

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03570705 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1072703

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 4 APRIL 2023
FOR
THE SLYNN FOUNDATION**

CR Bland Baker Limited
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 4 April 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).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Foundation continues its activities (which are described fully in the significant activities section of this report) with the Foundation's principal sources of income during 2022-23 being raised from projects in Cyprus, Dubai, Brunei Darussalam, the Philippines, Montenegro, Kosovo and the Czech Republic.

Total incoming resources for 2022-23 amounted to £75,211, which was above the 2021-22 level of £61,373, reflecting a higher level of project activity during the year. Costs in generating the Foundation's 2022-23 income amounted to £51,821, a decrease on the 2021-22 level of £62,184. Governance costs in 2022-23 were slightly lower at £2,196 from the 2021-22 level of £2,544.

The Slyn Foundation continues to receive donations from its supporters directly or through contribution of project fees, which has enabled the Foundation's funds at 4 April 2023 to amount to £86,312, an increase of £23,390 from the level at 4 April 2022 of £62,922. Of the total balance at 4 April 2023, £6,962 represents restricted funds arising from the donation of certain fees.

Reserves policy

The Foundation monitors its financial position and reserves regularly at Trustees' meetings. The Foundation has a policy of maintaining available unrestricted resources of at least £25,000 after reviewing and taking account of known resources and commitments. This policy is subject to regular review. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level are required to ensure that the basic activities of the Foundation can continue in the event of any temporary shortfall in project fee income.

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.

The Slyn Foundation is a UK based charity working with senior judges and justice institutions around the world to enhance the rule of law, and to improve professional understanding of human rights, mediation and legal practice.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. All trustees give their time voluntarily. Expenses paid by trustees relating to trust business are disclosed in note 3 to the accounts. Most new trustees are already familiar with, and have already participated in, the work of the Foundation prior to appointment as trustees, and as such minimal training and induction is required. New trustees are provided with the governing documents, financial information and information regarding the detailed activities of the Foundation.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Foundation's activities are overseen by the trustees with, when necessary, a Strategy Group providing advice on strategic direction, a Delivery Group assisting with the implementation of current and future projects and Working Groups advising the trustees on specified matters.

Public benefit

In planning activities for the year the Trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and the need to comply with their duties under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03570705 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1072703

Registered office

7-8 Essex Street
London
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Trustees

Marie Demetriou KC Practising Barrister (resigned 10.4.2022)
The Rt Hon Sir James Dingemans Judge (resigned 7.3.2023)
The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Vos Judge (resigned 7.3.2023)
Peter Williamson Retired Solicitor (resigned 18.10.2022)
Stephen Lewis Chartered Accountant
Julian Acratopulo Solicitor
The Rt Hon Sir David Latham Retired Judge (resigned 7.3.2023)
The Rt Hon Sir Robin Auld Retired Judge (resigned 7.3.2023)
The Rt Hon Sir Stanley Burnton Retired Judge (resigned 7.3.2023)
Fergus Randolph KC Practising Barrister (resigned 18.10.2022)
Amanda Pinto KC Practising Barrister
Ian Cliff CMG, OBE Retired Diplomat
The Hon Sir Simon Picken High Court Judge (resigned 1.10.2022)
The Hon Sir Nicholas Blake Retired Judge
The Rt Hon Sir Peter Gross Retired Judge
The Hon Mrs Justice Maura McGowan Judge
The Rt Hon Lady Justice Nicola Davies Judge
Benjamin Yallop JP Civil Servant
The Rt Hon Sir Stephen Irwin - Chairman Retired Judge
Claire Ann Lindley Barrister
Merethe Borge MacLeod Executive Director
Sir Howard Morrison KC KCMG CBE Former Judge
The Rt Hon Walter James Wolffe Advocate and Barrister

Company Secretary

Stephen Lewis

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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Solicitors

Bates, Wells and Braithwaite LLP, 10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE.

Bankers

NatWest, 20 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5NN.

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SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

Overview

2022-2023 continues to be a growth year for the Foundation. While the Trustees reviewed the Foundation's operation, a relaxation of international travel regulations created opportunities for face-to-face engagement and the Foundation was able to undertake several projects, thereby demonstrating its continued vitality in a challenging international market. The Executive Director continued to work with the Chair and the Board of Trustees to increase the Foundation's international portfolio of projects.

The Foundation strengthened and consolidated its position as a provider of judicial expertise to countries including Cyprus, Brunei Darussalam, Dubai, Uzbekistan, and the Western Balkans by developing new models of delivery.

On 30th April 2022 Mr Peter Williamson retired after ten years as Chairman of the Foundation but remains an Honorary Member. The Rt. Hon. Sir Stephen Irwin was appointed as the new Foundation Chair effective from that date. Trustees amended the articles of associations to set periods for appointment and related provisions in line with the Foundations regular risk assessment review. In 2023 Trustees Sir Stanley Burnton, Sir James Dingemans, Sir David Latham, Fergus Randolph KC, Sir Geoffrey Vos, Mr Peter Williamson stood down as Trustees and accepted Honorary Membership of the Foundation under the amendments to the articles on length of service. The Foundation is grateful for their long service as Trustees and will continue to benefit from their advice and experience as Honorary Members.

Following an open recruitment advertisement for new Trustees an appointment sub-committee of the Board recommended Merethe Borg Macleod, Claire Lindley, Sir Howard Morrison KC, and James Wolffe KC who were subsequently appointed as Trustees.

The Foundation Chairman engaged with UK Government funding directorates to form a Rule of Law Working Group which will consider the furtherment and coordinated deployment of international development funding in the legal training sphere. The group had its initial meeting in February and aims to meet regularly throughout the year.

In October 2022 the Foundation attended a meeting convened by Mr Justice Robin Knowles for stakeholder organisations involved with FCDO funded legal training in Commonwealth countries as an opportunity to discuss the work of the Foundation and meet visiting judges from a number of Commonwealth countries. Organisations included Advocates for International Development (A4id), The Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association (CMJA) and the Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA).

The Foundation produces an Annual Bulletin which contains details of the work and projects undertaken in the previous twelve months. This is shared with subscribers and made publicly available on the Foundation's website as are summaries of the Foundation's project work.

The Foundation has continued to benefit from the pro bono input of Clifford Chance and remains extremely grateful for this invaluable support.

Project work

March 2022

Brunei Darussalam

The Foundation presented a virtual event in Brunei Darussalam when Lord Justice Holroyde addressed members of the senior judiciary on Sentencing in England and Wales. Sir Stephen Irwin chaired.

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Dubai International Financial Courts

The Foundation was approached by the Dubai International Financial Court (DIFCC) to prepare a series of customised lectures for its young judges. While COVID restrictions prevented presentations in person, the Foundation adapted its programme to a series of six pre-recorded sessions. Topics included judgment writing, dealing with urgent applications and decision making in small claims tribunals. The presenters included members of the Foundation's trustee board and English judges selected from its network. The Foundation is in discussion with the courts regarding further training in 2022. The Dubai programme ended with four live by zoom question and answer sessions based on the pre-recorded lectures.

May 2022

Western Balkans

In May 2022, the Foundation joined a training programme commissioned by the UK Home Office to assist with judicial training in Kosovo and Montenegro on topics surrounding the management of domestic violence cases. Foundation Trustees travelled to Pristina and Podgorica for a series of two-day presentations including judicial ethics and conduct in November 2022 and January 2023.

January 2023

Czech Republic

At the request of the British Embassy in Prague, the Foundation together with other international actors took part in Round Table discussion on combating sexual and domestic violence convened by the House of Representatives in the Czech Republic as a part of its women and girls' project.

February 2023

Cyprus

The Foundation, in collaboration with Public Administration International (PAI) and the British High Commission in Nicosia, delivered a two-day training course in criminal case management for the judiciary and senior lawyers.

March 2023

The Foundation held a private event at the Royal Courts of Justice to thank its contributors and introduce guests to its work world-wide.

Website & Social Media Channels

During 2022, the Foundation continued to develop its website and social media to demonstrate its work and attract further interest in its programmes. The website provided an invaluable aid in the recruitment of new Trustees and continues to demonstrate through its reporting functions the broad geographic interest in the Foundation's work, while social media channels allow the Foundation to engage with new audiences on current issues.

Open Forum 2023

We look forward to the 5th Slynne Open Forum which will be held in the summer.

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Conclusion

The Foundation continues to receive enquiries for assistance and regularly reviews its policies and working methods. The future for 2023-24 looks very positive.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

The Rt Hon Sir Stephen Irwin - Chairman - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE SLYNN FOUNDATION**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Slynn Foundation ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 4 April 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Kenneth Brian Roles

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21 December 2023

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 4 APRIL 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		1,300	-	1,300	1,300
Charitable activities					
Consultancy projects and mentoring		<u>73,911</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,911</u>	<u>60,073</u>
Total		<u>75,211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,211</u>	<u>61,373</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		<u>51,821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,821</u>	<u>62,184</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		23,390	-	23,390	(811)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		55,960	6,962	62,922	63,733
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>79,350</u>	<u>6,962</u>	<u>86,312</u>	<u>62,922</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
4 APRIL 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	19,639	-	19,639	35,248
Cash at bank		<u>65,590</u>	<u>6,962</u>	<u>72,552</u>	<u>36,693</u>
		85,229	6,962	92,191	71,941
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(5,879)	-	(5,879)	(9,019)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>79,350</u>	<u>6,962</u>	<u>86,312</u>	<u>62,922</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		79,350	6,962	86,312	62,922
NET ASSETS FUNDS	7	<u>79,350</u>	<u>6,962</u>	<u>86,312</u>	<u>62,922</u>
Unrestricted funds				79,350	55,960
Restricted funds				<u>6,962</u>	<u>6,962</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>86,312</u>	<u>62,922</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 4 April 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 4 April 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued
4 APRIL 2023

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

The Rt Hon Sir Stephen Irwin - Chairman - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 4 APRIL 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of paragraph 3.17(d).

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Other trading activities	<u>46,002</u>	<u>2,196</u>	<u>48,198</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Other

	2023 Other trading activities £	2022 Total activities £
Insurance	1,349	654
Administration fees and expenses	43,763	39,089
Website, computer updates and support	281	1,005
Sundries	<u>609</u>	<u>191</u>
	<u>46,002</u>	<u>40,939</u>

Governance costs

	2023 Other trading activities £	2022 Total activities £
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>2,196</u>	<u>2,544</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 4 April 2023 nor for the year ended 4 April 2022.

Trustees' expenses

During the year, three trustees were reimbursed expenses relating to trust business totalling £629 (2022 - £625).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	1,300	-	1,300
Charitable activities			
Consultancy projects and mentoring	60,073	-	60,073
Total	<u>61,373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,373</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	62,184	-	62,184
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(811)	-	(811)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	56,771	6,962	63,733
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>55,960</u>	<u>6,962</u>	<u>62,922</u>

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	18,519	34,792
Prepayments	1,120	456
	<u>19,639</u>	<u>35,248</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors and accruals	<u>5,879</u>	<u>9,019</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 5.4.22	Net movement in funds	At 4.4.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	55,960	23,390	79,350
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	6,962	-	6,962
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>62,922</u>	<u>23,390</u>	<u>86,312</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	75,211	(51,821)	23,390
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>75,211</u>	<u>(51,821)</u>	<u>23,390</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 5.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 4.4.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	56,771	(811)	55,960
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	6,962	-	6,962
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>63,733</u>	<u>(811)</u>	<u>62,922</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	61,373	(62,184)	(811)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>61,373</u>	<u>(62,184)</u>	<u>(811)</u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 4 April 2023.

This document was delivered using electronic communications and authenticated in accordance with the registrar's rules relating to electronic form, authentication and manner of delivery under section 1072 of the Companies Act 2006.