



Refugee Tales

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Creating Bridges

Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group
Annual Review 2020



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Mission Statement

Our Vision

A society where people, whose right to live in the UK is being questioned, are treated with humanity and justice by all.

Our Mission

To improve the welfare and well-being of people affected by the immigration detention system through friendship, support and advocacy for fair treatment while calling for positive change and an end to indefinite detention.

Immigration detention in the UK

Over recent years approximately 26,000 people have been detained each year in 10 Immigration Removal Centres (IRCs) in the UK in order to facilitate their removal from the country. Only 50% are removed. In 2020, the number of people detained was some 23,000, of whom only 28% were removed; 72% were released back into the community.

GDWG

GDWG is a small charity with 5 full-time staff and 2 part-time staff and 70 volunteers. Our volunteer visitors provide emotional and practical support to people held in two IRCs at Gatwick Airport: Brook House and Tinsley House, together holding up to over 600 people at any one time. Over 25 years we have supported 17,000 detained people and we now support 1,000 people each year. The charity is not politically affiliated and seeks to support people no matter what their race, creed, politics or country of origin.

Refugee Tales

Refugee Tales is inspired by the Canterbury Tales model of walking and sharing stories. Every year GDWG supporters go on a long walk when the tales of people who have experienced immigration detention are shared during evening events. There are four Refugee Tales anthologies published by Comma Press and the project calls for change since the UK is the only country in Western Europe that detains people indefinitely for immigration purposes.

Self-Advocacy

People with lived experience of detention have formed a GDWG self-advocacy group to call for change as detention is inhumane and a waste of human life. They use the volumes of Refugee Tales as tools to have conversations with people of influence and to discuss the issues from their first-hand experience.



Our Patrons



Credit: Gary Lee

Our world is going through intense turmoil with authoritarian regimes using the Covid pandemic to intensify their attacks on human rights. People fleeing conflict and persecution are increasingly being met with closed doors. Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group has been a vital support and I am so proud to be associated with such an incredible organisation. The work is impressive as this Annual Report testifies and it is needed now more than ever.

Baroness Helena Kennedy QC



Credit: Chris McAndrew

This Review identifies the important work of the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group. Now that the Afghanistan crisis has unravelled it is more important than ever that we show our strength by undertaking work that will benefit all refugees and asylum seekers.

Lord Navnit Dholakia PC, OBE, DL and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats

In a time when it seemed that all the bridges in the world were down, never mind just the ones that are habitually closed to people who've defied the impossible, crossed the world, reached this country against all the odds and found themselves beholden to the vicissitudes of the government's strategic mistreatment, Refugee Tales carried on making the crucial connections and bridging the worst one, the divide between hostility and hospitality.

Ali Smith



Credit: Sarah Wood

I congratulate and applaud GDWG volunteers for their generous efforts in 2020. The work that you do is essential and greatly appreciated.

Abdulrazak Gurnah



Credit: Mark Pringle

In 2020 we helped **861** people in immigration detention.

46% of people we
met were vulnerable.

Many had experienced trafficking or
torture.

We
referred
284
people
to other agencies
for further specialist
support.

We carried out
casework for
422
people.

316
packs of
clothes
were provided.

62 volunteer
visitors made
around
800 visits.

952
mobile top-ups
were given out.

Our volunteers
visited 148
people in detention
or on the phone.

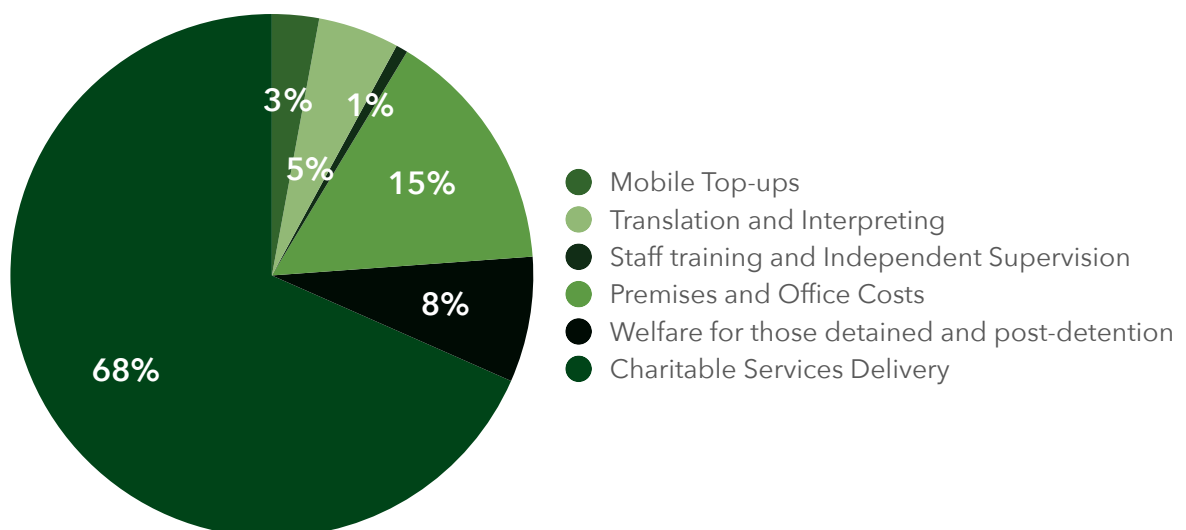
We provided
post-release
support
to more than
105 people.

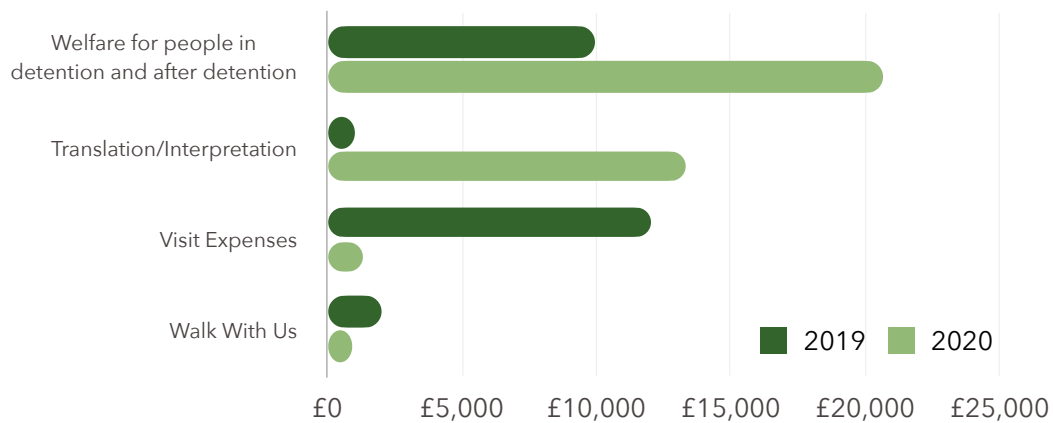
We sent
supermarket
vouchers
to the value of
£10,960
to **60** recipients and their
families.

Bridging the Gap

Before 2020 we knew that immigration detention centres were a toxic architecture of detention. But our understanding of how incarceration underpins the hostile environment shifted when Napier Barracks and Penally began to hold asylum seekers. People were also housed in hotels in greater numbers and given poor quality food. They experienced mental health struggles due to their isolation and the temporary nature of their accommodation, which made community connections impossible to establish. However, our visitors bridged the gap by starting telephone befriending, a lifeline to people in hotel accommodation. From July 2020, we supported people in Brook House who had crossed the channel in small boats whilst the Home Office attempted to remove them to EU countries party to the Dublin Convention. There was a dramatic increase in levels of self-harm and suicidal ideation and increased needs for legal support and age assessments. There was an increase in the need for Rule 35 assessments and on occasions nearly half of the people detained in Brook House had a claim under Rule 35. People who were victims of

GDWG Expenditure 2020





During the pandemic when walks were cancelled and visits were replaced by telephone support, expenditure in these areas decreased. The increase of destitution on release and increasing numbers of people in detention who did not speak English led to increasing expenditure on welfare for detained persons and interpretation costs.

modern slavery were not identified as such and we alerted the Home Office when people were possible victims of trafficking. In October, the Independent Monitoring Board in Brook House wrote to the Home Office stating that circumstances in Brook House amounted to 'inhumane treatment of the whole detainee population'. Our frontline team made referrals, listened and offered encouragement. People in detention wrote, *'Your existence alone is encouraging to be honest. Karris caught me when I was falling deep in my mental nightmares I wouldn't even talking to a solicitor and help myself if it wasn't for her help and inspiring. Sometimes when you give up on everything it's really important to know that there is someone who cares about you specially someone from the country you're about to get kicked out from. I can't really thank you guys enough for boosting my heart against all this struggles' and 'Sincerely I appreciate the fact that for the past two weeks I was in Tinsley house none of my friend or family member visit me but you paid me a visit through some of your staffs and at least someone listen to my story when no one had given me any opportunity to speak my mind.'*

Detention Case Studies

We first met M at a drop-in session in Brook House where M disclosed he was under 18 years old. He described mistreatment he had experienced, a history of trauma including having been sold as a slave in Libya. M had seen his friends drown during his journey to Europe. We alerted detention centre management that M was under 18 and referred him to the Refugee Council Age Dispute team for support. M was released into the care of social services several days later when we referred him to local support and liaised with his solicitor and local organisations to ensure he had holistic support.



We met D over the phone when he was detained at the end of 2020. He was from an ethnic group who were denied rights in his home country. On his way to the UK he had been mistreated by traffickers. D travelled by a small boat to the UK and was accommodated in a hotel after claiming asylum. D's asylum claim in the UK was rejected because he had previously applied for asylum in Germany. He was detained for removal back to Germany. D found life in detention extremely challenging due to his poor mental health and when he was given removal directions to Germany, his anxiety increased. When D spoke to a solicitor in the detention centre, they did not communicate well with him and did not contact him again, in spite

of the urgency of his case. After speaking with this solicitor we discovered they were not representing him.

We referred D to another solicitor who took on his case and to the Home Office requesting D was referred into the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) due to his history of mistreatment by traffickers. D's removal directions were cancelled. He was referred into the NRM and it was found there were reasonable grounds he was a victim of modern slavery. D was released from detention and we made a referral for modern slavery support to the Salvation Army who offered him weekly support.

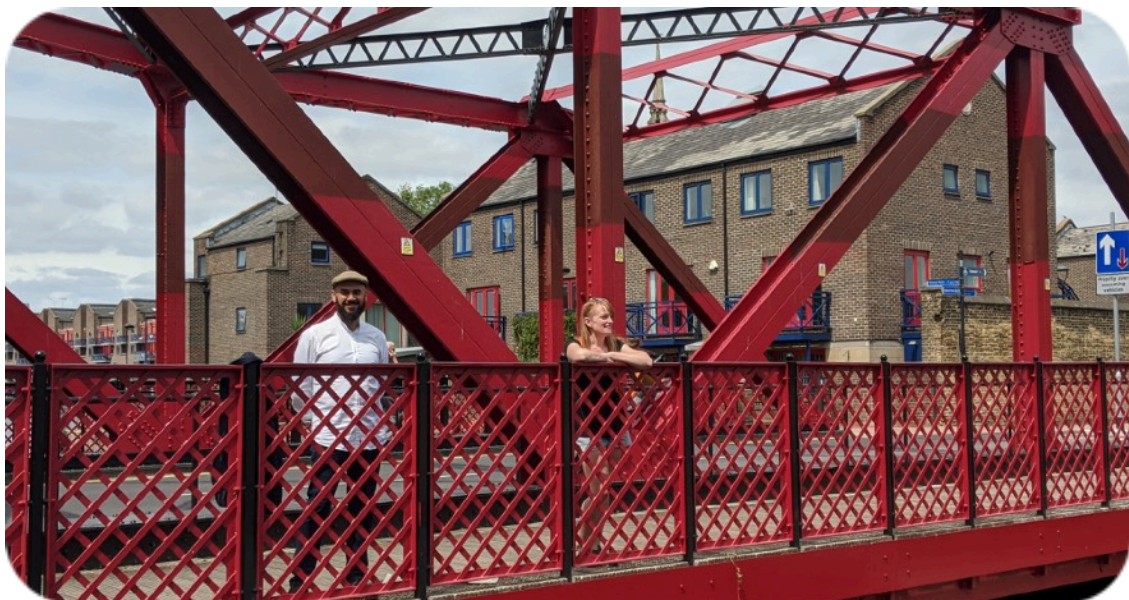


Many people we support are caught up in the asylum system for many years: detained, released from detention and re-detained. Harry was in the UK for over 20 years when we met him. He was first detained in 2015, then released, only to be re-detained in 2018. He remained in detention for over 18 months, and during that time was moved between immigration removal centres, which made support difficult to maintain. Harry was in detention during the first Covid-19 lockdown.

He said: 'Being there during the Covid time, there was no testing and people were wandering around. There wasn't enough provision of hand sanitiser and face masks. In detention you have to queue for everything, your medication, to see welfare, everything. During a

pandemic you don't want to be queueing... Detention during Covid was not the right place for anyone.'

Although Harry was granted bail in principle at the start of 2020, no accommodation was found for him by the Home Office. It was not until April that he was finally released. Whilst in detention, Harry was visited by one of our volunteer visitors and our advocacy support workers carried out casework, referring him to and liaising with solicitors to ensure his release. Once released from detention, we continued to offer practical support to Harry, sending him monthly phonecards and supermarket vouchers of £30. Harry is currently 'Appeal Rights exhausted'. He has no recourse to public funds and says the vouchers have been critical in enabling him to maintain a healthy diet and hygiene during the pandemic. We continued to support Harry post-release, when he was moved to a small town where he had no networks of support. One of our visitors maintained weekly telephone contact, and Harry took part in many of our online Refugee Tales events. He told us that he really enjoyed the opportunity to socialise and connect with people online during the pandemic. He felt confident to share his thoughts in a Zoom meeting of 100 people, and said 'I'm happy to have the opportunity to share.'



New bridges of support

At the start of 2020 we celebrated our 25th Birthday and began the year with an online auction. After requesting support, we were overwhelmed by offers of items to auction including signed books from our writer friends, a painting by Frances Blane and even a beach hut at Lewes Town Football Club. We were delighted by the experiences offered to auction such as Japanese calligraphy lessons from our Treasurer and we watched the bids flood in just at the time when news headlines started to mention a virus overseas. One week it was Jumblebee that preoccupied us and the next we were packing up the office, sourcing office equipment for home-working, and taking calls from terrified people with underlying health conditions who were detained and who feared that detention centres were places where self-isolation was not possible and infection was inevitable. As there was a reduction in the number of people detained, those left behind in detention centres felt abandoned and their panic was palpable.

New bridges of support were created. For the first time we provided supermarket vouchers as post-detention support for those in the community who struggled to feed themselves or purchase cleaning materials necessary in a pandemic. When visits were not permitted due to Covid regulations, our visitors moved swiftly to offer telephone support. Volunteers embraced giving telephone support when face to face meetings were impossible and, against the odds, trust was established. Incredible supportive conversations followed. Our volunteers found new ways to maintain connection with us; not just through Zoom, but also through an online creative writing group, a poetry group, and telephone check-ins.



Post-detention bridges

When the first national lockdown was announced, measures were put in place to ensure that the public were financially supported and safe during the pandemic. It became immediately evident that this support was not comprehensive, and many people who we supported fell through the gaps. This was especially the case for people recently released from immigration detention, and others who were in limbo waiting for decisions on their asylum cases. Prior to the lockdown, people told us they were able to manage their small amount of asylum support (£39.63 per week) by bartering in open markets, batch-cooking with friends, and attending drop-in centres and receiving meals to supplement their minimal government support. None of these options were possible during lockdown.

To meet the need, we developed a destitution fund, offering support through £30 monthly supermarket vouchers to ensure people were able to maintain a healthy diet. Although the vouchers were primarily to support healthy diets, there were many other benefits. Recipients told us:

'My belly is boiling because I did not eat anything... When I receive the voucher, my eyes open, and I start thinking properly'

'I was the dad of my kids in the supermarket.'

Some recipients said they would not have been able to cope without the vouchers:

'I'm going to steal food or shoplift because when you're hungry you feel like you're dead alive. Therefore, you don't think about the consequences, but this service keeps me from doing bad thing'

The supermarket vouchers restored dignity, relieved anxiety, improved health-outcomes and reduced the likelihood that people would be forced into criminal activity to survive. People described to us that the vouchers helped them to feel less isolated and gave them agency:

'When I receive the voucher, I don't think about where I'm going to have my next meal. I feel like I'm part of society and relieved of some weight on my shoulders.'

'Poverty is like a prison. The food voucher gives you more freedom.'



Post-detention case study

GDWG support for X began when he was detained in Brook House at the end of 2019. We provided clothes, phone credit and stayed in regular contact, offering help and support throughout his time in detention. In the middle of the Covid-19 lockdown, Brook House staff informed us that X had been released to homelessness. The crisis interventions that followed involved referring X to his local council and to numerous charities for support and, when none could assist, we booked emergency hostel accommodation and provided financial support from our destitution fund. We made daily calls to the council and when no progress was made, we referred X to a solicitor who applied for Home Office accommodation for him. At this time, X was suicidal due to the hopelessness of his situation. We gave daily emotional support and provided him with information on how to access help for his suicidal ideation. After court proceedings, X's solicitor gained a court order for X to be housed. An address was found four months after he was made homeless. When X was housed, we maintained support and referred him to local charities, assisted with phone credit and provided emotional support.





Bridges and connections through Refugee Tales

Refugee Tales events took place throughout the year including a new collaboration with the Society of Authors and English PEN. Our Walk With Us and Refugee Tales projects continued in spite of the fact that we could not come together to walk and our usual invitations to join monthly walks became calls for people to take solitary walks respecting Covid restrictions. Our five-day July walk in community became a series of online events with a request for our supporters to walk in their locality and to share photos of bridges. Writers Christy Lefteri, Robert Macfarlane, Dina Nayeri and Simon Smith read new tales for us and the online events were open to supporters all over the world. Walkers sent us photos of bridges wherever they were in the world to celebrate the connection we felt in spite of pandemic restrictions on walking in community. We could never have imagined quite how many pictures of bridges we would receive from Norway, Japan, USA, Austria, UK, Australia, Canada, Brazil, Italy and more.

During Refugee Tales, twenty Walking Ambassadors undertook challenges that highlighted the number '25' to celebrate the 25th birthday of GDWG. These challenges raised over £30,000 and included rugby star Adam Hastings taking 25 minutes exercise for 25 days, and Barnes walking 10 miles a day for 25 days, Andrea Dumbrell visiting 25 museums online and Ann Locke and her dog Teddy dancing 25 dances including round a maypole, clog dancing, morris dancing, and ballroom dancing with Teddy in a bow tie! The poet Stephen Collis wrote a 25 part essay 'The Sea That Eats Us' celebrating a Refugee Tales friendship 'stretched across great gulfs of language, culture, space and time.'



Self-advocacy Bridges

We took the first steps to our Walking Inquiry in 2020. These were taken by our self-advocacy team of people with lived experience of detention who considered the remit of the Public Inquiry that was being held into abuse at Brook House in 2017 and decided to widen the conversation. They invited the Refugee Tales walking community to consider the broader issues around detention that had created the conditions for abuse to occur. Monthly walks that were at first carried out in isolation due to Covid regulations and later held in 'bubbles' or small 'pods' were followed by online gatherings at the end of each walk attracting large numbers of attendees - up to 90 - where discussions were held about the questions the Walking Inquiry should address. One participant with lived experience wrote: *I lost a lot of confidence [in detention]. Since joining GDWG and Refugee Tales I can bring myself back now. It helps me, I'm learning. I'm grateful. Best thing we've done in this lockdown is keep going and seeing each other's faces. Get to know more people than on the walks, one good thing about lockdown. I see not just the group, I see a family. I have no parents, I'm a lonely child in this country, but this is a family.'* The Walking Inquiry connected lived experience with our walking community and increased awareness of the forthcoming Public Inquiry by encouraging wide ranging debate of the issues around detention.



Chair's Report

In writing this Annual Review I think of the year gone by, of how much has changed and how much remains the same.

We continue as an organisation, thanks to the strong, empathetic leadership of Anna, our Director, to meet the demands of life under Covid-19. GDWG has shown flexibility in meeting the changes imposed by Covid restrictions and yet has remained true to our ethos of befriending and helping fellow humans. For most of the year our staff has worked at home with time in the office at their choosing, but now they are gradually returning to base. However, throughout the year they have worked tirelessly. Advocacy did not cease; help and friendship did not cease. In fact we extended that help beyond detention walls as detained people were sent out of the centres due to Covid to, in many cases, face destitution. We are now starting to resume visiting and at this point I thank all our visitors and volunteers for continuing to be a huge support to our clients as well as to our staff. I must thank our staff most sincerely for all the work they do. Their commitment is impressive. Because of the strange times we live in, the span of my report goes beyond the 2020 remit of this Annual Review but I cannot leave the following until next year's.

Many of you reading this will have direct experience of the terrible effect of Covid on lives. We were very sad when we heard of the death of Shirley Williams, Baroness Williams of Crosby, who was our patron for many years. For someone small in stature she packed a remarkable punch - not unlike GDWG. Few who saw her at The Hawth theatre will forget the tiny figure on stage who strongly voiced her concerns for those detained and her support for all GDWG achieves. We shall also

miss the calm professionalism of one of our colleagues, Theresa MacIntyre who died as a result of Covid-19.

Louise Williamson stepped down from the Board of Trustees in January 2021. She was a very committed trustee who brought a wealth of knowledge of social work and has left us with excellent staff and trustee training in Safeguarding and our many policies in good order.

This Annual Review contains the last Treasurer's Report to be written by our outgoing Treasurer, George Fitzsimons. George, who has been Trustee Treasurer for 8 years, decided to step down after sterling service to GDWG. He has been just the most excellent person to have on the Board of Trustees. Not only is he highly qualified professionally, with a great knowledge of governance but he always brought sense and a calm perspective to debate. On behalf of GDWG I want to thank him very much for his years of service and dedication. His retirement took place after the year 2019/2020 but it would be remiss not to write without mention of him and what he has meant to GDWG.

Because George gave us plenty of notice of his intentions, we were able to find a very suitable replacement whom many experienced visitors might remember. Adrian Radford was Treasurer many years ago and we are delighted that he has come back to us. He is very well qualified professionally having worked for a charity for many years. Above all he knows GDWG of old, having been one of the first visitors 25 years ago. Thus we have appointed a very worthy successor to George. Welcome, Adrian! We have also been fortunate to appoint Pious Keku, Michael Heathcote and Harry Crossley as trustees. We extend a GDWG welcome to them. Finally, thanks to all our stalwart trustees who have shown great commitment to our cause; we are very fortunate to have them.

Marie Dewson

Director's Report

We found we could survive and thrive in spite of the many terrible losses we all experienced during the pandemic due to the encouragement and constancy of our volunteers, staff and trustees.

The pace of change was faster than we had witnessed before and people were suddenly freed from detention or left in emptying centres full of fear and the connections we formed with the people we supported grew in intensity and our thanks to them for their trust. It was a privilege to work with them through that time.

Our thanks to Marie Dewson for her steadying wisdom and to all our trustees for your commitment and support. Thanks to Karris Hamilton, Kasonga, Daniel Eichner, Mary Sutton, Marygold Lewis and Isobel Sutherland who moved to home working so efficiently and calmly whilst all the time carrying out support for a community in crisis. Thank you to our funders who, at the time of the first lockdown, sent messages expressing understanding of the challenges we faced and who offered new funding opportunities to meet levels of demand we never could have predicted. Our funders offered flexibility to enable resources to be repurposed to respond to need. Thanks to them we were able to introduce post-detention support.

Karris devised new training in post-detention phone support in a flash! Refugee Tales demonstrated that online connections could enable us to reach a community offering solidarity around the world. Thanks to David Herd, Chris Orange and Riccardo Vilela who made our July online events possible and all the writers, hosts and

musicians who filmed their contributions for us. Karris worked with Karen Ashton and Tara Mulqueen on research into community equivalence in detention healthcare and, in particular, concerning the inspection regime. Our thanks to them. We welcomed Josephine Wade and Mana Shamshiri to our team in 2020 and Frances Bell soon became our Operations Manager. Josie worked with Antonia Bunin and the self-advocacy team taking first steps towards our Walking Inquiry. Her weekly phone conversations with people with lived experience of detention were at the heart of our work and nurtured our community.

2020 was unquestionably a year that nobody could have foreseen. In spite of this our community created multiple bridges that sustained us all. GDWG and Refugee Tales formed myriad bridges: bridges of Self-Advocacy, Research, The Walking Inquiry, Visits, Telephone Support, Volunteer Interpreters, Referrals, Vouchers, Clothes, Phone Cards, Refugee Tales Online, Walks, Social Media, Tales. Sometimes we connected with people whose generosity took our breath away. We collaborated with the Society of Authors and English PEN for the first time. Rosamund and John Macfarlane started a photographic project that enabled people after detention to have beautiful and good quality photographic prints on their walls. Much Ado Books sent books as Christmas gifts for people post-detention. Ruby Wright drew for Refugee Tales and designed Christmas Cards for us. Thanks to them and thanks to our staff, visitors, volunteers and trustees, for the bridges that were formed, connections that were made and celebrated. All that you created, even during the pandemic, was immensely full of hope.

Anna Pincus

Treasurer's Report

2020 was an unusual year for GDWG because of the pandemic. While overall costs only increased slightly, we were well supported by donors and income grew. The level of reserves increased and free reserves at year end represented approximately six months' revenue.

GDWG reported a surplus of £65,962 in 2020, with income of £332,538 and costs of £266,576. This compares to a surplus of £14,269 in 2019.

The £52k difference between the results in 2020 and 2019 consists of a £60k increase in income (mainly relating to donations and grant income) and an £8k increase in costs. The Charity adapted to the pandemic, with a move to home working and no visiting while the Immigration Removal Centres were closed, and there was an increase in support for former detainees living in the community (including for food and accommodation). Existing and new grant funders and private donors quickly and generously responded to the new situation and provided more money to address the new needs.

While the effects of the pandemic generated savings in the travelling and other expenses of our volunteer visitors and staff, the costs of detainee welfare increased, as did pay costs (because we had more staff than in 2019). We also invested in a new IT system to manage the Charity's core activities of supporting detainees and former detainees

and moved all our systems out of the infrastructure previously provided by our landlord onto our own systems.

The Charity's free reserves (unrestricted funds) were £172,012 at 31 December 2020 (2019 £105,221). Cash at year end was £244k, compared to £141k at the end of 2019. Creditors increased to £71k (2019 £33k), as a result of higher deferred income balances and higher costs towards the end of the year (in particular, translation services required to communicate with people in detention who did not speak English).

GDWG's financial position is satisfactory and we are very grateful to all our supporters, including financial donors and those who give their time so unstintingly.

George Fitzsimons

Statement Of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31 December

	Unrestricted 2020	Restricted 2020	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	142,883	185,336	328,219	261,986
Other trading activities	3,712	-	3,712	10,493
Investment income	607	-	607	653
Total	147,202	185,336	332,538	273,132
Expenditure on:				
Refugee Tales books	254	-	254	1,883
Charitable activities:				
Refugee Tales	12,360	1,300	13,660	30,083
Other awareness raising events	-	-	-	2,324
Relief to immigrants and refugees	67,797	184,865	252,662	224,573
Total	80,411	186,165	266,576	258,863
Net income/ (expenditure)	66,791	(829)	65,962	14,269
Total funds brought forward	105,221	8,781	114,002	99,733
Total funds carried forward	172,012	7,952	179,964	114,002

Balance Sheet As At 31 December

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets:				
Tangible assets		2,996		2,020
Current assets:				
Debtors	3,920		3,816	
Cash at bank and in hand	244,038		140,868	
	247,958		144,684	
Creditors falling due within one year	(70,990)		(32,702)	
Net current assets		176,968		111,982
Net assets		179,964		114,002
Funds:				
Restricted funds		7,952		8,781
Unrestricted funds		172,012		105,221
Fund balances at end of year		179,964		114,002



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In memory of Mohammed Camara who sadly passed away in 2020.

In Remembrance

In memory of Shirley Williams, Baroness Williams of Crosby, supporter and former patron of GDWG.

In memory of Anne Parsons, GDWG visitor for twenty five years, and with thanks for her friendship to many.





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