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FORDHAM UNIVERSITY UK CHARITABLE TRUST
ANNUAL TRUSTEE'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1040378
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS:	Fordham University London Centre 2 Eyre Street Hill London EC1R 5ET
TRUSTEE	Fordham University (USA) UK Programs Limited
DIRECTORS OF THE TRUSTEE:	E Fahey-Smith D Rapaccioli M S Simmons
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS	Price Bailey LLP Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors Tennyson House Cambridge Business Park Cambridge CB4 0WZ
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Our Charitable Objectives

To provide education for undergraduate students of the Charity whilst studying in the United Kingdom – to advance education and learning and where they may work towards undergraduate degrees of the Charity. No member of the Charity will be subject to any test of a religious, racial, political or social character. This year the Charity's activities continued to focus on the three main academic programmes: London Dramatic Academy (LDA), Gabelli School of Business (GSB) London Programme, and Liberal Arts (LAS) London Programme.

The Charity delivers these objectives, while keeping within the goals and objectives outlined in Fordham University's Mission Statement. To provide high-quality undergraduate academic, co- and extra-curricular opportunities to students in an English-speaking, but culturally diverse urban context. There is a strong commitment to the creative combination of formal (classroom) and experiential (off-site) learning. In the pursuit of these objectives, the Charity holds classes, lectures and seminars, and organises field studies and guide travel opportunities. Throughout their semester of study students are fully supported with experienced care for their well-being.

Our Goal

To provide high quality study abroad programmes in the UK for students from Fordham University in New York, and for other US universities, whilst keeping within the goals and objectives outlined in Fordham University's own Mission Statement.

Our Mission

Fordham University in London's mission is to educate qualified individuals from different faiths, cultures and beliefs in line with our Jesuit tradition of careful observation, critical thinking, creativity, moral reflection, and articulate expression in preparing students for responsible leadership in a global society.

Our Activities

The usual on the ground semester-long study abroad programmes in the fall and spring as well as a four week summer programme were suspended during this period due to the pandemic. There were no internship programmes running during this period either. Students studying at Fordham London had returned to their home countries (mainly in the United States) when Fordham London shut in March 2020 and the semester continued online. The programmes did not run in summer 2020 and fall 2020. However, virtual classes delivered from London to students in New York ran during spring 2021. The in person study abroad programme resumed in fall 2021.

The Charity provides an educational environment that enables undergraduate students to develop their capabilities, knowledge and skills. It promotes the academic and cultural learning of its students through the programme, which includes academic courses, co- and extracurricular activities. It provides an educational environment in which, in addition to completing rigorous academic courses, each student can develop and fulfil their potential; building their self-confidence and inculcating a desire to contribute to the wider community. In doing so, it prepares students for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

The Charity offers courses in a wide variety of subjects including Advertising, Anthropology, Architecture, Business Administration, Communications Design, Communications, Drama, Economics, English, Finance, History, History of Art, History, Information Studies, Law & Public Policy, Marketing, Mass Communication, Music Industry, Photography, Political Science, Psychology, Religion, Sociology, and Television-Radio-Film. Students who complete these courses successfully are awarded credits which are counted towards their degree at Fordham University or at the university where they are enrolled.

The London Dramatic Academy Programme, which offered drama conservatory programmes, closed in the summer of 2020.

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Public Benefit

The Trustees of the Charity have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on the operation of public benefit under the Charities Act 2011 and consider that the requirements have been met under the Charity's objects and activities.

In summary, the Charity provides, in conjunction with Fordham University in New York, an education which is recognised internationally as being of the highest standard for some 500 students each year. This education develops students academically, supports their career ambitions, and promotes their community and interpersonal skills. On graduation from the University they are enabled to play enhanced and effective roles for the benefit of society around the world. This world-class education is provided to students who have the highest academic potential whatever their financial means or religious, racial, political or social background. We are an equal opportunity organisation and are committed to a working environment that is free from any form of discrimination on the grounds of colour, race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation or disability.

The students of the University are the primary beneficiaries and are directly engaged in education and learning.

Chair's Message

Fordham London's operations this year were significantly disrupted by the pandemic. No students were present in London during the period of time covered by this report.

Although spring 2020 had started in person and then continued online after students were repatriated because of the pandemic, it was not possible to offer a virtual study abroad semester for the summer or the fall of 2020. However in spring 2021, a virtual experience was delivered and this included academic and experiential components.

When the decision was taken to resume study abroad in London for the fall 2021, much of the summer period was spent preparing for these activities. Staff who had been furloughed under the UK government's scheme resumed full time work in the summer 2021 to prepare for the resumption of the fall programme.

The London Dramatic Academy closed in May 2020 after a number of years of declining enrolments and the lack of participation of Fordham students. Following this closure, renovation work was undertaken on the first floor to replace studio space with classrooms, and several flexible teaching spaces were created increasing our teaching capacity significantly by 150 additional students a semester.

Father Richard Salmi left his role as Head of Centre in June 2020 and the Director of Academic Affairs, Mark Simmons assumed the post of Interim Head of Centre in July 2020. Mr Simmons remained in this post until the appointment of the Senior Director, Vanessa Beever in September 2021.

The Gabelli London Speaker series was created and ran during spring 2021. Its aim was to connect students with Fordham's partners in industry and universities throughout the UK and EU. 12 lectures were arranged over the semester and offered a unique global experience. They were developed by working closely with alumni, Fordham London Advisory Board members and strategic partners. On average over 80 individuals attended the live webinars each week.


Ellen Fahey Smith
Chair

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Principal achievements for the year

Fordham University, London

Although spring 2020 had started in person and then continued online after students were repatriated because of the pandemic, it was not possible to offer a virtual study abroad semester for the summer or the fall of 2020. However in spring 2021, as an alternative to a full programme in London, a virtual experience was delivered and included academic and experiential components. This London activity was integrated into the New York programme to support internationalisation on the home campus, provide global experience, maintain the profile of Fordham London and act as a marketing tool for potential study abroad applicants. This was the first time London courses had been offered to Fordham students in New York. It was a complex task which the team delivered successfully.

Academic Programmes – Gabelli School of Business and Liberal Arts

During the fall the team continued to work on developing an academic programme for spring 2021. The decision was taken in early October to cancel plans for a London spring programme based on the ongoing pandemic and the desire to minimise risk to students.

As an alternative to an in-person spring 2021 programme from London, a virtual experience was created for students with academic and experiential components. The London activity was integrated into the New York programme to support internationalisation on the home campus, provide a global experience, maintain the profile of the London Centre and act as a marketing tool for potential future study abroad students. A total of 276 students participated in Fordham's first virtual study abroad offer. A range of courses were offered to students on the home campus for Spring 2021. They were chosen as they contained a significant proportion of UK/London material, met core academic requirements and were delivered by some of our most experienced faculty.

- ENGL 4015 London Modernisms - Lloyd Houston
- HIST 3620 20th Century Europe - Dahlia Bond
- ARHI 3480 Art and Architecture in London - Geoff Snell
- ARHI 2534 The Victorian City - Geoff Snell
- ENGL 2000 Text & Context - Karina Jakubowicz
- ENGL 3206 Shakespeare - Varsha Panjwani
- POSC 3621 European Politics - Tim Schaitberger
- ISPA 4800 London Internship - Jackie Jung
- FNBU 4450 Global Investments - Jon Norton
- BLBU 3443 Ethics in Business - Jackie Jung
- BLBU 2234 Legal Frameworks for Business - Denis Carey
- ISAP 1500 Britain Today Seminar - Jackie Jung
- MKBU 3458 Global Sustainability Marketing - Ergem Senyuva Tohumcu

Students were offered the opportunity to complete virtual internships with organisations and companies in the UK. Our existing internship provider EUSA announced in early November 2020 that they would not be able to offer virtual internships for spring in London; however, we engaged Anglo Educational Services in London to provide internship placement services. This enabled students to work two days per week and also complete the London Internship course.

A new course, Britain Today Seminar, was created to run virtually during the spring 2021. This was aimed at students taking London-specific courses or who are considering studying abroad in London in the future. Britain Today is an interdisciplinary study of the United Kingdom which provided students with a broad overview of the culture, modern history and business, and highlighted specific fields that students may wish to explore in greater depth. The course is holistic and encompassed a variety of teaching and learning activities, including lectures and presentations, virtual tours and discussions on current topics. Weekly classes were delivered by existing faculty and topics included 'London's

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Burning: The Deaths and Resurrections of London and Gender, Sexuality and Identity in Contemporary British Literature. It is hoped that Britain Today will be a pilot programme for an ongoing study abroad course both preparing students for a semester in London or showcasing the best of London academics, and in the short term provided a substitute to students unable to travel internationally in spring 2021.

In conjunction with the academic component the team developed a range of new virtual content including social media, city tours, interviews and video to create a more enhanced immersive experience to support and supplement the academic programme.

The decision was taken in February 2021 to cancel the summer programme in London as at the time there was still too much uncertainty surrounding travel restrictions, lockdown restrictions and health provision to allow for a return to normal operations.

The summer programme was virtual and London summer courses integrated into the Fordham Summer Programme in New York in either June or July. These courses continued to support internationalisation on the home campus and maintained the profile of Fordham, London. The following courses were offered

- ENGL 4015 London Modernisms
- ARHI 3480 Art and Architecture in London
- ISPA 4800 London Internship
- BLBU 3443 Ethics in Business
- BLBU 2234 Legal Frameworks for Business
- MKBU 3458 Global Sustainability Marketing

Based on the success of the virtual internship programme in the spring, a virtual internship was offered on a part-time basis running for the months of June and July. 12 students completed a two month long (June/July) virtual internship.

Global Immersion Certificate: Virtual London Gabelli Speaker Series

This speaker series continued the theme of the Gabelli Centennial into 2021: to better ourselves and the world of business. This speaker series was held fortnightly. It hosted a speaker from industry for one hour to discuss their business and host a Q&A with students. The series was open to current Fordham students and alumni who would like to learn from and engage with our industry partners from in and around London. This speaker series focused on business with a purpose and highlighted Fordham University, London's strategic relationships and partnerships with the local business community. It aimed to highlight these relationships and present future opportunities for students when they can study abroad in London. Students who participated were required to attend four sessions to achieve their Global Immersion Certificate.

Student Affairs

The Student Affairs team is responsible for the coordination of pre departure information, arrivals and orientation, all housing related activities, all non-academic student conduct issues, implementation of a social calendar, organising the GSB and Liberal Arts programme trips, student health and student communications. The office takes a holistic approach to Student Affairs with all three members of the team involved in the various non-academic aspects of student life.

As a result of no in-person study abroad during this period all staff in this area were furloughed, with the exception of the Director of Student Affairs. However, this was discontinued in the summer of 2021 and staff returned to work to support students arriving for the fall 2021 semester.

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Plans for FY 2022 July 2021- 2022

Operations continue to be impacted by the ongoing pandemic. Fordham London resumed in person delivery in the fall 2021 with a small group of 46 students participating in the programme again. Prior to the beginning of the semester, Fordham London developed a detailed set of Covid-related policies and health protocols to ensure the safety of our community and our programmes. Community testing and reporting is a key component of these. In addition, students are permitted to travel within Great Britain but not elsewhere to limit the risks and complications of contracting Covid while overseas.

We are due to receive a spring group of 336 students in 2022 although the impact of the Omicron variant is being evaluated for this group. Increased sections of courses have been offered and new faculty hired to teach these.

Courses outbound to London site visits and guest speakers inbound to visit classes continued to be a signature strength of the programme and is being expanded to match the greater volume of students and courses.

Work to further develop Community Engaged Learning is being undertaken. A London faculty member, Ergem Senyuva Tohumcu, has been awarded a fellowship by the home campus to support this work. Work has already started to support faculty colleagues to create opportunities, meet community partners, and deepen the practice of community-based work in the undergraduate curriculum.

Work is continuing to enrich the class catalogue for London to include classes with a UK/European focus. We are proud of the three new classes *Pride and Prejudice: An Examination of Black Britain and the Problem of Belonging*; *Ethnographic Methods: The Cultures of London*; and *the History of British Political Thought*, which are to run in Spring 2022 and hope to develop further offerings in the future. The programme is to be enhanced by the inclusion of a course, commonly on offer in other study abroad providers, in which the opportunity is given to students to reflect and evaluate holistically on all aspects of their London experience.

The London study abroad offer is to be benchmarked using The Forum on Education Abroad's Standards of Good Practice [Link to standards of good practice](#)

Other activities in this area include developing STEM classes in London. Applied Health Informatics did not run in September 2021 and is recruiting for a January 2022 start.

The Senior Director, Vanessa Beever, started in this new role in September 2021. Effective from 15 October in line with the new organisational structure, Mark Simmons became Associate Senior Director and Director of Academic Affairs with Matthew Holland becoming Assistant Senior Director and Director of Student Affairs. We continue to retain and recruit excellent faculty.

The Senior Director is working closely with colleagues in London and New York to further develop and implement a strategic plan to enhance the existing study abroad offer as well as increasing other academic programming based in London especially with the graduate schools.

To ensure Fordham London plays its part in delivering the University's current strategic plan, *Educating for Justice 2021-26* the plan will encompass and develop initiatives in the following areas

- Curriculum
- Co-curriculum
- Careers and outcomes
- Alumni and friends of Fordham
- Strategic alliances
- Research

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This work will allow London to significantly increase its visibility, reconnect colleagues and Schools to its work and support the development of new strategic activity.

The imbalance between the fall and spring semesters remains a challenge and various initiatives are being evaluated to see how best to balance out the semesters.

Before the pandemic there had been steady growth of enrolment numbers over the previous four years. This year has again seen a high demand and some of this will be held over demand resulting from the suspension of on the ground study abroad during the 2020-21 academic year.

London internships continue to be a dynamic part of the programme with 37 Liberal Arts students scheduled to take internships in spring 2022.

Administrative staffing levels and utilisation continues to be a priority. Temporary administrative assistants are being employed to provide additional resources during periods of high activity during the academic year. Work continues to introduce further HR policies and procedures.

Classrooms are to be equipped with additional technology to allow for Hy-flex delivery in which students not present in the classroom can join by video conference. This is important as it allows students to continue with their classes while self-isolating.

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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Fordham University UK Charitable Trust was incorporated under its former name MLC Charitable Trust on 24 August 1994. It has no share capital and is a registered charity. The sole trustee is a corporate body, Fordham University (USA) UK Programmes Limited, registered as Company No. 03828979. The governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Board meetings are held once a year. The charity in conjunction with Fordham University in New York City provides an education of the highest quality through group teaching, academic supervision, computing and cultural facilities, meals and living accommodation.

Recruitment and appointment of new Board Members

There are no formal procedures for recruitment for Directors to the Board of the Charity. When warranted, candidates are recommended by those thoroughly familiar with the organisation. Directors of the Board of the Charity are appointed and removed by unanimous resolution of the Board. The member of the Board has the power to veto any such appointment but not to veto his/her removal or disqualification.

The Charity is funded by Fordham University in the Bronx, New York City, USA. The Board currently has three members, two of whom are resident in the USA and one in the UK.

As of 30 June 2021 this corporate body included the following directors:

E Fahey-Smith, Associate Vice President and Chief of Staff at Fordham University (Chair)
D Rapaccioli, Dean of the Gabelli School of Business at Fordham University
Mark Simmons, Assistant Senior Director and Director of Student Affairs , Fordham University in London

E Fahey-Smith. serves as Chair and signs off on Trust documents.

Management and staffing

The following key members of staff are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Charity:

Vanessa Beever, Senior Director
Mark Simmons, Assistant Senior Director and Director of Student Affairs
Matt Holland, Assistant Senior Director and Director of Student Affairs
Nici Blake, Director of Operations

The administrative staff is divided into three functional areas; Academics led by Mark Simmons, Student Affairs led by Matt Holland, and Facilities led by Nici Blake. All report to the Senior Director, attend weekly management meetings and meet regularly with their office groups to discuss key issues of policy and practice.

Salaries for key management personnel are determined by a number of criteria, including sector averages for comparable positions in study abroad education; the degree of responsibility in the role particularly in relation to student safety, security and wellbeing; and living costs particularly relating to travel to and from the Charity's location in central London.

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The Board entrusts the staff, under the leadership of the Senior Director, with the day-to-day running of the Charity's operations. The Senior Director reports directly to the Board on any major change of risk to the Programme; matters pertaining to the managing of risk are the primary decisions the Board takes. The Board meets at least once every six months - more frequently if important matters arise between scheduled meetings.

The Board gave of their time freely and no remuneration was paid in the accounting period. Details of expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in notes 9 and 20 to the accounts. Fordham University London staff are employed by the Trust and managed by the Trust and Fordham University in New York City.

Induction and training of new Board Members

Prospective and newly appointed Board are provided with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Up-to-date guidance notes on the role of a Board Member are provided, and all responsibilities are outlined. Care is taken with employees of Fordham University who are on the Board, so that any conflicts of interest can be logged up early and the independence of the Charity is not compromised. The new Board Member is invited by the Head to visit the Charity's study centre, to meet staff, to confer with other Board Members, and to generally acquaint themselves with the operations of the Charity, its key features and major challenges.

Financial Review

Three primary categories explain the activities of the Fordham University UK Charitable Trust: Tuition and Fees, Housing, and Support Costs. Within Support Costs we also maintain a subcategory of Governance Costs to accurately reflect this sort of expense. Most expenses are dependent upon expense per student and the overall number of students.

This year was unlike all others given the pandemic which led to zero students on-site in London during this fiscal year. Although we offered virtual educational experiences both spring and summer 2021 it is difficult to assess delivery costs against on-site educational delivery costs in prior years. Our main focus this year was on maintaining and improving Centre functions and capabilities whilst preparing for the return of students: much expense but very little revenue.

a) Tuition and Fees: this category includes fees paid to instructors for FY21 but no expenses incurred by field trips, cultural activities and other items directly related to the provision of instruction to students as all education was virtual this year. No tuition payments paid to British university for modules offered to our Liberal Arts students as none were offered. Total expense in this category was £39,615, a mere 4% of our FY20 expense, an excellent value given the 276 students enrolled in the spring 2021 London virtual experience as well as students who engaged with our Britain Today Seminar, summer virtual academic programme and virtual internships. This was a small expense to remain relevant and engaged with our students, current and future. We are very pleased with this result.

b) Housing: as this category includes the cost of London-based housing provided to students there was zero housing expense this year.

c) Support Costs: these were very high per student given the low numbers of (virtual) students. This category incurs great expense due to the inclusion of costs necessary to support our London Centre, which in turn provides education to our students across all programmes. This includes all costs related to the Centre (rent, maintenance, utilities, etc.), administrative staff, staff travel, office supplies, printing, etc. A full list can be seen in the notes to our financial statements. The majority of these expenses are fixed and do not vary on a per-student basis. Despite having no students on-site this year we incurred 74% as much expense as FY20; of this support cost 51% was spent on rent and 26% on administrative staff, important and necessary costs despite low student enrolment. Furthermore, approximately 19% of our staff costs were offset by the UK Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, which was very welcome indeed.

d) Governance Costs: this category includes expenses directly related to governing the charity. Although expenditure was up by 17% compared to FY20, these governance costs formed less than 2% of annual expenditure so we are not overly concerned with this result.

Many payments were made by wire transfer directly from our home institution in New York. Both local expenditures and New York-based wire transfers are included in the annual accounts to ensure a complete picture of the Trust's financial operations.

Reserves Policy

The Trust's reserves policy is not to maintain any significant cash reserves in our bank account(s) as all our operations are financed through student tuition and fees paid in the US. The current combined unrestricted reserves of £334,352 on our balance sheet primarily represents assets.

In addition to rental and other operating income, the charity benefits from investment income from Bank interest and does not undertake fundraising activities. Furthermore, deficits can be met by the parent institution, Fordham University. Our goal is to retain cash reserves that allow us to cover costs several months into the future.

Risk Review

Although the global pandemic has had a tremendous impact on educational mobility we remain confident of a successful future as London remains the most popular study abroad destination for students of US universities. Some changes in operations, such as moving teaching online where in person provision is not possible, have been implemented and the probability of additional changes is likely. We face the same risks as any actor in the educational sector: insufficient enrolment and reputational damage. Yet the charity believes it is well positioned to sustain operations on a limited basis for an extended period of time with a predicted return to high student enrolment and revenues in future years. Oversight by the Board of our corporate Trustee as well as close management by Fordham University in New York mitigates our risks. We are cautious but confident.

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

The trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustee's' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:


- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

The Auditors, Price Bailey LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the next annual general meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Trustee


Ellen Fahey-Smith
Chair

Date: April 21, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF FORDHAM UNIVERSITY UK CHARITABLE TRUST

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Fordham University UK Charitable Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 June 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 June 2021, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Trustees' Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our

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knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustee's report; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustee

As explained more fully in the Trustee's responsibilities statement, the Trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustee is responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustee either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud⁵. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charitable company and how it operates and considered the risk of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included those regulations directly related to the financial statements. In relation to the charity this included GDPR, health and safety, employment law and financial reporting. We communicated the identified laws and regulations with the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. We carried out specific procedures to address the risks identified. These included the following:

- agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiries of management including those responsible for key regulations;
- enquiries of management about GDPR compliance;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reviewing minutes of Trustee Board meetings and correspondence with the Charities Commission;
- in addressing the risk of management override of controls, we carried out testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, assessing whether the judgement made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business; and;
- reviewing the risk management processes and mitigating actions in place.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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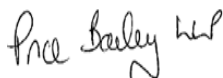
**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY UK CHARITABLE TRUST**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustee, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's Trustee 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 the charity and the charity's Trustee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

For and on behalf of:



Price Bailey LLP
Chartered Accounts & Statutory Auditors
Tennyson House
Cambridge Business Park
Cambridge
CB4 0WZ

Date: 25 April 2022

Price Bailey LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY UK CHARITABLE TRUST

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 Unrestricted Total £	2020 Unrestricted Total £
INCOME FROM			
Donations and legacies	4	1,376,667	5,064,363
Investments	5	12	230
Other trading income		560	11,290
Other income	6	68,925	16,999
TOTAL INCOME		1,446,164	5,092,882
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	7	1,453,973	5,208,868
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1,453,973	5,208,868
NET (EXPENDITURE) AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(7,809)	(115,986)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward as previously stated		342,161	2,127,049
Prior year adjustment		-	(1,668,902)
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		342,161	458,147
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AS RESTATED		334,352	342,161

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.
All income from donations and grants was unrestricted in 2021 and 2020.

The notes on pages 19 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	1,864,242	1,744,401
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	129,633	-
Cash at bank and in hand	17	96,453	272,095
		226,086	272,095
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(256,032)	(102,680)
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES) / ASSETS		(29,946)	169,415
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(1,499,944)	(1,571,655)
NET ASSETS		334,352	342,161
CHARITY FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		334,352	342,161
TOTAL FUNDS		334,352	342,161

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustee on 21/04/2022 and signed on their behalf, by:



Ellen Fahey-Smith
Chairperson

The notes on page 19 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash used in operating activities	16	30,900	410,636
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received		12	230
Purchase of property and equipment		(206,554)	(240,273)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(206,542)	(240,043)
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS		(175,642)	170,593
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		272,095	101,502
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR		96,453	272,095


The notes on page 19 to 28 form part of these accounts.

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY UK CHARITABLE TRUST

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Fordham University UK Charitable Trust is a charitable trust, domiciled in England, with the registered charity number of 1040378. The charity's functional currency is the pound sterling.

The registered office is listed on page 1. The principal activity of the charity is to provide higher education to American students in England and Europe.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2 Going Concern

The charity generated a deficit of £7,809 and showed net current liabilities of £29,946 for the year ended 30 June 2021. The Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustee is aware, that at the time of the submission of this report, of the global pandemic as a result of COVID-19. Some changes on operations, such as moving courses online, have been implemented and the probability of additional changes is being assessed. The charity believes it is well positioned to sustain operations on a limited basis for an extended period of time. The charity continues to rely on the financial support of the Trustee, which is expected to continue for a period of at least 12 months from sign off.

2.3 Funds

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the Trustee is free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

2.4 Income

All income recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Government Grants are accounted under the accruals model as permitted by FRS 102. Grants of a revenue nature are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the same period as the related expenditure.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at transaction price, less any impairments.

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and money held in deposit or similar accounts with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Creditors

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.9 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 which, in the case of the charity is at cost for creditors and debtors.

2.10 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.11 Leased assets

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term. Any lease premiums or incentives are spread over the minimum lease term. The amount of the incentive falling due within one year has been based on the relevant proportion relating to the following 12 months.

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2.12 Termination benefits

Termination benefits are payable when employment is terminated by the charity before the normal retirement date, or whenever an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. The charity recognises termination benefits in profit or loss when it is demonstrably committed to either (i) terminating the employment of current employees according to a detailed formal plan without possibility of withdrawal, or (ii) providing termination benefit as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy. Benefits falling due more than twelve months after the end of the reporting period are discounted to their present value.

2.13 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Assets costing £500 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold improvements	-	remaining lease term
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3. JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions which affect reported income, expenses assets and liabilities Use of available information and application of judgement are inherent in the formation of the estimates, together with past experience and expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results in the future could differ from such estimates.

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4. DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Grants receivable from Fordham University USA	600,000	2,200,000
Payments by Fordham University USA on behalf of the charity	776,667	2,864,363
	<u>1,376,667</u>	<u>5,064,363</u>

5. INVESTMENTS

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Interest on cash deposits	12	230
	<u>12</u>	<u>230</u>

6. OTHER INCOME

	2021 £	2020 £
Government grants receivable	68,925	16,999
	<u>68,925</u>	<u>16,999</u>

During the year ended 30 June 2021, the charity recognised an amount totalling £68,925 (2020 - £16,999) receivable under the UK Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

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7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Provision of education:		
Tuition and fees (note 9)	39,615	997,742
Housing costs	-	2,289,117
Support costs (note 8)	1,414,358	1,922,009
	<u>1,453,973</u>	<u>5,208,868</u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Telephone	6,314	7,053
Rent and utilities	722,862	984,372
Property maintenance	22,924	35,706
Travel	437	12,996
Office supplies	9,536	30,115
Postage	445	154
Advertising	719	8,129
Other fees	30,750	27,413
Other expenses	143,721	284,380
Staff costs (note 9)	364,530	434,187
Governance costs (note 10)	25,407	21,660
Depreciation	86,713	75,844
	<u>1,414,358</u>	<u>1,922,009</u>

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9. STAFF COSTS

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Wages and salaries	320,896	290,979
Social security	31,831	60,635
Employer pension	11,803	23,068
Agency staff	-	-
Administration fees	-	59,505
	364,530	434,187
Tuition and fees (all academic programmes)	39,615	997,742
	404,145	1,431,929

Average number of employees

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Salaried staff		
Administration	9	7
Teaching (part-time)	15	15
	24	22
Contract staff and consultants		
Tutors (part-time)	7	7
	31	29

The charity's Trustee was not paid and did not receive any other benefits from the charity (2020: £Nil) nor were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2020: £Nil).

The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise the Artistic Director, Head of the centre and Assistant Head of the centre. The total employment benefits of the key management personnel were £62,400 (2020: £36,510).

One employee had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2020 - Nil employees).

	2021 Number	2020 Number
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	-

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10. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Auditor remuneration	12,469	7,925
Legal and professional fees	12,938	13,735
	25,407	21,660

11. FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold Improvements £	Total £
Cost		
Brought forward	1,933,100	1,933,100
Additions	206,554	206,554
Carried forward	2,139,654	2,139,654
Depreciation		
Brought forward	188,699	188,699
Charge for the year	86,713	86,713
Carried forward	275,412	275,412
Net Book Value		
At 30 June 2021	1,864,242	1,864,242
At 30 June 2020	1,744,401	1,744,401

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12. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	125,000	-
Other debtors	4,633	-
	<u>129,633</u>	<u>-</u>

13. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Social security and other taxes	-	8,356
Other creditors	-	14,688
Accruals and deferred income	256,032	79,636
	<u>256,032</u>	<u>102,680</u>

14. CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	1,499,944	1,571,655
	<u>1,499,944</u>	<u>1,571,655</u>

15. LEASING COMMITMENTS

The charity's future minimum operating lease payments are as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Land and Buildings:		
Within one year	1,000,000	1,000,000
Between two and five years	4,000,000	4,000,000
Greater than five years	17,000,000	18,000,000
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Operating leases charged as an expense totalled £684,724 (2020: £928,289). In the year ended 30 June 2021 the Charity received a rent concession due to Covid-19 of £250,000 which resulted in lower operating lease payments.

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16. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Net (expenditure) for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(7,809)	(115,986)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	86,713	75,844
Interest Income	(12)	(230)
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	(129,633)	150,000
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	81,641	301,008
	<u>30,900</u>	<u>410,636</u>

17. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand	96,453	272,095
Total cash and cash equivalent	<u>96,453</u>	<u>272,095</u>

18. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 July 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 30 June 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	272,095	(175,642)	96,453
	<u>272,095</u>	<u>(175,642)</u>	<u>96,453</u>

19. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £11,803 (2020 - £33,007).

Contributions totalling £Nil (2020: £Nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and included in creditors.

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20. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

Amounts received from the University during the year totalled £1,376,667 (2020: £5,064,363).

21. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2021 £	2021 £
Capital commitment at 30 June 2021 are as follows:		
Authorised and contracted	-	77,519