



**TRADE JUSTICE  
MOVEMENT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**2020/2021**

***Company number 4712743***

# **Directors' report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

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## **Members**

ActionAid, ACTSA, All We Can, Baby Milk Action, Banana Link, BECTU, British Association for Fair Trade Shops (BAFTS), Cafédirect, CAFOD, Christian Aid, Christians on the Left, Church of England, Church of Scotland, The Church in Wales, Columban Faith and Justice Office, CRED Foundation, Equal Exchange Trading, The Fairtrade Foundation, Fairtrade Wales, Find Your Feet, Friends of the Earth, Global Justice Now, Goodweave UK, Greenbelt Festivals, Greenpeace, Health Poverty Action, Justice and Peace Scotland, Labour Behind the Label, MAYC World Action, Mercy Corps Scotland, National Board of Catholic Women, National Federation of Women's Institutes, National Justice and Peace Network, National Union of Students, One World Week, People & Planet, Peru Support Group, Public & Commercial Services Union, Quaker Peace and Social Witness, SCIAF, Scottish Fair Trade Forum, Self Help Africa, Send a Cow, Shared Interest, SPEAK, Student Christian Movement, Teach a Man to Fish, Tearfund, Tools for Self Reliance, Traidcraft, Trading Visions, Trocaire Northern Ireland, TUC, UNISON, United Nations Association: UK, United Reformed Church, VSO, War on Want, We Own It, Women's Environmental Network, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, The Woodcraft Folk, World Vision UK

## **Supporters**

Compassion in World Farming, WWF, Bond

## **Elected Directors**

Helen Dennis (Fairtrade Foundation) – resigned 26/11/20  
Kierra Box (Friends of the Earth) – appointed 17/09/20  
Alexander Carnwarth (Traidcraft) – appointed 17/03/21  
Nick Crook (UNISON)  
Nick Dearden (Global Justice Now)  
Alice Lucas (Fairtrade Foundation)  
Liz McKean (War on Want)  
Rachel Noble (ActionAid)  
Tom Wills (Traidcraft) – resigned 17/03/21

## **Company Secretary**

Ruth Bergan

## **Employees**

Ruth Bergan (Coordinator/ Senior Adviser)  
David Lawrence (Senior Political Adviser)  
Laura Bannister (Senior Adviser, EU-UK trade)

## **Registered Address**

66 Offley Road  
London SW9 0LS

## **Bankers**

The Co-operative Bank plc  
1 Balloon Street  
Manchester M60 4EP

### **Constitution**

The Trade Justice Movement was incorporated on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2003 as a private Company Limited by Guarantee registered in England and Wales (company number 4712743) and is governed by a Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2003.

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**

The Directors present their statutory report together with the financial statements of the Trade Justice Movement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**Principal aims and objectives** The Trade Justice Movement is governed by a Memorandum of Association dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2003. Under this Memorandum the objects of the company are:-

- i) to co-ordinate the UK movement for trade justice;
- ii) the relief of poverty anywhere in the world, in particular by advancing education relating to the effects of the rules and institutions governing international trade;
- iii) to educate the public concerning the effects on the natural environment of the rules and institutions governing international trade; and
- v) to advance education in democracy and related subjects, in particular their impact on rules and institutions governing international trade.

**Organisation** The membership of the Trade Justice Movement is open to any UK-based national organisation, and any local or regional organisation that has no national counterpart interested in promoting the objectives. Membership is not open to individuals or any other kind of local or regional group or network, political parties, and commercial organisations other than UK companies that are members of the International Fair Trade Association [IFAT].

The company is governed by a board of directors, who are directors for the purposes of company law. As set out in the Articles of Association, there shall be seven "Elected Directors" who must be authorised to stand for office by a member. The Elected Directors may co-opt up to four further "Co-opted Directors".

### **Directors**

The Directors in office in the year are listed on page 1. None had any beneficial interests in the company during the year.

### **Principal Activities**

The Trade Justice Movement campaigns for fundamental change of the unjust rules and institutions governing international trade, so that trade is made to work for all. The secretariat supports the broader sector by providing intelligence, analysis and advocacy opportunities on key trade issues.

### **Review of the year**

The Coronavirus pandemic has had a significant impact on TJM's operations over the past year. The first full lockdown started on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020, further restrictions and lockdowns occurred over the course of the year. Staff transitioned to working full time from home and some adjustments were necessary to ensure healthy working environments. It is likely that some restrictions will continue to apply for at least part of the next financial year.

The UK formally left the EU at the end of December 2020 and the relationship now takes the form of a trade agreement. This only became clear at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, causing significant uncertainty over the course of the year. The UK completed the majority of rollover deals by the end of the year, including Japan which was billed as a 'new' deal due to the inclusion of an e-commerce chapter that was more extensive than the one that had been negotiated by the EU. As of January 2021, the UK has been formally negotiating its own deals, with a focus on Australia, New Zealand and membership of the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). The UK is seeking to update its deals with Canada and Mexico, and negotiations with India are expected to launch in the second half of 2021. DIT are due to revise their Generalised System of Preferences and negotiate additional provisions with developing countries (contained in the 'sunset clauses' of Economic Partnership Agreements).

In addition to tracking new trade agreements, there have been four major areas of focus for 2020-21. The first was continued coordination of advocacy and campaigning for trade democracy in the UK's independent trade policy following Brexit. The main focus for this work was the Trade Bill 2019-21, which completed its passage through parliament in May 2021. Although we were unsuccessful in securing legislative provision for greater scrutiny, the Government made a number of informal commitments, such as increased time for the Commons International Trade Committee to view deals, and all opposition parties and a number of Conservative MPs supported our position.

TJM worked with more than thirty organisations on this campaign, including TJM members and non-members such as the International Chambers of Commerce, Greener UK and the National Farmers Union.

Key achievements included:

- maintaining the support of all major opposition parties for trade democracy
- engaging with parliamentarians from all political parties (Labour, SNP, Lib Dem, Plaid Cymru, Green, Conservative and DUP) on the Trade Bill and ensuring that amendments were debated on all our key issues

TJM produced various resources to support the campaign including:

- briefings for parliamentarians
- briefings for NGO partners
- responses to a number of parliamentary inquiries into this and related issues

The second was work highlighting the links between trade and climate policy, supported by new funding from Friends Provident Foundation and the Waterloo Foundation. We worked with Friends of the Earth to produce a report considering the different aspects of trade agreements that impact on climate policy, published in December 2020. This will form the basis of a range of shorter briefings and social media outputs that we will use over the course of the coming two years. In early 2020, we secured funding from WWF to help them build their capacity on trade and climate change. We have joined the Climate Action Network regular meetings preparing for the UK-hosted COP26 in November 2021 and have set up our own trade and climate group which meets monthly. We have secured funding in partnership with Queen Mary University London to deliver a conference and short briefing on the same issue.

TJM continued to work on the UK-EU trade deal until it was finally agreed on the 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020. We published model deals for the UK-EU relationship in April 2020, held a number of meetings with civil society organisations and parliamentarians and secured media coverage for the work. The context for this work was very challenging because the debate was heavily focused on the positions of political parties and individuals in respect of the referendum and what kind of relationship the UK should have with the EU. This meant that we were not able to achieve as much impact as we would have liked.

TJM received funding from Joffe Trust to review our narrative, networks and profile. We recruited a consultant at the end of 2020 to deliver this work. In the first quarter of the year this work delivered an overhaul of TJM's contacts, a review of a large sample of our reports and our media presence. In the first quarter of the next financial year, the project will use interviews and surveys to build a picture of stakeholders views of TJM's work. This will inform the work of the secretariat for the second half of the year and beyond.

Finally, we continue to work on investment protection provisions in trade agreements. We produced a long briefing highlighting the climate, human rights and rule of law impacts of this system. This was used in a number of meetings with politicians and to support the work of partner organisations on this issue.

TJM has also:

- Provided the secretariat for the All Party Parliamentary Group on Trade Justice.
- Convened regular meetings on the CPTPP.
- Achieved regular media coverage in outlets including Politico and the Independent.
- Delivered work on e-commerce (digital) provisions in trade agreements, including a webinar, two draft reports, meetings with parliamentarians, and coordinating a digital trade group.
- Responded to a number of parliamentary inquiries.

- Participated in the Department for International Trade's trade for development thematic working group.
- Participated in the 'Upturn' group of academics.
- Participated in a cross-sectoral roundtable ahead of the G7 meeting
- Tracked the rollover of deals with Kenya, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon and Ghana, and convened civil society organisations to respond.
- Developed initial thinking on Carbon Border Adjustment Measures.
- Joined a UKTPO project looking at inclusive trade (work to begin in the second half of 2021).

Negotiations on a US trade deal are on hold following the change in administration in the US at the beginning of 2021. We continue to monitor developments and will increase activity if and when negotiations recommence. Work on health and gender has been on hold for most of the year due to decreased capacity in TJM and the organisations participating in these groups.

Staffing for 2020-21 was 2.8 FTE to August 2021 when it dropped to 2.0 due to maternity leave. The timing of fundraising meant that it was not possible to recruit within the financial year, however in April 2020, TJM recruited an external accountant to support work on finances; the secretariat has been supported by consultants to deliver specific pieces of work and a Communications Advisor has been recruited and will join the secretariat in April 2021. The Board continue to work with the secretariat to secure TJM's longer-term future.

Following a review of member and non-member organisations, TJM has established a supporter status for organisations that don't feel able to sign up to all of the elements of TJM's founding statement.

### ***Result for the year***

The Directors report a surplus of income over expenditure of £33,643, which was included restricted funds carried forward for 2021/2022. At the end of the year, TJM had reserves of £58,269 to carry forward, of which £34,685 is restricted.

### ***The year ahead***

2021 will see a significant shift in the trade agenda: relations with the EU are now much clearer, though there continue to be issues with the Northern Irish border arrangements. The UK is pushing ahead with a large number of negotiations and is likely to launch new ones.

Although there is no longer the opportunity of a legislative process, TJM will continue to raise issues of democratic oversight in the context of new negotiations. Work on the climate and environmental impacts of trade deals will be the most significant area of focus for the next two years. We will also continue to focus on ISDS and to convene meetings around key thematic areas such as e-commerce. The recruitment of a communications advisor will increase our ability to promote our work to a variety of audiences.

### ***Reserves and Investment policy***

The company aims to work within the funding of the members but some reserves have been built up to allow for flexibility into the next financial year.

***Directors and their responsibilities in respect of the Financial Statements***

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the year end, and the profit and loss of the company for that year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue in operation.

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

**Nick Crook, Chair, Trade Justice Movement,**

**30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

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**Profit and Loss Account**  
**for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Turnover and Gross Profit	1	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Administrative Expenses		✔ (157,445)	✔ (144,014)
Grants to Partners		✔ (57,939)	✔ (19,313)
Other operating income	2	<u>248,629</u>	<u>120,319</u>
Other operating profit/(loss)	3	✔ 33,245	✔ (43,008)
Interest Receivable	4	398	231
Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		✔ <u>33,643</u>	✔ <u>(42,777)</u>
Tax on Profit on ordinary activities		-	-
		<u>33,643</u>	<u>(42,777)</u>

All of the company's operations are classed as continuing.

The company had no recognised gains or losses other than the profit/(loss) for the year.

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**Balance Sheet  
As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors and Prepayments	7	-		839	
Cash at bank and in hand		92,423		131,803	
		<u>92,423</u>	92,423	<u>131,803</u>	132,642
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Deferred Income	8	25,816		106,878	
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	9	8,338		1,138	
		<u>8,338</u>	34,154	<u>1,138</u>	108,016
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>58,269</u>		<u>24,626</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>58,269</u>		<u>24,626</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>					
Restricted Funds	11		34,685		-
Unrestricted Funds	11		23,584		24,626
			<u>58,269</u>		<u>24,626</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2021 the company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

Members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

**On behalf of the Directors:**

**NICK CROOK**

**30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**



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**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with The Financial Reporting Standard 102(effective January 2015). The company has taken advantage of the exemptions provided by Section 1A for a small entity.

**Income is** the amounts derived from the provision of services, the receipt of gifts, subscriptions and grants falling within the company's ordinary activities and are shown net of VAT where applicable.

**Restricted funds** are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the funder. Direct costs which meet these criteria are identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

**Unrestricted funds** are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available as general funds.

**Designated funds** are unrestricted funds earmarked by the directors for particular purposes.

**Revenue grants** are credited to income on the earlier of when they are received or when they are due. Grants for a specified future period are deferred.

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**2. OTHER OPERATING INCOME**

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Grants</b>		
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	33,360	33,500
JMG Foundation	40,000	-
Joffe	28,037	
Kestrelman Foundation	-	10,000
Open Society Foundation	86,912	48,284
Waterloo Foundation	25,000	-
WWF	7,600	-
	220,909	91,784
<b>Donations</b>		5,585
<b>Subscriptions</b>		
ActionAid	5,000	5,000
BAFTS	100	-
Banana Link	100	-
British Association	100	-
CAFOD	6,000	6,000
Christian Aid	-	2,000
Christians on the Left	200	-
Church in Wales	250	250
Fairtrade Foundation	5,000	5,000
Fairtrade Wales	120	-
Friends of the Earth	2,000	2,000
Global Justice Now	750	2,000
GMB	-	-
Health Poverty Action	750	750
Public and Commercial Services Union	500	500
QPSW	500	750
RISC	100	-
Tearfund	-	1,000
Traidcraft	500	500
Unison	500	500
UNITE	500	-
War On Want	500	500
We Own It	200	-
WILPF	50	-
Other subscriptions and donations	-	200
Subscriptions not pursued	-	(7,000)
	23,720	19,950
Employers NI Allowance	4,000	3,000
<b>Total Income Received</b>	<b>248,629</b>	<b>120,319</b>

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**3. OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)**

	<b>2021</b>	2020
	£	£
The operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	-	-
Pension Costs	<b>11,680</b>	10,899
Directors' emoluments and other benefits	-	-

**4. INTEREST RECEIVABLE**

	<b>2021</b>	2020
	£	£
Bank Interest	<b>398</b>	231

**5. STAFF**

An average of three members of staff were employed during the year (2020 – three).

**6. PENSIONS**

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The company contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 3. The designated money purchase plan is managed by NEST although staff may choose other plans. The plan invests the contributions made by the employee and employer in an investment fund to build up over the term of the plan. The pension fund is then converted into a pension upon the employee's normal retirement age which is defined as when they are eligible for a state pension. The total expense ratio of the NEST plan is 0.3 % and this is deducted from the investment fund annually. The company has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employee's contributions.

**7. DEBTORS**

	<b>2021</b>	2020
	£	£
Subscriptions Due	-	-
Overpayments	-	839
	<u>-</u>	<u>839</u>

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**8. DEFERRED INCOME**

	<b>2021</b>	2020
	£	£
Subscriptions	<b>6,500</b>	650
Grants	<b>19,316</b>	106,228
	<u><b>25,816</b></u>	<u>106,878</u>

Deferred income refers to funds received in one financial year for work in the next financial year. In this financial year £6,500 of subscriptions and £19,316 of grants were received in advance from OSF. (2019/20 - £650 of subscriptions and £106,228 of grants from OSF were received in advance).

**9. CREDITORS**

	<b>2021</b>	2020
	£	£
Pension Contributions	<b>1,396</b>	-
Payroll Liabilities	<b>3,602</b>	9
Sundry Creditors	<b>2,340</b>	529
Accruals	<b>1,000</b>	600
	<u><b>8,338</b></u>	<u>1,138</u>

**10. RESERVES**

	<b>2021</b>	2020
	£	£
Balance at 1st April	<b>24,626</b>	67,403
Retained profit/(loss) for the year	<b>33,739</b>	(42,777)
	<u><b>58,365</b></u>	<u>24,626</u>

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**11. STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

	Balance 1st April £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance 31st March £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Reserves	24,626	35,718	36,760	23,584
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
JMG Foundation	-	40,000	36,000	4,000
Joffe	-	28,037	14,019	14,018
Josephn Rowntree Charitable Trust	-	33,360	33,360	-
Open Society Foundation	-	86,912	86,912	-
Waterloo Foundation	-	25,000	8,333	16,667
WWF	-	7,600	7,600	-
Restricted Reserves	-	220,909	186,224	34,685
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>24,626</b>	<b>256,627</b>	<b>222,984</b>	<b>58,269</b>

JMG funds received in 2020/21 have been used in 2019/20 for work on the UK/EU trade deal.

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust funds were received for TJM's 'Trade and Democracy' project.

Joffe funds were receive for TJM's 'networks, narrative and profile' project.

Open Society Foundation funds were received for work on 'Trade and Democracy' and ISDS.

Waterloo Foundation funds were received for work on trade and climate change.

WWF funds were received for advice to WWF.

**12. COMPANY STATUS**

The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. The member's liability under the guarantee is restricted to a maximum of £1.