

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 2024
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 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 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 2023-24 being raised from projects in Cyprus, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, China and Zambia.

Total incoming resources for 2023-24 amounted to £116,089, which was above the 2022-23 level of £75,211, reflecting a higher level of project activity during the year. Costs in generating the Foundation's 2023-24 income amounted to £88,215, an increase on the 2022-23 level of £51,821. Governance costs in 2023-24 were slightly higher at £2,550 from the 2022-23 level of £2,196.

The Slynn 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 2024 to amount to £114,186, an increase of £27,874 from the level at 4 April 2023 of £86,312. Of the total balance at 4 April 2024, £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 Slynn 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

Stephen Lewis Chartered Accountant

Julian Acratopulo Solicitor

Amanda Pinto KC Practising Barrister (resigned 23.4.2024)

Ian Cliff CMG, OBE Retired Diplomat (resigned 29.10.2024)

The Hon Sir Nicholas Blake Retired Judge

The Rt Hon Sir Peter Gross Retired Judge (resigned 23.1.2024)

The Hon Mrs Justice Maura McGowan Judge

The Rt Hon Lady Justice Nicola Davies Judge (resigned 23.7.2024)

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

The Rt Hon Sir David Bean Lord Justice of Appeal (appointed 29.10.2024)

Dame Sara Cockerill High Court Judge (appointed 29.10.2024)

Roger Coventry Development Consultant (appointed 23.4.2024)

The Rt Hon Lady Leeona Dorrian Lord Justice Clerk (appointed 29.10.2024)

Professor David Ormerod University Teacher (appointed 23.4.2024)

The Rt Hon Lady Rose Of Colmworth -

Justice of the UK Supreme Court (appointed 23.1.2024)

Simon Smith CMG Retired Diplomat (appointed 5.11.2024)

The Hon Mrs Justice Lucy Theis High Court Judge (appointed 29.10.2024)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company Secretary
Stephen Lewis

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

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SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

Overview

2023-2024 has been another busy year for the Foundation as it has continued to adapt to a challenging environment where Government budgets have restricted funding which has resulted in less ability to engage in long-term projects.

The Foundation engages with legal systems across the world where it considers that the proposed engagement can advance its charitable objectives. In this year, these included Brunei Darussalam, China, Cyprus, the Western Balkans and Saudi Arabia (where it is working in conjunction with the British Embassy). The Foundation also held an Open Forum event in London focusing on Ukraine.

Following the Foundation's adoption of changes to the constitution in relation to length of service the Board's skills diversity was reviewed, and a decision taken to hold a further open recruitment for Trustees in February 2024 resulting in two additional trustees being appointed to the Board, Roger Coventry CMG and Professor David Ormerod KC who took up their roles at a meeting of the Board of Trustees on the 23rd of April 2024.

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

Project work

May 2023

Brunei Darussalam - On the 22nd of May, the Foundation presented a remote seminar in conjunction with the British High Commission and the Supreme Court of Brunei Darussalam on the use of expert witnesses in criminal cases.

June 2023

5th Slynn Open Forum - Impunity after the Ukraine

In June, the Foundation held its 5th Open Forum at Barnard's Inn, London. Speakers included the Attorney General, Victoria Prentis, Ukraine's Head of the Supreme Court, and Chief Prosecutor Andry Kostin.

July 2023

In July, the Foundation attended a round table meeting as a part of the Standing International Forum of Commercial Courts (SIFoCC) and had an opportunity to meet senior judges from Zambia, Rwanda, Bahrain, Pakistan, and Sierra Leone.

September 2023

The Foundation held a dinner for the visiting Chair of the Saudi Arabia Human Rights Committee Dr Hala al-Tuwaijri as a part of her London programme hosted by the FCDO.

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November 2023

China - In November, the Foundation assisted with a Great Britain China Centre programme ("Promoting Fair Trial in China through Raising Evidence Standards in Criminal Procedure"), in Chongqing, China by identifying a senior judge who was able to present on standards of proof at different stages of criminal proceedings, and the role of sentencing guidelines and the Sentencing Council.

Saudi Arabia - Following the Scoping Visit conducted in early 2023, the Foundation delivered the first of three two-day seminars in Riyadh led by Sir Peter Gross in cooperation with the British Embassy and the Saudi Judicial Training Centre to a cohort of thirty judges and assistants from the Judicial Preparation Centre.

January 2024

Saudi Arabia - The Foundation delivered the second of the two-day seminars in Jeddah to an audience of approximately thirty judges and judicial assistants in conjunctions with the British Consul and Saudi Judicial Training Centre.

February 2024

Cyprus - The Foundation continued its relationship with the judiciary of northern Cyprus and members of the Cyprus Bar with a two-day programme on criminal, and family law.

Website & Social Media Channels

During 2023, the Foundation continued to develop its website and social media to demonstrate its work and attract further interest in its programmes. Video clips were widely used, and 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.

Conclusion

The Foundation continues to receive enquiries for assistance and regularly reviews its policies and working methods. The future for 2024-25 looks positive.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 December 2024 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 2024.

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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19 December 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 4 APRIL 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		3,800	-	3,800	1,300
Charitable activities					
Consultancy projects and mentoring		112,289	-	112,289	73,911
Total		<u>116,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,089</u>	<u>75,211</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		88,215	-	88,215	51,821
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET INCOME		27,874	-	27,874	23,390
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		79,350	6,962	86,312	62,922
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>107,224</u>	<u>6,962</u>	<u>114,186</u>	<u>86,312</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
4 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	44,441	-	44,441	19,639
Cash at bank		<u>67,770</u>	<u>6,962</u>	<u>74,732</u>	<u>72,552</u>
		112,211	6,962	119,173	92,191
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(4,987)	-	(4,987)	(5,879)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>107,224</u>	<u>6,962</u>	<u>114,186</u>	<u>86,312</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		107,224	6,962	114,186	86,312
NET ASSETS FUNDS	7	<u>107,224</u>	<u>6,962</u>	<u>114,186</u>	<u>86,312</u>
Unrestricted funds				107,224	79,350
Restricted funds				<u>6,962</u>	<u>6,962</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>114,186</u>	<u>86,312</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 4 April 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 4 April 2024 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 2024

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 December 2024 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 2024

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>81,273</u>	<u>2,550</u>	<u>83,823</u>

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

Other

	2024 Other trading activities £	2023 Total activities £
Insurance	2,066	1,349
Administration fees and expenses	78,374	43,763
Website, computer updates and support	348	281
Sundries	<u>485</u>	<u>609</u>
	<u>81,273</u>	<u>46,002</u>

Governance costs

	2024 Other trading activities £	2023 Total activities £
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>2,550</u>	<u>2,196</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 4 April 2024 nor for the year ended 4 April 2023.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS - continued

Trustees' expenses

During the year, two trustees were reimbursed expenses relating to trust business totalling £378 (2023 - £629).

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	<u>73,911</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,911</u>
Total	<u>75,211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,211</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	<u>51,821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,821</u>
NET INCOME	23,390	-	23,390
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	55,960	6,962	62,922
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>79,350</u></u>	<u><u>6,962</u></u>	<u><u>86,312</u></u>

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	43,098	18,519
Prepayments	1,343	1,120
	<u>44,441</u>	<u>19,639</u>

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors and accruals	<u>4,987</u>	<u>5,879</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 5,4,23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 4,4,24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	79,350	27,874	107,224
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	6,962	-	6,962
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>86,312</u>	<u>27,874</u>	<u>114,186</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	116,089	(88,215)	27,874
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>116,089</u>	<u>(88,215)</u>	<u>27,874</u>

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

Comparatives for 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>

Comparative 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>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 4 April 2024.

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