



Annual Report 2018-2019

WEC UK and Ireland's
review of the year.

Our mission

To work together with the UK church to mobilise, train, send out and support members who will see churches established and flourishing amongst the remaining unevangelised peoples of the world.

Our vision

Crossing cultures to make disciples

Starting churches where there are none or few

Praying to see Jesus known, loved and worshipped

Our values

Being devoted to Christ

Relying on him

Denying ourselves to follow him

Serving together in love

Our purpose

Make disciples within communities where there is no church

Send those God calls, to communities where there is no church

Serve those who share our passion and want to fulfil God's calling on their lives

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Be prepared

“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.” (2 Timothy 4:2)

Preaching the gospel is not always easy and opportunities don't always arise when we feel ready. But at WEC UK, we are committed to preaching the gospel 'in season and out of season' – whether or not we feel equal to the task. We believe firmly it is our duty to share the good news of Jesus Christ, regardless of how likely we are to see impressive results from it.

This year, some of our members have seen wonderful results from their efforts: extraordinary numbers of people coming to faith; dramatic testimonies of changed lives; whole communities being transformed in the name of Jesus. For others, this is the season for sowing, not for harvesting. So, they are serving diligently to meet crucial needs in their communities and form relationships with their neighbours. Naturally, they still share the message of good news when they can and they trust that God will honour their faithfulness, even if it is years before they see the fruit they hope for.

However easy life and ministry seem to be for them, a clear and powerful sense of calling comes across in everything our members do. I am in awe of their determination, creativity and faith. I hope that, as you read this report, you will be struck, as I am, by the faithfulness of WEC's members and by the goodness of our God, who equips and resources everything we do. All of this is for him and his glory.

P Hammond
Chair of Trustees

208

is the number of

PEOPLE

we work among
in the UK who have
started their
journey with Jesus
from Kurdish,
Iranian, Iraqi,
Afghan, Somali,
and South Asian
people groups.

in 2018

12,250

the number of gospel
news sheets sent out
to Fula peoples

THE NUMBER OF
VISITORS TO OUR
WEBSITE WAS

44K

TWENTY FOUR

the number of new short
termers who have been
screened and
commenced ministry
placements this year.

SEVENTEEN

is the percentage of members
focused on mobilising the
UK church through
connecting with churches,
promoting WEC through
events, publications and
communications.

44

is the percentage of our members
engaging unreached people with the
gospel in around 23 countries including
Congo, Czech Republic, France, Ghana,
the Gambia, India, Indonesia, Japan,
Mexico, Portugal, Senegal, Spain,
Thailand, and the UK.

THE NUMBER OF

Iranians

who have professed faith
in one group based in

DERBY

195

10

THE NUMBER OF
NATIONALITIES
HELPED BY HOPE
CITY FURNITURE

EIGHT

THE NUMBER
RW WORKSHOPS

244

the total number
of children who
attended the 10
World Adventure
programmes run
in 2018.

SEVENTY

THE NUMBER OF
ACTIVE PRAYER
GROUPS IN THE UK
AND IRELAND

Strategies for achieving our objectives

1. Make disciples within communities where there is no church.

Our key activities are:

Engaging communities with the good news of Jesus in a way that resonates with their culture.

Discipling them to become whole-hearted followers of Jesus.

Highlights of our activities and performance

IN NUMBERS

- 120 WEC members are engaging unreached people with the gospel in around 23 countries.
- 244 children attended World Adventure programmes over ten events.
- Seven young people made commitments to follow Jesus at WEC Camps.
- 208 people we work with – from Kurdish, Iranian, Iraqi, Afghan, Somali, and South Asian people groups – have become Christians.
- 195 out of 208 Iranians at a Bible study group based in Derby have professed faith.
- Hope City Furniture have helped individuals from Iranian, Kurdish, Russian, Spanish, Pakistani, Indian, Sudanese, Ethiopian and British backgrounds.
- 120 students, mostly from muslim backgrounds, attend English classes in Leicester.
- 12,250 evangelistic papers have been sent to the Fula people group.
- Seven new songs were written during a song-writing workshop for people in Central Asia.
- 150 'Geared for Growth' Bible study groups meet regularly.

EVANGELISM

Reaching Muslims in northwest England

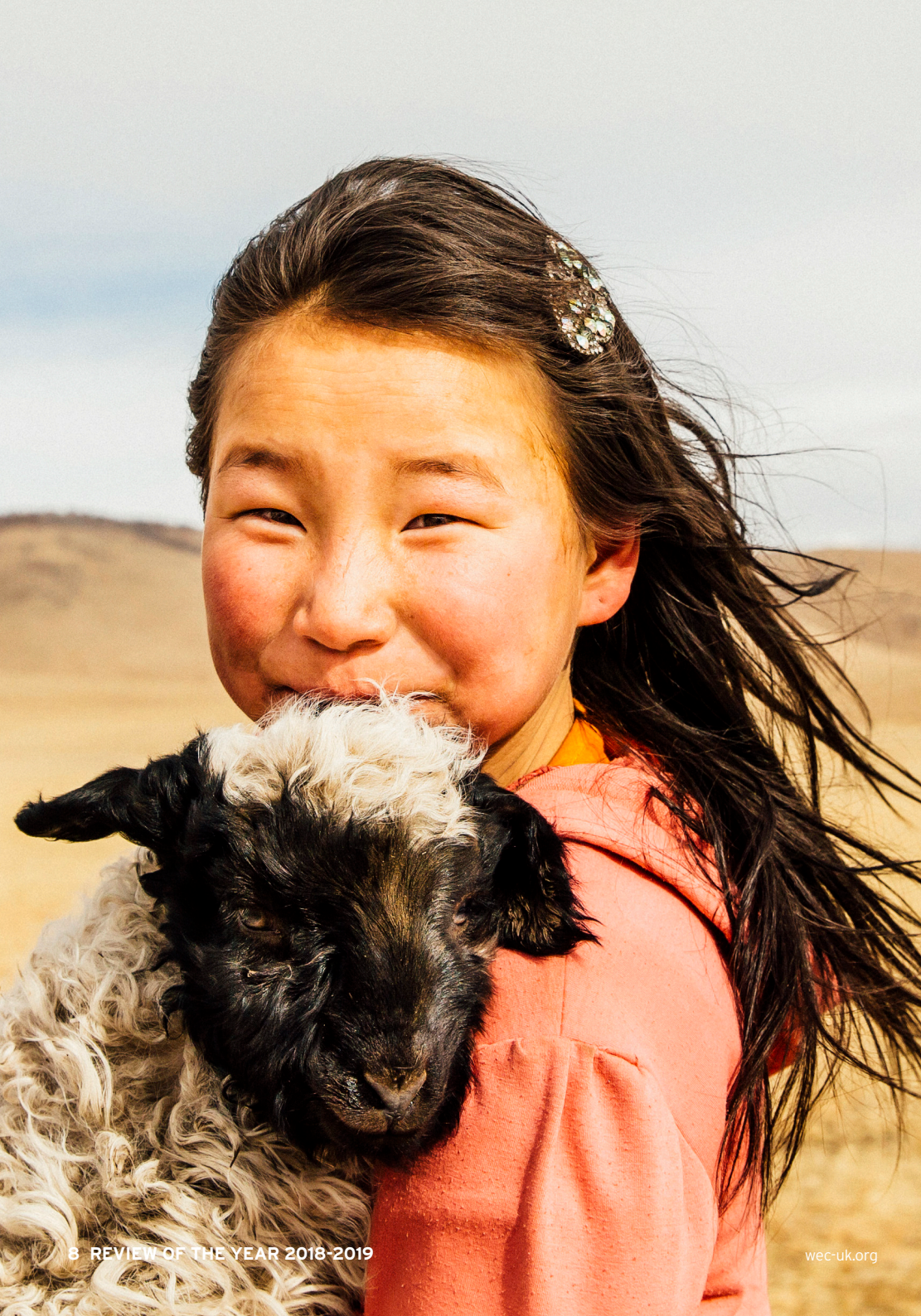
Based in Burnley, Richard and Lenora seek to build relationships with local Muslims. Lenora hosts a weekly craft session with a group of Bangladeshi women and Richard meets occasionally with local muslim leaders, both Pakistani and Bangladeshi.

Richard and Lenora both attend a drop-in every Tuesday afternoon for asylum seekers and refugees, and assist with teaching English. Most regular attenders are Muslims. They are from various countries but mainly from Iran, Syria and Kurdish Iraq. Opportunities for evangelism at the drop-in are limited, so the couple have endeavoured to befriend regular attenders outside of this context, and have been able to pass on some portions of the Bible in their languages. Once a week, a few of the men go to the local community farm, of which Lenora is Chair, to help with gardening.

It often takes time to see real fruit from this kind of outreach, but valuable relationships are developing and there have been significant conversations about faith. We're looking forward to seeing how this work develops

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ENGAGING COMMUNITIES

Supporting families in Mongolia

Mongolia, severe winter storms are common and an entire flock of animals will sometimes freeze to death overnight. WEC members support families in situations like this by providing a 'bank of animals'. We lend up to 60 head of sheep and goats and, for three years, the family has an income from selling milk and wool. At the end of that time, those families give back the same number of animals but the young and healthy ones. The project enables families to continue to live in the countryside and provide for their children. What's more, it provides a platform for conversations around faith.

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REBUILDING LIVES

Serving women recovering from addiction

Betel's centre in the Czech Republic is a refuge for women recovering from addiction. This is Iva's story:

"A year ago, I came into the Betel girls' house, afraid and lost. Growing up, I had no relationship with my real father, and I turned to gaining self-worth and confidence through different men. This resulted in a number of abusive relationships and I was trapped into a lifestyle of drug addiction. Since coming here, I have come to know Jesus as my Lord, saviour and friend. He has given me a brand new life, a brand new identity and a brand new sense of self-worth. I am no longer fearful and afraid and am beginning to receive full healing from my past."

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NORTH INDIAN WOMEN: WEC members in the Midlands have developed strong relationships with a group of north Indian women who come to a church mums and toddlers' group. The team is planning to build on these relationships by sharing the gospel more overtly in the coming months, including a dance and drama performance.

KOREAN MISSIONARIES: Moira has spent three months serving at a mission training centre in South Korea. Her main responsibility was to teach English but she also enjoyed helping the students grapple with cross-cultural issues and prepare for mission all over the world, and she was delighted to see each student grow in their awareness of God's calling.

MUSICAL OUTREACH IN JAPAN:

Catherine, a harpist, uses her music as a vehicle for sharing the gospel. Her concerts often lead to conversations about faith and, this year, a woman became a Christian as a result. This woman has now been baptised and shared her story at Catherine's Christmas concert.

RAINBOW EDUCATION PROJECT,

GHANA: WEC's education centre in Ghana helps local people develop important skills such as IT. These courses attract a diverse audience, including prominent businessmen. The centre is also a valuable resource for relational evangelism and many people are hearing the good news in this context.

Strategies for achieving our objectives

2. Send those God calls, to communities where there is no church.

Our key activities are:

Mobilising people and churches to be witnesses amongst the unreached, overseas and in the UK.

Recruiting people to serve with WEC, overseas and in the UK.

Highlights of our activities and performance

IN NUMBERS

- 19 people attended Mission&Me events in London and Scotland this year.
- WEC Youth has had contact with over 1,600 people through Camps, World Adventure programmes, university visits and church services.
- Operation World conference attracted over 1,000 people, including at least 200 church leaders.
- Arts Release has had over 60 visitors to its centre in Leeds, enabling the team to connect with key people they want to mobilise for mission.
- 9,000 people searched our website for opportunities to serve.
- Two new long-term members joined in 2018 and have begun service in Central Asia.
- Neighbours Worldwide has seen a 12% increase in the number of members joining their ministry, Arts Release an 80% increase and Media & Communications 50%.
- 24 new short termers have commenced ministry placements this year.
- We have 3,350 follows on our social media feeds.

MOBILISING

The long journey towards mission

Dave and Meg, WEC Mobilisers in the southeast, have journeyed with a friend for five years, as he took steps toward long-term mission. Following a Mission&Me event, the man regularly met with Dave and Meg, and he debriefed with them after two short-term trips. However, when he expressed a wish to do some cross-cultural training in order to join WEC for the long term, his church leaders didn't appear supportive. Dave and Meg encouraged him to pray and leave the matter in God's hands. Several weeks later, the church leader invited the man to join him to visit a part of Asia where the church was supporting for the building of a Bible college. During this trip, the pastor could see that our friend was culturally sensitive and able to get alongside the locals very naturally, to share his faith. This trip changed the pastor's perspective and he is now fully supportive of our friend's application to study at one of WEC's Bible colleges, in preparation for full-time service.

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BUSINESS FOR MISSION

G.A.R.L.I.C.

The Moyo family serve in Zimbabwe, seeking to mobilise local Christians for mission in unreached communities. Their vision is to see an incredible 10,000 mission members sent out from Zimbabwe into neighbouring countries by 2029! G.A.R.L.I.C. (Gospel Advance Requires Limitless Income Creativity) uses farming to generate income to train and support local missionaries. The Moyos are still developing their garlic and goat farm, but are already seeing God providing through the project. Having harvested their first garlic crop, they hope to develop the profitability of the farm by building a strong export platform. This means that a church or missionary could invest in a portion of the Moyo garlic and gain up to 60% of the annual profit.

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YOUTH WORK

Inspiring Australian teenagers

"At a christian school in Queensland, I shared with the students about the needs of the unreached. One female student caught my eye; I noticed that her eyes were welling up with tears. Afterwards, a member of staff was thanking me and I responded with something like, 'Well I'm happy as long as one or two students are challenged to think about what God wants them to do.' A voice behind me muttered, 'Don't worry, you've certainly done that.' It was that female student. My heart leaped!"

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ARTS RELEASE: The recruitment of the Yen family has been a massive boost to Arts Release, as they have taken on both administrative responsibilities and front-line arts ministry. This has filled gaps other team members have not been able to fill, and has developed the artistic scope of the AR Leeds team.

MOBILISING IN NORTHWEST ENGLAND:

Two members have been sharing about WEC in their church for fourteen years, faithfully communicating God's heart for mission. The couple have taken a number of teams abroad to experience WEC mission and, eventually, some church members have been inspired to engage in outreach in their own areas.

WEC IN THE MIDLANDS: Members near Coventry have had opportunities to speak about WEC at church, in several informal presentations and even at a women's fitness class. As a result of this work, the pastors of one particular church have become directly involved in supporting WEC UK's ministry.

JOINING THE FAMILY: In northeast England, two WEC members have run the 'Joining the Family' course in their church. This helps believers understand the challenges and joys faced by new converts from Islam. Established church members now have a new understanding of the missionary task as individuals from unreached people groups join the church community.

Strategies for achieving our objectives

3. Serve those who share our passion.

Our key activities are:

Praying for communities where there is no church, for the world, and for WEC.

Supporting our members and teams to be faithful and fruitful, in life and ministry.

Highlights of our activities and performance

IN NUMBERS

- We have 70 active prayer groups.
- 85 commit to pray for Fula peoples every month.
- 520 students from five universities regularly pray for the unreached.
- 250 people regularly pray for our ministry in Bradford.
- 85 prayer updates were each sent to 140 retirees.
- 95 attended weekend prayer conferences organised by WEC.
- 16,400 copies of *WEC Pray* were sent by email or post.
- 104 ministry reviews were carried out (at least 167 expected).
- 40 members trialled the Learning Management System, Moodle.
- 22 cluster and sub-cluster groups met at least once, around the UK and Ireland.
- 47 UK members attended training workshops to increase their effectiveness.
- 77 (28%) of our members have a primary role of supporting others with resources, leadership and skills to enhance their ministry.

PRAYER

A daily rhythm of prayer

Judith and Mark run *Ergata*, a retreat centre in northwest England. To them, prayer is integral to everyday life:

"We find our daily rhythm of prayer absolutely crucial to our spiritual development and sanity. Through prayer, we have seen so much fruit in our marriage, family and ministry. As our guests take time to stop, they are often inspired to start living in a similar way, which gives them a deeper attitude of restfulness as they go about their busy lives. After our mealtimes, we pray around our table for people, circumstances and the nations. It's a joy to be alongside our guests in their struggles, particular burdens and stories of God's goodness.

"We rent the premises and therefore sometimes wonder whether our stay here will come to a premature end. However, God has answered that prayer by faithfully providing for us over the last five years, and our landlords recently gave us specific encouragement to carry on with what we are doing, without any foreseeable time limitations."

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WORSHIP

Arts Release creative worship

With the UK-based Arts Release team growing in numbers, more opportunities have arisen to develop creative arts-based worship. It is great to see one of the initial visions for this ministry taking clearer shape. Since January 2019, the team have been invited to lead a local church outreach event and a city-wide prayer gathering, both using dance, drama and visual art, as well as music. The outreach event welcomed people from several faith traditions, some of whom heard the gospel for the very first time. One person later asked, "So, is this what Easter is all about?". That realisation itself is a breakthrough!

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SUPPORT

Member Care Hub

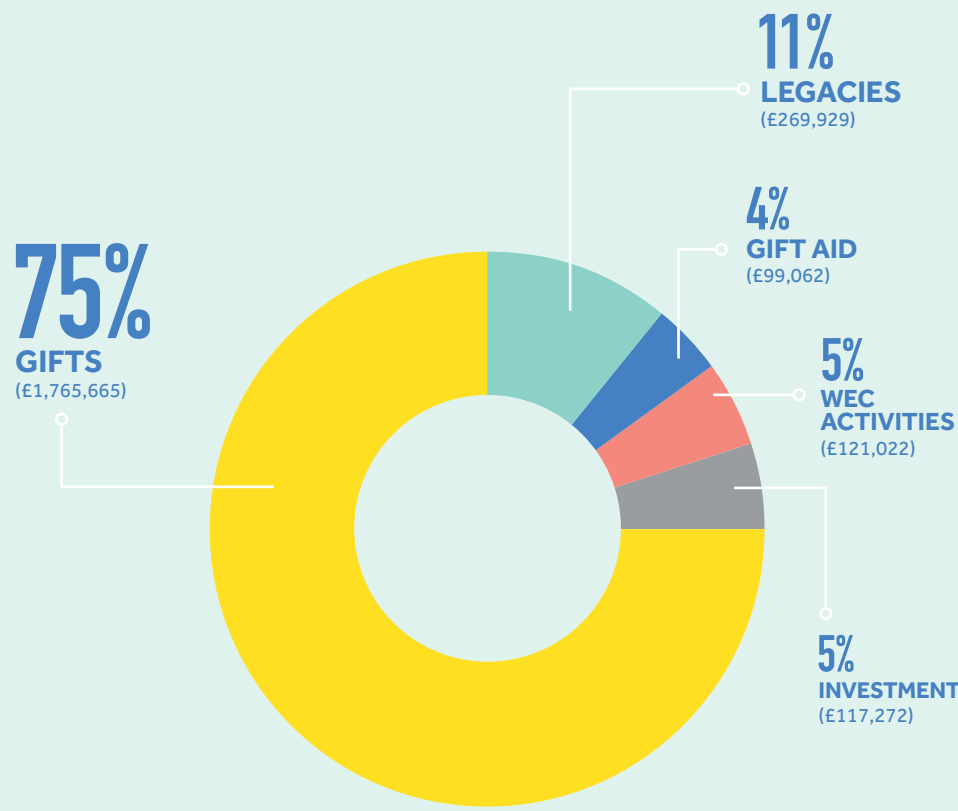
WEC UK's Member Care Hub exists to support our members in a variety of ways. UK-based members are offered face-to-face meetings and can access training in skills like communication and peace-making. And the Member Care team keep in touch with overseas members through regular Skype meetings, also providing thorough debriefing for returning members. The team is highly motivated to care for WEC members and to enable them to fulfil their calling – to thrive, not merely survive, in their ministry. With recent changes in WEC's structure and modes of operation, a key role of the Member Care Hub has been to guide individuals through those changes. The outcome of these efforts is intentional and consistent care of WEC members, wherever they are in the world.

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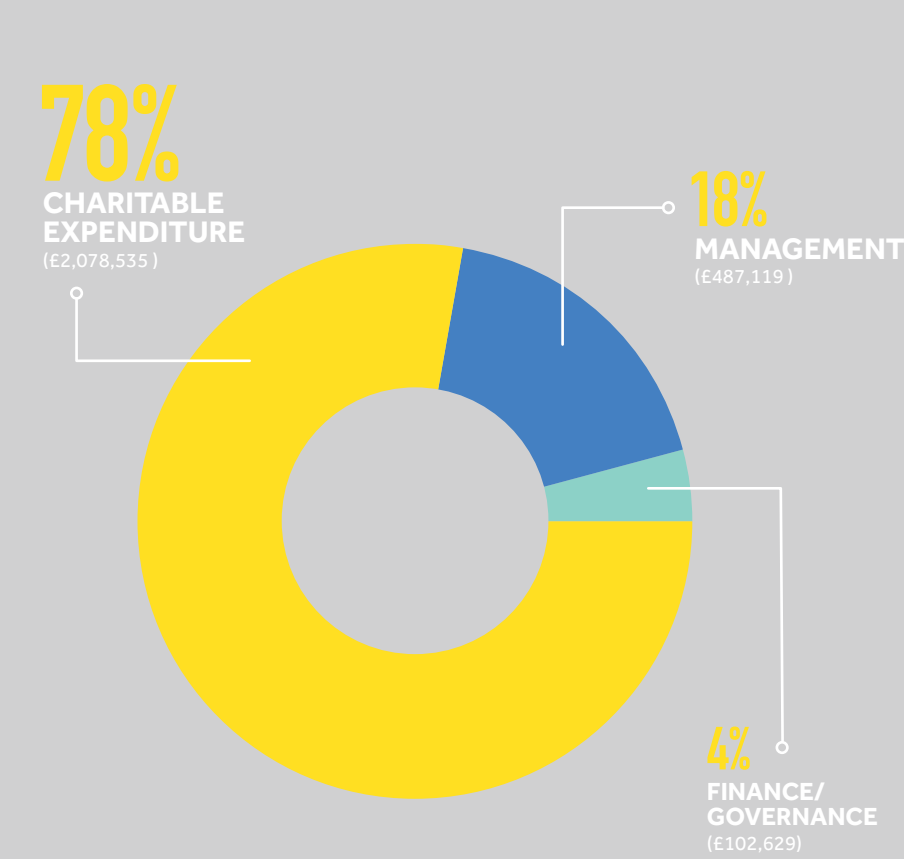
The accounts at a glance

WE are very grateful to God and to you for your support in 2018-2019. Funding was provided through donations, legacies and investments. Our income was a total of £2,372,950. We spent £2,668,283 on all our activities.

Where our money came from



How your money was spent



This is an extract from the full set of financial statements of WEC International UK comprising of the Trustees' Report and Accounts which were approved in November 2019. The summarised financial statements may not contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of WEC UK. For further information the Annual Report and Accounts should be consulted – see <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>





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