

# UCD VOLUNTEERS OVERSEAS



ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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# MISSION STATEMENT

UCDVO's Mission is to provide the UCD Community with opportunities to engage in international volunteering and development education activities, which are designed in partnership with local communities and in line with international development frameworks.

UCDVO's Vision is for the UCD Community to have an in-depth understanding of the challenges facing humanity worldwide, and the determination and commitment to tackle issues underlying global poverty and inequality.



# OUR VALUES

Active Global Citizenship

Partnership

Collaboration

Inclusion

Sustainable development



# Volunteering & Development Education Programme

The UCDVO Programme is open to all UCD students, staff and alumni, and runs over a period of 11 months. Leadership positions are open to UCD staff members or graduates, development workers, teachers or those with relevant experience.

**1** Applications & Interviews

**2**

## Programme Days:

- Development Education workshops
- Health & Safety training
- Team Bonding activities

**3**

Fundraising

**4**

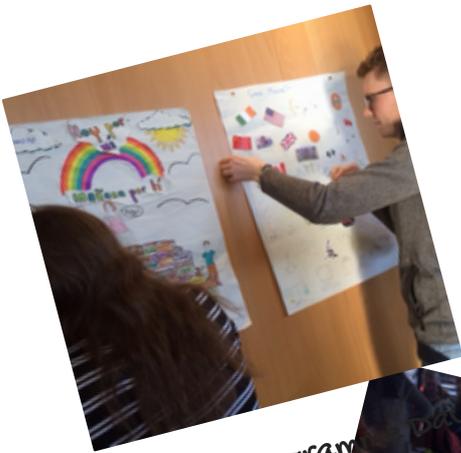
Overseas placements

**5**

Debriefing

**6**

Continuous engagement



UCDVO Program



UCDVO Programme Day



# Volunteering & Development Education Programme

- 1** Applications for the UCDVO Programme open in September each year and following an interview process, places are offered to successful candidates by mid-November.
- 2** The year-long Programme consists of a series of Programme Days, including a combination of development-education workshops, health-and-safety training and team-building activities.
- 3** Volunteers also carry out their own individual fundraising throughout the year. Fundraising activities may include table quizzes, bag-packing, coffee morning or sponsored runs.
- 4** Overseas placements are for four weeks and normally take place from mid/end of June to mid/end of July. UCDVO have partnerships with local organisations in India, Haiti, Nicaragua, Tanzania & Uganda.
- 5** On return from overseas, volunteers take part in a debriefing course. Both operational and personal debriefing create space for feedback, reflection and consideration of next steps.
- 6** UCDVO offers a wide range of opportunities for returned volunteers to build on their learning from the Programme and further actively engage in development education activities both locally and globally.

# Where We Work...

## Andhra Pradesh, South India

In 2010, UCDVO began working in Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh in the south-east of India. UCDVO currently works in partnership with the Asha Jyothi Welfare Society to provide support for their rehabilitation service. The centre holds a strong belief that all children have a right to love and security, healthy food, decent shelter, good education to enable them to reach their optimum potential, adequate medical care and protection from any form of abuse.

In 2018, UCDVO physiotherapy volunteers assisted the local staff in their primary objective of empowering children with varied disabilities ranging from autism, cerebral palsy, hearing and speech difficulties, polio, and down syndrome, Volunteers also participated in outreach programmes in surrounding communities and facilitated a 'Special Olympics' sports days for children with disabilities.



*Physiotherapy partnership  
with Asha Jyothi (2018)*

## Assam & Meghalaya, North East India

In 2014, UCDVO began working in partnership with Assam Don Bosco University in Guwahati and the Ferrando Speech & Hearing Centre in Shillong, Northeast India. Volunteers from UCDVO work in collaboration with volunteers from the Department of Social Work, Assam Don Bosco University Guwahati on community development projects in partnership with the local community. In 2018, project activities included house visits to assess the community's needs, Anganwadi (government run preschools) refurbishments, capacity building workshops and awareness raising of social issues identified through house visits.

Approximately 2 hours away in the state of Meghalaya, a group of physiotherapy volunteers and a Clinical Tutor worked at the Ferrando Speech & Hearing Centre. Volunteers and local staff undertook community visits, a 2-week residential rehabilitation camp on disability awareness and physiotherapy programmes for families and children with physical disabilities. The team also learned sign language to enable them to better communicate with the children who attend the Ferrando Centre.



A renovated Anganwadi in Assam (2018)



Physiotherapy project in the Ferrando Centre (2018)

## Gros Morne, Haiti

UCDVO ran projects in Gros Morne in north-west Haiti between 2005 and 2015. During that time, over 200 volunteers spent one month working with two missionary sisters, Sr. Patricia Dillon and Sr. Jackie Picard from the Religious of Jesus and Mary (RJM), to implement community development projects which have included the construction of houses, schools, shelters, latrines, flood prevention walls; and summer camps for almost 2000 children from the local area. While the project was paused in 2016 and 2017, in 2018, 7 volunteers returned to support RJM to develop ICT education programmes in schools, English language skills for teachers & pupils and to assist in expanding the tree nursery programme to the benefit of the wider Gros Morne community.



Grepin, the local agronomy centre in Haiti (2018)

## Somoto, Nicaragua

UCDVO has been working in Nicaragua since 2007 and has supported a wide range of projects in the areas of infrastructure, healthcare and education. A group of 20 volunteers were selected for the 2018 project and the team had been preparing to travel to Nicaragua. Unfortunately, this project was cancelled due to ongoing violent protests and civil unrest throughout the country, making it unsafe for volunteers to travel and carry out the planned project activities.



Los Quinchos education project, Nicaragua (2018)

Thanks to the hard work of volunteers throughout the year, UCDVO was able to continue its financial support for the planned project activities in Nicaragua which included a meal programme at Escuelita del Mercado, an education programme at Los Quinchos, the development of a community hall and the completion of a multi-purpose classroom. UCDVO would like to express its deep solidarity with the Nicaraguan people during this turbulent time. Volunteers who still wanted to travel with UCDVO in 2018 were reallocated to other overseas projects or their places were deferred to 2019.

## Morogoro & Ruaha, Tanzania

UCDVO has been working in partnership with a Tanzanian NGO called TanzEd since 2009. In the summer of 2018, 14 volunteers travelled to Morogoro and 16 volunteers travelled to Ruaha, where they worked alongside schools in Morogoro and Ruaha to develop ICT skills for teachers. After they completed the 4-week training programme with UCDVO, teachers are expected to run computer classes for their pupils in their own schools. In addition to computer training, volunteers provided English language support for students and teachers, summer camps for children, as well as contributing to library development in schools. UCDVO also work in partnership with Camara Education for the implementation of this programme.



Summer camps  
in Ruaha, Tanzania



Computer education  
in Morogoro, Tanzania

## Kisiizi, Uganda

In 2013, UCDVO developed a partnership with the UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science and Kisiizi Hospital in Southwest Uganda. This is now a volunteering elective placement for students from the school of Medicine, Nursing and Physiotherapy.

In 2018, 14 volunteers worked alongside staff in Kisiizi Hospital Uganda. Students ran health education workshops, a rehabilitation camp including community based rehabilitation visits, and nutritional research projects to assist the local staff to develop and expand their services.



Kisiizi 2018 volunteers

## Nansana, Uganda

Also in Uganda, a team of 20 volunteers from a variety of backgrounds worked in partnership with Nurture Africa on a healthcare project in Nansana. Volunteers worked on health promotion workshops, physiotherapy camps, disability awareness workshops, and departmental audits.

UCDVO and Nurture Africa completed a 3-year partnership agreement which saw the development of a new rehabilitation unit at the health centre and a comprehensive disability service for the community of Nansana.



*Physiotherapy camps in Nansana, Uganda*

## Delhi, India

Over 250 volunteers from UCD and approximately 50 volunteers from universities in Delhi worked together between 2003 and 2013 to implement a number of education, physiotherapy and construction projects primarily based in slum areas around the city. While UCDVO no longer operates a volunteer programme in Delhi, we continue to support our partner organisations. In 2017, two volunteers carried out a research project in partnership with Society for Working Life (SWL) and Women, Work & Health Initiative (WWHI) for one week with the aim of capturing the history of the Community Education & Development Centre (CEDC) and its partnership with UCDVO, its programmes and achievement to date and the people at the heart of the work. UCDVO fundraising continues to support the activities at the CEDC in Sangam Vihar.



*UCD staff and UCDVO representatives at the Education Centre in Delhi in 2017*



# DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION COURSES 2017/18

## Be The Change

*Be the Change* is a six-week introductory skills-based course, aimed at those interested in activism and awareness raising in Ireland – the course is designed for those with an interest in developing a deeper understanding of global justice issues and the causes of inequality. Over the course of the six weeks, participants divided into groups to develop practical and creative ways to tackle specific global justice issues.

*Be The Change* is run by UCDVO in partnership with Comhlámh and is funded by Irish Aid. Below is a piece written by *Be The Change* 2017 participant Robert Johnston. Rob completed *Be The Change* after participating in the UCDVO Programme in 2016/17 which included volunteering on a community development and cultural exchange project in Northeast India. Rob subsequently returned to Northeast India as Student Leader in the summer of 2018.

*“Be The Change* provided an environment that nurtured questioning and reflection, filled it with people with different perspectives and backgrounds which ultimately, broadened the lens through which I view change, challenges and activism. As well as that, I learned what the word 'intersectionality' means. It's the kind of word that will either a) show someone you know what you're talking about, or b) trick someone into thinking you know what you're talking about and stop them asking questions. It's right up there with 'juxtaposition' in that regard.

Each session comprised of two parts. Firstly, a warm-up followed by an exercise designed to get us reflecting upon our reasons for being there, our ideas of change, the “power” required in creating change etc. We would then take a ten minute break for tea, biscuits and a chat (I’d usually try to drop ‘intersectionality’ into conversation as much as possible). During the second half we would hear from guest speakers who introduced us to a campaign they’re working with, how they got involved, their goals and challenges and how we as a group could get involved.

Throughout our six weeks, it never felt as if we were being told any answers, yet it still felt like we were learning. One session centred around a quote brought up in a previous session, that “politics is the art of the possible”. We discussed in groups, broke down the question and used the knowledge we had gained from previous sessions to draw our own conclusions. This summarises *Be the Change*. The whole course was reflective of the nature of what we were learning about. If we want to see some kind of change, then perhaps our approach in this endeavour must change too. There is no one set route, only the decisions you make on how to get there. The same can be said for our guest speakers. Each one different, none with a set approach.

If before the course, you asked me what an “activist” was, I would have said someone who is highly opinionated, isn't shy in sharing those opinions, and an endless ball of dedicated energy that won't stop until they achieve their goal of creating change. In other words, an activist was an entirely different species from us mere plebian mortals, and something that I- a particular unorganized pleb- could never be. *Be The Change* showed me that I was wrong (which I now know, is not the end of the world). Our guest speakers weren’t super-powered Gods, just ordinary people with a goal greater than themselves and the courage to act upon it.

In the end, I learned that change in whatever form, isn’t something that happens quickly. It’s a slow process that begins with reflection-which can be a scary process-though it doesn’t have to be a lonely one. So now when I find myself thinking about how conceptions of social change juxtapose the realities of intersectionality, I know I may not be the only one, and that it’s okay to ask someone what that really means because wherever change leads, it begins by questioning what’s around you. Especially articles about change.”

# Skills in Development Education



**Irish Aid**  
An Roinn Gréitheal Eachtracha agus Trádála  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

## Skills in Development Education

*Skills in Development Education* is a course comprising eight evening modules and a one-day practical workshop.

The course is aimed at returned volunteers from any organisation. It aims to equip participants with excellent facilitation skills in the areas of global development and social justice issues in a friendly, informal environment.

At the end of the course, participants are prepared to facilitate at training days and development education workshops.

The course is run in partnership with Comhlámh and is funded by Irish Aid.



Course participants 2018



# THE UCDVO ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2017

The UCDVO Annual Conference '**Development Education & Pathways to Change**' was held on Friday 1st December 2017 in the UCD Global Lounge. The conference took place in partnership with Concern Worldwide, Comhlámh and UCD International. The Conference focused on the unique value of critical thinking, activism and development education at university level. The day included keynote speaker Professor Vanessa Andreotti, storytelling with Will St Leger, Julia Canney and Karen Gearon, Graphic Harvesting from Eimear McNally, spoken word from Alan Hayes and a choice of workshops. An amazing day of conversation, creativity and lots of laughs.

We also showcased Actions for Activism for the first time at the UCDVO Conference 2017 - a video sequence of a series of actions taken by students, staff and alumni of UCD in the name of change. The slideshow can also be seen on our YouTube Channel.

Photographs on the day were taken by Matthew Rose-Nel from MRN Photography.



Returned volunteers Anna & Anna helping out at registration



Storytelling session



The "Active Hope" workshop facilitated by Gráinne O'Neill



Keynote speaker Vanessa Andreotti

# UCDVO Development Film Series

The sixth **UCDVO Development Film Series** began on January 29th 2018. The film series is an integral part of UCDVO Development Education Programme and is supported by Trócaire and Concern Worldwide. It includes 5 high quality feature documentary films on subjects relating to development and global justice issues. Each screening is followed by a Q&A session with a guest speaker. In 2018, we had 5 fantastic, award-winning films including I Am Not Your Negro, Chasing Coral and City of Ghosts.

The series takes place in Semester 2 in January and February on Mondays at 6 pm, located in the UCD Student Centre and is always over-subscribed. Approximately 440 people attend the series each year.



UCD Volunteers Overseas Presents our

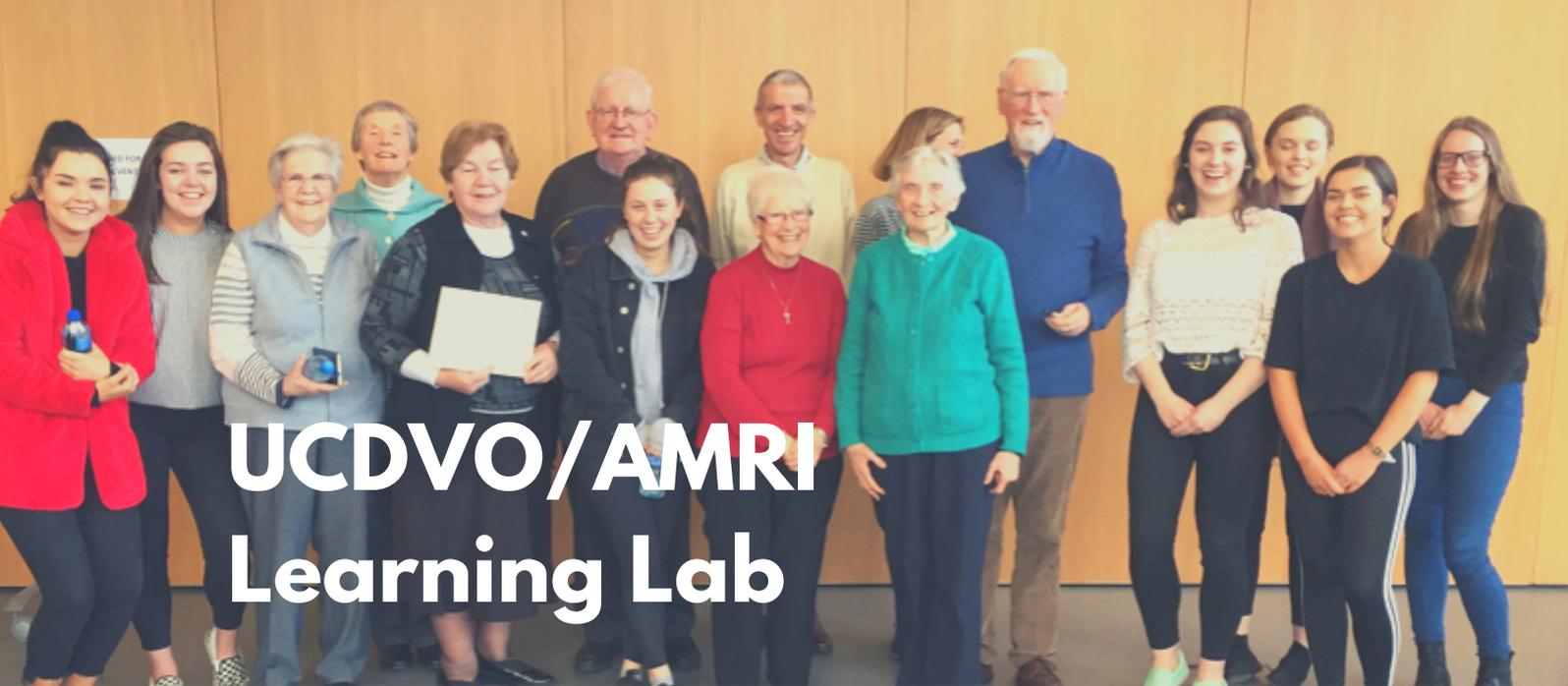
# Annual Charity Ball

THE ROYAL MARINE HOTEL, DUN LAOGHAIRE

The **UCDVO Annual Charity Ball** took place on the 23rd of February 2018 in The Royal Marine Hotel Dun Laoghaire. Each year the Ball provides an opportunity for volunteers past and present to meet and celebrate the charity's continued success, while raising money for our projects overseas.

Photographs were taken by Matthew Rose-Nel from MRN Photography.





# UCDVO/AMRI Learning Lab

Every February, UCDVO in partnership with the Association of Leaders of Missionaries & Religious of Ireland (AMRI) runs a **"Learning Lab"** - which provides a unique opportunity for volunteers who will be working on computer education projects overseas to work with returned missionaries who are looking to improve their technology skills.

Volunteers and returned missionaries meet weekly in February and March and learn from each other by sharing technology skills and exchanging stories from living and working overseas.





# Rás UCD

Rás UCD is a unique bilingual (Irish & English) 5k race which takes place annually in April on the UCD campus, with all funds raised being donated to UCDVO. The event is open to all ages and all abilities, and is a fun filled day out for families.

Is imeacht dátheangach (Gaeilge/Béarla) bliantúil é Rás UCD agus deonaítear na táillí iontrála chuig UCDVO. Tá an t-imeacht oscailte do gach duine, beag beann ar aois ná cumas, agus is lá den scoth é do theaghlaigh. Míle buíochas libh ar fad arís as teacht chuig an 9ú Rás bliantúil. Tá siúl againn gur bhain sibh sult as an lá! Seo thíos roinnt grianghraf a glacadh ar an lá a bhuíochas le Matthew Rose-Nel ó MRN Photography.



*Student Society member Róisín at the Rás registration*

# Highlights of the Year



## Partner Visit

We were delighted to welcome Madhavi Latha Mareedu, Director at Asha Jyothi Handicapped Welfare Society, to Ireland from the 9th-20th March. UCDVO currently has a partnership with Asha Jyothi Handicapped Welfare Society who works with disabled children from underprivileged backgrounds.

Madhavi attended the UCDVO Skills Building Day to speak with volunteers on healthcare in South India and also visited a number of hospitals and schools in Dublin and Galway for research and learning purposes.

Madhavi is pictured below with Caroline Mangan (UCDVO Manager) and Siobhan Quinn (Physiotherapist and former UCDVO Volunteer) who initiated UCDVO's partnership with Asha Jyothi in 2010.



# Highlights of the Year



## Computer Drop-Off Days

Thank you to everyone who donated equipment and helped out at our UCDVO Computer Drop-Off Day with Camara Education in November and May. We collected a record-breaking 319 desktops and laptops and 149 Monitors. Thank you to UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems, UCD James Joyce Library, UCD Conway Institute, UCD School of Classics and many more!

## Photograph Competition Winners

It was great to see two UCDVO related images winning in the 'Equality and Diversity in UCD: Your Vision' Photo Competition' in 2018.

Congratulations to 1st place winner, one of our 2018 Student Leaders Robert Johnston, for his photograph taken last year in Assam, Northeast India. Congratulations also to 3rd place winner, UCDVO staff member Zoe Liston, for her photograph taken during the UCDVO/ AMRI Learning Lab.





# Student Society



“This year was an incredible and successful year for the UCDVO Student Society. I thoroughly enjoyed my time as Auditor. It was a jam-packed year full of wholesome coffee mornings, outstanding events and plenty of tea and chats in the 'voffice'. Working with the rest of the society committee has been an amazing experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with such a caring, dedicated and fun group of people. We had a busy first semester with our Gala, International Day of the Girl, our Coffee Mornings, the International Culture Fair, to name a few.

We kept up the momentum for semester 2 beginning with the highly anticipated VO Ball, the semester continued with World Toilet Day, VO Week, a panel discussion and further informative coffee mornings. This year also saw the birth of our Instagram account and society blog, both of which have been very successful over the year and I hope that they continue to grow. The blog contains officer profiles, an FAQ post for each of the projects, a fabulous poem by Robert Johnston, some articles about volunteers' experiences on project and more. It was great to see so many new and familiar faces attend the events this year. It is so important to introduce the new volunteers to the Society and to make them feel as welcome as possible and it is equally as important to keep volunteers from previous years involved with the Society.



I am certainly sad that the year has ended but I am so grateful for the opportunity to be the Auditor of a Society I love so much and that has given me so much. I have grown so much throughout college and a lot of this is down to all that UCDVO has taught me and the amazing people I have met through UCDVO.

I would like to thank my fellow committee officers, for their dedication and enthusiasm over the past year. Aisling, Saz, Leah, Glam, Gillian, Benen, múinteoir Raquel thank you for such an amazing year. We truly have become a family.

I would also like to thank the OCMs for their incredible work this year. The OCMs are an integral part of the committee and I am very grateful for the hard work you all put in this year. Arm, Pearce, Múineoir Alan, Emma, Clodagh, Andrea, Emily, Kate, Leah, Mrn, Roisin Rice and ROD thank you for being such fabulous committee members.

I would also like to thank Joanne, Zoe, Caroline and Emily for their support throughout the year. We are very grateful for all the support and advice you offered us throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to wish Pearce and all the committee the best of luck for the coming year. I have no doubt that you will be an amazing committee and do fabulous things for the society. You are going to have an eventful, busy, rewarding and fun year so please make the most of it.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Society this year. It really was a great year and I am sad it's over but I will be forever grateful for all that UCDVO has taught me and the wonderful family it has given me.

Don't count the days, make the days count!"



**- Lorna Ní Shúilleabháin**  
**(UCDVO Student Society Auditor 2017/18)**





# Project Highlights 2018

In 2017/18, one hundred volunteers participated in the **UCDVO Volunteering and Development Education Programme**. We worked with 8 Project Partners in 8 locations in 4 countries around the world. Volunteers worked to achieve carefully planned projects in response to the needs identified by the local partners and community members. Project achievements for 2017/18 are recorded in the areas of education, healthcare, infrastructure, community development and cultural exchange. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved.

## Healthcare Projects

- Provision of Home Exercise Programmes, booklets and education sessions for children and families affected by disability.
- 111 children & families participated in rehabilitation camps across projects in India and Uganda.
- 250 children screened for malnutrition in Uganda Production of local food source through processing of Kisiizi nut.
- 80 children provided with postural supports, wheelchairs, standing frames, appropriate seating in Uganda and India.
- 300 participants in health education workshops in Uganda and India
- Provision of funding for annual food costs for Escuelita del Mercado in Nicaragua.
- Exercise classes, games and activities for the elderly in Haiti.
- Exercise classes, games and activities for patients on the mental health ward at Kisiizi Hospital.



## Education Projects

- 34 teachers participated in ICT courses in Haiti.
- 200 participants in basic ICT and refresher courses in Tanzania.
- 570 children engaged in English classes, summer camps and ICT education in Tanzania.
- 40 children engaged in summer camps in Haiti.
- 20 boxes of second-hand books provided for library development projects in Tanzania.
- Community education days on health, hygiene, first aid, disability awareness and nutrition.
- Intercultural awareness activities.
- Investment in further education and training for physiotherapy and rehabilitation staff.

## Infrastructure Projects

- Renovation of 4 child health / pre-school centres in India.
- Upgrade of a village well in India.
- Completion of a new rehabilitation unit at Nurture Africa.
- 4 classrooms renovated into computer labs in Tanzania.
- Installation of solar panels and set up a computer lab in Haiti.
- 2 classrooms painted in Haiti Educational murals for health education and literacy development.
- Renovation of a community hall in Nicaragua.
- Construction of a multi-purpose classroom in Nicaragua.
- Painting of the physiotherapy room in India.
- Painting of the new rehabilitation unit in Uganda.
- Painting at the primary school in Kisiizi Hospital.
- Clearance of a storage facility at the hospital in Haiti.

## Community Development Projects

- Assistance in the tree nurseries in Haiti - seedlings provided to local communities.
- Completion of a new rehabilitation unit at Nurture Africa.
- Community interaction, mobilisation and creation of awareness – health, hygiene, education, child labour, alcoholism, substance abuse, domestic violence, sustainable agriculture, science & development, career and livelihoods.
- Special Olympics sports days organised in South India.



# Volunteer Quotes 2018

“All of our own development throughout VO would be almost irrelevant however, if we didn’t use our new skills and knowledge effectively both on project and long after leaving Morogoro behind. VO is longer than the year-long programme you hear about at the freshers’ stand. It challenges your assumptions and perceptions of the planet we’re living on and forces you to look at the impact you could have on the world and its inhabitants.”  
– **Annie Marshall, Morogoro Tanzania 2018**

“Among the many things Uganda has taught me, I’ve learned to stop equating language with communication. From day one, I noticed an inaudible dialogue develop between my fellow volunteers and the non-verbal children in camp. That same mutual desire for engagement so apparent between the children and their family members. As weeks passed, these conversations evolved and strengthened and although many things were left unsaid, not a thing went uncommunicated” – **Clodagh Manning, Nansana 2018**

“And then, in the blink of an eye four weeks were up and after tears, hugs and possibly a few more tears, I found myself sitting on the bus in disbelief at just how much I had learned about development, Haiti and myself. Never will we forget the unbelievable experiences and new friendships that Gros Morne has given us!”  
– **Clodagh Murphy, Haiti 2018**

thank you



The Global Citizen Award



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INPRHU  
Instituto de Promoción Humana  
Somoto, Madriz, Nicaragua.



CONCERN  
worldwide

ASSOCIATION OF LEADERS OF MISSIONARIES & RELIGIOUS OF IRELAND



Trócaire  
Working for a just world.



ASSAM  
DON BOSCO UNIVERSITY

nurturafrica  
Empowering Vulnerable Children



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WOMEN  
WORK &  
HEALTH  
INITIATIVE



ASHAJYOTHI INDIA  
Handicapped and Welfare Society



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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

## TRUSTEES and OTHER INFORMATION

<b>Trustees</b>	David FitzPatrick	Chairperson
	Maura McGinn	
	Niall McLernon	Treasurer
	Anna Egan	Secretary
	Lynne Pasley	
	Sarah Burke	
	Aifric O'Sullivan	
	Amanda Gibney	
	Grainne Sheill	
	Andrew Byrne	
	Lorna Ní Shuilleabháin	Term ended August 2018
	Pearce Bourassa	Term commenced September 2018
	Michael Keely	
	David Murphy	
Cian Leahy		
Emily Lyon	Stepped down March 2018	
<b>Staff</b>		
	Caroline Mangan	Manager (on maternity leave February 2017 - February 2018)
	Joanne Mulligan	Acting Manager (February 2017 - February 2018)
	Zoe Liston	Programme Co-ordinator
<b>Charity Number</b>	CHY 15856	
<b>Business Address</b>	UCD International Ground Floor, Main Restaurant Building University College Dublin Belfield Dublin 4	
<b>Auditors</b>	HSM 13 Sussex Street Dun Laoghaire Co. Dublin.	
<b>Bankers</b>	Allied Irish Bank plc. Belfield Dublin 4	

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2018. The financial statements have been prepared based on the accounting policies set out in the Policies section

### **UCDVO's Vision, Mission and Values**

UCDVO's Vision is for UCD students to graduate with an understanding of the challenges facing humanity worldwide and the determination and self belief to tackle the issues underlying poverty and inequality in the world.

UCDVO's Mission is to provide UCD students, staff and alumni with opportunities to volunteer for the benefit of disadvantaged communities overseas, in response to needs explicitly identified by those communities.

### **Our Values**

In our work we are committed to developing a holistic student experience for UCD students and, among all our volunteers, a strong sense of global citizenship that continues beyond the time they spend with UCDVO.

In selecting our overseas projects, we believe in the need to listen to the wisdom of local knowledge, learn from the expertise of our host communities and direct the funds raised by volunteers to projects identified as being of most benefit to the communities with whom we work.

By working in a spirit of mutual respect and understanding of each other's cultural identities, our volunteers and the host communities with whom they work can together alleviate some of the causes of disadvantage in the world.

### **Results**

The financial results for the period are set out on **Page 6 and 7**.

### **Post balance Sheet events**

There have been no significant events affecting the charity since the year end.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

### Trustees

The names of the persons who were trustees at anytime during the year ended 30th September 2018

### Voluntary help

The trustees are very grateful to the volunteers who helped by fundraising and in particular those who worked overseas.

### Statement of trustees responsibilities

It is the trustees' responsibility to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the organisation and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- i) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ii) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

iii) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate:

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

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Niall McLernon



Date: 11/12/18

Maura McGinn



Date: 11/12/2018

# REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

## To the trustees of UCD Volunteers Overseas

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than that charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work.

We have audited the financial statements on **Page 6 and 7** for the year ended 30th September 2018. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set

## Respective responsibilities of the trustees and auditors

As described in the statement of trustees' responsibilities on Page XX, the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Irish accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant regulatory requirements and Auditing Standards promulgated by the Auditing Practices Board.

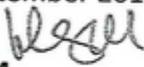
## Basis of audit opinion

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 the 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

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 misstatements, 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

## Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at 30 September 2018 and of the income and expenditure of the charity for the year then ended and have been

  
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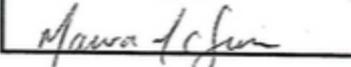
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors  
13 Sussex Street  
Dun Laoghaire

Date: 11 December 2018

# Statement of Financial Activities

Recommended categories by activity	Notes	Unrestricted funds €	Restricted income funds €	Endowment funds €	Total funds €	Prior year funds €
<b>Income Resources</b>						
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and Legacies						
Corporate	1	€17,825	€0	€0	€17,825	€9,250
Individual		€4,157	€0	€0	€4,157	€1,848
Charitable Activities						
Volunteer Programme	2	€295,412	€0	€0	€295,412	€357,328
Grants	3	€0	€41,000	€0	€41,000	€35,000
Other - Workshops/Events		€678	€0	€0	€678	€5,904
Income from Other Activities						
Student Society		€1,260	€0	€0	€1,260	€2,477
General Fundraising	4	€4,354	€952	€0	€5,306	€48,279
Other						
Donated Services (Staff)		€116,493	€0	€0	€116,493	€111,997
<b>Total</b>		<b>€440,179</b>	<b>€41,952</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€482,131</b>	<b>€572,083</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>						
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	5	€1,633	€4,852	€0	€6,485	€27,611
Charitable activities						
Project Costs	6	€329,137	€0	€0	€329,137	€387,871
Grants	7	€0	€30,503	€0	€30,503	€40,901
Non-Project Costs	8	€12,491	€0	€0	€12,491	€11,478
Other						
Donated Services (Staff)	9	€116,493	€0	€0	€116,493	€111,997
Governance Cost	10	€2,829	€0	€0	€2,829	€2,829
<b>Total</b>		<b>€462,584</b>	<b>€35,355</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€497,939</b>	<b>€582,687</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>		<b>(€22,405)</b>	<b>€6,597</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>(€15,808)</b>	<b>(€10,604)</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(€22,405)</b>	<b>€6,597</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>(€15,808)</b>	<b>(€10,604)</b>
<b>Extraordinary items</b>		€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Other gains/(losses)		€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(€22,405)</b>	<b>€6,597</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>(€15,808)</b>	<b>(€10,604)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward		€92,409	€21,275	€0	€113,684	€124,288
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>€70,004</b>	<b>€27,872</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€97,876</b>	<b>€113,684</b>

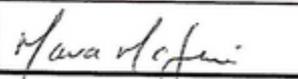
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Signature	Print Name	Date
	Niall McLernon	18/12/18
	Maura McGinn	11/12/2018

# Balance Sheet

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
		€	€	€	€	€
<b>Fixed assets</b>						
Intangible assets		€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Tangible assets		€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Heritage assets		€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Investments		€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>€0</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€0</b>
<b>Current assets</b>						
Stocks		€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Debtors	12	€0	€0	€0	€0	€1,020
Investments		€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Cash at bank and in hand	13	€76,378	€27,872	€0	€104,250	€121,742
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>€76,378</b>	<b>€27,872</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€104,250</b>	<b>€122,762</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	€6,374	€0	€0	€6,374	€9,078
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		<b>€70,004</b>	<b>€27,872</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€97,876</b>	<b>€113,684</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>€70,004</b>	<b>€27,872</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€97,876</b>	<b>€113,684</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>		€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Provisions for liabilities		€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>		<b>€70,004</b>	<b>€27,872</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€97,876</b>	<b>€113,684</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>						
Endowment funds	11	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Restricted income funds		€0	€27,872	€0	€27,872	€21,275
Unrestricted funds		€70,004	€0	€0	€70,004	€92,409
Revaluation reserve					€0	
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>€70,004</b>	<b>€27,872</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€97,876</b>	<b>€113,684</b>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Print Name	Date
	Niall McLernon	11/12/18
	Maura McGinn	11/12/2018

# NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SoFA)

1 Donation & Legacies - Corporate	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Avalon Aerospace	€8,075	€0	€8,075	€0	€0	€0
Electric Aid	€6,000	€0	€6,000	€6,000	€0	€6,000
Henkel Ireland	€0	€0	€0	€3,000	€0	€3,000
Other	€3,750	€0	€3,750	€1,848	€0	€1,848
	<b>€17,825</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€17,825</b>	<b>€10,848</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€10,848</b>

2 Income from Charitable Activities - Volunteer	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Delhi		€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Haiti	€20,505	€0	€20,505	€0	€0	€0
Kenya		€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Nicaragua *	€32,199	€0	€32,199	€66,364	€0	€66,364
Northeast India	€55,601	€0	€55,601	€56,862	€0	€56,862
South India	€16,794	€0	€16,794	€15,497	€0	€15,497
Tanzania Morogoro	€36,367	€0	€36,367	€68,896	€0	€68,896
Tanzania Ruaha	€42,294	€0	€42,294	€59,359	€0	€59,359
Uganda Kisiizi	€39,918	€0	€39,918	€47,933	€0	€47,933
Uganda Nansana	€51,733	€0	€51,733	€42,418	€0	€42,418
	<b>€295,412</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€295,412</b>	<b>€357,328</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€357,328</b>

\* €20,818 to be carried forward due to postponement

3 Income from Charitable Activities - Grants	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Irish Aid Development Education Project	€0	€25,000	€25,000	€0	€20,000	€20,000
Concern	€0	€15,000	€15,000	€0	€15,000	€15,000
Trocaire	€0	€1,000	€1,000	€0	€0	€0
	<b>€0</b>	<b>€41,000</b>	<b>€41,000</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€35,000</b>	<b>€35,000</b>

4 Income from Charitable Activities - Fundraising	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Strictly UCD	€0	€0	€0	€33,177	€0	€33,177
Hell and Back	€0	€0	€0	€10,163	€0	€10,163
UCD Rás	€1,501	€0	€1,501	€664	€0	€664
SU Buckets	€850	€0	€850	€0	€0	€0
Calendars	€840	€0	€840	€1,171	€0	€1,171
Education Fund	€0	€952	€952	€0	€916	€916
Other Fundraising	€1,163	€0	€1,163	€2,188	€0	€2,188
	<b>€4,354</b>	<b>€952</b>	<b>€5,306</b>	<b>€47,363</b>	<b>€916</b>	<b>€48,279</b>

5 Expenditure on - Raising Funds	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Strictly UCD	€0	€0	€0	€20,290	€0	€20,290
Hell and Back	€0	€0	€0	€5,081	€0	€5,081
UCD Rás	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Student Society	€105	€0	€105	€0	€0	€0
Calendars	€941	€0	€941	€941	€0	€941
Education Fund	€0	€4,852	€4,852	€0	€1,299	€1,299
Other Fundraising	€587	€0	€587	€0	€0	€0
	<b>€1,633</b>	<b>€4,852</b>	<b>€6,485</b>	<b>€26,312</b>	<b>€1,299</b>	<b>€27,611</b>

## NOTES TO STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SoFA)

### 6 Expenditure on Charitable activities - Project Costs

	<u>2018</u>			<u>2017</u>		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Delhi	€10,633	€0	€10,633	€1,259	€0	€1,259
Haiti	€33,051	€0	€33,051	€5,357	€0	€5,357
Kenya	€1,625	€0	€1,625	€0	€0	€0
Nicaragua	€25,318	€0	€25,318	€70,404	€0	€70,404
Northeast India	€65,394	€0	€65,394	€62,211	€0	€62,211
South India	€19,961	€0	€19,961	€29,500	€0	€29,500
Tanzania Morogoro	€41,663	€0	€41,663	€60,864	€0	€60,864
Tanzania Ruaha	€42,666	€0	€42,666	€64,740	€0	€64,740
Uganda Kisiizi	€45,927	€0	€45,927	€46,283	€0	€46,283
Uganda Nansana	€42,899	€0	€42,899	€47,252	€0	€47,252
	<b>€329,137</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€329,137</b>	<b>€387,870</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€387,870</b>

### 7 Expenditure on Charitable activities - Grants

	<u>2018</u>			<u>2017</u>		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Irish Aid Development Education Project Concern	€0	€16,131	€16,131	€0	€19,816	€19,816
Trocaire	€0	€13,372	€13,372	€0	€19,962	€19,962
	€0	€1,000	€1,000	€0	€1,122	€1,122
	<b>€0</b>	<b>€30,503</b>	<b>€30,503</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€40,900</b>	<b>€40,900</b>

### 8 Expenditure on Charitable activities - Non-Project Costs

	<u>2018</u>			<u>2017</u>		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Bank Charges	€36	€0	€36	€54	€0	€54
Insurance	€3,382	€0	€3,382	€3,382	€0	€3,382
Miscellaneous	€527	€0	€527	€1,388	€0	€1,388
Other Subs/Members Fees	€768	€0	€768	€0	€0	€0
Phone	€93	€0	€93	€0	€0	€0
Printing & Photocopying	€986	€0	€986	€0	€0	€0
Promotional Materials	€3,432	€0	€3,432	€3,196	€0	€3,196
Workshops/Meetings	€3,267	€0	€3,267	€3,459	€0	€3,459
	<b>€12,491</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€12,491</b>	<b>€11,478</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€11,478</b>

### 9 Expenditure on Other - Donated Services

	<u>2018</u>			<u>2017</u>		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
UCD Staff Secondment	€116,493	€0	€116,493	€111,997	€0	€111,997
	<b>€116,493</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€116,493</b>	<b>€111,997</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€111,997</b>

UCD directly employ 2 full-time staff members that are seconded for UCDVO activities.

### 10 Expenditure on Other - Governance

	<u>2018</u>			<u>2017</u>		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Audit Fee	€2,829	€0	€2,829	€2,829	€0	€2,829
	<b>€2,829</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€2,829</b>	<b>€2,829</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€2,829</b>

# NOTES TO STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SoFA)

11 Funds of the Charity	2018			2017		
	Opening	Income	Spend	Closing	30/09/2017	
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Education Fund	€7,632	€952	€4,852	€3,732		€7,632
IADEP	€15,271	€25,000	€16,131	€24,140		€15,271
Concern	(€1,628)	€15,000	€13,372	€0		(€1,628)
Trocaire	€0	€1,000	€1,000	€0		€0
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	€92,409	€440,179	€462,584	€70,004		€92,409
	<b>€113,684</b>	<b>€482,131</b>	<b>€497,939</b>	<b>€97,876</b>		<b>€113,684</b>
<b>12 Current Assets - Debtors</b>	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Vodafone	€0	€0	€0	€1,020	€0	€1,020
	<b>€0</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€1,020</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€1,020</b>
<b>13 Current Assets - Cash on Hand and in Bank</b>	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<i>Allied Irish Bank a/c</i>	€62,670	€27,872	€90,542	€95,261	€21,662	€116,923
<i>UCD Cost Centre</i>	€3,847	€0	€3,847	€0	€0	€0
<b>Petty Cash Box</b>						
US Dollar (Nic & Haiti)	€119	€0	€119	€0	€0	€0
Nicaraguan Cordobas	€9	€0	€9	€0	€0	€0
Haiti (HTG)	€54	€0	€54	€0	€0	€0
Uganda Kisiizi (UGX)	€99	€0	€99	€0	€0	€0
South India (INR)	€11	€0	€11	€0	€0	€0
Tanzania (TZS)	€83	€0	€83	€0	€0	€0
<b>Funds Held By Partners</b>						
Nicaragua	€0	€0	€0	€187	€0	€187
Haiti	€4,061	€0	€4,061	€236	€0	€236
Northeast India (Assam)	€0	€0	€0	€1,089	€0	€1,089
Northeast India (Ferrando Centre)	€0	€0	€0	€711	€0	€711
Uganda (Nansana)	€0	€0	€0	€598	€0	€598
Uganda (Kisiizi)	€5,425	€0	€5,425	€1,986	€0	€1,986
South India	€0	€0	€0	€12	€0	€12
	<b>€76,378</b>	<b>€27,872</b>	<b>€104,250</b>	<b>€100,080</b>	<b>€21,662</b>	<b>€121,742</b>
<b>14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Audit Fee	€2,829	€0	€2,829	€2,829	€0	€2,829
UCD International	€0	€0	€0	€6,249	€0	€6,249
TanzEd	€3,545	€0	€3,545	€0	€0	€0
	<b>€6,374</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€6,374</b>	<b>€9,078</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€9,078</b>

# ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## 1 Accounting Policies

### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

In preparing the financial statements, the charity has referred to guidance included within the following Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP); Charities Act 2009; Accounting and Reporting for Charities 2014 FRS102. The charity has adopted best practice to the extent that requirements contained within the aforementioned SORP are applicable to the charity.

### 1.2 Income Recognition

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- Income from voluntary donations is recognised when received
- Grants from the government and other agencies have been included as income from activities in furtherance of the charity's objects and accounted for on a receivable basis

### 1.3 Recognition of expenditure

Expenditure is included when incurred, and includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Grants payable for development projects are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when approved by the Trustees and agreed with the recipient organisation. The value of such grants unpaid at the year-end is accrued.

The majority of costs are directly attributable to specific activities. Support costs are incurred in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

### 1.4 Raising funds

These include all expenditures incurred by a charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes. It includes costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities and the sale of donated goods.

### 1.5 Governance Cost

These represent the costs incurred running and managing the charity, including managing and safeguarding the charity's assets, organisation administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

### 1.5 Donated services/gifts-in-kind

Services donated, such as staff, are included in income at market value and the corresponding charge made to costs.

### 1.6 Funds accounting

*Unrestricted funds* - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees'

*Designated funds* - these are funds which have been set aside for particular purposes by the charity itself, in furtherance of the charity's objects.

*Restricted funds* - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes with the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

### 1.7 Reserves policy

# ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In order to secure the long term viability of UCDVO and to maintain the smooth operation of the organisation, it is critical to ensure that the organisation has adequate reserves. The organisation implements a Reserves Policy to ensure that a satisfactory level of reserves are held to :

- maintain a required level of funding available for programmes during times of financial difficulty where fundraising income is reduced.
- meet unanticipated expenses such as postponed projects or legal costs.
- cover day to day expenditures of UCDVO
- ensure there is adequate funding should any winding up costs ever arise.
- provide for any other unanticipated expenditure of significance.

The Board may designate unrestricted reserves for specific future expenditures.

## 1.8 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

## 1.9 Cash and Cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overheads that are Repayable on demand and form an integral part of the charity's cash management.

## 1.10 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

## 1.11 Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using effective interest method.

## 1.12 Foreign Currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the period end.