
**Esperanza Trust
for Anthropological Research**

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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Charity Registration No: 1063939

Esperanza Trust for Anthropological Research

(also known as Esperanza Trust) TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Trust Fund is governed by a Trust Deed dated 11 November 1963. It was founded by Professor Sir Edmund Leach, who died in 1989, and is endowed with donations and bequests from him. The Royal Anthropological Institute is Custodian Trustee and three Managing trustees are nominated by the Institute's Council.

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| Trustees | Prof. Sarah Green (Chair) | appointed | 26-Sep-07 |
| | Prof. Jonathan Spencer | appointed | 06-Nov-15 |
| | Prof Jon Mitchell | appointed | 01-Sep-21 |

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| Principal Address | 50 Fitzroy Street | London W1T 5BT |
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| Auditors | Friend-James Limited 161-163 Preston Road | Brighton BN1 6AF |
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| Bankers | National Westminster Bank PLC 45 Tottenham Court Road | London W1T 2EA |
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| Solicitors | Jansons Solicitors 40 Crawford Street | London W1H 1JL |
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| Stockbrokers | CCLA Investment Management 85, Queen Victoria Street | London EC4V 4ET |
| | Sarasin & Partners LLP Juxon House, 100 St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4M 8BU | |

Specific restrictions imposed by the governing document:

The income of the Fund is to be applied to promoting the study and teaching of anthropology. Clause 3 (e) of the Trust Deed allows the Managing trustees to apply part of the income towards the discharge of any exceptional expenditure incurred by the Institute, even if this is not related to the trusts or powers of the Deed, provided that a request is made to the Managing trustees by the Institute's Council.

Investment powers and policy:

The Managing trustees are entitled under Clause 7 of the Trust Deed to purchase any types of investment or property wheresoever situate. Responsibility for investment decisions lies with the Managing trustees.

The trustees' current investment policy is to invest a minimum of 30% of the Fund in property. Equities invested with Smith & Williamson Investment Management have been transferred during the year to two Common Investment Funds Investments: CCLA's 'COIF Ethical Investments Fund' and Sarasin & Partners' Sarasin Endowment Funds'.

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The policy of the trustees is to devote a fixed grant amount to subsidising exceptional expenditure of the Royal Anthropological Institute, plus an uplift, if agreed, as they are empowered under Clause 3(e). A further grant is devoted to an annual research fellowship scheme sponsored by the trustees in association with United Kingdom university departments of anthropology, known as the 'Leach/RAI Fellowships'. In some years they refrain from sponsoring the Fellowship scheme in order to conserve their financial resources. Since all grants made by the trustees are either in response to requests from the Institute's Council, or a result of the trustees' own initiative, the Trust Fund is not open to applications from other parties. The present report is published to comply with the trustees' legal obligations. Further information about the activities of the Royal Anthropological Institute is published in the Annual Report and financial statements of the Institute, and from time to time in the RAI News' columns of the Institute's bimonthly journal 'Anthropology Today'.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

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

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

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

Friend-James Limited were appointed as auditors to the company and a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

Approved by the trustees on



Sarah Green

January 8 2026

Trustee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ESPERANZA TRUST FOR ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Esperanza Trust for Anthropological Research (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position and the Notes to the Financial Statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2022.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

Responsibilities of trustees

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

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2022 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

The objectives of our audit, in relation to fraud, are: to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses; and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with the trustees.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the financial reporting framework (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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).), relevant UK tax legislation, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, health and safety requirements, the Data Protection Act and employment law.

We designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with those frameworks by making enquiries of the trustees and senior management team; assessment of the internal control environment, including the level of oversight of those charged with governance; and testing of material journal entries.

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We communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Mr Roger Heber Clow FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Friend-James Limited

9 January 2026

Chartered Accountants
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024


| | Capital Endowment Fund £ | Restricted Research Grant Fund £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income and endowments from: | | | | |
| Investment income | 26,524 | 49,745 | 76,269 | 82,738 |
| Expenditure on Charitable Activities | | | | |
| Grants | | | | |
| Leach RAI Public Anthropology Fellowship | - | 4,000 | 4,000 | 7,500 |
| To the Royal Anthropological Institute | - | 16,000 | 16,000 | 26,990 |
| Administration services | - | 3,051 | 3,051 | 3,311 |
| Accountancy and audit fee | - | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,850 |
| Sundries | 10,619 | - | 10,619 | 5,922 |
| Total Expenditure | 10,619 | 25,051 | 35,670 | 45,573 |
| Net Income | 15,905 | 24,694 | 40,599 | 37,165 |
| Revaluation of investment property | | - | 0 | 75,000 |
| Unrealised Gains/(losses) on Investment Assets | 88,574 | - | 88,574 | 125,910 |
| Net Movement in Funds | 104,479 | 24,694 | 129,173 | 238,075 |
| Reconciliation of Funds | | | | |
| Fund Balances at 1 January 2023 | 2,275,280 | 273,534 | 2,548,814 | 2,310,739 |
| Fund Balances at 31 December 2023 | 2,379,759 | 298,228 | 2,677,987 | 2,548,814 |

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

| | | 2024 | | 2023 | |
|--|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | | | | | |
| Freehold investment property | 2 | 700,000 | | 700,000 | |
| Investments | 3 | <u>1,781,934</u> | <u>2,481,934</u> | <u>1,693,360</u> | <u>2,393,360</u> |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Amount due from related charity | 4 | 198,573 | | 157,873 | |
| Amount due from investment company | | <u>5</u> | | <u>6</u> | |
| | | <u>198,578</u> | | <u>157,879</u> | |
| Creditors-amounts falling due within one year | | | | | |
| Sundry creditors | | <u>2,525</u> | | <u>2,425</u> | |
| | | <u>2,525</u> | | <u>2,425</u> | |
| Net current assets | | | 196,053 | | 155,454 |
| Total net assets | 5 | | <u><u>2,677,987</u></u> | | <u><u>2,548,814</u></u> |
| Funds of the Trust | | | | | |
| Capital endowment fund - unrestricted | 6 | 2,379,759 | | 2,275,280 | |
| Restricted research grant fund | 7 | 298,228 | | 273,534 | |
| Total charity funds | | <u><u>2,677,987</u></u> | | <u><u>2,548,814</u></u> | |

Approved by the trustees on


 Sarah Green *Trustee*

8th January 2026

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102. 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 accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Preparation of the financial statements on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The charity has sufficient resources and net assets to continue and the trustees believe there to be no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Investment income is included when receivable.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs relating to that category.

Freehold investment property

The fair value of the investment property has been determined by trustees on an open market basis by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties at the reporting end date.

Investments

These are stated at fair value. The net gain on revaluation has been credited to the respective funds in which the underlying assets are held.

Accumulated Funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purpose and uses of the restricted funds are set out in note 7.

Amount due from related charity

This represents funds held by an associated charity.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| 2 Freehold Investment Property | | |
| Fair Value as at 1 January 2023 | 700,000 | 625,000 |
| Change in the Value in the Year | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| Fair Value as at 31 December 2023 | <u>775,000</u> | <u>700,000</u> |

| | 2024 | 2024 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| 3 Investments | | |
| Fair Value as at 1 January 2023 | 1,693,360 | 1,567,450 |
| Change in the Value in the Year | 88,574 | 125,910 |
| Fair Value as at 31 December 2023 | <u>1,781,934</u> | <u>1,693,360</u> |

4 Amount due from related charity

Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland (the Institute) acts as custodian trustee in accordance with the Trust Deed. The Institute nominates managing trustees on a three year rotation however they are automatically re-appointed unless they choose to retire or resign. At the year end, the Institute owed the Esperanza Trust for Anthropological Research £198,573 (2023:£157,873) in respect of funds pooled within the Institute to maximise the investment return. The Esperanza Trust devotes about half its income to the Leach/RAI Fellowships and half to meeting special requests from the Council of the Institute, under a clause in its Trust Deed which provides for this procedure. The bank financial statements of the Trust have been merged with the Royal Anthropological Institute's bank financial statements in order to avoid bank charges and to maximise bank interest earned. Bank interest is apportioned to the trust on the basis of the balance held by the Royal Anthropological Institute.

5 Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Capital Endowment Fund £ | Restricted Research Grant Fund £ | Total £ |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by: | | | |
| Fixed Assets | 2,379,759 | 102,175 | 2,481,934 |
| Current Assets | - | 198,578 | 198,578 |
| Creditors-amounts falling due within one year | - | (2,525) | (2,525) |
| | <u>2,379,759</u> | <u>298,228</u> | <u>2,677,987</u> |

6 Capital endowment fund - unrestricted

The Capital Endowment Fund was established in 1963 to promote research in anthropology, and also, under a clause in its Trust deed, to assist the Royal Anthropological Institute with expenses additional to its normal outgoings. The fund is represented by fixed asset investments and current assets.

7 Restricted research grant fund

The Research Grant Fund represents an accumulation of unexpended income retained by the trustees in order to maintain the resources of the fund against erosion by inflation. As well as income from investments, the fund receives royalties arising from certain publications of its founder, the late Sir Edmund Leach.