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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1081259

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023
for
Institute of Ecotechnics
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Principal activities and review of activities

The objective of the charity as stated in articles and memorandum of association is "to initiate and develop the new discipline of Ecotechnics that intends to harmonise ecology & technology by means of hands-on educational programmes and the research & development of demonstration projects and products landmark programmes which the institute of Ecotechnics has facilitated include: (1) the design of field research programmes for the public to gain ecological experience in such remote areas as rainforests, oceans, savannas, and deserts, (2) the development of agriculture, wastewater, air purification, and closed system technologies, (3) the study of cultures, art and theatre, (4) the publication of books relating to critical ecological and cultural issues, and (5) the advancement of workshops, programs and conferences to further the study and promote public awareness of the developing discipline of Ecotechnics.

To hold conferences where members of different disciplines can exchange the results of their work with the aim of assisting in the formulation of a local or planetary programme to deal with major ecological problem areas.

The study of Ecotechnics

- To establish and develop the new discipline of Ecotechnics which deals with the relationships between humanity and the biosphere;
- To design, develop and implement programmes and projects that are conducive to furthering the discipline of Ecotechnics;
- To hold conferences where members of different disciplines can exchange the results of their work with the aim of assisting in the formulation of a local or planetary programme to deal with major ecological problem area;
- To provide ecotechnical advice in areas requiring skillful application of restoration ecology.

Research and Development

- To research and develop air recycling/purifying systems, water recycling/purifying systems, computer/analytic monitoring systems, control and information systems, and closed system technologies;
- To encourage the study of global ecology: ecosystems, biomes and biospheres.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public Participation

- To promote educational programmes about Ecotechnics: the technics of ecology and of the ecology of technics which include the interface of cultures, art and theatre;
- To provide publications about the useful results of such investigations and research;
- To manage a world wide web homepage and knowledge database to highlight and further disseminate understanding of these activities.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Chairman's Report

The Institute of Ecotechnics consults to a number of biomic projects in rainforest, savannah, Mediterranean and world-city biomes. IE-UK held its annual AGM via internet with all its directors participating as did IE-US.

The following officers were elected:

For I.E.-US:

Mark Nelson, President and CEO

Deborah Snyder, Vice President

Marie Harding, Vice President

Secretary, William Dempster

Mark Nelson, Treasurer

For I.E.-UK:

Mark Nelson, Chairman

Gerard Houghton, Vice Chair, Secretary

Judy Hawes, Treasurer

At the AGM, financial statements and reports from the consultancies were received and reviewed by the IE Officers and Directors.

Notable events of 2024

Las Casas de la Selva, the Institute's tropical rainforest project in Puerto Rico, has received a grant for four artists to spend time there during the year, and another grant from Botanical Gardens Conservation International to continue its work with rare, endemic and endangered plants. The Puerto Rico NRCS is looking at ways to reduce landslides and improve road access to the forestry plantings. The road from the highway to the homestead was completed with improved side drainage and a concrete portion of the steep hill at the beginning of the road.

Puerto Rico Hardwoods, a spin-off enterprise of Las Casas, received large grants this past year including the Wood Innovation grant from the US Forestry Service and from the Puerto Rican government. These grants have resulted in a far more productive sawmill, kilns for proper drying of the wood, a tractor and excavator.

The Institute has been working on a rebranding, renovation of its website and fund-raising for the rebuild of the RV Heraclitus and its other projects.

Synergia Ranch, Santa Fe, New Mexico continues hosting workshops and conferences.

Synergia Ranch Organic (SRO) has received grants from the New Mexico Healthy Soil program to do soil tests, conservation hedgerows, and planting of a variety of grasses and legumes to increase soil coverage and reduce erosion. SRO is also in middle of a large National Resource and Conservation Service EQIP grant which finances the installation of four hoopouses, a 2100 gallon irrigation reservoir tank, soil moisture probes, conservation hedgerows etc.

Dr. Starrlight Augustine, after a sabbatical year at the University of Lisbon, has returned to Synergia Ranch to head up the farm and regenerative work. Among

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the plans are to start a native plant nursery, improve fencing and use grazing animals to improve/restore badly degraded pastures.

The October Gallery continues to showcase Transvanguard artists from around the planet, exhibiting cutting-edge artists who have previously been shown and several newly emerging younger artists. Notably this past year, El Anatsui's monumental sculptures filled the cavernous Turbine Hall at Tate Modern, while October Gallery held a more intimate show covering the entire range of his work to date. October Gallery Education's outreach programme brings many students to the Gallery where they create their own art projects.

The New School of the Anthropocene started its second year of operation, expanding the number of scholars participating in weekly meetings at the October Gallery. This year's cohort of 40 scholars are based both in London and around the world, with 'planetary scholars' joining the weekly seminar sessions from as far away as Bolivia and Tajikistan.

IE's Wastewater Garden division had a productive year with the construction of the first phase of its Eden in Iraq Wastewater Garden project near El-Chibaish in the southern marshes. Design for a 400-person WWG for the Ojo de Agua village in Jalisco was completed which will help protect Lake Chapala from sewage pollution. Funding was received from the Chapala Rotary Club.

The Eden in Iraq Wastewater Garden project in el-Chibayish, Iraq, received approval and funding for the implementation of its first phase by the Iraqi Ministry of Water Resources. Construction is expected to begin in February 2023. Mark Nelson is a consultant on the project and IE is a fiscal sponsor of the project.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal funding source for the company is consultancy fees and donations.

Investment policy and objectives

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year most of the charity's funds are to be spent in the short term. The policy of the Trustees is to invest the amount that is available in short term bank deposits. The company had a deficit of £1,795 for the year (2022, a surplus of £2,397). Together with the accumulated deficit brought forward from previous years, the company now has an accumulated deficit of £454.

Reserves Policy

The reserves of the company are to be used for promoting the company's charitable objects as prescribed in its constitution.

FUTURE PLANS

In the opinion of the council no event since the balance sheet date significantly affects the company's financial position.

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.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

01940123 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1081259

Registered office

24 Old Gloucester Street
London
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Trustees

J Allen : Systems ecologist and engineer
K Gray : Producer, Director, Cultural Projects
Ms C R Handte : Expedition Leader
J A Hawes : Executive administrator
G A Houghton : Educator, writer
M Nelson : Ecologist, author
M A Franca : Geography and Environmental Analysis
C Tober : Sea Captain
O A Fayed: Environmentalist and Publisher (appointed 14/12/2023)

Company Secretary

G A Houghton

Independent Examiner

Stefanos Spyrou
Chris Syrimis & Co
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COUNCIL

The members of the council perform the role of directors in company law and are the trustees in charity law.
Those who served during the year were:


J Allen
K Gray
C Handte
J A Hawes
G Houghton
M Nelson
C Tober
M Franca
O Fayed

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12/04/2024 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
J A Hawes - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Institute of Ecotechnics (A Company Limited by Guarantee) ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 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.



Stefanos Spyrou

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Date: 12/04/2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

		31/12/23 Unrestricted fund £	31/12/22 Total funds £
	Notes		
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		54,405	68,582
Other trading activities	2	1,500	1,500
Investment income	3	11	6
Total		<u>55,916</u>	<u>70,088</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	2,593	2,481
Charitable activities			
Ecotechnics Maritime Ltd		-	33,850
New School of the Anthropocene		55,118	31,360
Total		<u>57,711</u>	<u>67,691</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		 (1,795)	 2,397
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		1,341	(1,056)
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		 <u>(454)</u>	 <u>1,341</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 December 2023

		31/12/23 Unrestricted fund £	31/12/22 Total funds £
	Notes		
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	6	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		1,886	3,681
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(2,340)	(2,340)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(454)</u>	<u>1,341</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(454)</u>	<u>1,341</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>(454)</u>	<u>1,341</u>
FUNDS	8		
Unrestricted funds		<u>(454)</u>	<u>1,341</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>(454)</u>	<u>1,341</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 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.

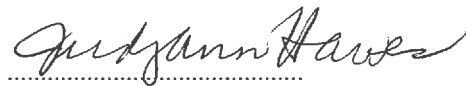
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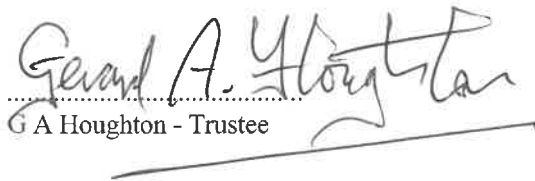
Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2023

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 12/04/24..... and were signed on its behalf by:



J A Hawes - Trustee



G A Houghton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 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.

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

All the charity's fund are unrestricted income funds. Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31/12/23	31/12/22
	£	£
Consultancy	1,500	1,500
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/12/23	31/12/22
	£	£
Interest receivable	11	6
	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31/12/23	31/12/22
	£	£
Support costs	2,593	2,481
	<u>2,593</u>	<u>2,481</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Ecotechnics Maritime Limited (Companies House Number 08123493 Incorporate in England) is a 100% subsidiary limited by Guarantee.

Ecotechnics Maritime Limited financial results for the year ended 31st December 2023 and the company's aggregate reserves have been summarised below.

Financial accounts - Ecotechnics Maritime Limited

	2023	2022
	£	£
Turnover	106,895	147,615
Expenditure	120,207	147,615
Retained Deficit for the year	13,312	Nil

Total aggregated reserves as at 31st December 2023 were Nil (31st December 2022, Nil).

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7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/12/23	31/12/22
	£	£
Accrued expenses	2,340	2,340
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,341	(1,795)	(454)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	1,341	(1,795)	(454)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	55,916	(57,711)	(1,795)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	55,916	(57,711)	(1,795)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(1,056)	2,397	1,341
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	(1,056)	2,397	1,341
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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8. 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	70,088	(67,691)	2,397
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>70,088</u>	<u>(67,691)</u>	<u>2,397</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(1,056)	602	(454)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(1,056)</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>(454)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	126,004	(125,402)	602
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>126,004</u>	<u>(125,402)</u>	<u>602</u>

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9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	31/12/23 £	31/12/22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	48,155	32,527
Gift aid	6,250	36,055
	<hr/> 54,405	<hr/> 68,582
Other trading activities		
Consultancy	1,500	1,500
Investment income		
Interest receivable	11	6
	<hr/> 55,916	<hr/> 70,088
Total incoming resources		
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Refurbishment of Vessel	-	33,850
NSotA Education programme	55,118	31,360
	<hr/> 55,118	<hr/> 65,210
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	73	81
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	2,520	2,400
	<hr/> 57,711	<hr/> 67,691
Total resources expended		
Net (expenditure)/income	<hr/> (1,795) <hr/>	<hr/> 2,397 <hr/>

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