

**Charity Commission Registration No. 282070**

**ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION  
LONDON TRUST**

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31 December 2003**

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**Governing Document:** Trust Deed

**Charity Registration Number:** 282070

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2003

### 1. Constitution

The Trust was set up by Declaration dated 16 February 1981 for:

- the advancement of education among Armenians particularly in the United Kingdom and the promotion of the study of Armenian history, literature, language, culture and religion;
- the relief of poverty among Armenians and the relief in cases of need of Armenian persons who are sick or aged.

The Trust is affiliated to the world wide Armenian General Benevolent Union with headquarters in New York where it is incorporated as a Delaware company. The London Trust is a separate registered charity holding the assets of the Armenian General Benevolent Union in England with the Trustees acting according to the Trust Deed and within the guidelines of the Charity Commission.

The Trustees comprise two members of the Central Board in New York, two ex-officio members of the Armenian General Benevolent Union London Branch Executive Committee and up to five other Trustees for a term of six years. The Charity Commissions for England Wales, on 7 April 1995, granted a Certificate of Incorporation of the Trustees.

### 2. Organisation

The Trustees who served during the year but retired on 28 March 2003 as their term of office had come to an end were - George Kurkjian OBE (Chairman), Armenag Topalian (Treasurer) and Hovnan Hampartsoumian.

The continuing Trustees and new appointees were - Berge Setrakian (Chairman), Harout Aghajanian (Vice chairman), Dr Berje Azadian (Treasurer) Ara Sarafian (Secretary), Dr Susan Pattie and Hampar Chakardjian.

All serve on a voluntary unpaid basis and receive no expenses.

### 3. Regulatory Information

The accounts comply with current statutory requirements and with the charity's Trust Deed.

The income is applied to the objects of the Trust.

Investments have been acquired in accordance with the powers in the Trust Deed.

### 4 Investments

The trustees have a general power of investment.

No changes were made to the investments of the Trust during the year. Investments are held in fixed interest securities (24.72%) and Equity funds (75.28%). The overall market value of the investments was 9.06% higher (2002 – 15.4% lower) than the level at the start of the year.

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### 5 Income

Further distributions were received from the Estate of the late Mr S.J.Johannes totalling £29,404 and this was added to the Hoseb & Lilly Arathoon fund.

During the year the trust embarked on a fund raising activity to raise funds towards the Norashen Centennial Project in aid of the reconstruction and repopulation of villages in Artsakh. The sum of £12,633 was so raised.

Investment income and bank interest totalling £114,263 and donations of £750 and other income of £2,602 were also received during the year.

### 6. Student Awards

Student awards were offered to 26 students, as interest free loans and to 4 students as grants for those undertaking Armenian studies or in particular need.

### 7. Education Grants

Annual grants were made to the K Tahta Armenian Community Sunday School London (£3,500) towards the expenses of teachers and to Marie Nubar Hostel in Paris (£6,000) towards the costs of Armenian student residents.

### 8. Aid to Armenia

A grant of £2,000 was made to a Summer School Project in Armenia, and £1,578 in support of projects in Armenia organised by the AGBU Yerevan office.

### 9. London Community Organisations

The ongoing youth activities of the AGBU London Branch were supported with a grant of £5,000. Contributions were made towards the costs of the quarterly AGBU publication (£1,200) and towards fund raising costs for the Norashen Centennial Project in Armenian (£1,175).

### 10. Charitable and other grants

Contributions were made to RP Music Management Ltd for the 24<sup>th</sup> April Remembrance Concert (£2,000); to the Melkonian Foundation Bird's Nest Orphanage Lebanon (£100); to Father Gevork Armen Saroyan, a Holy Etchmiadzin student towards his educational and living costs (£10,000); to Tania King for architectural excavations in Armenia (£2,320); and to B Krikorian, volunteer to Armenian Volunteer Corps (£500).

### 11. Cultural

Contributions were made towards the Khatchatourian Centenary Concert (£8,371) and towards the Hover Choir UK tour (£1,000).

### 12. Reserves Policy

The Trustees plan expenditure within anticipated net income for the current year. Overall income is allocated in proportion to each fund and specific grants allocated to the various funds according to the conditions accepted with the donation or bequest. The Trustees endeavour to seek projects that match these conditions and any surplus income are carried forward for future applications.

The present level of free reserves, that is funds not tied to restricted or endowment funds is £158,818.

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## Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2003

### 13. Risk Review

The Trustees have identified and assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operation and finances of the charity. They are satisfied that the charity's exposure to these risks are minimal.

### 14. Connected Charity

The Armenian General Benevolent Union London Trust is connected, within the meaning of the Charities SORP, with the Armenian Education Trust in that it shares the same Trustees and registered address.

### 15. Going Concern

The Trustees are satisfied that the Trust is a going concern.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2004  
and signed on its behalf by:

..... H Aghajanian – Vice Chairman

..... Dr B Azadian - Treasurer

# **ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION LONDON TRUST**

## **Auditors' Report to the Trustees of Armenian General Benevolent Union London Trust**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 15 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 8.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors**

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give Armenian true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the surplus or deficit of the Trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

It is our responsibility form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

### **Basis of Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to he amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Trust's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material mis-statement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Trust's affairs as at 31 December 2003 and of its net movement of funds for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charity Act 1993 applicable to smaller charities.

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# ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION LONDON TRUST

## Balance sheet as at 31 December 2003

	Note	2003	2002
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments		2,455,177	2,251,281
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	1,629	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	272,985	202,506	202,506
	<u>274,614</u>	<u>202,506</u>	
<b>Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Accruals	3,750	2,000	
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>270,864</u>	<u>200,506</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>£2,726,041</u></u>	<u><u>£2,451,787</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted		1,597,204	1,460,841
Restricted		1,128,837	990,946
		<u><u>£2,726,041</u></u>	<u><u>£2,451,787</u></u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2004  
and signed on its behalf by:

..... H Aghajanian – Vice Chairman

..... Dr B Azadian – Treasurer

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these accounts.

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## Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2003

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2003 £	Total Funds 2002 £
<b>Income and expenditure</b>					
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Bequests		-	29,404	29,404	23,757
Donations		750	12,633	13,383	18,091
Activities to generate funds:					
London Trust activities		-	-	-	1,163
Investment income and interest		68,081	46,182	114,263	118,851
Other income		2,602	-	2,602	1,844
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>£71,433</u>	<u>£88,219</u>	<u>£159,652</u>	<u>£163,706</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Direct charitable expenditure</b>					
Grants	7	52,637	30,078	82,715	108,464
Costs of generating funds:					
London Trust activities	9	-	-	-	2,289
<b>Other expenditure</b>					
Management and administration					
Of the charity	10	3,920	2,659	6,579	6,864
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>£56,557</u>	<u>£32,737</u>	<u>£89,294</u>	<u>£117,617</u>
Net incoming resources for the year		14,876	55,482	70,358	46,089
<b>(Losses)/gains on investment assets</b>					
Unrealised profit/(loss) on revaluation		121,487	82,409	203,896	(402,496)
Gain on disposals		-	-	-	32,830
Net movement in funds		136,363	137,891	274,254	(323,577)
Balance brought forward at 1 January 2003		1,460,841	990,946	2,451,787	2,775,364
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2003	11	<u>£1,597,204</u>	<u>£1,128,837</u>	<u>£2,726,041</u>	<u>£2,451,787</u>

### Continuing operations

None of the Trust's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current and previous year.

### Total recognised gains and losses

The Trust has no recognised gains or losses other than the gains for the current and previous year.