

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1062823

Details

Other names	THE DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATIONAL TRUST, DOWNSED
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03266266
Registered	1997-06-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DOWNS SYNDROME: FOR FULL DETAILS SEE CLAUSE 3

Activities: Down Syndrome Education International delivers evidence-led improvements in early intervention and education for children with Down syndrome globally by investing in scientific research and deliver a comprehensive range of information, advice, training and consulting services.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Algeria
- American Samoa
- Andorra
- Angola
- Anguilla
- Antarctica
- Antigua And Barbuda
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Aruba
- Australia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Belize
- Benin
- Bermuda
- Bhutan
- Bolivia
- Bosnia And Herzegovina
- Botswana
- Brazil
- British Indian Ocean Territory
- British Virgin Islands
- Brunei
- Bulgaria
- Burkina Faso
- Burma
- Burundi
- Cambodia

- Cameroon
- Canada
- Cape Verde
- Cayman Islands
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Chile
- China
- Christmas Island
- Cocos (KEELING) ISLANDS
- Colombia
- Comoros
- Congo
- Congo (Democratic Republic)
- Cook Islands
- Costa Rica
- Croatia
- Cuba
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Djibouti
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- East Timor
- Easter Island
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Estonia
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- Falkland Islands

- Faroe Islands
- Fiji
- Finland
- France
- French Guiana
- French Polynesia
- Gabon
- Georgia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Gibraltar
- Greece
- Greenland
- Grenada
- Guadeloupe
- Guam
- Guatemala
- Guernsey
- Guinea
- Guinea-bissau
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Hong Kong
- Hungary
- Iceland
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Ireland
- Isle Of Man
- Israel
- Italy
- Ivory Coast

- Jamaica
- Japan
- Jersey
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Kenya
- Kiribati
- Kosovo
- Kuwait
- Kyrgyzstan
- Laos
- Latvia
- Lebanon
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Libya
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macau
- Macedonia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mali
- Malta
- Marshall Islands
- Martinique
- Mauritania
- Mauritius
- Mayotte
- Mexico
- Micronesia
- Moldova

- Monaco
- Mongolia
- Montenegro
- Montserrat
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nauru
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- New Caledonia
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Niue
- Norfolk Island
- North Korea
- Northern Ireland
- Northern Mariana Islands
- Norway
- Occupied Palestinian Territories
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Palau
- Panama
- Papua New Guinea
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Philippines
- Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie And Oeno Islands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Puerto Rico
- Qatar

- Romania
- Russia
- Rwanda
- Réunion
- Saint Barthélemy
- Saint Helena
- Saint Pierre And Miquelon
- Saint Vincent
- Samoa
- San Marino
- Saudi Arabia
- Scotland
- Senegal
- Serbia
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Sint Maarten
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Solomon Islands
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Georgia And South Sandwich Islands
- South Korea
- South Sudan
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- St Kitts And Nevis
- St Lucia
- Sudan
- Suriname
- Svalbard And Jan Mayen
- Sweden
- Switzerland

- Syria
- São Tomé And Príncipe
- Taiwan
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- The Bahamas
- The Gambia
- Togo
- Tokelau
- Tonga
- Trinidad And Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Turkmenistan
- Turks And Caicos Islands
- Tuvalu
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United States
- United States Virgin Islands
- Uruguay
- Uzbekistan
- Vanuatu
- Venezuela
- Vietnam
- Wallis And Futuna
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£56,097	£42,667	-	-
2023-12-31	£48,563	£44,896	-	-
2022-12-31	£48,761	£39,934	-	-
2021-12-31	£60,464	£42,856	-	-
2020-12-31	£102,278	£66,624	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adam Wesley Pilling		2023-06-21
Rebecca Smith		2019-06-18
Samuel Brenton		2019-06-18
Sandra Jane Redman		2015-06-18
Stephanie Jenna Pilling		2023-06-21

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England & Wales - Charity number 1062823

Accounts

Charity registration number 1062823 (England and Wales)

Company registration number 03266266

**DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr Samuel Brenton Mrs S J Redman Mrs K Sammon Ms R R Smith Mr Adam Pilling Mrs Stephanie Pilling Mrs Kelly Trevor	
Senior management	Mr F Buckley Professor S Buckley OBE	Chief executive officer Chief scientist
Secretary	Dr A Buckley	
Charity number	1062823	
Company number	03266266	
Registered office	6 Underlay Business Centre Kirkby Lonsdale Cumbria LA6 2DY England LA6 2DY	
Independent examiner	James Todd and Co Limited Drayton House Drayton Lane Chichester West Sussex England PO20 2EW	
Bankers	HSBC Bank plc 118 Commercial Road Portsmouth Hampshire PO1 1EP	

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DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Charity Act 2006 present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015).

Chairman's report

During 2024, the charity continued to develop and deliver innovative services and resources providing evidence-based advice to families and professionals supporting young people with Down Syndrome around the world. The charity's services and resources build on the available scientific research and the charity's extensive experience to offer practical practical and effective approaches to improving developmental and educational outcomes for children with Down Syndrome.

We continue to invest in the development of new teaching resources and apps and online support services. Increasingly, we are working to integrate these to develop evidence-based and data driven support systems that will offer effective support to families and professionals at scale.

These continuing investments underpin an expanding range of digital resources and services that can be more economically adapted, translated and distributed to better support children with Down syndrome and their families globally. They also offer new opportunities for recording and reporting individual progress to families and educators, and for large-scale data collection to inform future research.

I would like to thank my fellow Trustees, for their sustained efforts, and our staff for their commitment and hard work. I would also like to thank our donors for their generous support for better education for children with Down Syndrome.

Sam Brenton

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Mr Samuel Brenton

Chairman

Dated: 22 / 09 / 2025

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Charity Act 2006 present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

Objectives and activities

Down Syndrome Education International works to improve developmental and educational outcomes for young people with Down syndrome, helping them to lead more independent, rewarding and fulfilling lives.

Our scientific research, publications and services deliver lasting gains in speech and language, reading and literacy, number and maths, memory and cognitive skills, and social development for children with Down syndrome.

The charity is headquartered in the UK and works in close collaboration with an associated nonprofit organisation based in the USA. The charity's publications and services are delivered through a UK-based subsidiary social enterprise company. Our principal activities are scientific research, and information, training and consulting services.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the 2011 Charities Act.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Research activities

Our research strategy focuses on human developmental and cognitive research designed to identify interventions that improve speech, language and communication skills, enhance cognitive development, raise levels of achievement in literacy and numeracy, and support effective inclusion in schools and the wider community.

Our research began over 40 years ago with a project at the University of Portsmouth, UK, that investigated teaching reading to young children with Down syndrome. Since 1987, the charity has conducted, sponsored and supported studies investigating a wide variety of topics relevant to improving developmental and educational outcomes for children with Down syndrome. These include cognitive development, speech, language, reading, numeracy and maths, social and behavioural development and sleep.

The charity hosted the 2023 Down Syndrome Research Forum online, bringing together researchers, professionals and family members from around the UK and across the world.

The charity is currently collaborating with, and supporting projects at, several universities, including the University of Reading, UK, Lancaster University, UK, the University of York, UK, and Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, USA.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Information services

Our information services provide broad access to reliable, evidence-based information and advice to families, professionals and organisations around the world, helping them to provide effective educational support for children with Down syndrome.

During 2024, we continued to offer extensive information online. We also continued to develop further steps in See and Learn Language and Reading, See and Learn Speech, See and Learn Memory and See and Learn Numbers.

Training, consulting and advocacy

During 2024, we continued to provide online courses offering training and advice to teachers, therapists, assistants and families around the world.

Individual advice services

The charity's subsidiary social enterprise continued to invest in the development of digital support services and resources that will offer more personalised support for individual children, based on each child's individual rates of progress and needs. The subsidiary social enterprise has invested in data collection and analysis systems that will link teaching apps and other online services with new data-driven and evidence-based advice systems. The charity believes that these new services offer a way to deliver higher quality support to substantially more families in more countries more efficiently than traditional books, teaching materials and training services. The subsidiary expects to launch the first of these new services in 2025.

Financial review

Throughout 2024, the charity continued to focus on developing new services and resources - largely through its subsidiary social enterprise. Our goal remains to raise and disburse funds for scientific research and other purposes improving education for children with Down syndrome while maintaining minimal fixed overheads. We continue to work towards this goal by delivering a growing range of evidence-based teaching resources, publications and training services on a social enterprise basis.

Charitable income totalled £29,697(2023: £22,163) and other income totalled £26,400(2023: £26,400). Expenditure totalled £42,667 (2023: £44,896), leaving net income of £13,430(2023: £3,667).

During 2024, the charity's social enterprise subsidiary's revenue totalled £282,424 (2023: £245,762) and net operating surplus totalled £24,127 (2023: £6,058 deficit).

The trustees anticipate future reductions in the birth rates of children with Down syndrome in wealthier countries. The likely impact has been factored into the group's strategic planning.

The group is continuing to develop new and updated teaching resources, apps, online courses and books and expects to continue doing so through 2026 and beyond. Meanwhile, fundraising efforts are prioritising raising funds for new research projects.

Reserves policy

The trustees regularly review the free reserves of the charity, which are those unrestricted funds not held in fixed assets, investments, designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed. These reviews encompass the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves. The trustees consider the primary purpose trading activities of the charity's subsidiary company within these reviews. The latest review concluded that to allow the charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services, free reserves equivalent to at least 3 months' expenditure should be accumulated. The charity's free reserves (being unrestricted funds less fixed assets) at 31 December 2024 were £132,235 (2023: £118,805).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Restricted funds

Restricted funds at 31 December 2024 totalled £32,690 (2023: £32,690).

Investments

Down Syndrome Education International owns the entire issued share capital of Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC of 480,000 ordinary shares of £1 each (2023: 480,000 shares of £1). This programme related investment furthers the development and distribution of specialist publications and materials, and the supply of specialist training and consulting services, in support of the charity's primary social purpose.

Going concern

Down Syndrome Education International continues to diversify income sources, grow social enterprise activities and identify opportunities for efficiency improvements. The trustees are satisfied that the right strategies and plans are in place to ensure that the Group will continue to operate for the foreseeable future and that it will continue to maximise impact for its beneficiaries.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Down Syndrome Education International is governed by a Memorandum of Association dated 7 October 1996, as amended on 20 May 2008.

Governance

Overall responsibility for the direction and performance of the charity resides with Board of Trustees. The Trustees meet regularly to review strategy, operational progress and financial performance. Members include individuals with a wide range of applicable skills and experience, many of whom are relatives of people with Down syndrome.

Structure

Down Syndrome Education International (DSEI) is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England, number 3266266, and is a UK registered charity, number 1062823.

Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC (DSEE) is a community interest company, registered in England, number 2413145, that is wholly owned by Down Syndrome Education International.

Down Syndrome Education USA (DSEUSA) is a nonprofit organisation, incorporated in California, USA, and exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, EIN 26-2566125. DSEUSA and DSEI share common goals, and collaborate closely under a partnership agreement.

Trustees

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr P A McLaughlin (Resigned 12 February 2025)

Mr Samuel Brenton

Mrs S J Redman

Mrs K Sammon

Ms R R Smith

Mr Adam Pilling

Mrs Stephanie Pilling

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Mrs Kelly Trevor

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by the existing Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees recruits new members from among supporters, beneficiaries, service users and other interested persons. The Board aims to maintain a range of skills and experiences from across a variety of industries and professions, and across profit, not-for-profit and public sector organisations.

Operational responsibility

Day-to-day operational responsibility is delegated to the CEO.

Induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees receive strategic plans, operational plans and budgets, information leaflets, prior meeting minutes and similar materials. New Trustees are also invited to spend time seeing all the charity activities in action and meeting the staff, and to meet families and professionals who use the charity's services.

Related parties

Down Syndrome Education International owns Down Syndrome Education Enterprises and has the power to appoint Directors.

Professor Sue Buckley OBE has led the research work of the charity since 1986. Mr Frank Buckley is Professor Buckley's son. Frank was appointed a Director of Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC in October 1996, and served as the Finance and Operations Director and Company Secretary of both Down Syndrome Education International and Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC from April 1997. In September 2007, Frank Buckley was appointed CEO of Down Syndrome Education International. Dr Angela Byrne has been employed by the charity since 1997. Dr Byrne married Frank Buckley in April 2003. Frank Buckley also serves as the President and CEO of Down Syndrome Education USA.

Many of our Trustees are close relatives of young people with Down syndrome. Their families benefited from the charity's services during the year on the same basis, terms and conditions as other families.

Conflict of interest policy

Down Syndrome Education International has a robust Conflict of Interest Policy that applies to all Trustees, Directors and staff of Down Syndrome Education International and its associated companies. The policy is reviewed annually.

Risk management

The Board of Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operation and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage those risks.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Sam Brenton

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Mr Samuel Brenton

Trustee

Dated: ...22/.09./2025.....

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Down Syndrome Education International (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Julie Watts FCCA ACA
James Todd and Co Limited

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Dated: 29 / 09 / 2025

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes						
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	28,188	-	28,188	20,615	-	20,615
Other trading activities	3	1,482	-	1,482	1,548	-	1,548
Investments	4	27	-	27	-	-	-
Other income	5	26,400	-	26,400	26,400	-	26,400
Total income		<u>56,097</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,097</u>	<u>48,563</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,563</u>
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	6	222	-	222	222	-	222
Charitable activities	7	42,445	-	42,445	44,674	-	44,674
Total expenditure		<u>42,667</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,667</u>	<u>44,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,896</u>
Net income and movement in funds		13,430	-	13,430	3,667	-	3,667
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		<u>218,805</u>	<u>32,690</u>	<u>251,495</u>	<u>215,138</u>	<u>32,690</u>	<u>247,828</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		<u>232,235</u>	<u>32,690</u>	<u>264,925</u>	<u>218,805</u>	<u>32,690</u>	<u>251,495</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	14		100,000		100,000
Current assets					
Debtors	15	185,312		179,921	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,303		2,254	
		<u>186,615</u>		<u>182,175</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>(21,690)</u>		<u>(30,680)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>164,925</u>		<u>151,495</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>264,925</u>		<u>251,495</u>
The funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	18		32,690		32,690
Unrestricted funds	19		232,235		218,805
			<u>264,925</u>		<u>251,495</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22 / 09 / 2025.....

Sam Brenton

Mr Samuel Brenton
Trustee

Becky Smith

Ms R R Smith
Trustee

Company registration number 03266266 (England and Wales)

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Down Syndrome Education International is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 6 Underlay Business Centre, Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria, LA6 2DY, England.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Group accounts have not been prepared on the basis that the group is small.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.4 Income

Income, including donations, legacies and investment income is recognised in the period in which the organisation is entitled to the receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Income is deferred only when the organisation has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in the future period.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery to a specific performance by the charity, are recognised in full when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Income resources from grants, the receipts or retention of which depends on explicit performance-related criteria, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Legacies are included when the Charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

Trading income is recognised net of value added tax and trade discounts when receivable.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred. Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with research, information dissemination and advisory and education services and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.

Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly. Staff costs are allocated to activities and projects according to the time spent.

Support costs include administrative, accounting and technical support functions and property overheads and have been allocated to activity costs categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs are allocated to activities incurred. Costs directly attributable to the expenditure of restricted funds are allocated against those funds directly. Other costs are apportioned on the basis of time spent on activities funded from the restricted funds.

1.6 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Internet Domain Names	10% on cost
Research and Development	10% on cost

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% on cost
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

An associate is an entity, being neither a subsidiary nor a joint venture, in which the Charity holds a long-term interest and where the Charity has significant influence. The Charity considers that it has significant influence where it has the power to participate in the financial and operating decisions of the associate.

Entities in which the Charity has a long term interest and shares control under a contractual arrangement are classified as jointly controlled entities.

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.9 Financial instruments

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the retail or invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad or doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price).

Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

1.10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the time of the transaction. Foreign currency balances are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the balance sheet date.

1.12 Social investments

Social investments are measured at cost less impairment.

1.13 Related party exemption

The charitable company has taken advantage of the exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and gifts	14,700	7,203
PR Grants	13,488	13,412
	<u>28,188</u>	<u>20,615</u>

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3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	1,482	1,548

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	27	-

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Rents received	26,400	26,400

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Direct cost of events and appeals	222	222
	222	222

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2024 £	Charitable activities 2023 £
Direct costs		
Rates and water	1,836	1,852
Property costs	28,332	28,332
Heat, telecoms and IT	5,839	6,018
Minor equipment and software	432	520
	<u>36,439</u>	<u>36,722</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)		
Support	2,924	3,104
Governance	3,082	4,848
	<u>42,445</u>	<u>44,674</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>42,445</u>	<u>44,674</u>

8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 Support costs		Governance costs £	2023 £
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Exchange Losses	56	-	56	67	-	67
Insurance	2,097	-	2,097	2,059	-	2,059
Bank charges	217	-	217	405	-	405
Credit card charges	346	-	346	317	-	317
Sundries	208	-	208	256	-	256
Independent examiner fees	-	3,000	3,000	-	4,560	4,560
General governance costs	-	82	82	-	288	288
	<u>2,924</u>	<u>3,082</u>	<u>6,006</u>	<u>3,104</u>	<u>4,848</u>	<u>7,952</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>2,924</u>	<u>3,082</u>	<u>6,006</u>	<u>3,104</u>	<u>4,848</u>	<u>7,952</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £2,400 (2023- £4,560) for the independent examination fees.

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9	Net movement in funds	2024	2023
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Exchange losses	56	67
	Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	3,000	4,560
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Total	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

12 Intangible fixed assets

	Internet Domain Names	Research and Development	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	1,235	94	1,329
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Amortisation and impairment			
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	1,235	94	1,329
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2024	-	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 December 2023	-	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2024	5,315
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At 31 December 2024	5,315
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Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2024	5,315
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At 31 December 2024	5,315
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Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	-
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At 31 December 2023	-
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14 Fixed asset investments

	Other investments
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2024 & 31 December 2024	100,000
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	100,000
At 31 December 2023	100,000

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Other investments comprise:			
Investments in subsidiaries	22	100,000	100,000

The investment has a historic cost value of £480,000 and has been impaired to a market value of £100,000 (2023: £100,000).

15 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	-	500
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	179,427	173,727
Other debtors	713	507
Prepayments and accrued income	5,172	5,187
	<u>185,312</u>	<u>179,921</u>

16 Loans and overdrafts

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank overdrafts	49	32
	<u>49</u>	<u>32</u>
Payable within one year	49	32
	<u>49</u>	<u>32</u>

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17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Bank overdrafts	16	49	32
Trade creditors		4,334	2,656
Other creditors		11,907	21,932
Accruals and deferred income		5,400	6,060
		<u>21,690</u>	<u>30,680</u>

18 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2024 £	At 31 December 2024 £
Sue Buckley Research Fund	5,487	5,487
See and Learn materials	50	50
See and Learn numbers (Big Lottery Fund)	10,215	10,215
Research Fund - General	166	166
Speech and language intervention	16,772	16,772
	<u>32,690</u>	<u>32,690</u>

Previous year:

	At 1 January 2023 £	At 31 December 2023 £
Sue Buckley Research Fund	5,487	5,487
See and Learn materials	50	50
See and Learn numbers (Big Lottery Fund)	10,215	10,215
Research Fund - General	166	166
Speech and language intervention	16,772	16,772
	<u>32,690</u>	<u>32,690</u>

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18 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Sue Buckley Research Fund

A fund dedicated to research advancing our understanding of effective approaches to improve education outcomes for children with Down Syndrome.

Internet Dissemination and Services

Funds for developing online information dissemination services.

Video Production - Reading

Fund for developing an instructional video on teaching reading to children with Down Syndrome.

Reading and language intervention Texas pilot

Funds for a project trialing a reading and language intervention.

Sea and Lean materials

Funds for the development of materials and software to support and promote effective, targeted early language, speech, number and memory interventions.

See and Learn numbers (BIG Lottery Fund)

A Fund dedicated to developing specialist, evidence-based teaching methods, materials and apps designed to improve early number skills for children with Down Syndrome.

Research Fund - General

Funds for scientific research investigating the development of speech and language skills for children with Down Syndrome.

Speech and language intervention

Funds to evaluate interventions designed to improve speech and language outcomes for children with Down Syndrome.

19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	218,805	56,097	(42,667)	232,235
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	215,138	48,563	(44,896)	218,805
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 December 2024:			
Investments	100,000	-	100,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	132,235	32,690	164,925
	<u>232,235</u>	<u>32,690</u>	<u>264,925</u>
	<u><u>232,235</u></u>	<u><u>32,690</u></u>	<u><u>264,925</u></u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 December 2023:			
Investments	100,000	-	100,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	118,805	32,690	151,495
	<u>218,805</u>	<u>32,690</u>	<u>251,495</u>
	<u><u>218,805</u></u>	<u><u>32,690</u></u>	<u><u>251,495</u></u>

21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

22 Subsidiaries

Details of the Charity's subsidiaries at 31 December 2024 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held	
				Direct	Indirect
Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC	England and Wales	Production of learning materials for people with Down Syndrome	Ordinary	100.00	

Down Syndrome Education International owns the entire issued share capital of 480,000. The Trustees consider the fair value of the shares to be £100,000. The aggregate capital and reserves as at 31 December 2024 are £62,063 (2023: £37,936) and the surplus for the year of £24,127 (2023: deficit for the year of £6,058).

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

England & Wales - Charity number 1062823

Accounts

Charity registration number 1062823

Company registration number 03266266 (England and Wales)

**DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr Paul McLaughlin Mr Samuel Brenton Mrs Sandra Redman Mrs Kay Sammon Ms Rebecca Smith Mr Adam Pilling Mrs Stephanie Pilling Mrs Kelly Trevor	(Appointed 21 June 2023) (Appointed 21 June 2023) (Appointed 21 June 2023)
Secretary	Dr A Buckley	
Charity number	1062823	
Company number	03266266	
Registered office	6 Underlay Business Centre Kirkby Lonsdale Cumbria LA6 2DY England LA6 2DY	
Independent examiner	James Todd & Co Limited 24 Landport Terrace Portsmouth Hampshire PO1 2RG	
Bankers	HSBC Bank plc 118 Commercial Road Portsmouth Hampshire PO1 1EP	

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Charity Act 2006 present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

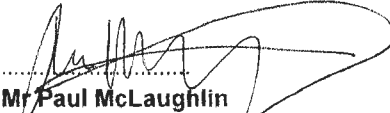
Chairman's report

During 2023, the charity continued to develop and deliver innovative services and resources providing evidence-based advice and support to families and professionals around the world. The charity's services and resources build on the available scientific research and the charity's extensive experience to offer practical practical and effective approaches to improving developmental and educational outcomes for children with Down Syndrome.

We continue to invest in the development of new teaching resources and apps, online training services and online support services. Increasingly, we are working to integrate these to develop evidence-based and data driven support systems that will offer effective support to families and professionals at scale.

These continuing investments underpin an expanding range of digital resources and services that can be more economically adapted, translated and distributed to better support children with Down syndrome and their families globally. They also offer new opportunities for recording and reporting individual progress to families and educators, and for large-scale data collection to inform future research.

I would like to thank my fellow Trustees, for their sustained efforts, and our staff for their commitment and hard work. I would also like to thank our donors for their generous support for better education for children with Down Syndrome.


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Mr Paul McLaughlin
Chairman
Dated: 24 Sept 2024.

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Charity Act 2006 present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "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).

Objectives and activities

Down Syndrome Education International works to improve developmental and educational outcomes for young people with Down syndrome, helping them to lead more independent, rewarding and fulfilling lives.

Our scientific research, publications and services deliver lasting gains in speech and language, reading and literacy, number and maths, memory and cognitive skills, and social development for children with Down syndrome.

The charity is headquartered in the UK and works in close collaboration with an associated nonprofit organisation based in the USA. The charity's publications and services are delivered through a UK-based subsidiary social enterprise company. Our principal activities are scientific research, and information, training and consulting services.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the 2011 Charities Act

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Research activities

Our research strategy focuses on human developmental and cognitive research designed to identify interventions that improve speech, language and communication skills, enhance cognitive development, raise levels of achievement in literacy and numeracy, and support effective inclusion in schools and the wider community.

Our research began over 40 years ago with a project at the University of Portsmouth, UK, that investigated teaching reading to young children with Down syndrome. Since 1987, the charity has conducted, sponsored and supported studies investigating a wide variety of topics relevant to improving developmental and educational outcomes for children with Down syndrome. These include cognitive development, speech, language, reading, numeracy and maths, social and behavioural development and sleep.

The charity hosted the 2023 Down Syndrome Research Forum online, bringing together researchers, professionals and family members from around the UK and across the world.

The charity is currently collaborating with, and supporting projects at, several universities, including the University of Reading, UK, Lancaster University, UK, the University of York, UK, and Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, USA.

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Information services

Our information services provide broad access to reliable, evidence-based information and advice to families, professionals and organisations around the world, helping them to provide effective educational support for children with Down syndrome.

During 2023, we continued to offer extensive information online. We also continued to develop further steps in See and Learn language and Reading, See and Learn Speech, See and Learn Memory and See and Learn Numbers.

Training, consulting and advocacy

During 2023, we continued to support online courses offering training and advice to teachers, therapists, assistants and families around the world.

Individual advice services

The charity's subsidiary social enterprise continued to invest in the development of digital support services and resources that will offer more personalised support for individual children, based on each child's individual rates of progress and needs. The subsidiary social enterprise has invested in data collection and analysis systems that will link teaching apps and other online services with new data-driven and evidence-based advice systems. The charity believes that these new services offer a way to deliver higher quality support to substantially more families in more countries more efficiently than traditional books, teaching materials and training services. The subsidiary expects to launch the first of these new services in 2025.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

Throughout 2023, the charity continued to focus on developing new services and resources - largely through its subsidiary social enterprise. Our goal remains to raise and disburse funds for scientific research and other purposes improving education for children with Down syndrome while maintaining minimal fixed overheads. We continue to work towards this goal by delivering a growing range of evidence-based teaching resources, publications and training services on a social enterprise basis.

Charitable income totalled £22,163 (2022: £22,362) and other income totalled £26,400 (2022: £26,400). Expenditure totalled £44,896 (2022: £39,934), leaving net income of £3,667 (2022: £8,828).

During 2023, the charity's social enterprise subsidiary's revenue totalled £245,762 (2022: £242,369) and net operating deficit totalled £6,058 (2022: £6,567 surplus).

The trustees anticipate future reductions in the birth rates of children with Down syndrome in wealthier countries. The likely impact has been factored into the group's strategic planning.

The group is continuing to develop new and updated teaching resources, apps, online courses and books and expects to continue doing so through 2024 and beyond. Meanwhile, fundraising efforts are prioritising raising funds for new research projects.

Reserves policy

The trustees regularly review the free reserves of the charity, which are those unrestricted funds not held in fixed assets, investments, designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed. These reviews encompass the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves. The trustees consider the primary purpose trading activities of the charity's subsidiary company within these reviews. The latest review concluded that to allow the charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services, free reserves equivalent to at least 3 months' expenditure should be accumulated. The charity's free reserves (being unrestricted funds less fixed assets) at 31 December 2023 were £118,805 (2022: £115,138).

Restricted funds

Restricted funds at 31 December 2023 totalled £32,690 (2022: £32,690).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Investments

Down Syndrome Education International owns the entire issued share capital of Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC of 480,000 ordinary shares of £1 each (2022: 480,000 shares of £1). This programme related investment furthers the development and distribution of specialist publications and materials, and the supply of specialist training and consulting services, in support of the charity's primary social purpose.

Going concern

Down Syndrome Education International continues to diversify income sources, grow social enterprise activities and identify opportunities for efficiency improvements. The trustees are satisfied that the right strategies and plans are in place to ensure that the Group will continue to operate for the foreseeable future and that it will continue to maximise impact for its beneficiaries.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Down Syndrome Education International is governed by a Memorandum of Association dated 7 October 1996, as amended on 20 May 2008.

Governance

Overall responsibility for the direction and performance of the charity resides with Board of Trustees. The Trustees meet regularly to review strategy, operational progress and financial performance. Members include individuals with a wide range of applicable skills and experience, many of whom are relatives of people with Down syndrome.

Structure

Down Syndrome Education International (DSEI) is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England, number 03266266, and is a UK registered charity, number 1062823.

Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC (DSEE) is a community interest company, registered in England, number 02413145, that is wholly owned by Down Syndrome Education International.

Down Syndrome Education USA (DSEUSA) is a nonprofit organisation, incorporated in California, USA, and exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, EIN 26-2566125. DSEUSA and DSEI share common goals, and collaborate closely under a partnership agreement.

Trustees

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Paul McLaughlin

Mr Samuel Brenton

Mrs Sandra Redman

Mrs Kay Sammon

Ms Rebecca Smith

Mr Adam Pilling

(Appointed 21 June 2023)

Mrs Stephanie Pilling

(Appointed 21 June 2023)

Mrs Kelly Trevor

(Appointed 21 June 2023)

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by the existing Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees recruits new members from among supporters, beneficiaries, service users and other interested persons. The Board aims to maintain a range of skills and experiences from across a variety of industries and professions, and across profit, not-for-profit and public sector organisations.

Operational responsibility

Day-to-day operational responsibility is delegated to the CEO.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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Induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees receive strategic plans, operational plans and budgets, information leaflets, prior meeting minutes and similar materials. New Trustees are also invited to spend time seeing all the charity activities in action and meeting the staff, and to meet families and professionals who use the charity's services.

Related parties

Down Syndrome Education International owns Down Syndrome Education Enterprises and has the power to appoint Directors.

Professor Sue Buckley OBE has led the research work of the charity since 1986. Mr Frank Buckley is Professor Buckley's son. Frank was appointed a Director of Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC in October 1996, and served as the Finance and Operations Director and Company Secretary of both Down Syndrome Education International and Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC from April 1997. In September 2007, Frank Buckley was appointed CEO of Down Syndrome Education International. Dr Angela Byrne has been employed by the charity since 1997. Dr Byrne married Frank Buckley in April 2003. Frank Buckley also serves as the President and CEO of Down Syndrome Education USA.

Many of our Trustees are close relatives of young people with Down syndrome. Their families benefited from the charity's services during the year on the same basis, terms and conditions as other families.

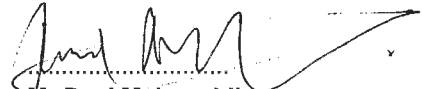
Conflict of interest policy

Down Syndrome Education International has a robust Conflict of Interest Policy that applies to all Trustees, Directors and staff of Down Syndrome Education International and its associated companies. The policy is reviewed annually.

Risk management

The Board of Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operation and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage those risks.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


Mr Paul McLaughlin
Trustee
Dated: 23 Sept 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Down Syndrome Education International (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity 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 the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Julie Watts
James Todd & Co Limited

24 Landport Terrace
Portsmouth
Hampshire
PO1 2RG

Dated: 3 October 2024

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes						
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	20,615	-	20,615	19,363	-	19,363
Other trading activities	3	1,548	-	1,548	2,998	-	2,998
Other income	4	26,400	-	26,400	26,400	-	26,400
Total income		<u>48,563</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,563</u>	<u>48,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,761</u>
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	5	222	-	222	237	-	237
Charitable activities	6	44,674	-	44,674	39,697	-	39,697
Total expenditure		<u>44,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,896</u>	<u>39,934</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,934</u>
Net income and movement in funds		3,667	-	3,667	8,827	-	8,827
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		215,138	32,690	247,828	206,311	32,690	239,001
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		<u>218,805</u>	<u>32,690</u>	<u>251,495</u>	<u>215,138</u>	<u>32,690</u>	<u>247,828</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	13		100,000		100,000
Current assets					
Debtors	14	179,921		168,796	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,254		9,646	
		<u>182,175</u>		<u>178,442</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(30,680)</u>		<u>(30,614)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>151,495</u>		<u>147,828</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>251,495</u>		<u>247,828</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			<u>251,495</u>		<u>247,828</u>
			<u><u> </u></u>		<u><u> </u></u>
The funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	17		32,690		32,690
Unrestricted funds			218,805		215,138
			<u>251,495</u>		<u>247,828</u>
			<u><u> </u></u>		<u><u> </u></u>

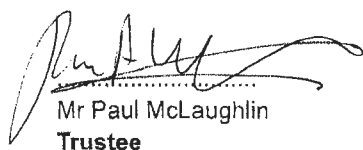
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2023.

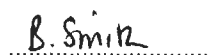
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24 Sept 2024.


Mr Paul McLaughlin
Trustee


Ms Rebecca Smith
Trustee

Company registration number 03266266 (England and Wales)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Down Syndrome Education International is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 6 Underlay Business Centre, Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria, LA6 2DY, England.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Group accounts have not been prepared on the basis that the group is small.

1.2 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Income

Income, including donations, legacies and investment income is recognised in the period in which the organisation is entitled to the receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Income is deferred only when the organisation has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in the future period.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery to a specific performance by the charity, are recognised in full when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Income resources from grants, the receipts or retention of which depends on explicit performance-related criteria, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Legacies are included when the Charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

Trading income is recognised net of value added tax and trade discounts when receivable.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred. Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with research, information dissemination and advisory and education services and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.

Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly. Staff costs are allocated to activities and projects according to the time spent.

Support costs include administrative, accounting and technical support functions and property overheads and have been allocated to activity costs categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs are allocated to activities incurred. Costs directly attributable to the expenditure of restricted funds are allocated against those funds directly. Other costs are apportioned on the basis of time spent on activities funded from the restricted funds.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% on cost
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.6 Financial instruments

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the retail or invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad or doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price).

Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

1.7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.8 Foreign exchange

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the time of the transaction. Foreign currency balances are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the balance sheet date.

1.9 Social investments

Social investments are measured at cost less impairment.

1.10 Related party exemption

The charitable company has taken advantage of the exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	7,203	12,599
PR Grants	13,412	6,764
	<u>20,615</u>	<u>19,363</u>

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3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Fundraising events	1,548	2,998

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Rents received	26,400	26,400

5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Direct cost of events and appeals	222	237
	<u>222</u>	<u>237</u>

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Heading #ac982 2023 £	Heading #ac982 2022 £
Direct costs		
Rates and water	1,852	1,793
Property costs	28,332	28,332
Heat, telecoms and IT	6,018	3,967
Minor equipment and software licences	520	623
	<u>36,722</u>	<u>34,715</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Support	3,104	3,175
Governance	4,848	1,807
	<u>44,674</u>	<u>39,697</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>44,674</u>	<u>39,697</u>

7 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £
Exchange Losses	67	-	67	16	-
Insurance	2,059	-	2,059	2,012	-
Bank charges	405	-	405	465	-
Credit card charges	317	-	317	169	-
Sundries	256	-	256	513	-
Independent examiner fees	-	4,560	4,560	-	1,560
General governance costs	-	288	288	-	247
	<u>3,104</u>	<u>4,848</u>	<u>7,952</u>	<u>3,175</u>	<u>1,807</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>3,104</u>	<u>4,848</u>	<u>7,952</u>	<u>3,175</u>	<u>1,807</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £4,560 (2022- £1,560) for the independent examination fees.

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8	Net movement in funds	2023	2022
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Exchange losses	67	16
	Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	4,560	1,560
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Total	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

11 Intangible fixed assets

	Internet Domain Names	Research and Development	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	1,235	94	1,329
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Amortisation and impairment			
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	1,235	94	1,329
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2023	-	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 December 2022	-	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	5,315
At 31 December 2023	5,315
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2023	5,315
At 31 December 2023	5,315

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13 Fixed asset investments

	Other investments
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2023 & 31 December 2023	100,000
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	100,000
At 31 December 2022	100,000

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Other investments comprise:			
Investments in subsidiaries	21	100,000	100,000

14 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	500	-
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	173,727	161,027
Other debtors	507	2,600
Prepayments and accrued income	5,187	5,169
	<u>179,921</u>	<u>168,796</u>

15 Loans and overdrafts

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank overdrafts	32	20
	<u>32</u>	<u>20</u>
Payable within one year	32	20
	<u>32</u>	<u>20</u>

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16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Bank overdrafts	15	32	20
Trade creditors		2,656	3,524
Other creditors		21,932	21,910
Accruals and deferred income		6,060	5,160
		<u>30,680</u>	<u>30,614</u>

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17 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Movement in funds	Balance at 1 January 2023	Movement in funds	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	Incoming resources ¹	£	Incoming resources	£
Sue Buckley Research Fund	5,487	-	5,487	-	5,487
See and Learn materials	50	-	50	-	50
See and Learn numbers (Big Lottery Fund)	10,215	-	10,215	-	10,215
Research Fund - General	166	-	166	-	166
Speech and language intervention	16,772	-	16,772	-	16,772
	<u>32,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,690</u>

Sue Buckley Research Fund

A fund dedicated to research advancing our understanding of effective approaches to improve education outcomes for children with Down Syndrome.

Internet Dissemination and Services

Funds for developing online information dissemination services.

Video Production - Reading

Fund for developing an instructional video on teaching reading to children with Down Syndrome.

Reading and language intervention Texas pilot

Funds for a project trialing a reading and language intervention.

Sea and Lean materials

Funds for the development of materials and software to support and promote effective, targeted early language, speech, number and memory interventions.

See and Learn numbers (BIG Lottery Fund)

A Fund dedicated to developing specialist, evidence-based teaching methods, materials and apps designed to improve early number skills for children with Down Syndrome.

Research Fund - General

Funds for scientific research investigating the development of speech and language skills for children with Down Syndrome.

Speech and language intervention

Funds to evaluate interventions designed to improve speech and language outcomes for children with Down Syndrome.

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18 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	215,138	48,563	(44,896)	218,805
	<u>215,138</u>	<u>48,563</u>	<u>(44,896)</u>	<u>218,805</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	206,311	48,761	(39,934)	215,138
	<u>206,311</u>	<u>48,761</u>	<u>(39,934)</u>	<u>215,138</u>

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 December 2023:			
Investments	100,000	-	100,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	118,805	32,690	151,495
	<u>218,805</u>	<u>32,690</u>	<u>251,495</u>
	<u>218,805</u>	<u>32,690</u>	<u>251,495</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
At 31 December 2022:			
Investments	100,000	-	100,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	115,138	32,690	147,828
	<u>215,138</u>	<u>32,690</u>	<u>247,828</u>
	<u>215,138</u>	<u>32,690</u>	<u>247,828</u>

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

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England & Wales - Charity number 1062823

Accounts

Charity registration number 1062823

Company registration number 03266266 (England and Wales)

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr Paul McLaughlin Mr Samuel Brenton Mrs Sandra Redman Mrs Kay Sammon Ms Rebecca Smith Mr Adam Pilling Mrs Stephanie Pilling Mrs Kelly Trevor	(Appointed 21 June 2023) (Appointed 21 June 2023) (Appointed 21 June 2023)
Secretary	Dr A Buckley	
Charity number	1062823	
Company number	03266266	
Registered office	6 Underlay Business Centre Kirkby Lonsdale Cumbria LA6 2DY England LA6 2DY	
Independent examiner	Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants 24 Landport Terrace Portsmouth Hampshire England PO1 2RG	
Bankers	HSBC Bank plc 118 Commercial Road Portsmouth Hampshire PO1 1EP	

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Charity Act 2006 present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

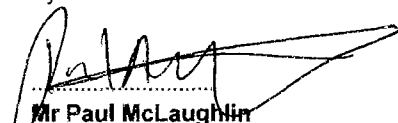
Chairman's report

During 2022, the charity continued to develop and deliver innovative services and resources providing evidence-based advice and support to families and professionals around the world. The charity's services and resources build on the available scientific research and the charity's extensive experience to offer practical practical and effective approaches to improving developmental and educational outcomes for children with Down Syndrome.

We continue to invest in the development of new teaching resources and apps, online training services and online support services. Increasingly, we are working to integrate these to develop evidence-based and data driven support systems that will offer effective support to families and professionals at scale.

These continuing investments underpin an expanding range of digital resources and services that can be more economically adapted, translated and distributed to better support children with Down syndrome and their families globally. They also offer new opportunities for recording and reporting individual progress to families and educators, and for large-scale data collection to inform future research.

I would like to thank my fellow Trustees, for their sustained efforts, and our staff for their commitment and hard work. I would also like to thank our donors for their generous support for better education for children with Down Syndrome.



Mr Paul McLaughlin
Chairman

Dated: 24 Sep 2023

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Charity Act 2006 present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "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).

Objectives and activities

Down Syndrome Education International works to improve developmental and educational outcomes for young people with Down syndrome, helping them to lead more independent, rewarding and fulfilling lives.

Our scientific research, publications and services deliver lasting gains in speech and language, reading and literacy, number and maths, memory and cognitive skills, and social development for children with Down syndrome.

The charity is headquartered in the UK and works in close collaboration with an associated nonprofit organisation based in the USA. The charity's publications and services are delivered through a UK-based subsidiary social enterprise company. Our principal activities are scientific research, and information, training and consulting services.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the 2011 Charities Act

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Research activities

Our research strategy focuses on human developmental and cognitive research designed to identify interventions that improve speech, language and communication skills, enhance cognitive development, raise levels of achievement in literacy and numeracy, and support effective inclusion in schools and the wider community.

Our research began over 40 years ago with a project at the University of Portsmouth, UK, that investigated teaching reading to young children with Down syndrome. Since 1987, the charity has conducted, sponsored and supported studies investigating a wide variety of topics relevant to improving developmental and educational outcomes for children with Down syndrome. These include cognitive development, speech, language, reading, numeracy and maths, social and behavioural development and sleep.

The charity hosted the 2022 Down Syndrome Research Forum online, bringing together researchers, professionals and family members from around the UK and across the world.

The charity is currently collaborating with, and supporting projects at, several universities, including the University of Reading, UK, Lancaster University, UK, the University of York, UK, and Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, USA.

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Information services

Our information services provide broad access to reliable, evidence-based information and advice to families, professionals and organisations around the world, helping them to provide effective educational support for children with Down syndrome.

During 2022, we continued to offer extensive information online. We also continued to develop further steps in See and Learn language and Reading, See and Learn Speech, See and Learn Memory and See and Learn Numbers.

Training, consulting and advocacy

During 2022, we continued to support online courses offering training and advice to teachers, therapists, assistants and families around the world.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

Throughout 2022, the charity continued to focus on developing new services and resources - largely through its subsidiary social enterprise. Our goal remains to raise and disburse funds for scientific research and other purposes improving education for children with Down syndrome while maintaining minimal fixed overheads. We continue to work towards this goal by delivering a growing range of evidence-based teaching resources, publications and training services on a social enterprise basis.

Charitable income totalled £22,361 (2021: £34,064) and other income totalled £26,400 (2021: £26,400). Expenditure totalled £39,934 (2021: £42,856), leaving net income of £8,827 (2021: 17,608).

During 2022, the charity's social enterprise subsidiary's revenue totalled £242,369 (2021: £279,798) and net operating surplus totalled £6,567 (2021: £10,585 deficit).

The trustees anticipate future reductions in the birth rates of children with Down syndrome in wealthier countries. The likely impact has been factored into the group's strategic planning.

The group is continuing to develop new and updated teaching resources, apps, online courses and books and expects to continue doing so through 2023 and beyond. Meanwhile, fundraising efforts are prioritising raising funds for new research projects.

Reserves policy

The trustees regularly review the free reserves of the charity, which are those unrestricted funds not held in fixed assets, investments, designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed. These reviews encompass the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves. The trustees consider the primary purpose trading activities of the charity's subsidiary company within these reviews. The latest review concluded that to allow the charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services, free reserves equivalent to at least 3 months' expenditure should be accumulated. The charity's free reserves (being unrestricted funds less fixed assets) at 31 December 2022 were £115,138 (2021: £106,311).

Restricted funds

Restricted funds at 31 December 2022 totalled £32,690 (2021: £32,690).

Investments

Down Syndrome Education International owns the entire issued share capital of Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC of 480,000 ordinary shares of £1 each (2021: 480,000 shares of £1). This programme related investment furthers the development and distribution of specialist publications and materials, and the supply of specialist training and consulting services, in support of the charity's primary social purpose.

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Going concern

Down Syndrome Education International continues to diversify income sources, grow social enterprise activities and identify opportunities for efficiency improvements. The trustees are satisfied that the right strategies and plans are in place to ensure that the Group will continue to operate for the foreseeable future and that it will continue to maximise impact for its beneficiaries.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Down Syndrome Education International is governed by a Memorandum of Association dated 7 October 1996, as amended on 20 May 2008.

Governance

Overall responsibility for the direction and performance of the charity resides with Board of Trustees. The Trustees meet regularly to review strategy, operational progress and financial performance. Members include individuals with a wide range of applicable skills and experience, many of whom are relatives of people with Down syndrome.

Structure

Down Syndrome Education International (DSEI) is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England, number 03266266, and is a UK registered charity, number 1062823.

Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC (DSEE) is a community interest company, registered in England, number 02413145, that is wholly owned by Down Syndrome Education International.

Down Syndrome Education USA (DSEUSA) is a nonprofit organisation, incorporated in California, USA, and exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, EIN 26-2566125. DSEUSA and DSEI share common goals, and collaborate closely under a partnership agreement.

Trustees

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Paul McLaughlin

Mr Samuel Brenton

Mrs Sandra Redman

Mrs Kay Sammon

Ms Rebecca Smith

Mr Adam Pilling

(Appointed 21 June 2023)

Mrs Stephanie Pilling

(Appointed 21 June 2023)

Mrs Kelly Trevor

(Appointed 21 June 2023)

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by the existing Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees recruits new members from among supporters, beneficiaries, service users and other interested persons. The Board aims to maintain a range of skills and experiences from across a variety of industries and professions, and across profit, not-for-profit and public sector organisations.

Operational responsibility

Day-to-day operational responsibility is delegated to the CEO.

Induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees receive strategic plans, operational plans and budgets, information leaflets, prior meeting minutes and similar materials. New Trustees are also invited to spend time seeing all the charity activities in action and meeting the staff, and to meet families and professionals who use the charity's services.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Related parties

Down Syndrome Education International owns Down Syndrome Education Enterprises and has the power to appoint Directors.

Professor Sue Buckley OBE has led the research work of the charity since 1986. Mr Frank Buckley is Professor Buckley's son. Frank was appointed a Director of Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC in October 1996, and served as the Finance and Operations Director and Company Secretary of both Down Syndrome Education International and Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC from April 1997. In September 2007, Frank Buckley was appointed CEO of Down Syndrome Education International. Dr Angela Byrne has been employed by the charity since 1997. Dr Byrne married Frank Buckley in April 2003. Frank Buckley also serves as the President and CEO of Down Syndrome Education USA.

Many of our Trustees are close relatives of young people with Down syndrome. Their families benefited from the charity's services during the year on the same basis, terms and conditions as other families.

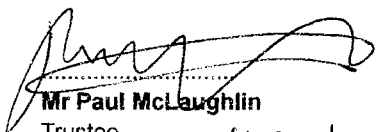
Conflict of interest policy

Down Syndrome Education International has a robust Conflict of Interest Policy that applies to all Trustees, Directors and staff of Down Syndrome Education International and its associated companies. The policy is reviewed annually.

Risk management

The Board of Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operation and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage those risks.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr Paul McLaughlin

Trustee

Dated: 24th Sept 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Down Syndrome Educational International (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity 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 the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Julie Watts

Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants

24 Landport Terrace
Portsmouth
Hampshire
PO1 2RG
England

Dated: 29 Sept 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	2	19,363	-	19,363	32,109	-	32,109
Other trading activities	3	2,998	-	2,998	1,115	840	1,955
Other income	4	26,400	-	26,400	26,400	-	26,400
Total income		48,761	-	48,761	59,624	840	60,464
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Raising funds	5	237	-	237	222	-	222
Charitable activities	6	39,697	-	39,697	40,934	1,700	42,634
Total expenditure		39,934	-	39,934	41,156	1,700	42,856
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		8,827	-	8,827	18,468	(860)	17,608
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		206,311	32,690	239,001	187,843	33,550	221,393
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		215,138	32,690	247,828	206,311	32,690	239,001

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	12		100,000		100,000
Current assets					
Debtors	13	168,796		148,954	
Cash at bank and in hand		9,646		21,089	
		<u>178,442</u>		<u>170,043</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(30,614)</u>		<u>(31,042)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>147,828</u>		<u>139,001</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>247,828</u>		<u>239,001</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	16		32,690		32,690
Unrestricted funds			215,138		206,311
			<u>247,828</u>		<u>239,001</u>

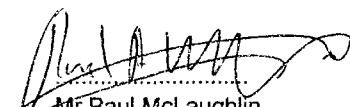
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2022.

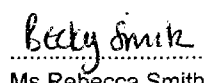
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24 Sep 2023


Mr Paul McLaughlin
Trustee


Ms Rebecca Smith
Trustee

Company registration number 03266266

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Down Syndrome Educational International is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 6 Underlay Business Centre, Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria, LA6 2DY, England.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Group accounts have not been prepared on the basis that the group is small.

1.2 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Income

Income, including donations, legacies and investment income is recognised in the period in which the organisation is entitled to the receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Income is deferred only when the organisation has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in the future period.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery to a specific performance by the charity, are recognised in full when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Income resources from grants, the receipts or retention of which depends on explicit performance-related criteria, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Legacies are included when the Charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

Trading income is recognised net of value added tax and trade discounts when receivable.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred. Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with research, information dissemination and advisory and education services and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.

Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly. Staff costs are allocated to activities and projects according to the time spent.

Support costs include administrative, accounting and technical support functions and property overheads and have been allocated to activity costs categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs are allocated to activities incurred. Costs directly attributable to the expenditure of restricted funds are allocated against those funds directly. Other costs are apportioned on the basis of time spent on activities funded from the restricted funds.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% on cost
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.6 Financial instruments

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the retail or invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad or doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price).

Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

1.7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.8 Foreign exchange

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the time of the transaction. Foreign currency balances are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the balance sheet date.

1.9 Social investments

Social investments are measured at cost less impairment.

1.10 Related party exemption

The charitable company has taken advantage of the exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and gifts	12,599	32,109
PR Grants	6,764	-
	<u>19,363</u>	<u>32,109</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	2,998	1,115	840	1,955

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Rents received	26,400	26,400

5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Fundraising and publicity		
Direct cost of events and appeals	237	222
	237	222

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

6 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Rates and water	1,793	1,793
Property costs	28,332	28,332
Heat, telecoms and IT	3,967	2,968
Minor equipment and software licences	623	549
Consultants and advisors	-	1,700
	<u>34,715</u>	<u>35,342</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	3,175	2,634
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	1,807	4,658
	<u>39,697</u>	<u>42,634</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	39,697	40,934
Restricted funds	-	1,700
	<u>39,697</u>	<u>40,934</u>

7 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022		Governance costs £	2021 £
	£	£	Support costs £	£	£	£
Exchange Losses	16	-	16	60	-	60
Insurance	2,012	-	2,012	1,994	-	1,994
Bank charges	465	-	465	269	-	269
Credit card charges	169	-	169	311	-	311
Sundries	513	-	513	-	-	-
Independent examiner fees	-	1,560	1,560	-	4,260	4,260
General governance costs	-	247	247	-	398	398
	<u>3,175</u>	<u>1,807</u>	<u>4,982</u>	<u>2,634</u>	<u>4,658</u>	<u>7,292</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>3,175</u>	<u>1,807</u>	<u>4,982</u>	<u>2,634</u>	<u>4,658</u>	<u>7,292</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £1,560 (2021- £4,260) for the independent examination fees.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

8 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Intangible fixed assets

	Internet Domain Names £	Research and Development £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	1,235	94	1,329
Amortisation and impairment			
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	1,235	94	1,329
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2022	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	-	-	-

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	5,315
At 31 December 2022	5,315
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2022	5,315
At 31 December 2022	5,315

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

12 Fixed asset investments

	Other investments
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2022 & 31 December 2022	100,000
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	100,000
At 31 December 2021	100,000

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Other investments comprise:			
Investments in subsidiaries	19	100,000	100,000

13 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	161,027	142,327
Other debtors	2,600	1,458
Prepayments and accrued income	5,169	5,169
	<u>168,796</u>	<u>148,954</u>

14 Loans and overdrafts

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank overdrafts	20	-
Payable within one year	20	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Bank overdrafts	14	20	-
Trade creditors		3,524	2,354
Other creditors		21,910	21,898
Accruals and deferred income		5,160	6,790
		<u>30,614</u>	<u>31,042</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sue Buckley Research Fund	6,347	840	(1,700)	5,487	-	5,487
See and Learn materials	50	-	-	50	-	50
See and Learn numbers (Big Lottery Fund)	10,215	-	-	10,215	-	10,215
Research Fund - General	166	-	-	166	-	166
Speech and language intervention	16,772	-	-	16,772	-	16,772
	<u>33,550</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>(1,700)</u>	<u>32,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,690</u>

Sue Buckley Research Fund

A fund dedicated to research advancing our understanding of effective approaches to improve education outcomes for children with Down Syndrome.

Internet Dissemination and Services

Funds for developing online information dissemination services.

Video Production - Reading

Fund for developing an instructional video on teaching reading to children with Down Syndrome.

Reading and language intervention Texas pilot

Funds for a project trialing a reading and language intervention.

See and Learn materials

Funds for the development of materials and software to support and promote effective, targeted early language, speech, number and memory interventions.

See and Learn numbers (BIG Lottery Fund)

A Fund dedicated to developing specialist, evidence-based teaching methods, materials and apps designed to improve early number skills for children with Down Syndrome.

Research Fund - General

Funds for scientific research investigating the development of speech and language skills for children with Down Syndrome.

Speech and language intervention

Funds to evaluate interventions designed to improve speech and language outcomes for children with Down Syndrome.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:						
Investments	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	-	100,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	147,828	-	147,828	139,001	-	139,001
	<u>247,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>247,828</u>	<u>239,001</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>239,001</u>

18 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

19 Subsidiaries

Details of the Charity's subsidiaries at 31 December 2022 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held	
				Direct	Indirect
Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC	England and Wales	Production of learning materials for people with Down Syndrome	Ordinary share capital	100.00	

Down Syndrome Education International owns the entire issued share capital of 480,000. The Trustees consider the fair value of the shares to be £100,000. The aggregate capital and reserves as at 31 December 2022 are £43,994 (2021: £36,728) and the surplus for the year £6,567 (2021: deficit for the year £10,585).

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

England & Wales - Charity number 1062823

Accounts

Charity registration number 1062823

Company registration number 03266266 (England and Wales)

**DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr Paul McLaughlin Mr Samuel Brenton Mrs Sandra Redman Mrs Kay Sammon Ms Rebecca Smith
Secretary	Dr A Buckley
Charity number	1062823
Company number	03266266
Registered office	6 Underlay Business Centre Kirkby Lonsdale Cumbria LA6 2DY England LA6 2DY
Independent examiner	Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants 24 Landport Terrace Portsmouth Hampshire England PO1 2RG
Bankers	HSBC Bank plc 118 Commercial Road Portsmouth Hampshire PO1 1EP

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DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Charity Act 2006 present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Chairman's report

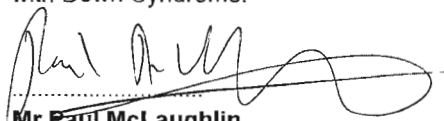
During 2021, the charity continued to develop and deliver innovative services and resources providing evidence-based advice and support to over 100,000 families and professionals in over 180 countries. The charity's services and resources build on the available scientific research and the charity's extensive experience to offer practical and effective approaches to improving developmental and educational outcomes for children with Down Syndrome.

We continue to invest in the development of new teaching resources and apps, online training services and online support services. Increasingly, we are working to integrate these to develop evidence-based and data driven support systems that will offer effective support to families and professionals at scale.

These continuing investments underpin an expanding range of digital resources and services that can be more economically adapted, translated and distributed to better support children with Down syndrome and their families globally. They also offer new opportunities for recording and reporting individual progress to families and educators, and for large-scale data collection to inform future research.

The charity continues to build a social enterprise model of service delivery that is sufficiently sustainable and scalable to better meet the needs of young people with Down syndrome around the world.

I would like to thank my fellow Trustees, for their sustained efforts, and our staff for their commitment and hard work. I would also like to thank our donors for their generous support for better education for children with Down Syndrome.



Mr Paul McLaughlin

Chairman

Dated: 28/9/2022

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Charity Act 2006 present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "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).

Objectives and activities

Down Syndrome Education International works to improve developmental and educational outcomes for young people with Down syndrome, helping them to lead more independent, rewarding and fulfilling lives.

Our scientific research, publications and services deliver lasting gains in speech and language, reading and literacy, number and maths, memory and cognitive skills, and social development for children with Down syndrome.

The charity is headquartered in the UK and works in close collaboration with an associated nonprofit organisation based in the USA. The charity's publications and services are delivered through a UK-based subsidiary social enterprise company. Our principal activities are scientific research, and information, training and consulting services.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the 2011 Charities Act

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Research activities

Our research strategy focuses on human developmental and cognitive research designed to identify interventions that improve speech, language and communication skills, enhance cognitive development, raise levels of achievement in literacy and numeracy, and support effective inclusion in schools and the wider community.

Our research began over 40 years ago with a project at the University of Portsmouth, UK, that investigated teaching reading to young children with Down syndrome. Since 1987, the charity has conducted, sponsored and supported studies investigating a wide variety of topics relevant to improving developmental and educational outcomes for children with Down syndrome. These include cognitive development, speech, language, reading, numeracy and maths, social and behavioural development and sleep.

The 2020 Down Syndrome Research Forum was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and reorganised as an online event in March 2021, reaching over 300 participants in 32 countries. A total of 38 papers and 11 posters were presented sharing research and practice from 9 countries.

Topics covered included education and inclusion, the diagnosis and needs of those with autism, services for adults, access to and benefits of technology for users who have Down syndrome, the needs of families and access to services, hearing issues and interventions, speech and language issues, interventions and services, and the challenges of using technology to deliver services.

The charity is currently collaborating with, and supporting projects at, several universities, including the University of Reading, UK, Lancaster University, UK, the University of York, UK, and Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, USA.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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Information services

Our information services provide broad access to reliable, evidence-based information and advice to families, professionals and organisations around the world, helping them to provide effective educational support for children with Down syndrome.

During 2021, we continued to host Down Syndrome Education Online. The web site offers more than 160 articles from past volumes of Down Syndrome Research and Practice.

We continued to develop further steps in See and Learn Language and Reading, See and Learn Speech, See and Learn Memory and See and Learn Number, funded by The Equitable Charitable Trust, The Freemason's Grand Charity, the Garfield Weston Foundation, The John Coates Charitable Trust, the Rayne Foundation and the Big Lottery Fund.

The charity supported the development and publication of the Down Syndrome Toolkit for Paediatric Speech and Language Therapists in partnership with speech and language therapists at Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust.

We also collaborated with the National Down Syndrome Society in the USA, developing and publishing guidelines for inclusive education.

Training, consulting and advocacy

During 2021, we continued to support online courses offering training and advice to teachers, therapists, assistants and families around the world.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

Throughout 2021, the charity continued to focus on developing new services and resources - largely through its subsidiary social enterprise. Our goal remains to raise and disburse funds for scientific research and other purposes improving education for children with Down syndrome while maintaining minimal fixed overheads. We continue to work towards this goal by delivering a growing range of evidence-based teaching resources, publications and training services on a social enterprise basis.

Charitable income totalled £34,064 (2020: £78,278) and other income totalled £26,400 (2020: £24,000). Expenditure totalled £42,856 (2020: £66,624), leaving net income of £17,608 (2020: £35,654).

During 2021, the charity's social enterprise subsidiary's revenue totalled £279,798 (2020: £240,402) and net operating deficit totalled £10,585 (2020: £15,143 deficit).

The trustees anticipate future reductions in the birth rates of children with Down syndrome in wealthier countries, as the use of new prenatal screening technologies become more widespread. The likely impact has been factored into the group's strategic planning.

The group is continuing to develop new and updated teaching resources, apps, online courses and books and expects to continue doing so through 2022 and beyond. Meanwhile, fundraising efforts are prioritising raising funds for new research projects.

Reserves policy

The trustees regularly review the free reserves of the charity, which are those unrestricted funds not held in fixed assets, investments, designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed. These reviews encompass the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves. The trustees consider the primary purpose trading activities of the charity's subsidiary company within these reviews. The latest review concluded that to allow the charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services, free reserves equivalent to at least 3 months' expenditure should be accumulated. The charity's free reserves (being unrestricted funds less fixed assets) at 31 December 2021 were £106,311 (2020: £87,843).

Restricted funds

Restricted funds at 31 December 2021 totalled £32,690 (2020: £33,550).

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Investments

Down Syndrome Education International owns the entire issued share capital of Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC of 480,000 ordinary shares of £1 each (2020: 480,000 shares of £1). This programme related investment furthers the development and distribution of specialist publications and materials, and the supply of specialist training and consulting services, in support of the charity's primary social purpose.

Going concern

Down Syndrome Education International continues to diversify income sources, grow social enterprise activities and identify opportunities for efficiency improvements. The trustees are satisfied that the right strategies and plans are in place to ensure that the Group will continue to operate for the foreseeable future and that it will continue to maximise impact for its beneficiaries.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Down Syndrome Education International is governed by a Memorandum of Association dated 7 October 1996, as amended on 20 May 2008.

Governance

Overall responsibility for the direction and performance of the charity resides with Board of Trustees. The Trustees meet regularly to review strategy, operational progress and financial performance. Members include individuals with a wide range of applicable skills and experience, many of whom are relatives of people with Down syndrome.

Structure

Down Syndrome Education International (DSEI) is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England, number 03266266, and is a UK registered charity, number 1062823.

Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC (DSEE) is a community interest company, registered in England, number 02413145, that is wholly owned by Down Syndrome Education International.

Down Syndrome Education USA (DSEUSA) is a nonprofit organisation, incorporated in California, USA, and exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, EIN 26-2566125. DSEUSA and DSEI share common goals, and collaborate closely under a partnership agreement.

Trustees

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Paul McLaughlin

Mr Samuel Brenton

Mrs Sandra Redman

Mrs Kay Sammon

Ms Rebecca Smith

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by the existing Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees recruits new members from among supporters, beneficiaries, service users and other interested persons. The Board aims to maintain a range of skills and experiences from across a variety of industries and professions, and across profit, not-for-profit and public sector organisations.

Operational responsibility

Day-to-day operational responsibility is delegated to the CEO.

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Induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees receive strategic plans, operational plans and budgets, information leaflets, prior meeting minutes and similar materials. New Trustees are also invited to spend time seeing all the charity activities in action and meeting the staff, and to meet families and professionals who use the charity's services.

Related parties

Down Syndrome Education International owns Down Syndrome Education Enterprises and has the power to appoint Directors.

Professor Sue Buckley OBE has led the research work of the charity since 1986. Mr Frank Buckley is Professor Buckley's son. Frank was appointed a Director of Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC in October 1996, and served as the Finance and Operations Director and Company Secretary of both Down Syndrome Education International and Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC from April 1997. In September 2007, Frank Buckley was appointed CEO of Down Syndrome Education International. Dr Angela Byrne has been employed by the charity since 1997. Dr Byrne married Frank Buckley in April 2003. Frank Buckley also serves as the President and CEO of Down Syndrome Education USA.

Many of our Trustees are close relatives of young people with Down syndrome. Their families benefited from the charity's services during the year on the same basis, terms and conditions as other families.

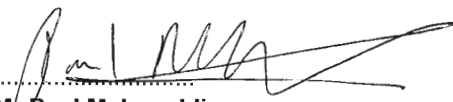
Conflict of interest policy

Down Syndrome Education International has a robust Conflict of Interest Policy that applies to all Trustees, Directors and staff of Down Syndrome Education International and its associated companies. The policy is reviewed annually.

Risk management

The Board of Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operation and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage those risks.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


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Mr Paul McLaughlin
Trustee
Dated: 28/9/2022

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Down Syndrome Educational International (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).


Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity 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 the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Julie Watts
Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants

24 Landport Terrace
Portsmouth
Hampshire
PO1 2RG
England

Dated: 29 September 2022

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	2	32,109	-	32,109	75,601	-	75,601
Other trading activities	3	1,115	840	1,955	1,837	840	2,677
Other income	4	26,400	-	26,400	24,000	-	24,000
Total income		59,624	840	60,464	101,438	840	102,278
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Raising funds	5	222	-	222	223	-	223
Charitable activities	6	40,934	1,700	42,634	42,189	24,212	66,401
Total expenditure		41,156	1,700	42,856	42,412	24,212	66,624
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	1,930	(1,930)	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		18,468	(860)	17,608	60,956	(25,302)	35,654
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		187,843	33,550	221,393	126,887	58,852	185,739
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		206,311	32,690	239,001	187,843	33,550	221,393

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	12		100,000		100,000
Current assets					
Debtors	13	148,954		133,013	
Cash at bank and in hand		21,089		26,424	
		<u>170,043</u>		<u>159,437</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(31,042)</u>		<u>(38,044)</u>	
Net current assets			139,001		121,393
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>239,001</u>		<u>221,393</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	15		32,690		33,550
Unrestricted funds			206,311		187,843
			<u>239,001</u>		<u>221,393</u>

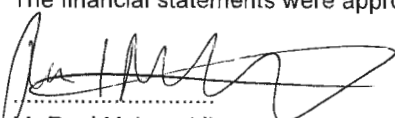
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 28/9/2022


Mr Paul McLaughlin
Trustee


Ms Rebecca Smith
Trustee

Company registration number 03266266

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Down Syndrome Educational International is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 6 Underlay Business Centre, Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria, LA6 2DY, England.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Group accounts have not been prepared on the basis that the group is small.

1.2 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Income

Income, including donations, legacies and investment income is recognised in the period in which the organisation is entitled to the receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Income is deferred only when the organisation has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in the future period.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery to a specific performance by the charity, are recognised in full when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Income resources from grants, the receipts or retention of which depends on explicit performance-related criteria, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Legacies are included when the Charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

Trading income is recognised net of value added tax and trade discounts when receivable.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred. Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with research, information dissemination and advisory and education services and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.

Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly. Staff costs are allocated to activities and projects according to the time spent.

Support costs include administrative, accounting and technical support functions and property overheads and have been allocated to activity costs categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs are allocated to activities incurred. Costs directly attributable to the expenditure of restricted funds are allocated against those funds directly. Other costs are apportioned on the basis of time spent on activities funded from the restricted funds.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% on cost
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.6 Financial instruments

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the retail or invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad or doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price).

Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

1.7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.8 Foreign exchange

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the time of the transaction. Foreign currency balances are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the balance sheet date.

1.9 Social investments

Social investments are measured at cost less impairment.

1.10 Related party exemption

The charitable company has taken advantage of the exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations and gifts	32,109	33,524
Legacies receivable	-	42,077
	<u>32,109</u>	<u>75,601</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fundraising events	1,115	840	1,955	1,837	840	2,677

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4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Rents received	26,400	24,000

5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Direct cost of events and appeals	222	223
	<u>222</u>	<u>223</u>

6 Charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Rates and water	1,793	1,786
Property costs	28,332	28,332
Heat, telecoms and IT	2,968	1,466
Minor equipment and software licences	549	1,880
Consultants and advisors	1,700	24,000
	<u>35,342</u>	<u>57,464</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	2,634	3,669
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	4,658	5,268
	<u>42,634</u>	<u>66,401</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	40,934	42,189
Restricted funds	1,700	24,212
	<u>42,634</u>	<u>66,401</u>

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7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021 Support costs		Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Exchange Losses/(gains)	60	-	60	(4)	-	(4)
Insurance	1,994	-	1,994	1,983	-	1,983
Bank charges	269	-	269	486	-	486
Credit card charges	311	-	311	164	-	164
Bank interest paid	-	-	-	867	-	867
Sundries	-	-	-	173	-	173
Independent examiner fees	-	4,260	4,260	-	4,560	4,560
General governance costs	-	398	398	-	708	708
	<u>2,634</u>	<u>4,658</u>	<u>7,292</u>	<u>3,669</u>	<u>5,268</u>	<u>8,937</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>2,634</u>	<u>4,658</u>	<u>7,292</u>	<u>3,669</u>	<u>5,268</u>	<u>8,937</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £4,560 (2020- £4,464) for the independent examination fees.

8 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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10 Intangible fixed assets

	Internet Domain Names	Research and Development	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	1,235	94	1,329
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Amortisation and impairment			
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	1,235	94	1,329
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2021	-	-	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
At 31 December 2020	-	-	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings
	£
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	5,315
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At 31 December 2021	5,315
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Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2021	5,315
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At 31 December 2021	5,315
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12 Fixed asset investments

	Other investments
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2021 & 31 December 2021	100,000
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Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	100,000
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At 31 December 2020	100,000
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12 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

Other investments comprise:	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Investments in subsidiaries	18	100,000	100,000

13 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	142,327	125,627
Other debtors	1,458	2,217
Prepayments and accrued income	5,169	5,169
	<u>148,954</u>	<u>133,013</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	2,354	1,344
Other creditors	21,898	31,900
Accruals and deferred income	6,790	4,800
	<u>31,042</u>	<u>38,044</u>

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15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds			Balance at 31 December 2021 £
	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	
Sue Buckley Research Fund	5,676	840	-	(169)	6,347	840	(1,700)	5,487
Internet Dissemination and Services	61	-	(212)	151	-	-	-	-
Video Production - Reading	23,750	-	(24,000)	250	-	-	-	-
Reading and language intervention Texas pilot	2,162	-	-	(2,162)	-	-	-	50
See and Learn materials	50	-	-	-	50	-	-	10,215
See and Learn numbers (Big Lottery Fund)	10,215	-	-	-	10,215	-	-	166
Research Fund - General	166	-	-	-	166	-	-	16,772
Speech and language intervention	16,772	-	-	-	16,772	-	-	
	<u>58,852</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>(24,212)</u>	<u>(1,930)</u>	<u>33,550</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>(1,700)</u>	<u>32,690</u>

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

England & Wales - Charity number 1062823

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1062823

Company Registration No. 03266266 (England and Wales)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr Paul McLaughlin Mr Samuel Brenton Mrs Sandra Redman Mrs Kay Sammon Ms Rebecca Smith
Secretary	Dr A Buckley
Charity number	1062823
Company number	03266266
Registered office	6 Underlay Business Centre Kirkby Lonsdale Cumbria LA6 2DY England LA6 2DY
Independent examiner	Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants 24 Landport Terrace Portsmouth Hampshire England PO1 2RG
Bankers	HSBC Bank plc 118 Commercial Road Portsmouth Hampshire PO1 1EP

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Charity Act 2006 present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Chairman's report

During 2020, the charity continued to develop and deliver innovative services and resources providing evidence-based advice and support to over 100,000 families and professionals in over 180 countries. The charity's services and resources build on the available scientific research and the charity's extensive experience to offer practical and effective approaches to improving developmental and educational outcomes for children with Down Syndrome.

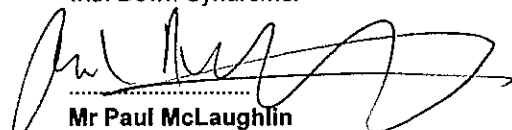
The COVID-19 pandemic has inevitably impacted our work during 2020 and beyond. However, investments in online services in recent years meant we were well prepared to be responsive to the changing needs of the families, professionals and researchers who we serve.

We continue to invest in the development of new teaching resources and apps, online training services and online support services. Increasingly, we are working to integrate these to develop evidence-based and data driven support systems that will offer effective support to families and professionals at scale.

These continuing investments underpin an expanding range of digital resources and services that can be more economically adapted, translated and distributed to better support children with Down syndrome and their families globally. They also offer new opportunities for recording and reporting individual progress to families and educators, and for large-scale data collection to inform future research.

The charity continues to build a social enterprise model of service delivery that is sufficiently sustainable and scalable to better meet the needs of young people with Down syndrome around the world.

I would like to thank my fellow Trustees, for their sustained efforts, and our staff for their commitment and hard work. I would also like to thank our donors for their generous support for better education for children with Down Syndrome.



Mr Paul McLaughlin

Chairman

Dated: 29 SEP 2021

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Charity Act 2006 present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Objectives and activities

Down Syndrome Education International works to improve developmental and educational outcomes for young people with Down syndrome, helping them to lead more independent, rewarding and fulfilling lives.

Our scientific research, publications and services deliver lasting gains in speech and language, reading and literacy, number and maths, memory and cognitive skills, and social development for children with Down syndrome.

The charity is headquartered in the UK and works in close collaboration with an associated nonprofit organisation based in the USA. The charity's publications and services are delivered through a UK-based subsidiary social enterprise company. Our principal activities are scientific research, and information, training and consulting services.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the 2011 Charities Act

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Research activities

Our research strategy focuses on human developmental and cognitive research designed to identify interventions that improve speech, language and communication skills, enhance cognitive development, raise levels of achievement in literacy and numeracy, and support effective inclusion in schools and the wider community.

Our research began over 40 years ago with a project at the University of Portsmouth, UK, that investigated teaching reading to young children with Down syndrome. Since 1987, the charity has conducted, sponsored and supported studies investigating a wide variety of topics relevant to improving developmental and educational outcomes for children with Down syndrome. These include cognitive development, speech, language, reading, numeracy and maths, social and behavioural development and sleep.

The 2020 Down Syndrome Research Forum was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and reorganised as an online event in March 2021, reaching over 300 participants in 32 countries.

Information services

Our information services provide broad access to reliable, evidence-based information and advice to families, professionals and organisations around the world, helping them to provide effective educational support for children with Down syndrome.

During 2020, we continued to host Down Syndrome Education Online. The web site offers more than 160 articles from past volumes of Down Syndrome Research and Practice.

We continued to develop further steps in See and Learn Language and Reading, See and Learn Speech, See and Learn Memory and See and Learn Number, funded by The Equitable Charitable Trust, The Freemason's Grand Charity, the Garfield Weston Foundation, The John Coates Charitable Trust, the Rayne Foundation and the Big Lottery Fund.

We continued to develop printed and app editions of the See and Learn teaching activities. We launched See and Learn Sentences 1 in January 2020.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Training, consulting and advocacy

During 2020, we continued to support online courses offering training and advice to teachers, therapists, assistants and families around the world.

We also collaborated with the National Down Syndrome Society in the USA, supporting the development of evidence-based guidelines on inclusive education.

We launched two new online training courses in 2020 offering step-by-step guidance for families supporting children and young people with Down syndrome at home.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

Throughout 2020, the charity continued to focus on developing new services and resources - largely through its subsidiary social enterprise. Our goal remains to raise and disburse funds for scientific research and other purposes improving education for children with Down syndrome while maintaining minimal fixed overheads. We continue to work towards this goal by delivering a growing range of evidence-based teaching resources, publications and training services on a social enterprise basis.

Charitable income totalled £78,278 (2019: £28,375) and other income totalled £24,000 (2019: £24,000). Expenditure totalled £66,624 (2019: £45,258), leaving net income of £35,654 (2019: £7,117).

During 2020, the charity's social enterprise subsidiary's revenue totalled £240,402 (2019: £232,236) and net operating deficit totalled £15,143 (2019: £518 deficit).

The trustees anticipate future reductions in the birth rates of children with Down syndrome in wealthier countries, as the use of new prenatal screening technologies become more widespread. The likely impact has been factored into the group's strategic planning.

The group is continuing to develop new and updated teaching resources, apps, online courses and books and expects to continue doing so through 2022. Meanwhile, fundraising efforts are prioritising raising funds for new research projects.

Reserves policy

The trustees regularly review the free reserves of the charity, which are those unrestricted funds not held in fixed assets, investments, designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed. These reviews encompass the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves. The trustees consider the primary purpose trading activities of the charity's subsidiary company within these reviews. The latest review concluded that to allow the charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services, free reserves equivalent to at least 3 months' expenditure should be accumulated. The charity's free reserves (being unrestricted funds less fixed assets) at 31 December 2020 were £87,843 (2019: £26,887).

Restricted funds

Restricted funds at 31 December 2020 totalled £33,550 (2019: £58,852).

Investments

Down Syndrome Education International owns the entire issued share capital of Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC of 480,000 ordinary shares of £1 each (2019: 480,000 shares of £1). This programme related investment furthers the development and distribution of specialist publications and materials, and the supply of specialist training and consulting services, in support of the charity's primary social purpose.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Going concern

The charity's subsidiary has seen revenue impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic since mid-March 2020 with earned income falling during the period March to August. However, the subsidiary has continued to operate throughout the pandemic and while revenue from some activities has fallen, revenue from others has proved more resilient.

Down Syndrome Education International continues to diversify income sources, grow social enterprise activities and identify opportunities for efficiency improvements. The trustees are satisfied that the right strategies and plans are in place to ensure that the Group will continue to operate for the foreseeable future and that it will continue to maximise impact for its beneficiaries.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Down Syndrome Education International is governed by a Memorandum of Association dated 7 October 1996, as amended on 20 May 2008.

Governance

Overall responsibility for the direction and performance of the charity resides with Board of Trustees. The Trustees meet regularly to review strategy, operational progress and financial performance. Members include individuals with a wide range of applicable skills and experience, many of whom are relatives of people with Down syndrome.

Structure

Down Syndrome Education International (DSEI) is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England, number 03266266, and is a UK registered charity, number 1062823.

Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC (DSEE) is a community interest company, registered in England, number 02413145, that is wholly owned by Down Syndrome Education International.

Down Syndrome Education USA (DSEUSA) is a nonprofit organisation, incorporated in California, USA, and exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, EIN 26-2566125. DSEUSA and DSEI share common goals, and collaborate closely under a partnership agreement.

Trustees

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Paul McLaughlin

Mr Samuel Brenton

Mrs Sandra Redman

Mrs Kay Sammon

Ms Rebecca Smith

Mrs Sarah Geiger

Ms Lucinda Rose

(Resigned 18 June 2020)

(Resigned 18 June 2020)

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by the existing Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees recruits new members from among supporters, beneficiaries, service users and other interested persons. The Board aims to maintain a range of skills and experiences from across a variety of industries and professions, and across profit, not-for-profit and public sector organisations.

Operational responsibility

Day-to-day operational responsibility is delegated to the CEO.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees receive strategic plans, operational plans and budgets, information leaflets, prior meeting minutes and similar materials. New Trustees are also invited to spend time seeing all the charity activities in action and meeting the staff, and to meet families and professionals who use the charity's services.

Related parties

Down Syndrome Education International owns Down Syndrome Education Enterprises and has the power to appoint Directors.

Professor Sue Buckley OBE has led the research work of the charity since 1986. Mr Frank Buckley is Professor Buckley's son. Frank was appointed a Director of Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC in October 1996, and served as the Finance and Operations Director and Company Secretary of both Down Syndrome Education International and Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC from April 1997. In September 2007, Frank Buckley was appointed CEO of Down Syndrome Education International. Dr Angela Byrne has been employed by the charity since 1997. Dr Byrne married Frank Buckley in April 2003. Frank Buckley also serves as the President and CEO of Down Syndrome Education USA.

Many of our Trustees are close relatives of young people with Down syndrome. Their families benefited from the charity's services during the year on the same basis, terms and conditions as other families.

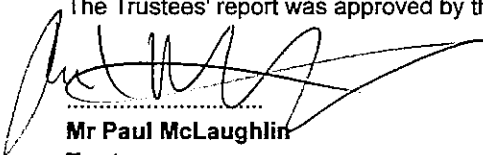
Conflict of interest policy

Down Syndrome Education International has a robust Conflict of Interest Policy that applies to all Trustees, Directors and staff of Down Syndrome Education International and its associated companies. The policy is reviewed annually.

Risk management

The Board of Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operation and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage those risks.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr Paul McLaughlin

Trustee

Dated: 29 Sep 2021

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Down Syndrome Educational International (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity 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 the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Julie Watts

Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants

24 Landport Terrace
Portsmouth
Hampshire
PO1 2RG
England

Dated: 22 October 2021

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	75,601	-	75,601	25,793	-	25,793
Other trading activities	3	1,837	840	2,677	1,742	840	2,582
Other income	4	24,000	-	24,000	24,000	-	24,000
Total Income		101,438	840	102,278	51,535	840	52,375
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	5	223	-	223	219	-	219
Charitable activities	6	42,189	24,212	66,401	44,823	216	45,039
Total resources expended		42,412	24,212	66,624	45,042	216	45,258
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources before transfers		59,026	(23,372)	35,654	6,493	624	7,117
Gross transfers between funds		1,930	(1,930)	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		60,956	(25,302)	35,654	6,493	624	7,117
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		126,887	58,852	185,739	120,394	58,228	178,622
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		187,843	33,550	221,393	126,887	58,852	185,739

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	12		100,000		100,000
Current assets					
Debtors	13	133,013		198,993	
Cash at bank and in hand		26,424		882	
		<u>159,437</u>		<u>199,875</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(38,044)</u>		<u>(114,136)</u>	
Net current assets			121,393		85,739
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>221,393</u>		<u>185,739</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	16		33,550		58,852
Unrestricted funds			187,843		126,887
			<u>221,393</u>		<u>185,739</u>

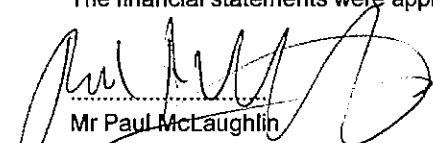
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2020.

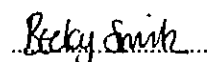
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 29 SEP 2021


Mr Paul McLaughlin
Trustee


Ms Rebecca Smith
Trustee

Company Registration No. 03266266

DOWN SYNDROME EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Down Syndrome Educational International is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 6 Underlay Business Centre, Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria, LA6 2DY, England.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "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)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Group accounts have not been prepared on the basis that the group is small.

1.2 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Income

Income, including donations, legacies and investment income is recognised in the period in which the organisation is entitled to the receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Income is deferred only when the organisation has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in the future period.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery to a specific performance by the charity, are recognised in full when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Income resources from grants, the receipts or retention of which depends on explicit performance-related criteria, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Legacies are included when the Charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

Trading income is recognised net of value added tax and trade discounts when receivable.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.4 Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred. Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with research, information dissemination and advisory and education services and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.

Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly. Staff costs are allocated to activities and projects according to the time spent.

Support costs include administrative, accounting and technical support functions and property overheads and have been allocated to activity costs categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs are allocated to activities incurred. Costs directly attributable to the expenditure of restricted funds are allocated against those funds directly. Other costs are apportioned on the basis of time spent on activities funded from the restricted funds.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% on cost
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.6 Financial instruments

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the retail or invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad or doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price).

Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.8 Foreign exchange

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the time of the transaction. Foreign currency balances are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the balance sheet date.

1.9 Social investments

Social investments are measured at cost less impairment.

1.10 Related party exemption

The charitable company has taken advantage of the exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations and gifts	33,524	15,793
Legacies receivable	42,077	10,000
	<u>75,601</u>	<u>25,793</u>

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	1,837	840	2,677	1,742	840	2,582
	<u>1,837</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>2,677</u>	<u>1,742</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>2,582</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Rents received	24,000	24,000

5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Direct cost of events and appeals	223	219
	<u>223</u>	<u>219</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

6 Charitable activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Rates and water	1,786	1,752
Property costs	28,332	28,332
Heat, telecoms and IT	1,466	1,074
Travel, accommodation and subsistence	-	419
Minor equipment and software licences	1,880	1,506
Consultants and advisors	24,000	-
	<u>57,464</u>	<u>33,083</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	3,669	6,989
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	5,268	4,967
	<u>66,401</u>	<u>45,039</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	42,189	44,823
Restricted funds	24,212	216
	<u>66,401</u>	<u>45,039</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

7	Support costs	Support costs	Governance costs	2020	Support costs	Governance costs	2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Exchange gains	(4)	-	(4)	-	-	-
	Insurance	1,983	-	1,983	1,983	-	1,983
	Bank charges	486	-	486	604	-	604
	Credit card charges	164	-	164	381	-	381
	Employee travel insurance	-	-	-	560	-	560
	Bank interest paid	867	-	867	1,699	-	1,699
	Sundries	173	-	173	1,762	-	1,762
	Independent examiner fees	-	4,560	4,560	-	4,464	4,464
	General governance costs	-	708	708	-	503	503
		<u>3,669</u>	<u>5,268</u>	<u>8,937</u>	<u>6,989</u>	<u>4,967</u>	<u>11,956</u>
	Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>3,669</u>	<u>5,268</u>	<u>8,937</u>	<u>6,989</u>	<u>4,967</u>	<u>11,956</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £4,560 (2019- £4,464) for the independent examination fees.

8 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

10 Intangible fixed assets

	Internet Domain Names £	Research and Development £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	1,235	94	1,329
Amortisation and impairment			
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	1,235	94	1,329
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2020	-	-	-
At 31 December 2019	-	-	-

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2020	5,315
At 31 December 2020	5,315
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2020	5,315
At 31 December 2020	5,315

12 Fixed asset investments

	Other investments
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2020 & 31 December 2020	100,000
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	100,000
At 31 December 2019	100,000

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

12 Fixed asset investments		(Continued)	
	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Other investments comprise:			
Investments in subsidiaries	19	100,000	100,000
		<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
13 Debtors		2020 £	2019 £
Amounts falling due within one year:			
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings		125,627	133,856
Other debtors		2,217	59,662
Prepayments and accrued income		5,169	5,475
		<u>133,013</u>	<u>198,993</u>
14 Loans and overdrafts		2020 £	2019 £
Bank overdrafts		-	18,000
		<u>-</u>	<u>18,000</u>
Payable within one year		-	18,000
		<u>-</u>	<u>18,000</u>
15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2020 £	2019 £
	Notes		
Bank overdrafts	14	-	18,000
Other taxation and social security		-	(162)
Trade creditors		1,344	714
Other creditors		31,900	90,724
Accruals and deferred income		4,800	4,860
		<u>38,044</u>	<u>114,136</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		Movement in funds		Balance at 31 December 2020
	Balance at 1 January 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sue Buckley Research Fund	4,836	840	-	5,676	840	-	6,347
Internet Dissemination and Services	277	-	(216)	61	-	(212)	151
Video Production - Reading	23,750	-	-	23,750	-	(24,000)	250
Reading and language intervention Texas pilot	2,162	-	-	2,162	-	-	(2,162)
See and Learn materials	50	-	-	50	-	-	50
See and Learn numbers (Big Lottery Fund)	10,215	-	-	10,215	-	-	10,215
Research Fund - General	166	-	-	166	-	-	166
Speech and language intervention	16,772	-	-	16,772	-	-	16,772
	<u>58,228</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>(216)</u>	<u>58,852</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>(24,212)</u>	<u>(1,930)</u>
							<u>33,550</u>

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16 Restricted funds

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Sue Buckley Research Fund

A fund dedicated to research advancing our understanding of effective approaches to improve education outcomes for children with Down Syndrome.

Internet Dissemination and Services

Funds for developing online information dissemination services.

Video Production - Reading

Fund for developing an instructional video on teaching reading to children with Down Syndrome.

Reading and language intervention Texas pilot

Funds for a project trialing a reading and language intervention.

Sea and Lean materials

Funds for the development of materials and software to support and promote effective, targeted early language, speech, number and memory interventions.

See and Learn numbers (BIG Lottery Fund)

A Fund dedicated to developing specialist, evidence-based teaching methods, materials and apps designed to improve early number skills for children with Down Syndrome.

Research Fund - General

Funds for scientific research investigating the development of speech and language skills for children with Down Syndrome.

Speech and language intervention

Funds to evaluate interventions designed to improve speech and language outcomes for children with Down Syndrome.

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:						
Investments	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	-	100,000
Current assets/ (liabilities)	121,393	-	121,393	85,739	-	85,739
	<u>221,393</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>221,393</u>	<u>185,739</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>185,739</u>

18 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 - none).

19 Subsidiaries

Details of the Charity's subsidiaries at 31 December 2020 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held	
				Direct	Indirect
Down Syndrome Education Enterprises CIC	England and Wales	Production of learning materials for people with Down Syndrome	Ordinary share capital	100.00	

Down Syndrome Education International owns the entire issued share capital of 480,000. The Trustees consider the fair value of the shares to be £100,000. The aggregate capital and reserves as at 31 December 2020 are £47,388 (2019: £62,531) and the loss for the year £15,143 (2019: loss for the year £518).