



Summary Information Return 2007 (Online)

Summary Information Return 2007 Of Aims, Activities and Achievements

This return is intended to comprise a Summary of key information contained in the Annual Trustee's Report and Accounts and in other documents

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH TRUST LIMITED

Charity Number: 281681

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This online version of the form shows the information you have entered through Annual Return 2007 Online and has been designed to make it easier for Charities to print.

**The Summary Information Return was submitted online by MISS EILISH
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Question 1 - The Charity's Aims

What are your charity's aims?

Friends of the Earth Trust is committed to the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment. It promotes sustainable development for the public benefit, campaigns, undertakes research, education and publishing and provides an information service on environmental problems and their solutions.

Further details can be obtained from

Annual Review and Annual Report and on www.foe.co.uk

Question 2 - Who benefits?

Who benefits from the charities work?

The general public and especially communities suffering from environmental injustices.

How do you respond to their needs and how do they influence the charity's developments?

We seek to involve those who take action on behalf of the environment in Friends of the Earth's development. In particular, we seek the involvement of local community groups and individuals in the development of our strategic plans and in the delivery of our work.

Further details can be obtained from

www.foe.co.uk

Question 3 - The Charity's Strategy

What are the key elements of your charity's medium to long term strategy?

To develop an alternative sustainable economics model.
To promote environmental justice.
To ensure key environmental limits are reflected in policy and law.
To achieve official commitment to positive environmental solutions.

How does your charity measure the success of the strategy?

By regular monitoring systems and reports, by quarterly analysis by the management team and by quarterly reporting from the management team to the various committees of the Board on progress against each of these aims.

Further details can be obtained from

www.foe.co.uk and the Trustees Report and Annual Accounts

Question 4 - The Charity's Objectives and Achievements

What were your charity's main annual objectives and were they achieved?

Objective	Achievement
Working with others to develop a sustainable economics model so that by 2008 there is a credible alternative, based on justice and environmental limits, to the prevailing corporate globalisation.	Europe's most stringent Company Law came into play in November 2006. Because of our work we were able to secure strong reporting requirements.

Promoting environmental justice so that it moves to the centre of official, corporate and voluntary sector discussions and decisions and public understanding about environmental issues.	The Friends of the Earth Rights and Justice Centre is a groundbreaking initiative. Our team of lawyers has been helping people to understand how to use the law to protect their environment and rights.
Ensuring that key environmental limits (resource consumption, greenhouse gas emissions & conservation of biodiversity) are reflected in policy and law at all levels.	On 13 March 2007, a draft Climate Change Bill was published. The Big Ask was a major catalyst for what is one of the greatest environmental successes in the UK to date.

Question 5 - The Charity's Income and Expenditure

What were your charity's sources of income in the year?

Income Source	% of incoming resources	£ 000s
Voluntary Income	94	6,116
Activities for generating funds	0	0
Investment income	2	112
Incoming resources from charitable activities	1	95
Other Incoming Resources	3	198
Total	100	6,521

What were your charity's most significant activities during the year and how much did you spend on them?

Charitable Activities	£ 000s
Sustainable Economics	1,299
Environmental Justice	830
Environmental Limits	2,799
Other	1,343
Total expenditure on Charitable Activities	6,272
Total Expenditure	6,818
Explanatory Comments	

What were your charity's three main fundraising activities in the year and how much did each generate and cost?

Fundraising Activity	Income generated	Cost of Activity £ 000s
Legacies	1,389	10
Supporters donations and subscriptions.	3,976	471
Grants	751	0
Other	0	0
Total voluntary income and activities for	6,116	
Total cost of generating voluntary income		481
Explanatory Comments		
We do not separate costs of grant applications from the cost of fundraising from supporters.		

Further details can be obtained from

Annual Accounts

Question 6 - The Charity's Financial Health

How would you describe your charity's financial health at the end of the period?

The charity's financial health was very strong at the end of the financial year, having almost 3 months of unrestricted reserves. This was due to strong fundraising performance. We were therefore able to bring forward planned work and helps in preparing our next 5 year strategic plan which will begin in June 2008.

Further details can be obtained from

Annual Accounts

Question 7 - The Next Year

How will the overall performance last year affect your charity's medium to long term performance?

The strong financial performance and our achievements gives us a good base on which to prepare our strategic aims and objectives for the next period 2008 to 2013.

What are your charity's main objectives for next year?

Working with others to develop a sustainable economics model so by 2008 there is a credible alternative.

Promoting environmental justice.

Ensuring that key environmental limits are reflected in policy and law.

Communicate Friends of the Earth as the organisation striving for environmental justice that works through global to local.

Further details can be obtained from

Annual Accounts and Trustees Report

Question 8 - The Charity's Governance

How does the charity ensure that its governance arrangements are appropriate and effective?

The charity has a Governance Committee which reports to the board and monitors the performance of the charity and its board, committees and its trustees and develops and monitors high quality appropriate and effective governance standards.
The Board considers governance issues at each Board meeting.

Further details can be obtained from

Annual Accounts

DECLARATION

Your Summary Information Return was submitted online by MISS EILISH KAVANAGH on 28 2 2008, telephone number 0207 5664089

MISS EILISH KAVANAGH certified online that:

- the information provided was correct
- it had been or would be brought to the attention of all the trustees

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