39,008

7. Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration has been paid to the Trustees during the current or preceding period. The Charity has not met any individual expenses incurred by the Trustees for services provided to the Charity.

8. Related Party Transactions

The Trustees, Yvonne Neuman, Michael Neuman and Aravinda Neuman are also officers of the Neuman Foundation which made donations totalling £67,000 (2016: £nil) to the charity to be spent on administrative costs of the charity, the clinic and any other projects which the Trustees find appropriate.

The Trustee Jay Mundae made a donation of £10,000 for the Clinic (2016: £nil). The Trustee Aravinda Neuman made a donation of £nil during the year to be used for administrative costs. (2016: £2,500).

The Trustees, Michael E Neuman and Aravinda Neuman are also directors of Westrock Limited. During both 2017 and 2016, Westrock Limited made non-monetary contributions in respect of assistance with administration, advertising and brochures, the costs of which have not been recognised within the financial statements. In addition, the Neuman family have procured non-monetary contributions for the benefit of the Charity.

9. Key Management Personnel

The Charity considers its key management personnel to comprise of the trustees and assistant director. Total remuneration of key management was: £18,797 (2016: £4,997).

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11. Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31 August 2016

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2016 £
Income			
Donations & Legacies	23,253	70,507	93,760
Total Income	23,253	70,507	93,760
Expenditure			
Charitable Activities	28,056	64,840	92,896

Total Expenditure	28,056	64,840	92,896
Net income/(expenditure)	(4,803)	5,667	864
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR	(4,803)	5,667	864
Reconciliation of Funds:			
Total Funds Brought Forward	7,917	3,520	11,437
	-		
Total Funds Carried Forward	3,114	9,187	12,301

