

Performance Report

Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand

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Compilation Report

Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand

For the year ended 30 June 2020

Cash Basis

Compilation Report to the Members of Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand (formerly Action for Children and Youth Aotearoa Incorporated).

Scope

On the basis of information provided and in accordance with Service Engagement Standard 2 Compilation of Financial Information, we have compiled the financial statements of Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand for the year ended 30 June 2020.

These statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in the Notes to these financial statements.

Responsibilities

The Steering Committee is solely responsible for the information contained in this financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet your needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

The financial statements were prepared exclusively for your benefit. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the financial statements.

No Audit or Review Engagement Undertaken

Our procedures use accounting expertise to undertake the compilation of the financial statements from information you provided. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review engagement has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

Independence

We have no involvement with Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand (formerly Action for Children and Youth Aotearoa Incorporated) other than for the preparation of financial statements and management reports and offering advice based on the financial information provided.

Disclaimer

We have compiled these financial statements based on information provided which has not been subject to an audit or review engagement. Accordingly, we do not accept any responsibility for the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the compiled financial information contained in the financial statements. Nor do we accept any liability of any kind whatsoever, including liability by reason of negligence, to any person for losses incurred as a result of placing reliance on this financial report.

Common Cents Accounting

64a Gosford Drive, Botany Downs, Auckland 2010

Dated: 24 August 2020

Entity Information

Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand For the year ended 30 June 2020 Cash Basis

'Who are we?', 'Why do we exist?'

Legal Name of Entity

Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand.

Formerly Action for Children and Youth Aotearoa Incorporated (ACYA). On 21 August 2019, ACYA voted to become Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand.

Entity Type and Legal Basis

Registered charity and incorporated society

Registration Number

CC1198

Entity's Purpose or Mission

Purpose

Together, we work towards an Aotearoa where the rights of all children are made real.

Mission

The Children's Rights Alliance's mission is to make the rights of all children real in their daily lives. To achieve this aim we:

- promote understanding and implementation of children's rights
- provide reports from civil society to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child
- promote action on the recommendations of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child
- promote the voice and participation of children and young people.

The Children's Rights Alliance's Structure:

The Children's Rights Alliance is a coalition of NGOs, families and whānau, and individuals, run by a volunteer Steering Committee which is elected at our AGM and meets at least 5 times a year. The Steering Committee is comprised of at least 7 (currently 9) individuals with a mix of expertise on a range of children's issues: justice, education, disability and social services.

Members of the Steering Committee are well connected in the children's sector and can draw on a diverse range of experiences from throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. From time to time, the Steering Committee co-opts new members to access a particular sector or to fill a knowledge gap. There is also capacity to establish sub-committees, working groups and branches to further our aims and objectives.

The Steering Committee, through its Chairperson and other selected members, regularly meets with coalition partners and others in the children's sector, the Children's Commissioner and government officials to raise awareness of children's rights issues and seek to have them addressed. From late May 2020, the Children's Rights Alliance has one paid, part-time worker.

Main Sources of the Children's Rights Alliance's Cash and Resources

The Children's Rights Alliance's work is primarily funded by grants from philanthropic trusts. We also receive donations and membership fees.

Main Methods Used by the Children's Rights Alliance to Raise Funds

The main method used by Children's Rights Alliance to raise funds is grant applications. To date we have been funded predominantly by the JR McKenzie Trust.

Children's Rights Alliance's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services

The Children's Rights Alliance's Steering Committee and other members volunteer their time for all aspects of our work. The Children's Rights Alliance has received much valued support from a number of agencies working with and for children in the form of employees being able to do work for the Alliance as part of their paid employment.

A large proportion of our volunteer time is devoted to preparing, presenting and following up on civil society reports to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. The Children's Rights Alliance's holds the role of Country Focal Point – a role that mandates us to co-ordinate the civil society groups and individuals attending the UN sessions and to liaise with the UN. This is a significant role that requires a thorough understanding of the UN processes for reporting and a substantial time commitment. Other work undertaken by the Alliance with donated time/services includes:

- active participation in the Children's Convention Monitoring Group, convened by the Children's Commissioner. <https://www.occ.org.nz/childrens-rights-and-advice/uncroc/uncroc-role/>
- contributing to joint children's sector submissions on children's rights issues
- developing and contributing to position statements about children's rights issues
- leading children's sector based seminars on issues relating to the UN CRC reporting criteria
- providing expertise to interest groups on matters relating to child rights
- identifying research gaps
- undertaking small research projects.

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Approval of Financial Report

Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand For the year ended 30 June 2020 Cash Basis

The Steering Committee members are pleased to present the approved financial report including the historical financial statements of Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand (formerly Action for Children and Youth Aotearoa Incorporated) for year ended 30 June 2020.

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Name:

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Date

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Position:

Date

Statement of Service Performance

Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand

For the year ended 30 June 2020

Cash Basis

'What did we do?', 'When did we do it?'

Description of the Children's Rights Alliance's Outcomes

Over the 2019/20 financial year the Children's Rights Alliance:

- Produced two reports to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child: a comprehensive report outlining the key issues for children in Aotearoa; and a supplementary report on the impact of COVID-19 on children and their rights.
- Hosted a series of workshops in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, as well as on-line, to engage with civil society on the reporting process and to gather information on children's issues for our report.
- Provided advice and support to groups wishing to submit to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child on their own areas of expertise.
- Undertook strategic planning to ensure we are well placed to meet our objectives. Our strategic planning led to us changing our name from Action for Children and Youth Aotearoa (ACYA) to Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand. Our name change makes our role and purpose clearer. We identified strengthening our membership base as a priority.
- Worked with others in the children's sector to mark the 25 anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in Aotearoa New Zealand by securing a pledge of recommitment. We attended events at Parliament to mark the occasion, including the opening of the playground at Parliament.
- Hosted a seminar in Wellington with leading international Children's Rights experts Laura Lundy, Ursula Kilkelly, Scotland's Children's Commissioner Bruce Adamson and member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Justice Vui Nelson.
- Continued to develop and share our technical expertise on children's rights and support others working to advance children's rights, building on existing relationships and establishing new ones.
- Actively contributed to on-going monitoring of Aotearoa New Zealand's progress on children's rights via the Children's Convention Monitoring Group, convened by the Children's Commissioner.

Our work over the last quarter of the 2019/2020 year was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We attended weekly online meetings with the Children's Convention Monitoring Group (CMG) to monitor the impact of the pandemic on children and produced a supplementary report to the United Nations. As a national organisation we hold the majority of our steering committee meetings online. However, COVID-19 restrictions did limit our ability to meet face to face as needed. For example, to workshop the content of our supplementary information report.

Description and Quantification of the Children's Rights Alliance's Outputs

Produced 2 reports to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child:

- Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand Written Input into the List of Issues Prior to Reporting. Submitted to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child. Sixth reporting cycle of Aotearoa New Zealand. 1 March 2020.
- Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand. Supplementary report on the impact of Covid-19 on children's rights in Aotearoa New Zealand. June 2020.

Hosted 5 workshops -1 in Auckland, Wellington and online, 2 in Christchurch.

Held 1 seminar with international children's rights experts

Participation in Children's Convention Monitoring Group (CMG):

- 4 quarterly meetings of the as well as a number of ad hoc CMG meetings
- Weekly meetings over the Covid levels 4 and 3.
- 2 meetings between the CMG and Government's Social Sector Deputy Chief Executives
- 1 meeting with the Minister for Children
- Publication of pocket edition of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Regular, fortnightly steering committee meetings to progress and operationalise strategic planning.

Periodic face to face steering committee and sub-group meetings to progress and operationalise strategic planning, make strategic decisions and develop reports.

Statement of Receipts and Payments

Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand For the year ended 30 June 2020

'How was it funded?' and 'What did it cost?'

	NOTES	2020	2019
Operating Receipts			
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	1	40,780	40,835
Fees, subscriptions and other receipts from members	1	405	605
Total Operating Receipts		41,185	41,440
Operating Payments			
Payments relating to providing goods or services	2	19,259	5,599
Other operating payments	2	2,907	2,770
Total Operating Payments		22,167	8,369
Operating Surplus or (Deficit)		19,018	33,071
Increase/(Decrease) in Bank Accounts and Cash		19,018	33,071
Cash Balances			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		103,597	70,526
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		122,616	103,597
Net change in cash for period		19,018	33,071

This statement has been prepared without conducting an audit or review engagement, and should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.

Statement of Resources and Commitments

Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand

For the year ended 30 June 2020

Cash Basis

	2020	2019
Bank Accounts and Cash		
Bank and cash	122,616	103,597
Total Bank Accounts and Cash	122,616	103,597

	2020	2019
Money Held on Behalf of Others/Owed to the Entity - nil		

	2020	2019
Commitments - nil		

Equity		
Current year earnings	19,018	33,071
Retained earnings/Accumulated funds	103,597	70,526
Total Equity	122,616	103,597

Grants or Donations with Conditions Attached (where conditions not fully met at balance date)

JR McKenzie Trust year 4 of 5 year grant, for UNCROC Shadow report and other related work, \$40,700 per year.

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Statement of Accounting Policies

Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand

For the year ended 30 June 2020

Cash Basis

'How did we do our accounting?'

Basis of Preparation

The entity is permitted by law to apply PBE SFR-C (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Cash (Not for Profit) and has elected to do so. All transactions are reported in the Statement of Receipts and Payments and related Notes to the Performance Report on a cash basis.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The entity is not registered for GST. Therefore all amounts are stated inclusive of GST (if any).

Income Tax

Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

Bank Accounts and Cash

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Receipts and Payments comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. Policies have been applied on a consistent basis with those of the previous reporting period.

Notes to the Performance Report

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2020 2019

1. Analysis of Receipts

Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts

Donations	80	135
JR McKenzie Grant	40,700	40,700
Total Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts	40,780	40,835

Fees, subscriptions and other receipts from members

Individual Membership Fees	335	290
Organisation Membership Fees	70	315
Total Fees, subscriptions and other receipts from members	405	605

2020 2019

2. Analysis of Payments

Payments relating to providing goods or services

Consultants	9,450	-
Miscellaneous Administration Costs	51	-
Office Administration	-	2,843
Steering Committee meeting expenses	2,210	2,576
UNCROC Alt Report	3,000	-
UNCROC booklet	941	-
Website Maintenance and Hosting	180	180
Workshop expenses	3,428	-
Total Payments relating to providing goods or services	19,259	5,599

Other operating payments

AGM expenses	995	1,732
Accounting Expenses	1,050	150
Bank Fees	40	80
Xero subscription	822	809
Total Other operating payments	2,907	2,770

2020 2019

3. Capital Receipts & Payments

Equity

Opening Balance	103,597	7,879
Current year earnings	19,018	33,071
Retained earnings/Accumulated funds	-	62,648
Total Equity	122,616	103,597

4. Correction of Errors

Nil

5. Related parties

The Steering Committee members provide volunteer work for the organisation through their contributions to the parallel reports either as writers, commentators, or as peer-reviewers. These volunteers share their expertise in two ways - within the actual Steering Committee forum, they inform our work with sector groups by identifying issues and raising questions about children's rights and potential breaches of these rights. External to the Children's Rights Alliance Steering Committee members disseminate information about our work and meet with their respective sector groups to, again, identify issues and raise questions about children's rights. Office holders represent the Children's Rights Alliance at numerous meetings with stakeholder groups to advance understanding of children's rights. The Children's Rights Alliance holds a place on the Children's Convention Monitoring Group, a coordinating mechanism administered by the Office of the Children's Commissioner and set up to monitor the government's Children's Convention workplan.

During the year ended 30 June 2020 the Children's Rights Alliance worked closely with Ocean Design Group on strategic planning and branding. Andrea Jamison, a former Steering Committee member (2016- 2020) , and now Executive Director of the Children's Rights Alliance has close associations with and is, through a family trust, a shareholder in Ocean Design Group.

Staff members from the following related organisations have served on the Steering Committee over the 2019/2020 year: Save the Children New Zealand, YouthLaw, Barnardos, the Children's Issues Centre at the University of Otago, Inder Family Law.

6. Events After the Balance Date

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report (Last year - nil).