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Registered Charity Number: 803701

**Report of Trustees and Accounts  
for the Year 1 August 2012 – 31 December 2013**

**Members of the Management Committee for that year were:**

Julie Bindel – 03/2012  
Barbara Cleary – 04/2010  
Tahirih Danesh – 01/2013  
Lynda Dearlove, Treasurer – 11/2007  
Eva Eberhardt – 01/2009  
Zarin Hainsworth, Deputy Chair – 01/2012  
Pat Holden, Hon. Secretary – 01/2013  
June Jacobs, Deputy Chair – 11/2007  
Jackie Jones – 12/2013  
Annette Lawson, Chair – 11/2007  
Mumtaz Rahim – 11/2007

## Introduction

NAWO's Trustees are the members of its Management Committee (MC). The MC retires every two years. An MC member may be nominated and, if elected, serve up to a further two consecutive two-year terms. All member organisations and individuals may nominate and second candidates. Officers are elected by members of the Committee from among their number. The MC also has powers to co-opt including for one further term after the end of six years should the skills and knowledge be considered essential for the effective functioning of the Board and the organisation. However, 8 years is the outside limit when a break of at least one period of office (2 years) must be taken. The Organisation was established in 1989 and is governed by the Constitution and Rules adopted in May 1989 and revised in May 1991, June 1993, November 2003 and May 2013.

The Organisation is registered with the Charity Commission No: 803701 and its address is: NAWO @ WRC, United House, North Road, London N7 9DP. This is the address of the Women's Resource Centre (WRC), to whom NAWO pays rent for desk space.

NAWO has continued to develop its alliances with other women's organisations drawn from a wider network. It has succeeded in leading and working with the now established UK NGO CSW Alliance to develop this mechanism into an effective and extensive network of organisations interested in the UN and its annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW); funding was secured from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Foundation to support Secretariat costs for NAWO and funds for events and members' travel expenses. NAWO's Chair and one of its Trustees, Zarin Hainsworth, have been re-elected as the co-Chairs of the CSW Alliance. NAWO has continued its European Commission-funded project in partnership with Women@theWell and organisations in Latvia and Estonia, *A Safety Compass*, focused on exploring the causes and consequences of trafficking for sexual exploitation. NAWO has also continued its close collaboration with the Parliamentary Office of the EU in London at Europe House. In addition, a new strategic review was carried out enabling focused development.

It has also secured funding from the Directorate General for Communication in the European Commission for a project working with young women to develop a Young Women's Manifesto and engage them with the European Parliamentary process; this runs from January 2014-June 2014 and will be reported upon in next year's Report.

### **Objects, Organisation and Activities**

The main objects of the Organisation are to build alliances within the women's movement, and to raise awareness about the position of women and the inequalities which have been imposed on them by law and custom.

### **Mission Statement**

NAWO promotes women's human rights, with a special focus on gender equality, by:

- lobbying and campaigning on policy issues, especially those that are priorities for our members and for the European Women's Lobby (EWL)
- building alliances between organisations
- providing opportunities to network
- developing the capacity of women's organisations;

to ensure that the voice of our members will have an impact on policy development and implementation at local, national, European and international levels.

## **Review of progress and achievement**

### **Gender Architecture: Institutional Mechanism for the Commission on the Status of Women – UK NGO CSW Alliance**

Following the successful establishment of a network of organisations interested in CSW over the course of the 56<sup>th</sup> and 57<sup>th</sup> sessions, NAWO continued to develop this mechanism in partnership with other CSW Alliance members. Association to the Alliance has increased from around 70 women’s organisations, networks and individuals to over 110, and falls within NAWO’s commitment to building alliances. We are very grateful to the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, which has provided a 2-year grant (August 2013–August 2015) to cover NAWO Secretariat costs, a series of pre- and post-CSW events, and travel to meetings and events for CSW Alliance members from across the UK.

Over the course of the past year, the CSW Alliance has sought to have policy influence and to establish effective and transparent structures of engagement and collaboration. As such, four working groups were established and open to any member of the Alliance: a policy group to hold the Government to its commitments regarding violence against women made at CSW 57, a policy group looking towards a new global framework post 2015, to follow the Millennium Development Goals which is the CSW theme for 2014, a group focused on developing the Alliance’s communications and code of ethics, and a group looking at the Alliance’s structures and resources. Working papers were developed by all four of these groups, and were each convened by Alliance members. A Core Group was established to act as the management and within this a small number working as an ‘executive’ of the Alliance. A small Liaison Group drawn from the Core Group has been selected in each year to meet with Government before, during and post-CSW. The CSW Alliance has also written letters to Ministers, held a pre-CSW event in partnership with the Government Equalities Office in addition to open meetings, Core Group and Liaison Group meetings, and CSW training events.

During the CSW meeting, the Alliance holds daily morning briefings for all UK NGOs attending CSW in a room kindly contributed by the Baha’i International Community (BIC) next to the UN. Several side events were also held there. During CSW, the GEO (lead division for the UK Government) has also turned to the Alliance Co-chairs and to Jan Grasty, President of UN Women UK, as conduits between itself and UK NGOs. At CSW58 (March 2014) a group of INGOs led by Jessica Woodroffe, Chair of the GAD Network (members of the Alliance), also met with GEO and DFID. In the second week of CSW58, a group to work on the text being negotiated (the Agreed Conclusions) was led by Heather Barclay (IPPF). Working with UK Government negotiators at CSW is an important role for NGOs: the ‘text’ group, which varies according to who is still at CSW as the time left to reach Agreed Conclusions looms, has proven useful to both sides albeit wearing, at times disappointing and at times exhilarating.

### **NAWO-specific CSW work:**

**CSW57, held in New York at the UN, March 2013. Priority theme: “Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls”**

As usual, NAWO presented a statement to the UN on CSW and focused especially on the fundamental cause of violence against women – the vicious circle of gender inequality which is deepened by the acts of violence which in turn increases gender inequality, as well as on challenging and tackling prostitution.

**CSW58, held at the UN in New York, March 2014. Priority theme: “Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for women and girls”**

NAWO’s statement focused on omissions regarding gender equality and VAWG in the current MDGs, which have inhibited improved opportunities and outcomes for girls and women, and called for a transformative stand-alone gender goal to be mainstreamed throughout all the goals and with a substantial and substantive VAWG element in the new post-2015 Framework which should be Global – i.e. not geared only to developing areas.

**Young people at the Commission on the Status of Women**

We once again accredited young people to both CSW 57 and 58 as part of the NAWO Youth Caucus, through Trustee Zarin Hainsworth (Advance), and they put on excellent side events. This group is aged 16-18 and are given time off school to attend this important meeting which their schools see as a worthwhile educational experience. Following CSW 57, two of the Youth Caucus presented on their experiences and the issues about which they had learned at the House of Commons in April 2013 to a full room of predominantly girls and young women, as well as Heidi Alexander MP. We will provide a similar opportunity for the CSW 58 group to share their experiences.

***A Safety Compass – Signposting Ways to Escape Trafficking Project***

This project is fully funded by the European Commission, and is being undertaken from January 2013 – December 2015 in partnership with Marta, a women’s organisation in Latvia (project leaders), Eluliin, an Estonian organisation, and with Women@theWell (NAWO member) in Kings Cross. The focus is on understanding the causes and consequences of trafficking for sexual exploitation, in the context of London as a destination country for trafficking victims.

During this period, NAWO undertook research into the demand side of prostitution, including undertaking interviews, reviewing academic literature and conducting research to understand the role of the internet in the recruitment process. A report has been drawn up by the research partners for submission to the European Commission. NAWO Coordinator Sarah Priest and NAWO Treasurer and CEO of Women@theWell Lynda Dearlove attended a project meeting in Latvia in February 2013, and NAWO hosted a 2 day conference for project partners in London in August 2013. The next stage of the project is an awareness-raising campaign about trafficking in the UK, which is being sub-contracted to Eaves Housing for Women.

**European Women’s Lobby (EWL) and the UK Joint Committee on Women (UKJCW)**

NAWO is the organisation that represents England via the UKJCW to EWL. We form part of the co-ordination for the UK with sister organisations in Wales (WENWales), Scotland (Engender) and Northern Ireland (NIWEP). During this period Elizabeth Law (NIWEP) has represented the UK on the EWL Board, and she acts as our major source of information. However, NAWO has also had direct involvement in a number of the Lobby’s campaigns and in particular on its trafficking and prostitution work.

At European Level, NAWO was invited to participate in Brussels at various meetings, including one on *A Europe Free from Prostitution* organised by the EWL. NAWO supports the abolitionist stance that those selling sex (overwhelmingly women and girls) should be decriminalised but those buying sex – i.e. creating the demand (overwhelmingly male) - should be criminalised. Known as the ‘Nordic model’ because Sweden was first to implement a demand-side law and culture, this is increasingly being seen in Europe as viable and a means for enhancing gender equality. The male prerogative to buy sex and pay for women is seen as a fundamental undermining of gender equality and an enforcement of inequality. In

this model, women involved in prostitution are seen as vulnerable and as victims although of course with potential for change and solutions. Many women survivors of prostitution support this model. The arguments are fierce as some, including some women involved in prostitution, prefer the term 'sex workers', and consider that sexual rights for women include her right to sell her body as a form of 'work like any other'. They believe that having managed brothels leads to greater safety, better health and working conditions. However, the data are mixed.

NAWO and the UKJCW as a whole support EWL's campaign and have undertaken lobbying and advocacy of MEPs and others, including at CSW.

### **NAWO's Youth Caucus**

The Youth Caucus has had an exciting year of development, with more dedicated events and a funded project alongside the continued accreditation of young people to attend CSW. We held an event on 25 April 2013 in the House of Commons, *Young Women's Global Voices*, sponsored by Virendra Sharma MP and with the following speakers: Heidi Alexander MP, Carlene Firmin (Office of the Children's Commissioner), Lucy Barnett from the Orchid Project, and Alex Wilcox and Tom Heathfield from the Youth Caucus who shared their CSW 57 experiences.

We built upon the enthusiasm of this event – at which more than 80 young women from aged 13 filled the room – with an event on 7 November sponsored by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) as part of their Festival of Social Science, *Why Gender Should be on Europe's Agenda*. Participants heard from Mary Honeyball MEP, Catherine Bearder MEP, Rebecca Taylor MEP, Dr Roberta Guerrina, Sanchia Alasia, MEP Candidate for the 2014 European Parliament, and Serap Altinisik of the European Women's Lobby.

This event launched our project to develop a Young Women's Manifesto, and we asked young women to discuss what they want the EU to do for them. NAWO has a PhD student, fully funded by the ESRC, working to develop this Manifesto.

Moreover, the scope of the project has been expanded significantly by a financial award from the Directorate General for Communication in the European Commission; the application was submitted in September 2013 and awarded at the beginning of 2014. NAWO is proud that it was successful through a tough application process in being awarded EU Framework Partnership which enables it to apply for grants via DG COMM in relation to enhancing UK citizens' understanding of the European Parliament.

### **European Parliamentary Office in Europe House**

NAWO has continued to maintain its relationship with the European Parliamentary Office in London, located in Europe House. The partnership around events has continued and is of mutual value. We have held various events in Europe House during this period, including the 2013 AGM and Conference, events for our European Parliament and Young Women project, and events for the CSW Alliance during which we are joined by telephone conferencing with the European External Affairs Service (EEAS), because at CSW Europe speaks with one voice and it is the EEAS that has responsibility for this work.

### **CEDAW**

NAWO was an active member of the CEDAW Shadow Report Working Group run by the Women's Resource Centre that produces an NGO Shadow report. We contributed to the special Shadow report on Older Women produced by member, Elizabeth Sclater (Older Women's Network, Europe; who also attended the CEDAW Examination as a NAWO representative), Age UK and colleagues, and have written the section in the overall Shadow Report on the lack of a legitimated infrastructure for women since the abolition of the Women's National Commission.

NAWO Trustee Lynda Dearlove and Coordinator Sarah Priest attended the UK's CEDAW Examination in Geneva in July 2013. They worked with other UK women's movement

representatives (many of whom were accredited by NAWO) to lobby the CEDAW Committee for both strong questions to be directed at the UK Government and strong Concluding Observations.

### **Campaign on Sexual Violence in Conflict**

NAWO co-sponsored a panel discussion in Portcullis House on 27 November 2013, chaired by Alistair Burt MP. This event, in partnership with the Global Justice Center, convened MPs and civil society to discuss progress and areas of concern in the field of sexual violence in conflict. Meanwhile, the FCO's Prevention of Sexual Violence Initiative (PSVI) is a major focus of the UK Government's work on VAWG, and NAWO remains closely involved with this work.

### **Partnership**

NAWO is a member of a range of networks that are fruitful and lead to considerable support and engagement on important issues for women. These groups include: EVAW, the End Violence Against Women Coalition; EDF, the Equality and Diversity Forum; and the British Institute for Human Rights Alliance (BIHR). Various NAWO Board and other members represent NAWO on these groups.

### **Management Committee**

The Managements Committee (Trustees) were strengthened with the addition of Pat Holden, a former civil servant in the Department for International Development; Tahirih Danesh, a human rights researcher and consultant; and Jackie Jones, a Professor of Law at the University of the West of England, President of the European Women Lawyers Association, and Chair of the Wales Assembly of Women. These Trustees bring a wealth of experience and expertise to NAWO.

I would like to express my thanks to all members of the Management Committee, listed at the beginning of this report, for their support and hard work during the year. Special thanks are due to the other Officers, June Jacobs and Zarin Hainsworth as Deputy Chairs (League of Jewish Women and Advance respectively); Lynda Dearlove (Women@theWell) as Hon. Treasurer and Pat Holden as Hon. Secretary, who have put in extra time and effort that is of immense value.

### **Staff**

NAWO employed Sarah Priest as Coordinator in December 2012. Sarah has been successful in finding and managing small teams of interns to whom NAWO is also most grateful, and has managed the Project Officer and Project Intern for our European Parliament and Young Women project. She has also managed to raise funds in a very difficult climate, including from the ESRC. Our grateful thanks go to this team and our interns whose work has been invaluable.

### **Funders**

Resources are key to successful outcomes and we wish to express our gratitude for the support given to us during the past eighteen months:

DG COMM – European Parliament

The European Commission through Marta – Centre for Women in Latvia, lead partner in *A Safety Compass*

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

### **Members**

We thank all of our members for continuing to support us as we seek to build alliances and work in an environment where cuts are impacting women more than men, where women's

organisations are closing, and where there remains a somewhat fragmented approach to gender equality within government despite the progress of mechanisms created by women's and development organisations such as the CSW Alliance, EVAW, GAPS and GADN and recognised by relevant government departments. For the time being women's access to their human rights is failing to advance and indeed, in some areas, appears to be in decline. For example, the benefits of the Internet are at times overwhelmed by the misogynist attacks on women. If one problem is solved, another appears and solutions are required.

NAWO is an Alliance and without our Allies, nothing is possible.

### **Statutory Declaration**

The Trustees of the National Alliance of Women's Organisations confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Presented by Annette Lawson, Chair, and the Management Committee (Trustees) of NAWO for the year 2012-2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Annette Lawson', written in a cursive style.

Chair, NAWO on behalf of the Trustees, Members of its Management Committee

May 2014.

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The National Alliance of Women's Organisations.

I report on the accounts of the National Alliance of Women's Organisations for the 17-month accounting period ended 31 December 2013, which are set out on pages 9 to 10.

## Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Brian Seaton



15 May 2014

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**NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS**  
Receipts & Payments Account for the Financial Year 01-Aug-12 to 31-Dec-13

Notes	Extended Financial Year Aug'12-Dec'13			Previous Year	
	General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total	Comparison Aug'12-Jul'13	Aug'11 - Jul'12
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Voluntary Income</b>					
Grants	1	-	53,480	45,760	5,520
Donations	2	1,909	-	1,649	9,093
Subscriptions		4,858	-	2,638	3,702
Other	3	1,759	-	49	137
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>8,527</b>	<b>53,480</b>	<b>62,007</b>	<b>50,096</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>					
Fundraising		-	-	-	300
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
<b>Safety Compass Project</b>					
Salaries		-	9,740	9,740	5,009
Project Costs		-	1,736	1,736	1,411
<b>CSW Alliance</b>					
Salaries		-	1,688	1,688	-
Project Costs		-	1,731	1,731	-
Events		3,949	-	3,949	2,367
Volunteer Costs		1,139	-	1,139	1,010
Subscriptions & Publications		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub-total, Charitable Activities</b>		<b>5,089</b>	<b>14,894</b>	<b>19,983</b>	<b>9,796</b>
<b>Support Costs</b>					
Salaries		3,640	-	3,640	3,551
HMRC	4	-	-	-	91
Stationery & Postage		-	-	-	26
Telephone & Broadband		-	-	-	228
Website & Publicity		560	-	560	510
Office Costs		3,095	-	3,095	2,215
Sundries		264	-	264	184
Bank & Card Charges		97	-	97	79
<b>Sub-total, Support Costs</b>		<b>7,656</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,656</b>	<b>6,629</b>
<b>Governance Costs</b>					
Meeting Expenses		-	-	-	-
Trustees' Expenses		-	-	-	-
Examination/Audit		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub-total, Governance Costs</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>12,744</b>	<b>14,894</b>	<b>27,639</b>	<b>16,425</b>
<b>Net Surplus/-Deficit for the Year</b>		<b>-4,218</b>	<b>38,585</b>	<b>34,368</b>	<b>33,671</b>

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS**  
Movements in Funds in the Financial Period and Statement of Assets as at 31-Dec-13

	B'fwd at 01-Aug-12	Receipts in Year	Payments in Year	Transfers in Year	Cd'fwd at 31-Dec-13
<b>CASH ASSETS</b>					
Bank Account	9,364	62,007	27,639	-30	43,702
Petty Cash	1	0	13	30	18
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	<b>9,366</b>	<b>62,007</b>	<b>27,651</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43,721</b>
<b>Comprising:</b>					
<b>General Fund</b>	4,146	8,527	12,757	5,000	4,915
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					0
Previous Year	5,220	0	0	-5,000	220
Safety Compass Project	0	45,760	11,476	0	34,284
CSW Alliance	0	7,720	3,418	0	4,302
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>5,220</b>	<b>53,480</b>	<b>14,894</b>	<b>-5,000</b>	<b>38,805</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>9,366</b>	<b>62,007</b>	<b>27,651</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43,721</b>

# NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2013

### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Statement on reserves

The Board have considered the need for a reserve, and does not see a requirement for one. NAWO has no material liabilities.

#### Income and expenditure

Income and expenditure are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis.

#### Taxation status

As a registered charity, the National Alliance of Women's Organisations is exempt from income and corporation tax.

#### Note 1 GRANTS (Restricted Funds)

A grant of £45,759.87 was received in February 2013 from the European Commission (disbursed by lead project partner Marta in Latvia), to support work in delivering a project related to trafficking and prostitution. This project runs from January 2013-December 2015. Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust awarded NAWO a grant of £30,910 to support the running of the UK NGO CSW Alliance, from Summer 2013 - Summer 2015 (8 payment installments over the total period).

#### Note 2 DONATIONS

Donations were received from a number of organisations and individuals associated with the CSW Alliance as a contribution to running costs (prior to the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust award).

£1000 was received from the Eleanor Rathbone Trust to run an event in Liverpool, 'Women's Voices should be Heard and Heeded'.

Annette Lawson donated £250 towards professional fees associated with NAWO's website.

#### Note 3 OTHER

NAWO received a donation from the Economic and Research Council (ESRC) to hold an event for young people as part of the latter's Festival of Social Science; it focused on engaging young people with the EU and its gender equality agenda.

#### Note 4 HMRC

The pro-rata National Insurance contributions on salaries have been re-allocated to the total amount shown under Salaries for each project (Safety Compass and CSW Alliance), and so are not shown separately under HMRC. The breakdown is shown below:

#### Pro-Rata Re-allocation of Employer's NIC

	Compass	Alliance
	9,141	1,584
Total		10,725
NAWO NIC		702
Re-allocated	598.59	103.73