

FRANCO-BRITISH COUNCIL - BRITISH SECTION

England & Wales · Charity number 1042395

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [01126882](#)

Registered 1994-11-29

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN AND THE PROMOTION OF GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH WAYS OF LIFE

Activities: The charity exists to promote constructive dialogue and better understanding between Britain and France and to contribute to the development of joint action through bringing together leading representatives of the worlds of culture, politics, defence, science, education and business. It does this through four main programmes: Young Leaders, Local Leaders, Defence and Entente Cordiale.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- France
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£192,399	£191,195	-	-
2024-03-31	£188,953	£170,890	-	-
2023-03-31	£121,641	£176,504	-	-
2022-03-31	£92,268	£95,789	-	-
2021-03-31	£92,268	£95,789	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lord Peter Forbes Ricketts	Chair	2020-03-01
Catriona Jane Seth		2022-06-29
Dr Benjamin Guedj		2024-05-29
Marion Laboure		2025-09-11
Marisha Ray		2017-12-06
Oriel Elizabeth Petry		2022-06-29
Philippe dOrnano		2024-05-29
The Rt Hon Stephen Crabb		2024-10-18
Victoria Eastman		2025-12-05

Accounts

Company registration number: 01126882

Charity registration number: 1042395

The Franco-British Council - British Section

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Field Sullivan Limited
9 Hare & Billet Road
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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Stephen Crabb
	Simon Day
	Philippe D'Ornano
	Benjamin Guedj
	Marion Laboure
	Philippe Peirs
	Oriel Petry
	Marisha Ray
	Rupert Reece
	Lord Peter Ricketts
	Catriona Seth
	David Wahl
	David Mackintosh
Secretary	
Charity Registration Number	1042395
Company Registration Number	01126882
Registered Office	The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.
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	London W1W 5PF
Independent Examiner	Field Sullivan Limited 9 Hare & Billet Road Blackheath SE3 0RB

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Trustees Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb (appointed 18 October 2024)

Simon Day (stood down 12 September 2025)

Philippe d'Ornano (Treasurer from 19 August 2025)

Benjamin Guedj

Marion Laboure (appointed 11 September 2025)

Philippe Peirs (stood down 12 September 2025)

Oriel Petry

Marisha Ray

Rupert Reece (stood down 12 September 2025)

Lord Peter Ricketts (Chair)

Catriona Seth

David Wahl (Treasurer until 19 August 2025) / (stood down 12 September 2025)

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. This is a directors' report required by s417 of the Companies Act 2006 and all trustees are directors. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Franco-British Council - British Section ('The Council') is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6 August 1973 and registered as a charity on 29 November 1994. The company was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association.

The Council is distinct from the Conseil franco-britannique - Section Francaise ('Le Conseil') which was established simultaneously under French law to share the same mission. Both have their own governing documents. In 2016, Le Conseil established a separate non-profit organisation (l'Association Loi 1901 Franco-British Young Leaders / Avenir Franco-Britannique) with which the Council entered a Memorandum of Understanding for the joint governance and delivery of the Franco-British Young Leaders programme.

Appointment of members

The Trustees serve as members of the Council. Membership is by invitation and the Council seeks to achieve gender balance and diversity. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute to amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up. Members meet annually at the AGM and are invited to contribute ideas and to assist in activities of The Council on a voluntary basis.

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Trustees Report

Appointment of trustees

The Council has 8 trustees who are the directors of the charity. Trustees who served during the financial year are listed on page 1. Trustees are subject to retirement after three years in office and are subject to reappointment by the board up to a maximum of nine years. Nominations are put to the board of trustees. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charitable company.

Organisation

The day-to-day operation of the Council's affairs is delegated to the Director. Since January 2019 this has been David Mackintosh. Strategic and policy matters are referred to the full board at regular trustee meetings and meetings of the Joint Board which also receive reports on activities, future programme plans, personnel, finance and other matters arising. Four such meetings were held in the year ending 31st March 2025. Other staff included a part-time administrator and interns who have provided administrative help and support.

A merger of the organisational structures of the Franco-British Council and the Conseil Franco-Britannique took place on 1st January 2020 with the Director and staff working for both British and French section under the direction of a Joint Board with twelve members. Six of the Trustees from the British section serve on the Joint Board.

Reserves policy

The Council's Memorandum of Understanding with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), our core funder, states that it cannot carry over from one financial year to the next any substantial portion of the authorised grant-in-aid. The Council has this year operated within these restrictions.

Funding

Income included £50,000 funding by the FCDO and £25,000 in private and grant funding (restricted) which included activities like the Young Leaders seminar in London, an AI Conference in Paris and an energy visit to Dunkirk. We express our gratitude to all our generous funders and supporters this year again.

In June 2025, the Franco-British Council and the Government of Jersey signed a new five-year partnership for the period 2025-2030 as part of working together to enhance Franco-British cooperation.

Risk statement

Following reductions in core funding by the FCDO since 2015-16, trustees have identified the primary risk as any further withdrawal of the FCDO grant-in-aid which is applied for annually. Other risks include loss of staff.

Purpose, activities and review

Purpose

The Council was established for the 'advancement of education in both countries and the promotion of general knowledge of the British and French ways of life'. Since its creation in 1973, it has performed its mission through a programme of meetings and reports, with contributions from leading representatives of the worlds of culture, science, the arts, education, politics and business.

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Activities

In 2016-17, the Council launched the Franco-British Young Leaders Programme, a major new bilateral initiative with the support from the British and French Governments which was endorsed at the Sandhurst Summit in January 2018. The programme's objectives focus on the engagement of established and emerging leaders in building the future of the Franco-British relations. The support of both the UK (through the FCDO) and the French governments have been a key enabling factor to this year's achievements.

Achievements

Selected 23 Young Leaders and 4 Local Leaders as part of the cohort in 2024 and Alumni projects for the Young Leader were also undertaken and promoted the wider Franco-British relationship.

Statement of public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charities Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Franco-British Council - British Section for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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Trustees Report

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 5 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Lord Peter Ricketts
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Franco-British Council - British Section ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees (who are also Directors for the purpose of company law) on my examination of the accounts of the The Franco-British Council - British Section ('the charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of The Franco-British Council - British Section you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of The Franco-British Council - British Section are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Emphasis of matter

We draw your attention to the going concern policy of note 2 of the financial statements, that explains why the going concern basis is appropriate for the preparation of the accounts. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. We draw your attention to the going concern policy that explains why the going concern is appropriate for the preparation of the accounts. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

I confirm that no other matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect;

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Franco-British Council - British Section as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

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4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Tim Sullivan FCA
Field Sullivan Ltd

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10 December 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	8,528	83,008	91,536	17,231	82,562	99,793
Charitable activities	4	565	-	565	480	-	480
Investment income	5	28	-	28	22	-	22
Other income	6	100,270	-	100,270	88,658	-	88,658
Total income		109,391	83,008	192,399	106,391	82,562	188,953
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	(52,738)	(139,257)	(191,995)	(61,906)	(108,984)	(170,890)
Total expenditure		(52,738)	(139,257)	(191,995)	(61,906)	(108,984)	(170,890)
Net income/(expenditure)		56,653	(56,249)	404	44,485	(26,422)	18,063
Transfers between funds		(58,452)	58,452	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(1,799)	2,203	404	44,485	(26,422)	18,063
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		69,181	(60,585)	8,596	24,696	(34,163)	(9,467)
Total funds carried forward	16	67,382	(58,382)	9,000	69,181	(60,585)	8,596

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 01126882)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	13	12,996	30,358
Cash at bank and in hand	14	<u>4,107</u>	<u>3,654</u>
		17,103	34,012
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(8,103)</u>	<u>(25,416)</u>
Net assets		<u>9,000</u>	<u>8,596</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		(58,382)	(60,585)
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>67,382</u>	<u>69,181</u>
Total funds	16	<u>9,000</u>	<u>8,596</u>

For the financial year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 20 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 5 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Lord Peter Ricketts
Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

167-169 Great Portland Street

5th Floor

London

W1W 5PF

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 5 December 2025.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Second edition October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Franco-British Council - British Section meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as we believe that adequate cash resources will be available to cover the charity's requirements for working capital and capital expenditure for at least the next twelve months.

The charity are aware of the risks relating to any changes in government funding which could put into jeopardy the charity's going concern status during or beyond this period and they have taken steps to monitor this so any appropriate action could be taken.

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Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the periods in which the estimate is revised where revisions affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revisions affects both current and future periods.

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

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 by the charity 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 these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the grant of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £250.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class

Furniture and equipment

Depreciation method and rate

20% straight line method

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Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations for Young Leaders	-	33,008	33,008	12,293
Donations for Defence Conference	-	-	-	22,500
Donations	6,000	-	6,000	5,000
Gift aid reclaimed	2,528	-	2,528	-
Grants, including capital grants;				
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office grant	-	50,000	50,000	60,000
	<u>8,528</u>	<u>83,008</u>	<u>91,536</u>	<u>99,793</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Subscriptions	<u>565</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>480</u>

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>22</u>

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6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Other income	90,670	90,670	79,058
Fees and supplies	9,600	9,600	9,600
	<u>100,270</u>	<u>100,270</u>	<u>88,658</u>

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Defence seminar and report		163	23,110
Young Leaders		74,253	17,912
Events and venues		12,423	20,958
Staff costs	8	88,894	88,971
Allocated support costs	9	16,262	19,939
		<u>191,995</u>	<u>170,890</u>

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	79,598	79,498
Social security costs	3,128	3,305
Pension costs	6,168	6,168
	<u>88,894</u>	<u>88,971</u>

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The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Charitable activities	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £6,168 (2024 - £6,168).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £61,431 (2024 - £61,301).

9 Analysis of support costs

Support costs

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Rent and rates	547	3,367
Insurance	65	-
Telephone and fax	513	386
Computer software and maintenance	4,007	3,247
Sundries	672	367
Trustees' expenses	-	480
Travel and subsistence	5,048	6,941
Independent examination	2,760	2,646
Bookkeeping	1,802	2,005
Legal and professional	-	138
Bank charges	190	122
Other interest payable	658	-
Depreciation of office equipment	-	240
Allocation to charitable activities	<u>(16,262)</u>	<u>(19,939)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	<u>1,199</u>	<u>1,199</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,199</u>	<u>1,199</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	<u>1,199</u>	<u>1,199</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,199</u>	<u>1,199</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

13 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	-	3,000
Other debtors	<u>12,996</u>	<u>27,358</u>
	<u>12,996</u>	<u>30,358</u>

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14 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash on hand	27	22
Cash at bank	4,080	3,632
	<u>4,107</u>	<u>3,654</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	96	13,725
Other taxation and social security	3,690	7,538
Other creditors	793	707
Accruals	2,724	2,646
Deferred income	800	800
	<u>8,103</u>	<u>25,416</u>

16 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	69,181	109,391	(52,738)	(58,452)	67,382
Restricted					
Young Leaders Programme	(7,698)	68,008	(122,133)	54,599	(7,224)
Defence Conference	(52,887)	-	(4,701)	4,561	(53,027)
Science and Society	-	8,750	(7,776)	(3,619)	(2,645)
Climate change and energy	-	6,250	(4,647)	2,911	4,514
	<u>(60,585)</u>	<u>83,008</u>	<u>(139,257)</u>	<u>58,452</u>	<u>(58,382)</u>
Total funds	<u>8,596</u>	<u>192,399</u>	<u>(191,995)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,000</u>

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	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	24,696	106,391	(61,906)	69,181
Restricted				
Young Leaders Programme	-	60,062	(67,760)	(7,698)
Defence Conference	(34,163)	22,500	(41,224)	(52,887)
	<u>(34,163)</u>	<u>82,562</u>	<u>(108,984)</u>	<u>(60,585)</u>
Total funds	<u>(9,467)</u>	<u>188,953</u>	<u>(170,890)</u>	<u>8,596</u>

The Franco-British Young Leaders Programme is overseen by the Franco-British Council and Conseil franco-britannique.

For the Young Leaders programme, the trustees confirmed that there will be sufficient funds in 2025 as we will receive money from both governments and private sponsors for it.

The next Defence Conference is due to be held in France in 2025 and will be funded by the French Ministry of Defence and sponsors, and so we will expect very little expenditure for the FBC British section.

The Conference is held alternatively in France and the UK. Once the conference date is agreed, we will receive the income for the conference.

Conseil Franco-Britannique transfers Franco British Council annually for Young Leaders (in both 2024 and 2025)

Conseil Franco-Britannique also transferred Franco British Council in 2024 relating to Defence Conference.

Restricted expenditure from 2024 has been brought in as a transfer for the new restricted funds (Science and Society and Climate Change).

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

2025 net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2025 £
Current assets	75,485	(58,382)	17,103
Current liabilities	(8,103)	-	(8,103)
Total net assets	<u>67,382</u>	<u>(58,382)</u>	<u>9,000</u>

2024 net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2024 £
Current assets	94,597	(60,585)	34,012
Current liabilities	(25,416)	-	(25,416)
Total net assets	<u>69,181</u>	<u>(60,585)</u>	<u>8,596</u>

18 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

Accounts

Company registration number: 01126882

Charity registration number: 1042395

The Franco-British Council - British Section

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Field Sullivan Limited
9 Hare & Billet Road
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SE3 0RB

The Franco-British Council - British Section

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Rt Hon Stephen Crabb
	Simon Day
	Philippe D'Ornano
	Benjamin Guedj
	Philippe Peirs
	Oriel Petry
	Marisha Ray
	Rupert Reece
	Lord Peter Ricketts
	Catriona Seth
	David Wahl
	David Mackintosh
Secretary	David Mackintosh
Charity Registration Number	1042395
Company Registration Number	01126882
Registered Office	The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.
	167-169 Great Portland Street
	5th Floor
	London
	W1W 5PF
Independent Examiner	Field Sullivan Limited 9 Hare & Billet Road Blackheath SE3 0RB

The Franco-British Council - British Section

Trustees Report

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard application in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Franco-British Council - British Section ('The Council') is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6 August 1973 and registered as a charity on 29 November 1994. The company was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association.

The Council is distinct from the Conseil Franco-Britannique - Section Francaise ('Le Conseil') which was established simultaneously under French law to share the same mission. Both have their own governing documents. In 2016, Le Conseil established a separate non-profit organisation (l'Association Loi 1901 Franco-British Young Leaders / Avenir Franco-Britannique) with which the Council entered a Memorandum of Understanding for the joint governance and delivery of the Franco-British Young Leaders programme.

Appointment of members

The Trustees serve as members of the Council. Membership is by invitation and the Council seeks to achieve gender balance and diversity. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute to amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up. Members meet annually at the AGM and are invited to contribute ideas and to assist in activities of The Council on a voluntary basis.

Appointment of trustees

The Council has 11 trustees who are the directors of the charity. Trustees who served during the financial year are listed on page 1. Trustees are subject to retirement after three years in office and are subject to reappointment by the board up to a maximum of nine years. Nominations are put to the board of trustees. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charitable company.

Organisation

The day-to-day operation of the Council's affairs is delegated to the Director. Since January 2019 this has been David Mackintosh. Strategic and policy matters are referred to the full board at regular trustee meetings and meetings of the Joint Board which also receive reports on activities, future programme plans, personnel, finance and other matters arising. Two such meetings were held in the year ending 31st March 2024. Other staff included a part-time administrator and interns who have provided administrative help and support.

A merger of the organisational structures of the Franco-British Council and the Conseil Franco-Britannique took place on 1 January 2020 with the Director and staff working for both British and French section under the direction of a Joint Board with twelve members. Six of the Trustees from the British section serve on the Joint Board which met on 18 December 2023.

The Franco-British Council - British Section

Trustees Report

Reserves policy

The Council's Memorandum of Understanding with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), our core funder, states that it cannot carry over from one financial year to the next any substantial portion of the authorised grant-in-aid. The Council has this year operated within these restrictions.

Funding

Income included £60,000 funding by the FCDO and £128,677 in private and grant funding (restricted) which included activities like the Defence conference in London, the Energy conference in Scotland, staffing costs, £5,592 from individual donations and £2,927 income for attending events. We express our gratitude to all our generous funders and supporters this year again.

Risk statement

Following reductions in core funding by the FCDO since 2015-16, trustees have identified the primary risk as any further withdrawal of the FCDO grant-in-aid which is applied for annually. Other risks include loss of staff.

Purpose, activities and review

Purpose

The Council was established for the 'advancement of education in both countries and the promotion of general knowledge of the British and French ways of life'. Since its creation in 1973, it has performed its mission through a programme of meetings and reports, with contributions from leading representatives of the worlds of culture, science, the arts, education, politics and business.

Activities

In 2016-17, the Council launched the Franco-British Young Leaders Programme, a major new bilateral initiative with the support from the British and French Governments which was endorsed at the Sandhurst Summit in January 2018. The programme's objectives focus on the engagement of established and emerging leaders in building the future of the Franco-British relations. The support of both the UK (through the FCDO) and the French governments have been a key enabling factor to this year's achievements.

Achievements

Selected 20 Young Leaders and 4 Local Leaders as part of the cohort in 2024 and Alumni projects for the Young Leader were also undertaken. Delivered the ninth Franco-British Defence Conference in November 2023.

Statement of public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charities Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Franco-British Council - British Section for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The Franco-British Council - British Section

Trustees Report

Statement of Responsibilities

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

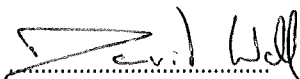
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 6 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



David Wahl
Trustee

The Franco-British Council - British Section

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Franco-British Council - British Section ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees (who are also Directors for the purpose of company law) on my examination of the accounts of the The Franco-British Council - British Section ('the charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of The Franco-British Council - British Section you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of The Franco-British Council - British Section are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. We draw your attention to the going concern policy that explains why the going concern is appropriate for the preparation of the accounts. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

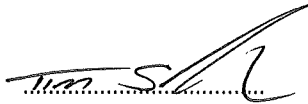
I confirm that no other matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect;

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Franco-British Council - British Section as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Franco-British Council - British Section

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Franco-British Council - British
Section ('the Company')**

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Tim Sullivan FCA
Field Sullivan Ltd

9 Hare & Billet Road
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SE3 0RB

13 December 2024

The Franco-British Council - British Section

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	17,231	82,562	99,793	-	79,244	79,244
Charitable activities	4	480	-	480	459	-	459
Investment income	5	22	-	22	1	-	1
Other income		88,658	-	88,658	41,937	-	41,937
Total income		106,391	82,562	188,953	42,397	79,244	121,641
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	(61,906)	(108,984)	(170,890)	(55,014)	(121,490)	(176,504)
Total expenditure		(61,906)	(108,984)	(170,890)	(55,014)	(121,490)	(176,504)
Net income/(expenditure)		44,485	(26,422)	18,063	(12,617)	(42,246)	(54,863)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	(6,655)	6,655	-
Net movement in funds		44,485	(26,422)	18,063	(19,272)	(35,591)	(54,863)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		24,696	(34,163)	(9,467)	43,968	1,428	45,396
Total funds carried forward	16	69,181	(60,585)	8,596	24,696	(34,163)	(9,467)

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Franco-British Council - British Section

(Registration number: 01126882)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

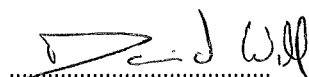
	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	-	239
Current assets			
Debtors	13	30,358	59
Cash at bank and in hand	14	3,654	19,969
		34,012	20,028
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(25,416)	(29,734)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		8,596	(9,706)
Net assets/(liabilities)		8,596	(9,467)
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		(60,585)	(34,163)
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		69,181	24,696
Total funds	16	8,596	(9,467)

For the financial year ending 31 March 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 6 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



David Wahl
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Franco-British Council - British Section

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

167-169 Great Portland Street

5th Floor

London

W1W 5PF

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 6 December 2024.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Second edition October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Franco-British Council - British Section meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as we believe that adequate cash resources will be available to cover the charity's requirements for working capital and capital expenditure for at least the next twelve months.

The charity are aware of the risks relating to any changes in government funding which could put into jeopardy the charity's going concern status during or beyond this period and they have taken steps to monitor this so any appropriate action could be taken.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the periods in which the estimate is revised where revisions affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revisions affects both current and future periods.

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

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 by the charity 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 these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the grant of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £250.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Furniture and equipment	20% straight line method

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations for Young Leaders	-	12,293	12,293	11,031
Donations for Defence Conference	-	22,500	22,500	-
Donations	5,000	-	5,000	-
Grants, including capital grants;				
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office grant	12,231	47,769	60,000	58,213
Ministry of Defence	-	-	-	10,000
	<u>17,231</u>	<u>82,562</u>	<u>99,793</u>	<u>79,244</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Subscriptions	<u>480</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>459</u>

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>1</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Other income	79,058	79,058	37,937
Fees and supplies	<u>9,600</u>	<u>9,600</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	<u>88,658</u>	<u>88,658</u>	<u>41,937</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Defence seminar and report		23,110	1,314
Young Leaders		17,912	49,996
Events and venues		20,958	9,915
Staff costs	9	88,971	92,538
Allocated support costs	8	19,939	22,741
		<u>170,890</u>	<u>176,504</u>

8 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Rent and rates	3,367	14,300
Insurance	-	210
Telephone and fax	386	422
Computer software and maintenance	3,247	2,618
Sundries	367	34
Trustees' expenses	480	-
Travel and subsistence	6,941	98
Independent examination	2,646	2,567
Bookkeeping	2,005	1,821
Legal and professional	138	89
Bank charges	122	110
Foreign currency (gains)/losses	-	2
Depreciation of office equipment	240	240
Allocation to charitable activities	(19,939)	(22,741)
Other interest payable	-	230
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	79,498	82,496
Social security costs	3,305	4,244
Pension costs	6,168	5,798
	<u>88,971</u>	<u>92,538</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Charitable activities	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £6,168 (2023 - £5,798).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The number of employees whose emoluments fell within the following bands was:

	2023 No
£60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £61,301 (2023 - £66,141).

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Fixed asset investments

Subsidiaries

The Entente Cordiale Scholarship Trust which had been formally closed down with the Charity Commission on 30 September 2023.

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2023	1,199	1,199
At 31 March 2024	1,199	1,199
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2023	959	959
Charge for the year	240	240
At 31 March 2024	1,199	1,199
Net book value		
At 31 March 2024	-	-
At 31 March 2023	240	240

13 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	3,000	-
Other debtors	27,358	59
	30,358	59

14 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash on hand	22	22
Cash at bank	3,632	19,947
	3,654	19,969

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15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	13,725	1,606
Other taxation and social security	7,538	4,862
Other creditors	707	5,597
Accruals	2,646	16,869
Deferred income	800	800
	<u>25,416</u>	<u>29,734</u>

16 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	24,696	106,391	(61,906)	69,181
Restricted				
Young Leaders Programme	-	60,062	(67,760)	(7,698)
Defence Conference	<u>(34,163)</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>(41,224)</u>	<u>(52,887)</u>
	<u>(34,163)</u>	<u>82,562</u>	<u>(108,984)</u>	<u>(60,585)</u>
Total funds	<u>(9,467)</u>	<u>188,953</u>	<u>(170,890)</u>	<u>8,596</u>

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	43,968	42,397	(55,014)	(6,655)	24,696
Restricted					
Young Leaders Programme	26,340	69,244	(102,239)	6,655	-
Defence Conference	<u>(24,912)</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>(19,251)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(34,163)</u>
	<u>1,428</u>	<u>79,244</u>	<u>(121,490)</u>	<u>6,655</u>	<u>(34,163)</u>
Total funds	<u>45,396</u>	<u>121,641</u>	<u>(176,504)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,467)</u>

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The Franco-British Young Leaders Programme is governed by Joint Resolution between Association Franco-British Young Leaders/Avenir Franco-Britannique W751236044 Association de droit français régie par la loi du 1er juillet 1901, 4 B Avenue Hoche, 75008 Paris, France.

For the Young Leaders programme, the trustees confirmed that there will be sufficient funds in 2025 as we will receive money from both governments and private sponsors for it.

The next defence conference will be held in France in 2025 and will be funded by the French ministry of defence and sponsors and so we will expect very little expenditure for the FBC British section. The conference is held one year in France, one year in the UK. Once the expenses claimed is submitted in March 2025, we will review the income for these expenses.

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

2024 net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2024 £
Current assets	94,597	(60,585)	34,012
Current liabilities	<u>(25,416)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(25,416)</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>69,181</u></u>	<u><u>(60,585)</u></u>	<u><u>8,596</u></u>

2023 net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	239	-	239
Current assets	54,191	(34,163)	20,028
Current liabilities	<u>(29,734)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(29,734)</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>24,696</u></u>	<u><u>(34,163)</u></u>	<u><u>(9,467)</u></u>

18 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

Accounts

Company registration number: 01126882

Charity registration number: 1042395

The Franco-British Council - British Section

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Field Sullivan Limited
9 Hare & Billet Road
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The Franco-British Council - British Section

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Simon Day
	Philippe Peirs
	Oriel Petry
	Marisha Ray
	Rupert Reece
	Lord Peter Ricketts
	Catriona Seth
	David Wahl
Secretary	David Mackintosh
Charity Registration Number	1042395
Company Registration Number	01126882
Registered Office	The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.
	167-169 Great Portland Street
	5th Floor
	London
	W1W 5PF
Independent Examiner	Field Sullivan Limited
	9 Hare & Billet Road
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The Franco-British Council - British Section

Trustees Report

Trustees

Simon Day
Philippe Peirs
Oriel Petry (appointed 29 June 2022)
Marisha Ray
Rupert Reece
Lord Peter Ricketts (Chair)
Catriona Seth (appointed 29 June 2022)
David Wahl (Treasurer)
Mark Boleat (resigned 29 June 2022)
Michael Butcher (resigned 23 May 2022)
Christopher Deacon (resigned 23 May 2022)

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. This is a directors' report required by s417 of the Companies Act 2006 and all trustees are directors. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Franco-British Council - British Section ('The Council') is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6 August 1973 and registered as a charity on 29 November 1994. The company was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association.

The Council is distinct from the Conseil Franco-Britannique - Section Francaise ('Le Conseil') which was established simultaneously under French law to share the same mission. Both have their own governing documents. In 2016, Le Conseil established a separate non-profit organisation (l'Association Loi 1901 Franco-British Young Leaders / Avenir Franco-Britannique) with which the Council entered a Memorandum of Understanding for the joint governance and delivery of the Franco-British Young Leaders programme.

Appointment of members

The Trustees serve as members of the Council. Membership is by invitation and the Council seeks to achieve gender balance and diversity. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute to amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up. Members meet annually at the AGM and are invited to contribute ideas and to assist in activities of The Council on a voluntary basis.

Appointment of trustees

The Council has 8 trustees who are the directors of the charity. Trustees who served during the financial year are listed on page 1. Trustees are subject to retirement after three years in office and are subject to reappointment by the board up to a maximum of nine years. Nominations are put to the board of trustees. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charitable company.

Organisation

The day-to-day operation of the Council's affairs is delegated to the Director. Since January 2019 this has been David Mackintosh. Strategic and policy matters are referred to the full board at regular trustee meetings and meetings of the Joint Board which also receive reports on activities, future programme plans, personnel, finance and other matters arising. Three such meetings were held in the year ending 31st March 2023. Other staff included a part-time administrator and interns who have provided administrative help and support.

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Trustees Report

A merger of the organisational structures of the Franco-British Council and the Conseil Franco-Britannique took place on 1st January 2020 with the Director and staff working for both British and French section under the direction of a Joint Board with twelve members. Six of the Trustees from the British section serve on the Joint Board which met on 7th March 2023.

Reserves policy

The Council's Memorandum of Understanding with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), our core funder, states that it cannot carry over from one financial year to the next any substantial portion of the authorised grant-in-aid. The Council has this year operated within these restrictions.

Funding

Income included £53,213 funding by the FCDO and £11,031 in private and grant funding (restricted). Income also included an extra £10,000 from the UK Ministry of Defence for the Franco-British Council Defence conference which was cancelled in 2021 and rescheduled for 2023. We express our gratitude to all our generous funders and supporters this year again.

Risk statement

Following a reduction in core funding by the FCDO in 2015-16, trustees have identified the primary risk as any further withdrawal of the FCDO grant-in-aid which is applied for annually. Other risks include loss of staff.

Purpose, activities and review

Purpose

The Council was established for the 'advancement of education in both countries and the promotion of general knowledge of the British and French ways of life'. Since its creation in 1973, it has performed its mission through a programme of meetings and reports, with contributions from leading representatives of the worlds of culture, science, the arts, education, politics and business.

Activities

In 2016-17, the Council launched the Franco-British Young Leaders Programme, a major new bilateral initiative with the support from the British and French Governments which was endorsed at the Sandhurst Summit in January 2018. The programme's objectives focus on the engagement of established and emerging leaders in building the future of the Franco-British relations. The support of both the UK (through the FCDO) and the French governments have been a key enabling factor to this year's achievements with also £28,340 generated in private support (20,000 EUR / £17,310 from French sponsors) including in-kind support.

Achievements

Selected 22 Young Leaders and 4 Local Leaders as part of the cohort in 2023 and Alumni projects for the Young Leader were also undertaken.

Statement of public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charities Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

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Trustees Report

Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Franco-British Council - British Section for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on ¹⁸22 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



David Wahl
Trustee

The Franco-British Council - British Section

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Franco-British Council - British Section ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees (who are also Directors for the purpose of company law) on my examination of the accounts of the The Franco-British Council - British Section ('the charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes. 7 21

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of The Franco-British Council - British Section you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of The Franco-British Council - British Section are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. We draw your attention to the going concern policy that explains why the going concern is appropriate for the preparation of the accounts. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

I confirm that no other matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect;

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Franco-British Council - British Section as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Franco-British Council - British
Section ('the Company')**

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Kirsty Nicholls FCCA
ICAEW

9 Hare & Billet Road
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SE3 0RB

¹⁹
22 December 2023

The Franco-British Council - British Section

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	-	79,244	79,244	38,041	121,591	159,632
Charitable activities	4	459	-	459	505	-	505
Investment income	5	1	-	1	-	-	-
Other income		41,937	-	41,937	22,560	-	22,560
Total income		42,397	79,244	121,641	61,106	121,591	182,697
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	(1,910)	-	(1,910)
Charitable activities	8	(55,014)	(121,490)	(176,504)	(54,253)	(122,080)	(176,333)
Total expenditure		(55,014)	(121,490)	(176,504)	(56,163)	(122,080)	(178,243)
Net (expenditure)/income		(12,617)	(42,246)	(54,863)	4,943	(489)	4,454
Transfers between funds		(6,655)	6,655	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(19,272)	(35,591)	(54,863)	4,943	(489)	4,454
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		43,968	1,428	45,396	39,025	1,917	40,942
Total funds carried forward	17	24,696	(34,163)	(9,467)	43,968	1,428	45,396

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Franco-British Council - British Section

**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)**

II of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Franco-British Council - British Section

(Registration number: 01126882)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	239	479
Current assets			
Debtors	14	59	37,819
Cash at bank and in hand	15	19,969	32,097
		20,028	69,916
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	(29,734)	(24,999)
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(9,706)	44,917
Net (liabilities)/assets		(9,467)	45,396
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		(34,163)	1,428
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		24,696	43,968
Total funds	17	(9,467)	45,396

For the financial year ending 31 March 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 21 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 22¹⁸ December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



David Wahl
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (expenditure)/income		(54,863)	4,454
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation	7	240	240
Investment income	5	(1)	-
		(54,624)	4,694
Working capital adjustments			
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	14	37,760	(10,165)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	16	3,935	(11,591)
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income		800	(65)
Net cash flows from operating activities		(12,129)	(17,127)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	1	-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(12,128)	(17,127)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		32,097	49,224
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		19,969	32,097

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

167-169 Great Portland Street

5th Floor

London

W1W 5PF

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 15 December 2023.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Second edition October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Franco-British Council - British Section meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as we believe that adequate cash resources will be available to cover the charity's requirements for working capital and capital expenditure for at least the next twelve months.

The charity are aware of the risks relating to any changes in government funding which could put into jeopardy the charity's going concern status during or beyond this period and they have taken steps to monitor this so any appropriate action could be taken.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the periods in which the estimate is revised where revisions affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revisions affects both current and future periods.

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

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 by the charity 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 these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are recognised in different ways dependent on how they are used by the charity:

- (i) Those donated for resale produce income when they are sold. They are valued at the amount actually realised.
- (ii) Those donated for onward transmission to beneficiaries are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as incoming resources and resources expended when they are distributed. They are valued at the amount the charity would have had to pay to acquire them.
- (iii) Those donated for use by the charity itself are included when receivable. They are valued at the amount the charity would have had to pay to acquire them.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £250.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

The Franco-British Council - British Section

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Furniture and equipment	20% straight line method

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations for Young Leaders	11,031	11,031	40,690
Donations for Defence Conference	-	-	5,000
Grants, including capital grants;			
Job Retention Scheme	-	-	16,041
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office grant	58,213	58,213	52,901
Ministry of Defence	10,000	10,000	23,000
Gifts in kind	-	-	22,000
	<u>79,244</u>	<u>79,244</u>	<u>159,632</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Subscriptions	<u>459</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>505</u>

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Other income	37,937	37,937	22,560
Fees and supplies	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>41,937</u>	<u>41,937</u>	<u>22,560</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

7 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Note	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Allocated support costs	9	-	1,910

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Defence seminar and report		1,314	37,070
Young Leaders		49,996	23,035
Events and venues		9,915	22,000
Staff costs	10	92,538	82,174
Allocated support costs	9	22,741	12,054
		<u>176,504</u>	<u>176,333</u>

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9 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Rent and rates	14,300	-
Insurance	210	266
Telephone and fax	422	71
Computer software and maintenance	2,618	2,160
Sundries	34	945
Trustees' expenses	-	178
Travel and subsistence	98	5,711
Independent examination	2,567	2,342
Bookkeeping	1,821	1,620
Legal and professional	89	-
Bank charges	110	265
Foreign currency (gains)/losses	2	166
Depreciation of office equipment	240	240
Allocation to raising funds	-	(1,910)
Allocation to charitable activities	(22,741)	(12,054)
Other interest payable	230	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	82,496	73,417
Social security costs	4,244	3,487
Pension costs	5,798	5,270
	<u>92,538</u>	<u>82,174</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Charitable activities	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £5,798 (2022 - £5,270).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Fixed asset investments

Subsidiaries

As at 31 March 2022 The Franco-British Council - British Section holds cash at bank of £nil (2022: £17,523) on behalf of The Entente Cordiale Scholarships Trust. An equal and opposite transaction is included within creditors as this money relates to the subsidiary.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2022	3,118	3,118
Disposals	<u>(1,920)</u>	<u>(1,920)</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,198</u>	<u>1,198</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2022	2,639	2,639
Charge for the year	240	240
Eliminated on disposals	<u>(1,920)</u>	<u>(1,920)</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>959</u>	<u>959</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2023	<u>239</u>	<u>239</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>479</u>	<u>479</u>

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14 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments	-	1,980
Other debtors	59	35,839
	<u>59</u>	<u>37,819</u>

15 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash on hand	22	-
Cash at bank	19,947	32,097
	<u>19,969</u>	<u>32,097</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,606	2,220
Other taxation and social security	4,862	1,811
Other creditors	5,597	18,626
Accruals	16,869	2,342
Deferred income	800	-
	<u>29,734</u>	<u>24,999</u>

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17 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	43,968	42,397	(55,014)	(6,655)	24,696
Restricted					
Young Leaders Programme	26,340	69,244	(102,239)	6,655	-
Defence Conference	(24,912)	10,000	(19,251)	-	(34,163)
	<u>1,428</u>	<u>79,244</u>	<u>(121,490)</u>	<u>6,655</u>	<u>(34,163)</u>
Total funds	<u>45,396</u>	<u>121,641</u>	<u>(176,504)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,467)</u>
	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £	
Unrestricted					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	39,025	61,106	(56,163)	43,968	
Restricted					
Young Leaders Programme	1,917	93,591	(69,168)	26,340	
Defence Conference	-	28,000	(52,912)	(24,912)	
	<u>1,917</u>	<u>121,591</u>	<u>(122,080)</u>	<u>1,428</u>	
Total funds	<u>40,942</u>	<u>182,697</u>	<u>(178,243)</u>	<u>45,396</u>	

The Franco-British Young Leaders Programme is governed by Joint Resolution between Association Franco-British Young Leaders/Avenir Franco-Britannique W751236044 Association de droit français régie par la loi du 1er juillet 1901, 4 B Avenue Hoche, 75008 Paris, France

Defence Conference, the FBC received money which helped fund the conference with staffing (our defence senior advisor), logistics, catering, interpreter, photographer and communications, etc. £35,000 of this funding was committed and will be received post year end.

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

2022 net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	239	-	239
Current assets	54,191	(34,163)	20,028
Current liabilities	(29,734)	-	(29,734)
Total net assets	<u>24,696</u>	<u>(34,163)</u>	<u>(9,467)</u>

2021 net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	479	-	479
Current assets	68,488	1,428	69,916
Current liabilities	(24,999)	-	(24,999)
Total net assets	<u>43,968</u>	<u>1,428</u>	<u>45,396</u>

Accounts

Company registration number: 01126882

Charity registration number: 1042395

The Franco-British Council - British Section

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Field Sullivan Limited
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The Franco-British Council - British Section

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Simon Day
	Philippe Peirs
	Oriel Petry
	Marisha Ray
	Rupert Reece
	Lord Peter Ricketts
	Catriona Seth
	David Wahl
Secretary	David Mackintosh
Charity Registration Number	1042395
Company Registration Number	01126882
Registered Office	The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.
	c/o The British Library
	96 Euston Road
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Independent Examiner	Field Sullivan Limited
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The Franco-British Council - British Section

Trustees Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Franco-British Council - British Section ('The Council') is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6 August 1973 and registered as a charity on 29 November 1994. The company was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association.

The Council is distinct from the Conseil Franco-Britannique - Section Francaise ('Le Conseil') which was established simultaneously under French law to share the same mission. Both have their own governing documents. In 2016, Le Conseil established a separate non-profit organisation (l'Association Loi 1901 Franco-British Young Leaders / Avenir Franco-Britannique) with which the Council entered a Memorandum of Understanding for the joint governance and delivery of the Franco-British Young Leaders programme.

Appointment of members

The Trustees serve as members of the Council. Membership is by invitation and the Council seeks to achieve gender balance and diversity. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute to amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up. Members meet annually at the AGM and are invited to contribute ideas and to assist in activities of The Council on a voluntary basis.

The Council has 8 trustees who are the directors of the charity. Trustees who served during the financial year are listed on page 1. Trustees are subject to retirement after three years in office and are subject to reappointment by the board up to a maximum of nine years. Nominations are put to the board of trustees. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charitable company.

Organisation

The day-to-day operation of the Council's affairs is delegated to the Director. Since January 2019 this has been David Mackintosh. Strategic and policy matters are referred to the full board at regular trustee meetings and meetings of the Joint Board which also receive reports on activities, future programme plans, personnel, finance and other matters arising. Two such meetings were held in the year ending 31st March 2022. Other staff included a part-time administrator and interns who have provided administrative help and support.

A merger of the organisational structures of the Franco-British Council and the Conseil Franco-Britannique took place on 1st January 2020 with the Director and staff working for both British and French section under the direction of a Joint Board with twelve members. Six of the Trustees from the British section serve on the Joint Board which met on 21st July 2021, 10th December 2021 and 22nd March 2022.

Reserves policy

The Council's Memorandum of Understanding with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), our core funder, states that it cannot carry over from one financial year to the next any substantial portion of the authorised grant-in-aid. The Council has this year operated within these restrictions.

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Trustees Report

Funding

Income included £52,901 funding by the FCDO and £37,941 in private and grant funding (restricted). Income also included £23,000 from the UK Ministry of Defence as well as £5,000 from Airbus sponsor for the Franco-British Council Defence conference which was cancelled in 2021 and will be rescheduled in 2023. We express our gratitude to all our generous funders and supporters this year again.

Risk statement

Following a reduction in core funding by the FCDO in 2015-16, trustees have identified the primary risk as any further withdrawal of the FCDO grant-in-aid which is applied for annually. Other risks include loss of staff.

Purpose, activities and review

Purpose

The Council was established for the 'advancement of education in both countries and the promotion of general knowledge of the British and French ways of life'. Since its creation in 1973, it has performed its mission through a programme of meetings and reports, with contributions from leading representatives of the worlds of culture, science, the arts, education, politics and business.

Activities

In 2016-17, the Council launched the Franco-British Young Leaders Programme, a major new bilateral initiative with the support from the British and French Governments which was endorsed at the Sandhurst Summit in January 2018. The programme's objectives focus on the engagement of established and emerging leaders in building the future of the Franco-British relations. The support of both the UK (through the FCDO) and the French governments have been a key enabling factor to this year's achievements with £159,632 generated in private support (including in-kind support).

Achievements

Selected 21 Young Leaders and 5 Local Leaders as part of the cohort in 2022

- Alumni projects for the Young Leader were also undertaken, mainly online
- Planning for the Young Leaders and Local Leaders programme was also undertaken for 2022.

Statement of public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charities Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

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Trustees Report

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Simon Day
	Philippe Peirs
	Oriel Petry (appointed 29 June 2022)
	Marisha Ray
	Rupert Reece
	Lord Peter Ricketts
	Catriona Seth (appointed 29 June 2022)
	David Wahl
	Mark Boleat (resigned 29 June 2022)
	Michael Butcher (resigned 23 May 2022)
	Christopher Deacon (resigned 23 May 2022)

Secretary: David Mackintosh

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Franco-British Council - British Section for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations. The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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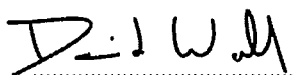
Trustees Report

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 27 January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Wahl', written over a dotted line.

David Wahl
Trustee

The Franco-British Council - British Section

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Franco-British Council - British Section ("the Company")

I report to the charity trustees (who are also Directors for the purpose of company law) on my examination of the accounts of the The Franco-British Council - British Section ('the charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes. 8 19

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of The Franco-British Council - British Section you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of The Franco-British Council - British Section are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. We draw your attention to the going concern policy that explains why the going concern is appropriate for the preparation of the accounts. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

I confirm that no other matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect;

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Franco-British Council - British Section as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Franco-British Council - British
Section ("the Company")**

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Field Sullivan Limited

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30 January 2023

The Franco-British Council - British Section

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	38,041	121,591	159,632	63,768	11,332	75,100
Charitable activities	4	505	-	505	-	-	-
Other income		22,560	-	22,560	17,168	-	17,168
Total income		61,106	121,591	182,697	80,936	11,332	92,268
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	6	(1,910)	-	(1,910)	(2,042)	-	(2,042)
Charitable activities	7	(54,253)	(122,080)	(176,333)	(29,624)	(64,123)	(93,747)
Total expenditure		(56,163)	(122,080)	(178,243)	(31,666)	(64,123)	(95,789)
Net income/(expenditure)		4,943	(489)	4,454	49,270	(52,791)	(3,521)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	(11,052)	11,052	-
Net movement in funds		4,943	(489)	4,454	38,218	(41,739)	(3,521)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		39,025	1,917	40,942	807	43,656	44,463
Total funds carried forward	16	43,968	1,428	45,396	39,025	1,917	40,942

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Franco-British Council - British Section

**(Registration number: 01126882)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	479	719
Current assets			
Debtors	13	37,819	27,654
Cash at bank and in hand	14	<u>32,097</u>	<u>49,224</u>
		69,916	76,878
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(24,999)</u>	<u>(36,655)</u>
Net current assets		<u>44,917</u>	<u>40,223</u>
Net assets		<u>45,396</u>	<u>40,942</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		1,428	1,917
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>43,968</u>	<u>39,025</u>
Total funds	16	<u>45,396</u>	<u>40,942</u>

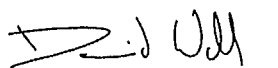
For the financial year ending 31 March 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 27 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



David Wahl
Trustee and Treasurer

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

c/o The British Library
96 Euston Road
London NW1 2DB

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 27 January 2023.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Second edition October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Franco-British Council - British Section meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as we believe that adequate cash resources will be available to cover the charity's requirements for working capital and capital expenditure for at least the next twelve months.

The charity are aware of the risks relating to any changes in government funding which could put into jeopardy the charity's going concern status during or beyond this period and they have taken steps to monitor this so any appropriate action could be taken.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

The Franco-British Council - British Section

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the periods in which the estimate is revised where revisions affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revisions affects both current and future periods.

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

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 by the charity 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 these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are recognised in different ways dependent on how they are used by the charity:

- (i) Those donated for resale produce income when they are sold. They are valued at the amount actually realised.
- (ii) Those donated for onward transmission to beneficiaries are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as incoming resources and resources expended when they are distributed. They are valued at the amount the charity would have had to pay to acquire them.
- (iii) Those donated for use by the charity itself are included when receivable. They are valued at the amount the charity would have had to pay to acquire them.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £250.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class

Furniture and equipment

Depreciation method and rate

20% straight line method

The Franco-British Council - British Section

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted		Total 2022	Total 2021
	General £	Restricted £	£	£
Donations and legacies;				
Donations for Young Leaders	-	40,690	40,690	11,332
Donations for Defence Conference	-	5,000	5,000	-
Grants, including capital grants;				
Job Retention Scheme	16,041	-	16,041	18,838
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office grant	-	52,901	52,901	44,930
Ministry of Defence	-	23,000	23,000	-
Gifts in kind	22,000	-	22,000	-
	<u>38,041</u>	<u>121,591</u>	<u>159,632</u>	<u>75,100</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Subscriptions	<u>505</u>	<u>505</u>	<u>-</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Other income	<u>22,560</u>	<u>22,560</u>	<u>17,168</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Note	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Allocated support costs	8	<u>1,910</u>	<u>2,042</u>

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Defence seminar and report		37,070	6,688
Young Leaders		23,035	1,503
Climate change conference		-	1,120
Events and venues		22,000	-
Staff costs	9	82,174	74,226
Allocated support costs	8	12,054	10,210
		<u>176,333</u>	<u>93,747</u>

8 Analysis of support costs

Support costs

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Office rent and service charges	-	3,575
Insurance	266	254
Telephone and fax	71	93
Office expenses	-	67
Computer software and maintenance	2,160	2,577
Sundries	945	1,448
Trustees' expenses	178	35
Travel and subsistence	5,711	71
Independent examination	2,342	2,130
Bookkeeping	1,620	1,318
Bank charges	265	104
Foreign currency (gains)/losses	166	(44)
Depreciation of office equipment	240	624
Allocation to raising funds	(1,910)	(2,042)
Allocation to charitable activities	<u>(12,054)</u>	<u>(10,210)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	73,417	66,239
Social security costs	3,487	2,717
Pension costs	5,270	5,270
	<u>82,174</u>	<u>74,226</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2022 No	2021 No
Charitable activities	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Fixed asset investments

Subsidiaries

As at 31 March 2022 The Franco-British Council - British Section holds cash at bank of £17,523 on behalf of The Entente Cordiale Scholarships Trust. An equal and opposite transaction is included within creditors as this money relates to the subsidiary.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2021	5,601	5,601
Disposals	<u>(2,483)</u>	<u>(2,483)</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>3,118</u>	<u>3,118</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2021	4,882	4,882
Charge for the year	240	240
Eliminated on disposals	<u>(2,483)</u>	<u>(2,483)</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>2,639</u>	<u>2,639</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2022	<u>479</u>	<u>479</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>719</u>	<u>719</u>

13 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments	1,980	1,980
Accrued income	-	7,975
Other debtors	<u>35,839</u>	<u>17,699</u>
	<u>37,819</u>	<u>27,654</u>

14 Cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash at bank	<u>32,097</u>	<u>49,224</u>

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15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	2,220	560
Other taxation and social security	1,811	1,706
Other creditors	18,626	32,194
Accruals	2,342	2,130
Deferred income	-	65
	<u>24,999</u>	<u>36,655</u>

16 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	39,025	61,106	(56,163)	43,968
Restricted				
Young Leaders Programme	1,917	93,591	(69,168)	26,340
Defence Conference	-	28,000	(52,912)	(24,912)
	<u>1,917</u>	<u>121,591</u>	<u>(122,080)</u>	<u>1,428</u>
Total funds	<u>40,942</u>	<u>182,697</u>	<u>(178,243)</u>	<u>45,396</u>

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	807	80,936	(31,666)	(11,052)	39,025
Restricted					
Young Leaders Programme	32,054	11,332	(41,469)	-	1,917
Defence Conference	11,602	-	(22,654)	11,052	-
	<u>43,656</u>	<u>11,332</u>	<u>(64,123)</u>	<u>11,052</u>	<u>1,917</u>
Total funds	<u>44,463</u>	<u>92,268</u>	<u>(95,789)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,942</u>

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The Franco-British Young Leaders Programme is governed by Joint Resolution between Association Franco-British Young Leaders/Avenir Franco-Britannique W751236044 Association de droit français régie par la loi du 1er juillet 1901, 4 B Avenue Hoche, 75008 Paris, France

Defence Conference, the FBC received money which helped fund the conference with staffing (our defence senior advisor), logistics, catering, interpreter, photographer and communications, etc.

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

2022 net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	479	-	479
Current assets	68,488	1,428	69,916
Current liabilities	(24,999)	-	(24,999)
Total net assets	<u>43,968</u>	<u>1,428</u>	<u>45,396</u>

2021 net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	719	-	719
Current assets	74,961	1,917	76,878
Current liabilities	(36,655)	-	(36,655)
Total net assets	<u>39,025</u>	<u>1,917</u>	<u>40,942</u>

Accounts

Company registration number: 01126882

Charity registration number: 1042395

The Franco-British Council - British Section

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Field Sullivan Limited
70 Royal Hill
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The Franco-British Council - British Section

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Mark Boleat
	Michael Butcher
	Simon Day
	Christopher Deacon
	Philippe Peirs
	Marisha Ray
	Rupert Reece
	Lord Peter Ricketts
	David Wahl
Secretary	David Mackintosh
Principal Office	c/o The British Library 96 Euston Road London NW1 2DB
Company Registration Number	01126882
Charity Registration Number	1042395
Independent Examiner	Field Sullivan Limited 70 Royal Hill Greenwich London SE10 8RF

The Franco-British Council - British Section

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees

Mark Boleat

Michael Butcher

Simon Day

Christopher Deacon

Philippe Peirs

Marisha Ray

Rupert Reece

Lord Peter Ricketts

David Wahl

Mary Walsh (resigned
1 July 2021)

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021. This is a directors' report required by s417 of the Companies Act 2006 and all trustees are directors. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Franco-British Council - British Section ('The Council') is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6 August 1973 and registered as a charity on 29 November 1994. The company was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association.

The Council is distinct from the Conseil Franco-Britannique - Section Francaise ('Le Conseil') which was established simultaneously under French law to share the same mission. Both have their own governing documents. In 2016, Le Conseil established a separate non-profit organisation (l'Association Loi 1901 Franco-British Young Leaders / Avenir Franco-Britannique) with which the Council entered a Memorandum of Understanding for the joint governance and delivery of the Franco-British Young Leaders programme.

Appointment of members

Alongside the Trustees, the Council has an additional 7 members. Membership is by invitation and the Council seeks to achieve gender balance and diversity. The term served by members is a maximum of six years. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute to amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up. Members meet annually at the AGM and are invited to contribute ideas and to assist in activities of The Council on a voluntary basis. The Council reviewed its system of membership which took effect from 1 April 2021.

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Trustees' Report

Appointment of trustees

The Council has 10 trustees who are the directors of the charity. Trustees who served during the financial year are listed on page 1. Trustees are subject to retirement after three years in office and are subject to reappointment by the board up to a maximum of nine years. Nominations are put to the board of trustees. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charitable company.

Organisation

The day-to-day operation of the Council's affairs is delegated to the Director. Since January 2019 this has been David Mackintosh. Strategic and policy matters are referred to the full board at regular trustee meetings and meetings of the Joint Board which also receive reports on activities, future programme plans, personnel, finance and other matters arising. Two such meetings were held in the year ending 31 March 2021. Other staff included a part-time administrator and interns who have provided administrative help and support.

A merger of the organisational structures of the Franco-British Council and the Conseil Franco-Britannique took place on 1 January 2020 with the Director and staff working for both British and French section under the direction of a Joint Board with twelve members. Six of the Trustees from the British section serve on the Joint Board which met on 22 April and 9 December 2020.

Reserves policy

The Council's Memorandum of Understanding with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), our core funder, states that it cannot carry over from one financial year to the next any substantial portion of the authorised grant-in-aid. The Council has this year operated within these restrictions.

Funding

Income included £44,930 core funding by the FCDO and £51,500 in private funding from UK (£5,000) and French sponsors (60,000 - £51,500) (restricted). There was no in-kind support from the British and French Embassies or Eurostar in 2020-21 due to Covid. We express our gratitude to all our generous funders and supporters this year again.

Risk statement

Following a reduction in core funding by the FCDO in 2015-16, trustees have identified the primary risk as any further withdrawal of the FCDO grant-in-aid which is applied for annually. Other risks include loss of staff.

Purpose, activities and review

Purpose

The Council was established for the 'advancement of education in both countries and the promotion of general knowledge of the British and French ways of life'. Since its creation in 1973, it has performed its mission through a programme of meetings and reports, with contributions from leading representatives of the worlds of culture, science, the arts, education, politics and business.

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Activities

- In 2016-17, the Council launched the Franco-British Young Leaders Programme, a major new bilateral initiative with the support from the British and French Governments which was endorsed at the Sandhurst Summit in January 2018. The programme's objectives focus on the engagement of established and emerging leaders in building the future of the Franco-British relations. The support of both the UK (through the FCDO) and the French governments have been a key enabling factor to this year's achievements with £96,430 generated in private support (excluding in-kind support).

Achievements

Selected 21 Young Leaders and 6 Local Leaders as part of the cohort in 2021

- Alumni projects for the Young Leader were also undertaken, mainly online
- Planning for the Young Leaders and Local Leaders programme was also undertaken for 2021.

Franco-British Defence Conference

The Franco-British Defence Conference took place online on 26 November 2020 and was addressed by:

- Mme Florence Parly, French Minister of the Armed Forces
- The Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP, Secretary of State for Defence
- Général François Lecointre, Chef d'État-Major des Armées
- General Sir Nick Carter, Chief of the Defence Staff
- Jeremy Quin MP, Minister for Defence Procurement
- Joël Barre, Chief Executive of the Direction générale de l'Armement
- Éric Béranger, Chief Executive Officer, MBDA
- Antoine Bouvier, Head of Strategy, Mergers & Acquisitions and Public Affairs at Airbus
- Dr. Alice Pannier, Research Fellow, Head of the Geopolitics of Technologies programme, IFRI, Paris
- Mme Alice Guitton, DGRIS
- Angus Lapsley, Director General Strategy and International.
- Lord Edward Llewellyn, British Ambassador to the French Republic
- Mme Catherine Colonna, French Ambassador to the United Kingdom
- M. Emmanuel Chiva, Director of the Defense Innovation Agency
- Clare Cameron, Director, Defence Innovation

Achievements

- Secured funding for the conference including €22,000 from the French Ministry of Defence and sponsorship agreements worth of €15,000 with Airbus and MBDA. Received €7,500 from MBDA in period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. Airbus payment was delayed and received later.

Statement of public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charities Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

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Trustees' Report

Financial Review

The Director and the Treasurer hold quarterly meetings to review the charity's financial position which includes reviewing reserves needed and cashflow for the organisation. Wherever possible the Director and Treasurer agree to hold reserves to allow for three months of cashflow. During Covid it has not always been possible to hold normal amounts of reserves and the monitoring of cashflow has taken place more frequently.

The Franco-British Council receives income from the UK Government and, via the Conseil franco-britannique from the French Government as well as private sponsorship. Funding is also received from both the UK and French Ministries of Defence specifically for the Defence Conference work and this alternates each year between the UK and France. Funding is also received separately for the Entente Cordiale Scholarship Trust which is audited independently. Therefore the regular reviews of the charity's financial position take into account the latest position on all of these funding and income streams, upcoming funding decisions and money across both organisations (Franco-British Council and Conseil franco-britannique). Covid has put an extra strain on private sponsorship and in receiving funding decisions and payments, but there are currently no concerns about the organisation continuing as a going concern.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Franco-British Council - British Section for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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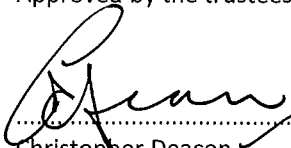
Trustees' Report

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on ¹⁰/₈ December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Christopher Deacon
Trustee

The Franco-British Council - British Section

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Franco-British Council - British Section

I report to the charity trustees (who are also Directors for the purpose of company law) on my examination of the accounts of the The Franco-British Council - British Section ('the charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes. 9 21

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of The Franco-British Council - British Section you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of The Franco-British Council - British Section are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Franco-British Council - British Section as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Franco-British Council - British
Section**


Field Sullivan Limited

70 Royal Hill
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London
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Date: 20/12/21.....

The Franco-British Council - British Section

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	63,768	11,332	75,100	96,000	124,969	220,969
Other income		17,168	-	17,168	-	-	-
Total income		80,936	11,332	92,268	96,000	124,969	220,969
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	5	(2,042)	-	(2,042)	(39,023)	-	(39,023)
Charitable activities	6	(29,624)	(64,123)	(93,747)	(70,053)	(120,472)	(190,525)
Total expenditure		(31,666)	(64,123)	(95,789)	(109,076)	(120,472)	(229,548)
Net income/(expenditure)		49,270	(52,791)	(3,521)	(13,076)	4,497	(8,579)
Transfers between funds		(11,052)	11,052	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		38,218	(41,739)	(3,521)	(13,076)	4,497	(8,579)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		807	43,656	44,463	13,883	39,159	53,042
Total funds carried forward	16	39,025	1,917	40,942	807	43,656	44,463

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 16.

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Franco-British Council - British Section

(Registration number: 01126882)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	719	1,343
Current assets			
Debtors	12	27,654	24,623
Cash at bank and in hand	13	<u>49,224</u>	<u>34,077</u>
		76,878	58,700
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(36,655)</u>	<u>(15,580)</u>
Net current assets		<u>40,223</u>	<u>43,120</u>
Net assets		<u>40,942</u>	<u>44,463</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		1,917	43,656
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>39,025</u>	<u>807</u>
Total funds	16	<u>40,942</u>	<u>44,463</u>

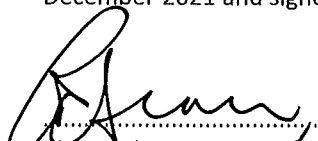
For the financial year ending 31 March 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 21 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 3 December 2021 and signed on their behalf by: 16


Christopher Deacon
Trustee and Treasurer

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in , and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

c/o The British Library

96 Euston Road

London NW1 2DB

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 3 December 2021.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Second edition October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Franco-British Council - British Section meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the periods in which the estimate is revised where revisions affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revisions affects both current and future periods.

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

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 by the charity 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 these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are recognised in different ways dependent on how they are used by the charity:

- (i) Those donated for resale produce income when they are sold. They are valued at the amount actually realised.
- (ii) Those donated for onward transmission to beneficiaries are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as incoming resources and resources expended when they are distributed. They are valued at the amount the charity would have had to pay to acquire them.
- (iii) Those donated for use by the charity itself are included when receivable. They are valued at the amount the charity would have had to pay to acquire them.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £250.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

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Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Furniture and equipment	20% straight line method

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted		Total	Total
	General	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;				
Donations for Young Leaders	-	11,332	11,332	124,969
Grants, including capital grants;				
Job Retention Scheme	18,838	-	18,838	-
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office grant	44,930	-	44,930	60,000
Gifts in kind	-	-	-	36,000
	<u>63,768</u>	<u>11,332</u>	<u>75,100</u>	<u>220,969</u>

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£
Other income	<u>17,168</u>	<u>17,168</u>	<u>-</u>

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5 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Note	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	39,023
Allocated support costs	7	2,042	-
		<u>2,042</u>	<u>39,023</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Defence seminar and report		6,688	1,204
Young Leaders		1,503	108,341
Climate change conference		1,120	4,109
Events and venues		-	1,000
Staff costs	8	74,226	37,831
Allocated support costs	7	10,210	38,040
		<u>93,747</u>	<u>190,525</u>

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7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Office rent and service charges	3,575	6,825
Insurance	254	338
Telephone and fax	93	132
Office expenses	67	199
Computer software and maintenance	2,577	2,654
Sundries	1,448	1,323
Trustees' expenses	35	2,596
Travel and subsistence	71	17,464
Independent examination	2,130	2,070
Bookkeeping	1,318	1,514
Bank charges	104	239
Foreign currency (gains)/losses	(44)	1,543
Depreciation of office equipment	624	1,143
Allocation to raising funds	(2,042)	-
Allocation to charitable activities	(10,210)	(38,040)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	66,239	28,856
Social security costs	2,717	3,707
Pension costs	5,270	5,268
	<u>74,226</u>	<u>37,831</u>

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The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2021 No	2020 No
Charitable activities	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2020	7,602	7,602
Disposals	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>5,602</u>	<u>5,602</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2020	6,259	6,259
Charge for the year	624	624
Eliminated on disposals	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>4,883</u>	<u>4,883</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2021	<u>719</u>	<u>719</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>1,343</u>	<u>1,343</u>

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11 Fixed asset investments

Subsidiaries

The financial period end of The Entente Cordiale Scholarship is 31 March. The loss for the financial period of The Entente Cordiale Scholarship was £933 (2020 - £45,575) and the aggregate amount of capital and reserves at the end of the period was £(30,742) (2020 - £(31,675)).

As at 31 March 2021 The Franco-British Council - British Section holds cash at bank of £31,642 on behalf of The Entente Cordiale Scholarships Trust. An equal and opposite transaction is included within creditors as this money relates to the subsidiary.

12 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	1,980	5,809
Accrued income	7,975	-
Other debtors	17,699	18,814
	<u>27,654</u>	<u>24,623</u>

13 Cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank	49,224	34,077

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	560	3,589
Other taxation and social security	1,706	3,453
Other creditors	32,194	552
Accruals	2,130	7,986
Deferred income	65	-
	<u>36,655</u>	<u>15,580</u>

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15 COVID 19

Subsequent to the year end the company's activities have been affected by the outbreak of COVID 19. During March 2020, a number of events were postponed or cancelled due to the outbreak. The pandemic also had an impact on income from private sponsorship which will be reflected in the 2020/21 accounts. However, the charity is confident that it will continue its activities once the outbreak has been contained.

16 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	807	80,936	(31,666)	(11,052)	39,025
Restricted					
Young Leaders Programme	32,054	11,332	(41,469)	-	1,917
Defence Conference	11,602	-	(22,654)	11,052	-
	<u>43,656</u>	<u>11,332</u>	<u>(64,123)</u>	<u>11,052</u>	<u>1,917</u>
Total funds	<u>44,463</u>	<u>92,268</u>	<u>(95,789)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,942</u>
	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £		Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	13,883	96,000	(109,076)		807
Restricted					
Young Leaders Programme	27,557	124,969	(120,472)		32,054
Defence Conference	11,602	-	-		11,602
	<u>39,159</u>	<u>124,969</u>	<u>(120,472)</u>		<u>43,656</u>
Total funds	<u>53,042</u>	<u>220,969</u>	<u>(229,548)</u>		<u>44,463</u>

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The Franco-British Young Leaders Programme is governed by Joint Resolution between Association Franco-British Young Leaders/Avenir Franco-Britannique W751236044 Association de droit français régie par la loi du 1er juillet 1901, 4 B Avenue Hoche, 75008 Paris, France

The FBC received £45,000 income (£25,000 from the UK Ministry of Defence and £20,000 for commercial sponsor MBDA) for the Defence Conference 2018. These helped fund the conference with staffing (our defence senior advisor), logistics, catering, interpreter, photographer and communications, etc.

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

2021 net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	719	-	719
Current assets	74,961	1,917	76,878
Current liabilities	(36,655)	-	(36,655)
Total net assets	<u>39,025</u>	<u>1,917</u>	<u>40,942</u>

2020 net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,343	-	1,343
Current assets	15,044	43,656	58,700
Current liabilities	(15,580)	-	(15,580)
Total net assets	<u>807</u>	<u>43,656</u>	<u>44,463</u>

