**Health and Safety Policy Statement**

The Health and Safety at Work etc., Act 1974 imposes a statutory duty on the Charity to ensure in so far as is reasonably practicable the health and safety of its employees whilst at work is maintained. This duty also extends to others who may be affected by that work.

Employees also have a statutory duty to take care of themselves and others who may be affected by their acts or omissions.

To enable these duties to be carried out, it is our intent to ensure that responsibilities for health and safety matters are effectively assigned, accepted and fulfilled at all levels within our organisation.

**1. We will, so far as is reasonably practicable, ensure that:**

• adequate resources are provided to ensure that proper provision can be made for health and safety:

• risk assessments are carried out and periodically reviewed;

• systems of work are provided and maintained that are safe and without risks to health;

• arrangements for use, handling, storage and transport of articles and substances for use at work are safe and without risks to health;

• all employees are provided with such information, instruction, training and supervision as is necessary to secure their safety and health at work and the safety of others who may be affected by their actions;

• the provision and maintenance of all machinery and equipment is safe and without risk to health;

• the working environment of all employees is safe and without risks to health and there is adequate provision concerning the facilities and arrangements for their well-being at work;

• the place of work is safe and that there is safe access to and egress from the work place;

• monitoring activities are undertaken to maintain standards.

**2. It is the duty of all employees at work:**

• to take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and of other persons who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work and co-operate with us in fulfilling our statutory duties;

• not to interfere with or misuse anything provided in the interest of health and safety.

**3. General:**

• This Health and Safety Policy statement will be reviewed at least annually and amended and updated as and when necessary. Communication of any such changes will be made to all employees.

• There are established and effective procedures for consultation and communication between all levels of management and employees on all matters relating to health, safety and welfare.