



Refugee Tales

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# **Taking Steps**

Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group  
Annual Review 2021



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# Who We Are

## 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

24,497 people entered immigration detention in 2021, which was a 65% increase from the previous year. 6 Immigration Removal Centres and 3 Short-Term Holding Facilities were used to detain people in 2021 and 66% of people who entered detention in 2021 were released without removal or voluntary return.

## GDWG

Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group (GDWG) is a small charity with 5 full-time staff, 2 part-time staff and 90 volunteers. Our Volunteer Visitors provide emotional and practical support to people held in two Immigration Removal Centres at Gatwick Airport, Brook House and Tinsley House. Tinsley House has recently been used as a Short-Term Holding Facility. Together, these centres can hold up to over 600 people at any one time. Between 1995 and 2021, we had supported almost 18,000 people with experience of detention. In 2021 alone, we supported 940 people during or after detention.

GDWG is not politically affiliated and seeks to support people no matter what their race, creed, politics or country of origin. In 2021 GDWG was a Core Participant in the Public Inquiry into the mistreatment of individuals who were detained at Brook House Immigration Removal Centre in 2017.

## 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 where the tales of people who have experienced immigration detention are shared during evening events. There are now four Refugee Tales anthologies published by Comma Press and the project calls for an end to indefinite detention, whilst working towards a future without immigration detention. Volume IV was published in 2021.

## 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. In 2021 the Self-Advocacy Group worked on a new project, our 'Walking Inquiry'.



# 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 KC***



Credit: Chris McAndrew

It is a time to stop discarding people to countries abroad or tampering with their asylum rights. We should get back to a system where we care for the rights and liberties of these individuals and take steps to support them in our own homeland and protect them from fears and violence they face. This is what Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group is doing. GDWG has ordinary volunteers taking steps and doing extraordinary things.

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

Another tough year -- a year that's yet again redefined tough times as even tougher than anyone thought times could be. But the spirit of Refugee Tales stays steady. The walks in solidarity continue.

The determination towards friendship, towards open demeanour and open hospitality, keeps the heart beating, the road bearable, the spirit ingenious, kindly, strong. That's what Refugee Tales is, a communal heartbeat, a story that holds us together and warms us all.

On we go!

***Ali Smith***



Credit: Sarah Wood

Dear volunteers, your work is vital and important. Your generosity and commitment to human values brings reassurance and comfort to those in need and gladdens our hearts.

***Abdulrazak Gurnah***



Credit: Mark Pringle

# In 2021 we helped **940** people during or after immigration detention.

**807** mobile top-ups were given out.

We provided **post-release support** to more than **448** people.

**65 Volunteer Visitors** made **1,118** visits and between visit contacts.

**We referred 592** people to other agencies for further specialist support.

We sent **supermarket vouchers** to **105** recipients and their families.

**436** packs of clothes were provided.



Refugee Tales

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# Taking Steps

In 2021 the Nationality and Borders Bill was introduced to Parliament. It set out changes to the UK asylum system that would mean more asylum seekers being detained and imprisoned. The Bill did not address the reasons why people make perilous journeys to find safety in the UK or reflect the fundamental right of people to claim asylum no matter how they arrived in the country. The government's Equality Impact Assessment of the Bill found it would produce discrimination on the grounds of race and nationality. A UNHCR detailed analysis described how the Bill violated the Refugee Convention. In addition, in September 2021, an order was laid before parliament extending the use of the Napier Barracks in Folkestone for contingency or temporary accommodation for another five years, despite a judgement from the High Court declaring the barracks to be inadequate accommodation. In February it was announced that a new detention facility would open in County Durham.

These items of national news were felt as body blows to the people we worked with. People who were part of our Self-Advocacy Group and who had previously been detained met to consider how to respond at a time when the landscape was increasingly hostile. In April 2021 one person reflected, 'The shock of Brook House is still in my body' and another said 'we just keep continuing, never give up until we fix our problem.' The Self-Advocacy Group recognised that fixing the problem in such a time of hostility was a challenge of constancy and resolve. In a meeting to discuss their shared values, they identified the necessity of 'empowering by education' and 'commitment to the long haul project'. Led by the Self-Advocacy Group of people with lived experience of detention, our community learned from each other through our Walking Inquiry.

## Walking Inquiry

Our Walking Inquiry into immigration detention gathered momentum throughout 2021. In the first part of the year, still constrained by Covid restrictions, we held monthly Zoom gatherings to discuss and explore the nature and impacts of detention together. Each month's online gathering was preceded by a day of walking, talking and thinking - on our own, with members of our households, or in small groups when this was allowed.

To deepen our understanding and stimulate thinking, we shared short films each month, made by people with lived experience of detention, Volunteer Visitors, and others with particular knowledge and expertise, including a psychotherapist, academics, charity staff, a rabbi and a barrister.

Through this process, month-by-month we considered in turn the six overarching questions generated by our walking community:

- *What is it like to be detained?*
- *How are people detained? What are the systems and structures of detention?*
- *What are the long-term impacts of detention?*
- *Why are people who have experienced detention not heard?*
- *How does detention damage society?*
- *What is our response?*

Anyone interested was welcomed to join the Zoom discussions, and all were encouraged to submit contributions to the Walking Inquiry webpages. We took a creative and inclusive approach, welcoming responses and contributions in many forms, such as testimony, art, letters, video and poetry.

During lockdowns, participants used their phones to record and send footage of themselves speaking for our films. The material was skilfully

edited and shaped by Ridy to create a series of powerful films. Some contributions - such as exchanges of letters between participants - were also shared live during the Zoom gatherings. These online gatherings helped strengthen our sense of community and provided much-valued connection and emotional support for many of us, especially during the isolating early months of 2021.

We distributed postcards with the Walking Inquiry questions and invited people to send back responses. To further explore different aspects of immigration detention, its impacts and what could be different, we held online creative workshops in February and August 2021, resulting in a series of visual artworks. When we were finally able to come together in person, we held a face-to-face Walking Inquiry workshop after our day walk in London in November 2021.

Members of the GDWG Self-Advocacy Group have been integrally involved in the Walking Inquiry's planning group and editorial panel, in discussions at Self-Advocacy Group meetings, and in planning, leading and participating in Walking Inquiry events.

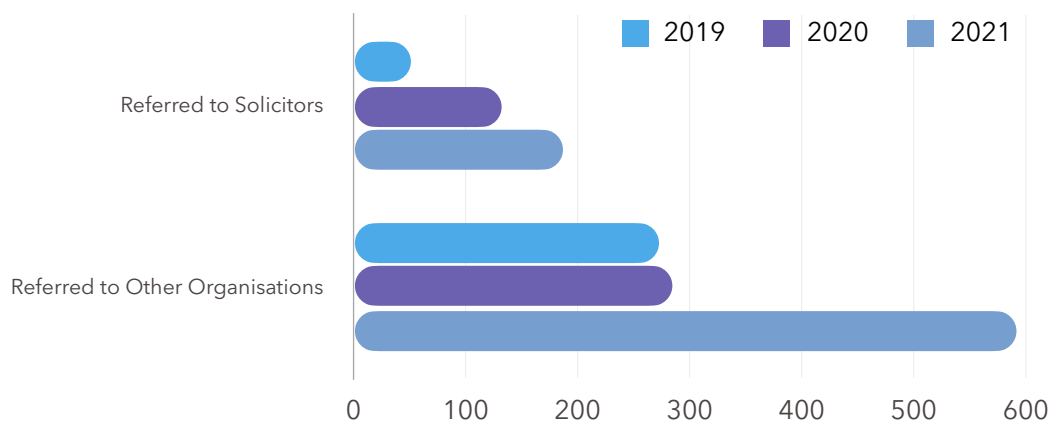
By the end of 2021, we had amassed a rich body of material which formed the basis of our Walking Inquiry report, launched in 2022. The Walking Inquiry was initiated to coincide with and complement the Brook House Public Inquiry. Our findings paint a clear and disturbing picture: that immigration detention is dehumanising, a breach of human rights, and its abuses are systemic. We are now working hard to raise awareness of these findings and our recommendations in the lead up to publication of the Public Inquiry report.

**Antonia Bunnin**

*Walking Inquiry Co-ordinator*

## Taking Steps Through Detention Support

Alongside our Walking Inquiry gaining strength from our community and reaching out, our frontline team worked with people during and after detention with determination to respond to each case as if this was the first and only person we worked with. Legal referrals that had reached a total of 133 in 2020 rose to 187. Referrals to other organisations that were 284 in 2020 rose to 592 in 2021.



Our work with people in detention included supporting people detained in spite of having been granted bail by the First Tier Tribunal due to a shortage of Home Office accommodation. We worked with many people who would not have been able to register as victims of modern slavery without the support of our team.

## Detention Case Studies

**Client A did not speak any English so all our work with him was through an interpreter. A was detained although he was a victim of trafficking.** He repeatedly expressed fear of being deported to Albania as he said he was certain he would be killed there. He was nervous of signing documents as he did not understand what they were. He reported having nightmares and seeing himself in a coffin. A was granted bail on principle but had to wait for accommodation to be

provided. His distress at being in limbo led him to tell our team his head was pounding constantly so that 'it would be better if my head just burst like a watermelon.' A was transferred to another detention centre but this was carried out by staff telling A he was being taken to a Doctor and then placing him in a van for transfer. A said he felt the Home Office were 'playing games.' He told us he felt 'treated like an animal.' In the new centre, terrified that deportation was planned, A attempted suicide.

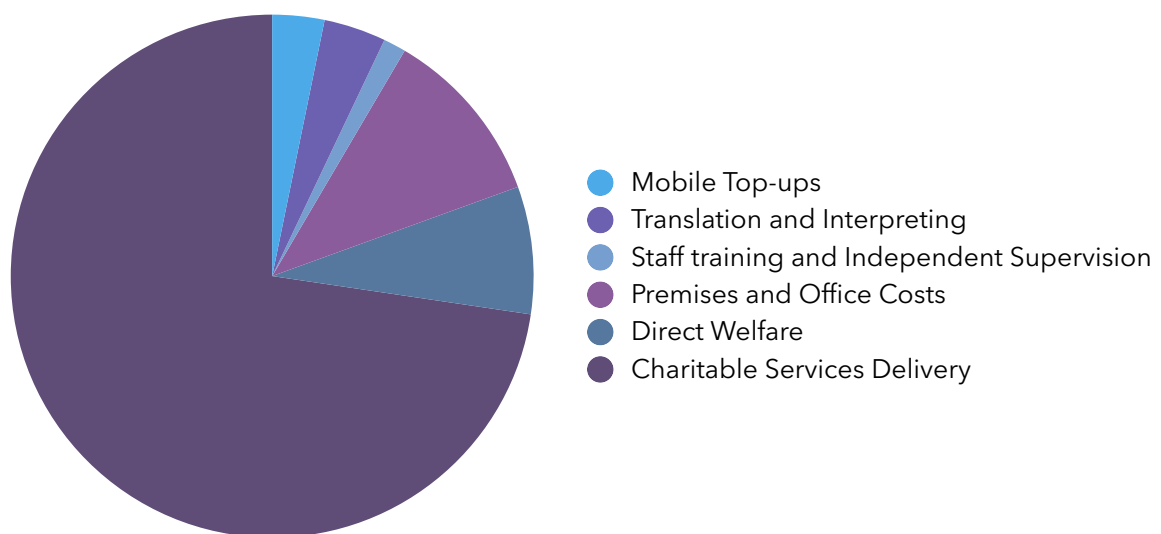
*We worked with people in detention who were extremely unwell, including some suffering psychosis who were detained for prolonged periods in spite of the harm detention inflicted upon them.*

**Client C was referred to us by the Brook House welfare team. Throughout our interactions with C, he suffered from delusions that his solicitor was conspiring against him and he refused to engage with mental health professionals.** He threatened his solicitor. A GDWG Visitor was able to listen and offer emotional support to C whilst not challenging his delusions. This meant that when C became suicidal, we were able to respond appropriately and alert the safeguarding team in Brook House. C stopped eating and was moved to another detention centre and then to prison. We continued to support him via letter and when he was eventually transferred to a psychiatric unit, we continued to provide emotional support over the phone.

**Client E met us for the first time in June 2021 and we arranged for a Volunteer Visitor to support E.** Trust grew between us and when we later visited E in person and spoke to him with an interpreter, he informed us that he had previously been in a psychiatric hospital for four years. He was still taking medication but only when he felt unwell. E did not know his diagnosis but he was erratic and did not always seem present in the conversation. Subsequently, E became

unreachable by phone, and when we did finally make contact he was incoherent, not understanding who we were. His friend informed us that E was no longer keeping himself clean and seemed to have lost his short-term memory. They said he needed urgent help, and we passed this information on to Serco in Brook House. E's Visitor reported to our team at this point that a visit was very difficult: "His mental health is so poor that meaningful conversation is a serious challenge... his concentration is very limited and he often found it impossible to follow his train of thought or finish a simple sentence." A member of Welfare staff in Brook House informed us they also raised repeated concerns regarding E's health and that E was urinating in his room and laughing hysterically. We continued support and one of our Advocacy and Support Co-ordinators became E's litigation friend as it was suspected he lacked mental capacity to make decisions on his legal case. At E's hearing, the Home Office claimed there was no convincing evidence that E had a mental illness. E's solicitor drew attention to his schizophrenia diagnosis and the Judge granted bail.

### GDWG Expenditure 2021



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## Post-Detention Steps

In 2021 we worked with people post-detention, including crisis support for people who were released to homelessness.

### Crisis Case Study

**When a member of the GDWG Self-Advocacy Group introduced us to his friend (EL) who had been detained, it was a moment of crisis when EL was due to be street homeless that night.** Our staff team made immediate contact. We sent phone credit and made referrals to emergency hostels, but without success as it was late in the day. A member of our team met EL with a sleeping bag, a hot drink and supermarket voucher. The following day we made referrals to local organisations and one found him a public law solicitor who took action using support letters from GDWG. This support led to EL accessing Universal Credit and being able to have contact with his children again. Several months later, EL wrote to us to say he had now secured a job and his own home. He said, 'I'm writing to say a big thank you to the GDWG for seeing me through when I was homeless. [They] did brilliant job for me... I now have a home and also working. God bless you all. Thank you, I'll forever be grateful'.

## Taking Post-Detention Steps Together

GDWG Post-detention support always starts through listening. Each individual is supported through community connections. We take steps together through walking.

### Post-Detention Case Studies

**In early 2021, AR described his mental health declining during Covid lockdowns. He was anxious about the virus but also anxious about taking the vaccine.** The GDWG post-detention support worker



talked through his worries with him, they read scientific articles about the vaccine and shared information from reputable sources, which helped to ease his concerns. Once restrictions eased and we began to walk in small pods again, AR took part in the walks each month and said this contributed to his improved mental well-being.

In spring, GDWG staff wrote a letter of support for AR, to help with his legal case. He was able to relocate. To help AR settle into a new location, GDWG found a bike he could use and bought a helmet and lock. The bike meant he was able to take on a voluntary role and improved his mental and physical health as he was able to take exercise and explore new green places. Throughout the latter part of 2021, AR continued to take part in the Walk With Us day walks. He is also a member of the Self-Advocacy Group and joined one of the first meetings with a person of influence. He fed back to the wider Self-Advocacy Group about his experience and encouraged others who were nervous to lead meetings and acknowledged this represented a huge change in confidence from the beginning of the year.

AR took part in Refugee Tales in July 2021, and enjoyed seeing members of the community he had not been able to see due to Covid. He said 'It was nice to see everyone after so long, and meeting new people - it was a good feeling, good fun... It was a lovely experience. I was talking to the new people about detention and Refugee Tales... We got stung by nettles and chased by cows, fell in the mud, walked in the trees, it was an adventure! This walk keeps us young and getting all the countryside air.'

**SB was released from detention at the beginning of 2021, to a Home-Office contracted hotel. During 2021, SB's mental health declined, partially due to the lack of progress in his asylum case, and his frustration at not being able to work.** When SB shared his frustrations with GDWG, staff arranged for a Volunteer Visitor to

support him post-detention with phone contact to enable SB to feel heard. During this time, GDWG supported SB with supermarket vouchers. These gave SB some agency, as it meant he was able to choose some of his own food, rather than only having access to the poor-quality food provided by the hotel.

GDWG connected SB with local support organisations who were also able to offer practical support including clothing and food bank referrals. They provided SB with sports equipment to encourage him to get outside each day for fresh air. GDWG caseworkers referred SB to a solicitor who began to work on SB's case to move accommodation, as in the hotel he experienced suicidal ideation.

At the beginning of the academic year, SB wished to begin ESOL classes to improve his English language skills. However, the cost of public transport was a barrier to accessing in-person classes. GDWG liaised with other organisations to find temporary funding to cover the costs of public transport. We also made a referral to the Bike Project, of whom we had recently become a regular referral partner, to find a bike for SB and ensure that he was able to travel across the city easily. This meant SB was able to access ESOL classes, and also to visit friends he had previously been unable to reach from his Home Office accommodation.

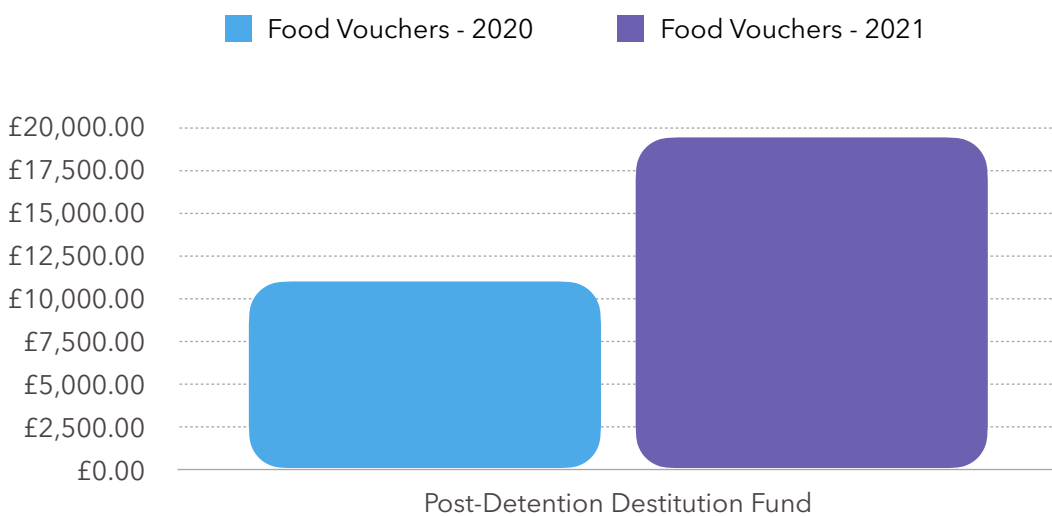
## Taking Steps through Post-detention Volunteer Support

GDWG volunteers give telephone support to people after detention with some volunteers assisting with English Language skills.

**TU had little English language at the start of 2021, but having recently been released from immigration detention and only recently arrived in the UK, he was keen to become part of a**

**community.** He therefore joined the Walking Inquiry Zoom meetings, and listened to the various conversations taking place, engaging where he felt comfortable to. After his first meeting he said 'I really don't get very well on the conversation but I tried. And what I understood most was your support for us... and I will continue'. Through a technology appeal, we were able to provide him with an iPad to access Zoom meetings more easily than when he previously relied on his phone.

The July Refugee Tales walk was the first time that TU was able to join an in-person event with Refugee Tales. After the walk he said 'When you walk with the people everything is different and when you talk about the place it makes you feel beautiful in your mind. Thank you to everybody who introduce me, and accept me and welcome me'. During the walk, TU disclosed he was keen to pursue English language classes. After the walk, the post-detention support worker referred TU to a local college, and he began in-person English classes in September. We also connected TU with someone who had walked with Refugee Tales and previously been an English teacher. They have built a strong connection and TU's English has improved significantly from both the group sessions at the college and particularly the personal support from a Refugee Tales volunteer.





## Refugee Tales

In 2021, Refugee Tales walkers gathered for our annual summer walk. But this was a walk unlike all those before it. Due to Covid-19, we could not stay in shared accommodation, nor could we host evening events, walk in groups, or even hug. Rather than following one long route altogether, walkers were placed into small groups, all walking different circular routes from the University of Canterbury, as though tracing separate petals of the same flower.

Although Covid changed many things about this walk, some fundamental qualities remained the same. As we walked, old friends reconnected. New walkers joined too. One of these walkers commented on the 'spirit of generosity in the air', noting how 'conversations ebbed and flowed with the pace of the walk and the changing conditions of our path.' Another new walker with experience of detention said, 'It's nice to meet people, walk and share what you are thinking [...] people there talk to you as if they know you for years!'

Despite being separated physically, walkers from different groups connected by writing letters to each other at lunchtime. And there was a feeling of being together, even when physically apart, especially when we sat outside on the Saturday evening. As we watched the sunset, sounds of laughter, cheers, and applause travelled around the campus, moving between groups of walkers as they streamed the European Football Championships, read new copies of Refugee Tales IV, talked, or played pick-up-sticks and Mōlkky. It was a peaceful time, one that seemed like a significant step away from the deep isolation of lockdown. Film maker Edward Lawrenson walked with us; his short film, now on the Refugee Tales website, captured the essence of the walk.

**Frances Bell**

*Operations Manager*

# Chair's Report

When I was thinking about writing this with our Volunteers as its main focus, I checked up on the numbers who volunteer in the UK.

It seems to vary from year to year but let's stick with the conservative number of 14 million. It makes one think how this country would function without them... It is hard to think about numbers that big and much easier to consider our volunteers at GDWG - wonderful people without whom GDWG could not function.

I have heard the snide criticism 'do-gooders' on several occasions about volunteers, not just GDWG volunteers. Of course, one can analyse the many reasons for volunteering - but not here. I think it is simply because they care. With caring comes commitment. With commitment comes the revelation that in giving of one's time and compassion, one receives back much more than one gives. How good is that? And why should volunteers not feel good about themselves? Maybe compassion is like love and is circular.

The theme of this Review for 2021 is 'Taking Steps', very apt when one considers how many steps our volunteers take - physical steps as well as steps to change the way things are done. Our visitors to the Detention Centres had to be on their toes to cope with how Covid changed routines. At one point there were only 4 people in the Centres. The Covid outbreaks in July and October stopped in-person visits yet again. To show how things ebbed and flowed we did 6 initial assessments in May and 42 in July. We took on volunteer interpreters with the particular language skills corresponding to the need in Tinsley,

which had been designated a short-term holding facility. Our Volunteer Visitors coped valiantly with many changes, showing flexibility and fleetness of foot.

Then we have the volunteers who help with 'Walk with Us'. There have been lovely walks not just in England, but also in Wales organised by Refugee Tales Cymru. Refugee Tales did take place in July 2021 despite the obvious restrictions and after careful planning. It was a series of day walks based at Canterbury when groups of 30 stayed in their 'bubble' and made the best of the situation and valued the chance to have some sort of normality. The wonderful 4th volume of Refugee Tales was also published that July . The Walking Inquiry began.

Then there was the mammoth task of preparing for the Public Inquiry in November 2021 which many of you followed 'live'. The work and effort which went into that will never be fully appreciated and our staff, particularly Anna, Karris, Josie and Frances went way beyond their brief to volunteer hours of their time outside work. (I won't forget Anna in the stand, brave and fearless but nervous too - magnificent.) Indeed, our staff 'volunteer' their time regularly to go above and beyond their remit doing many extra things for us.

One must remember that all our trustees are volunteers giving of themselves more than is the case in many similar organisations. I must name one, Jamie Macpherson, who, like Anna, took the stand at the Public Inquiry and did us proud. He has also been a Visitor for many years and was admirably placed to do this. I guess our mission which is ingrained in us motivates us all to go beyond what we think we are capable of. My mission as I write this is to applaud all who help us in any capacity, no matter how big or small. Thank you very much.

**Marie Dewson**

*Chair of Trustees*

# Director's Report

2021 began with no visits being possible in person to detained people. Neither could we walk together with people who were released from detention. Training and local Visitor groups for peer support were online. The ways we visited, listened and shared had to be different.

Even at a time when our usual methods of communication were stripped away, we found a way of learning together through our Walking Inquiry. We found funders who saw the potential in this new mode of connection. There was great hope in our Walking Inquiry taking steps for change led by the voices of people with lived experience of detention.

2021 was the year that we stepped into the arena of a Public Inquiry, working with Deighton Pierce Glynn and Nick Armstrong from Matrix Chambers as Core Participants for the Public Inquiry into the mistreatment of individuals who were detained at Brook House Immigration Removal Centre in 2017. Sifting through past records of our meetings with detained people, speaking to people who had been detained in 2017, many of whom did not wish to recollect their time in detention, and taking part in the oral hearings, including watching filmed evidence of appalling scenes was deeply challenging. Lives were laid bare and layers of systemic failings were exposed with a debris of suffering choked out in a formal setting. The GDWG team worked together to bring all we knew from the frontline to the Inquiry Chair and my thanks to Jamie, Karris, Josie and Frances, in particular,



who worked so hard on the Inquiry behind the scenes and who always maintained focus on those affected by mistreatment and abuse.

Little Amal, a giant puppet walking across Europe giving communities the opportunity to show welcome, was welcomed to The Gulbenkian in Canterbury with an outsize copy of Refugee Tales and a reading of The Refugee's Tale by Patience Agbabi. We took steps as a community walking in Canterbury in July 2021. Refugee Tales Volume IV was published in 2021 and launched on the 70th Anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention. The launch reflected on how far current practices have departed from the aspirations of the Convention. How we wished a fourth volume was unnecessary and that we no longer had to walk and share tales taking steps for a future without detention. Refugee Tales IV had an international focus and we drew strength from international solidarity. At GDWG there were celebrations when our Refugee Tales Patron, Abdulrazak Gurnah was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

In 2021, the background to our work included consultations for the Nationality and Borders Bill, the announcement of a new detention centre in County Durham and asylum seekers housed in contingency accommodation at Napier Barracks and Penally Training Camp. However, far from any public platform, at GDWG, we celebrate that every week of the year brought positive steps through human connections in the visits room to create change one conversation at a time. Thanks to everyone we worked with during and after detention, our volunteers, staff and trustees for taking such beautiful and precious steps.

**Anna Pincus**

*Director*

# Treasurer's Report

2021 was a year of contrasts for GDWG because of the pandemic which was still in charge with the Centres closed at the beginning of the year. Gradually over the year the restrictions were eased. While overall costs only increased marginally, we continued to be well supported by donors. Income did fall but then 2020 included some large one-off donations. The level of free reserves at the year end represented approximately six months' revenue.

GDWG reported a deficit of £19,614 in 2021, with income of £260,171 and costs of £279,785. This compares to a surplus of £65,962 in 2020. The £86,000 difference between the results in 2021 and 2020 consists of a £72,000 decrease in income (mainly relating to donations and grant income) and an £14,000 increase in costs. In 2020 the Charity had 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). 2021 saw the reopening of the Centres. Tinsley House was designated a Short-Term Holding Facility, so support was less visitor-based. Visits in person resumed at Brook House and the numbers increased throughout the year.

Refugee Tales Volume IV was printed to highlight the reality of life during and after detention. Walks in solidarity with detained people were held in Canterbury in July and GDWG was a Core Participant in the Public Inquiry into the mistreatment of individuals who were detained at Brook House Immigration Removal Centre in 2017. GDWG Director, Anna Pincus and Trustee, Jamie Macpherson gave in-person oral evidence at the Inquiry on behalf of the charity.

The Charity's free reserves (unrestricted funds) were £154,922 at 31 December 2021 (2020 £172,012). Cash at year end was £223,951, compared to £244,038 at the end of 2020. Creditors decreased to £66,276 (2020 £70,990). Although there was a higher level of deferred income than last year this increase was offset by lower cost accruals.

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

## **Adrian Radford**

*Treasurer*



Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December

	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Grants, donations and legacies	101,110	153,679	254,789	328,219
Other trading activities	5,048	-	5,048	3,712
Investment income	334	-	334	607
<b>Total</b>	<b>106,492</b>	<b>153,679</b>	<b>260,171</b>	<b>332,538</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Refugee Tales books	1,651	-	1,651	254
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Refugee Tales	8,637	1,000	9,637	13,660
Other awareness fundraising events			-	-
Relief to immigrants and refugees	113,294	155,203	268,497	252,662
<b>Total</b>	<b>123,582</b>	<b>156,203</b>	<b>279,785</b>	<b>266,576</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>(17,090)</b>	<b>(2,524)</b>	<b>(19,614)</b>	<b>65,962</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>172,012</b>	<b>7,952</b>	<b>179,964</b>	<b>114,002</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>154,922</b>	<b>5,428</b>	<b>160,350</b>	<b>179,964</b>
<b>Balance Sheet as at 31 December</b>				
	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets:</b>				
Tangible assets		1,703		2,996
<b>Current assets:</b>				
Debtors	972		3,920	
Cash at bank and in hand	223,951		244,038	
	224,923		247,958	
<b>Creditors falling due within one year</b>	<b>(66,276)</b>		<b>(70,990)</b>	
<b>Net current assets</b>		158,647		176,968
<b>Net assets</b>		160,350		179,964
<b>Funds:</b>				
Restricted funds		5,428		7,952
Unrestricted funds		154,922		172,012
Fund balances at end of year		160,350		179,964

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