

# THE DURHAM PALESTINE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1085097

## Details

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Other names	THE DURHAM - PALESTINE EDUCATIONAL TRUST, DPET, DURHAM PALESTINE EDUCATIONAL TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2001-02-21
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1) TO ENABLE PALESTINIAN RESIDENTS OF THE WEST BANK OF THE RIVER JORDAN AND THE GAZA STRIP TO PURSUE EDUCATIONAL AND/OR TRAINING COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM2) TO ENABLE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM TO PURSUE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES AT UNIVERSITIES IN THE WEST BANK OR GAZA3) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE CITY OF DURHAM AND THE SURROUNDING AREA ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP THAT AFFECT EDUCATION AND/OR TRAINING4) TO PROMOTE ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN UNIVERSITIES IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP AND TO PROMOTE LINKS AND ACADEMIC EXCHANGES BETWEEN THEM AND THE UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

**Activities:** The Trust seeks to aid the economic and social development of Palestine and to spread knowledge about Palestine in Durham area. We do this, principally, by offering, in conjunction with the University of Durham, scholarships for Masters courses at the University of Durham.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Durham

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£162,945	£153,173	-	-
2023-09-30	£191,636	£94,875	-	-
2022-09-30	£166,859	£42,706	-	-
2021-09-30	£36,710	£30,660	-	-
2020-09-30	£54,055	£32,826	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID HARROP		2016-11-23
DIANE WILLIAMSON		
Dr Anas Al-Massri		2025-11-20
Dr Christopher Bahl		2023-11-23
Dr Daisy Livingston		2025-11-20
Dr Fadia Faqir		2017-11-23
Dr Mauro Bambi		2025-11-20
Dr NATHAN GRIFFIN		2011-08-08
Dr Penny Wilson		2014-11-27
Dr Roger Reeve		2016-11-23
ELAINE MALCOLM		2016-11-23
Eileen Williamson		2014-11-27
Halla O H Alsafadi		2025-11-20
Kamal Badreshany		2015-11-25
Martin Wood		2019-11-28
NEIL GRIFFIN		2017-11-30
PROFESSOR BILL WILLIAMSON		
Professor Owain Smolovic-Jones		2024-11-24
Simon Tate		2025-11-20
VIN MCINTYRE		2001-03-12

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**Annual Report 2023-24**

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**Introduction**

This has been a terrible year for Palestine. We have all become familiar with the grim daily news of death and destruction in Gaza; circumstances for those living in the West Bank have become extremely difficult. As I write, there seems no end to the suffering in sight. Every aspect of life has been profoundly affected – including higher education. Gaza’s universities are in ruins, their staff and students displaced; many have been killed. West Bank universities operate in increasingly challenging circumstances.

The human and financial cost of the events of the last year are huge. DPET’s work is tiny when compared with the scale of this loss. Yet it does offer hope, and a reminder that there will be a future. The work of DPET, and other charities like it, has never been of more importance.

The students who arrived in Durham in October 2023 faced an extraordinarily difficult year. Each day has brought new fears and new grief. Their perseverance in the face of these circumstances is admirable, and remarkable. All have completed their studies. We do not know what the future will hold for them, but we can be sure that they are resourceful, talented and determined and that they have much to contribute.

At the end of September, we welcomed five new students to Durham. Lina Al-Najjar, Farah Al-Mallahi, Shawkat Shrikha, Hiba Iftaiha and Taima Tammam. Each of them has faced a difficult journey. There are other students who hold DPET scholarships but have been unable to travel to

Durham this year; their scholarships have been deferred, with the support of the University, and we hope to be able to welcome these students to Durham next year.

The University has been consistently supportive and helpful throughout this year, staying in close contact with the students, and with DPET trustees. This support has come from many levels and is very much appreciated – it has been very reassuring for both students and trustees to know that the University is so committed. The recently-graduated cohort benefitted greatly from this support; the University has also been extremely helpful in arranging language tests and expediting study visa applications for the cohort who have just arrived. The list of those who should be thanked is long. It includes Karen O'Brien, Shaid Mahmood, Fiona O'Carroll, Claire O'Malley, Frances Donegan, Sam Dale and Margret Bidnell-Rowe – and many others, across the University, who have helped the students through the year.

Each year I thank the trustees for their commitment. This year, more than ever, I must draw attention to this. In particular, I must – once again – thank Bill and Diane Williamson, who work extraordinarily hard to bring students to Durham and who provide unstintingly generous kindness and hospitality to them once they are here. I would also like to express my appreciation for the continued, invaluable, work of Eileen Williamson as Treasurer and Penny Wilson as Secretary. DPET relies on its trustees and on a wider community of volunteers – my thanks to them all. DPET students feel welcomed and befriended by all colleagues associated with DPET; this has become a brand identity, an important part of our reputation and the Durham offer to our students.

### **Public benefit**

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### **Achievements and performance**

DPET has now supported the postgraduate education of almost seventy Palestinians at Durham. Former students have gone on to make a range of contributions to the development of Palestine, as noted below.

### **Scholarship Competition 2024-25**

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Despite the very difficult circumstances – including constant power cuts and internet outages - DPET received a significant number of strong applications for scholarships: 43 applications met the criteria for entry: 15 from men and 28 from women. 33 applicants were from Gaza and 10 from the West Bank. Many thanks to Bill Williamson, Dave Harrop and Elaine Malcolm for producing a shortlist of applicants, to Diane Williamson for providing administrative support by chasing references and processing applications.

It proved difficult to maintain the support which DPET usually offers to students in preparing for and taking the IELTS English language qualification (for admission to UK universities). The British Council, through which this was arranged, has been unable to operate in Gaza throughout the year. Fortunately, with support from the university, DPET has been able to help some students from Gaza, including some displaced to Egypt, to take the Durham Password Skills Test – an IELTS equivalent - free of charge.

### **Previous Students**

Students from the academic year 2002/3 have made use of the graduate visa opportunity to find work in the UK. Mohammed Salha (Computer Science) works in a young IT company in Newcastle. Hassen Awashra (Plant Science) is working with an agricultural company in the North East, Miral Makhoulf is working from Manchester for a Christian charity supporting initiatives in Palestine. Abrar Equilan works with an trading company in Birmingham with close links with the Middle East.

Graduates from the 2023/24 intake have had a very stressful year and two of them – Dalya Saleh (Education) and Samar Saleh (Anthropology) are unable to return to Gaza. Both are exploring possibilities to undertake PhDs. Four students from the West Bank – Ahmad Ashqar (Anthropology) Butheyra Qutaina (Renewable Energy and Management), Diana Hindya (Civil Engineering) and Zain Hamayel (Law) are seeking further professional development or PhD programmes in the UK.

DPET seeks to maintain contact with past students and with those who have not yet returned to Palestine. It is a pleasure to report that Eman Alasah (2019/20) completed her PhD at Northumbria University and now has a lectureship at a new university in Ramallah on the West Bank. Tamara Barakt (2016/17) successfully completed her PhD in Translation Studies and now holds a lectureship jointly with the University of Amman and Strathclyde. Wafa Alijla (2021/22) from Gaza is working as a civil engineer with a Newcastle based company. Two former DPET students – Mahmoud Shalabi (2014/15) and Tarneem Hammad (2020/21) are working in Gaza for the UK Charity, Medical Aid for Palestine. They are doing important work in dreadful circumstances. Arwa Alzraiy (2021/22), now a Durham PhD student, is marooned in Gaza unable to conduct the field work she planned for her research. Former students have built successful careers in finance and banking in Palestine, in work with NGOs, in higher education, social work, water engineering, heritage management and civil administration. Through marriage and recently to escape bombing, some now live outside Palestine. It is difficult to maintain contact with them all but DPET colleagues try to and there is great mutual benefit in doing so.

### **Fundraising Activities**

While DPET is now supported in part by the Pauline Bequest, its work continues to depend on the generous gifts made by many regular donors. Without their support, it would be simply impossible to sustain the number of studentships that DPET now offers.

### **Planning for the future**

With the support of the University, DPET organised a workshop in April 2024, to consider the future of higher education in Palestine. I would like to thank Bill Williamson for leading this initiative, which provided an opportunity for the students to share both their knowledge of the current, dire circumstances and their hopes and visions. The event generated many useful

suggestions – and reminded all involved of both the scale of the task of reconstruction that will be involved, and the importance of higher education for Palestine’s future.

It is clear that DPET now responds to and supports a larger group of students whose needs, interests and aspirations have changed significantly. An important task lies ahead: to consider whether the role of DPET needs to change in ways that help realise its aims and objectives in the very changed circumstances of the lives of students in Palestine.

Justin Willis, Chair, Durham Palestine Education Trust, October 2024

# **DURHAM PALESTINE EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT: 2023-24**

We thank all our donors for their continuing strong support for the Trust's work.

This year our surplus has reduced to £9,772.08, but that was to be expected because we brought six students from Palestine.

### **Standing Orders and One-off Donations**

The money from standing order donors remain approximately the same and is topped up by the Gift Aid. Our thanks go to Roger Reeve for his regular donation and we still receiving donations from Mrs Abbott's estate.

### **Pauline Bequest**

The Pauline Bequest dividend continues to contribute to our funds and in line with the provisions of the late Paul Fortescue's will, this income is to be used to support master's level education at the University of Durham, at the discretion of the Pauline Bequest Committee. The income is a very welcome addition to DPET's resources at a time of rising costs.

### **Flagstone**

Interest from Flagstone has risen to £11,427.98. I'm expecting this to reduce next year because the funds will be less along with the interest rate which is expected to fall.

### **Total Assets**

Our total assets at 30th September 2024 were £401,430.66, at increase of £9,772.66.

### **Reserve Policy**

Even though we put in place a Reserve Policy last year and we agreed have 6 students last year our income has still increased. We would have liked to have had 6 students again this year but it has only been possible to bring 5. This year has been difficult for both our students and trustee due to the situation in Palestine, we are not sure how long this will continue.

My best wishes to everyone.

Eileen Williamson, Treasurer

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024



**Pauline Trust -Permanent Endowment**  
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**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th September 2024**

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
<b>From Investments</b>			
	Interest received from Evelyn (formerly Tilney)		£ 2.67
	Dividends & Interest	£ 74,953.70	£ 66,890.08
	Bank Interest		£ 0.35
	Equalisation Payments		£ 181.93
	Prior Year Adjustment		-£ 38.51
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>£ 74,953.70</b>	<b>£ 67,036.52</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
<b>Transfers and expenses:</b>			
	Bank charges etc		£ 55.00
	Transfer to Unrestricted Fund	£ 72,516.93	£ 73,718.96
	Transfer from CAF account		£ 163.84
	Investment charges	£ 13,516.64	£ 13,115.47
	LEI Charge	£ 72.00	£ 72.00
		<b>£ 86,105.57</b>	<b>£ 87,125.27</b>
	<b>Surplus/(deficit) of receipts over payments</b>	<b>-£ 11,151.87</b>	<b>-£ 20,088.75</b>
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30th September 2024</b>			
		<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
	Accumulated fund brought forward 1st October 2023	£ 1,674,240.96	£ 1,563,639.20
	Surplus/(Deficit) 2023-2024	-£ 11,151.87	-£ 20,088.75
	Change in market value of investments	£ 152,754.50	£ 130,690.51
	Accumulated fund carried forward 30 Sept 2024	<b>£ 1,815,843.59</b>	<b>£ 1,674,240.96</b>
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	CAF - Pauline Bequest Cash A/c		
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Date: 3-2-2005

Penny Wilson P. Wilson  
Secretary  
Date: 5-2-2005

This report has been independently examined by David Atkinson

Signature D. Atkinson  
Date 28-1-2025

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Accumulated fund carried forward 30 Sept 2024	<b>£ 401,430.66</b>	<b>£ 391,658.58</b>
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HSBC Current Account	£ 740.25	£ 744.12
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CAF Gold Account	£ 2,150.93	£ 53,776.24
Flagstone Account	£ 389,610.07	£ 334,871.76
Paypal Account	£ 6.66	£ 172.37
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>£ 401,430.66</b>	<b>£ 391,658.58</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>	for 2024-25	for 2023-24
Five scholarships (prev. year six)	£ 130,000.00	£ 132,440.00
Travel and Visa costs etc.	£ 10,000.00	£ 6,000.00
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

The Durham Palestine Educational Trust

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30 September 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1085097

**Set out on pages**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

**Signed:**

*D. Atkinson*

**Date:**

28-1-2025

**Name:**

David Atkinson

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

Fellow of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

**Address:**

3 Sturton Grange Mill, Warkworth, Northumberland NE65 0EZ

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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**Introduction**

I write this report at a very difficult time. Current events are having a terrible and destructive effect on Palestine, and especially in Gaza. The future course of those events is very unclear, but it will surely be the case that there will be a huge task of reconstruction ahead. The work of DPET in building human capacity through education will be even more important in that context.

In October 2023 we welcomed the largest cohort of DPET students yet to Durham - six Palestinians arrived to begin their studies. That growth has been possible thanks to a combination of circumstances: the generosity of donors; the continued support offered by Durham University; and – last but by means least – the enthusiasm of DPET’s volunteers, who give freely and extensively of their time and energy.

Bringing students to Durham in such numbers involves much more than securing studentships – crucial though those are. The application and selection process itself involves much paperwork and careful scrutiny to maintain the high standards that past students have set. Then the successful applicants must be contacted and helped through the ever-more complex and demanding processes involved in leaving Gaza or the West Bank and travelling to and entering the UK. Accommodation must be found, and transport from airport to Durham – and then someone has to help the students settle in and find their feet in an unfamiliar environment, and to provide continuing pastoral support through the year. DPET relies on the volunteers who do

all of this work – and I would like to thank all of those involved, in every role, for their commitment.

In the course of the year, and following advice from the University, DPET moved its registered address to Redhills. This in no way signals a weakening of DPET's relationship with the University, which remains central to the Trust's work; it is rather that the University itself was advised that since DPET is a separate charity which formally gifts funds to the University, it may not operate from University premises. We have also been advised that trustees who are members of University staff – myself included – should not be involved in the selection of students, as this might create a conflict of interest. Happily, other trustees have been more than ready to take on this task.

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Samar Saleh (Gaza),	MA Socio-Cultural Anthropology;
Ahmed Ashqar (West Bank)	MSc Sustainability, Energy and Development
Buthayna Qutaina (West Bank)	MSc Energy Engineering Management
Dalya Saleh (Gaza)	MA Intercultural Communication & Education ;
Zein Hamayel (West Bank)	LLM Master of Laws;
Diana Hindya (West Bank)	MSc Civil Engineering

All arrived in Durham on 20 September for Induction Week.

With the help of the British Council, DPET also supported other students in taking the IELTS English language qualification (which is required for admission to UK universities) and a

preparation course for this at the Oxford English Centre in Gaza, as we have found this an effective way to encourage studentship applications. 11 individuals applied for this support; 5 were awarded it.

### **DPET Alumni 2022-23**

The four students supported by DPET in 2022-23 - Hassan Awashra, Abrar Eqilan, Miral Makhoul and Mohammed Salha - have all completed their courses, and await their results.

### **Previous Students**

Former DPET students continue to distinguish themselves. Mahmoud Shalabi and Tarneem Hammad are both working for Medical Aid for Palestinians in Gaza (Mahmoud is now director of MAP for Gaza); Mahmoud Shatat has recently been selected to attend an EU-funded conference in Amman as an expert on water, energy and food. Bahaa Atalah has been awarded a PhD in Clinical Psychology at Oxford and is working as a medic in London. Sarah Ali and Eman Alasah are in the final year of doctoral study at Cambridge and Northumbria, respectively; Raneem Hussein, Anas Almasri and Arwa Alzraiy are also pursuing doctorates.

### **Fundraising Activities**

While DPET has been fortunate enough to benefit from some significant legacies in recent years, the Trust's regular income still relies on the generosity of our many supporters both in and beyond Durham. I would like to thank all of those who give so willingly each year in order to make DPET's work possible. This continued income is all the more important because it has not been possible to continue with the physical and online book sales that sustained DPET for a number of years, particularly thanks to the energy and commitment of Vin McIntyre.

Justin Willis, Chair, Durham Palestine Education Trust, October 2023

**Durham Palestine Education Trust**

registered charity no. 1085097

**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th September 2023**

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>
<b>Donations:</b>			
<b>From individuals:</b>			
	Standing orders	£ 13,081.00	£ 13,372.00
	Other donations	£ 2,411.13	£ 3,590.00
	Abbot Bequest	£ 76,000.00	£ 50,080.00
	Rhodes Donation		£ 11,332.92
	Zaid Kurdi Donation		£ 14,990.00
<b>From organisations:</b>			
	Forte Securities	£ 5,000.00	£ 3,250.00
	CAF		£ 350.00
	Charity Trust	£ 300.00	
	Amazon Associate fees	£ 51.44	£ 41.96
	Give as you live/Paypal	£ 81.14	£ 73.25
<b>Fundraising activities:</b>			
	Book sales	£ 3,971.04	£ 10,700.45
<b>Other income:</b>			
	Tax recovered through Gift Aid	£ 6,736.78	£ 4,613.77
	Interest	£ 10,120.87	£ 1,419.54
	Transfer from Pauline Bequest	£ 73,718.96	£ 53,044.95
	Transfer from Pauline Cash A/c	£ 163.84	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>£ 191,636.20</b>	<b>£ 166,858.84</b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
<b>Scholarships</b>			
	Maintenance Grants	£ 80,046.00	£ 28,854.68
	Travel, visa, police registration etc	£ 13,290.80	£ 12,254.47
	British Council IELTS Scholarships		£ 780.00
<b><u>TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP COSTS</u></b>		<b>£ 93,336.80</b>	<b>£ 41,889.15</b>
<b><u>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</u></b>			
<b>Administrative expenses:</b>			
	Public Liability insurance etc		£ 262.08
	Admin (Bank Charges) etc	£ 738.04	£ 555.12
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>		<b>£ 94,074.84</b>	<b>£ 42,706.35</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of receipts over payments</b>		<b>£ 97,561.36</b>	<b>£ 124,152.49</b>









**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

The Durham Palestine Educational Trust

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30 September 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1085097

**Set out on pages**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

**Signed:**

*D. Atkinson*

**Date:**

31/1/2024

**Name:**

David Atkinson

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

Fellow of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**THE DURHAM PALESTINE EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1085097

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# Accounts

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**Durham Palestine Educational Trust**  
**Reg. Charity No. 1085097**  
**Annual Report 2021-22**

**Trustees (All Trustees act in an honorary capacity)**

Kamal Badreshany (**Assistant Secretary**), Fadia Faqir, Nathan Griffin, Neil Griffin, Dave Harrop, Elaine Malcolm, Vin McIntyre, Roger Reeve, Valentina Tumolo, Bill Williamson (**Student Welfare Officer**), Diane Williamson (**Student Welfare Officer**), Eileen Williamson (**Treasurer**), Justin Willis (**Chair**), Penny Wilson (**Secretary**), Martin Wood

**Aims of the Trust**

The Durham Palestine Educational Trust aims to:

- Contribute to the social, economic and political development of Palestine through scholarships for Palestinians to study in the UK at Durham University
- Increase awareness in Durham of events in Palestine, especially as they affect education
- Help students of Durham University to study at Palestinian universities
- Promote academic developments in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and to promote links with, and academic exchanges between, them and Durham University

This report gives details of the activities undertaken by the Trust in pursuit of these aims. The Trust takes all appropriate measures to assess, mitigate and manage the risks associated with its activities.

**Introduction**

The pandemic continued to affect DPET's work for a part of the year, though happily it was possible to resume some activities and – most importantly – two students from Palestine were able to come to Durham to study on tuition fee-free studentships provided by the university. Arwa Alzraiyy completed an MA in Education, and Wafaa Alijla completed an MSc in Civil Engineering.

The year also saw the establishment of the Pauline Bequest, created through the generosity of the late Paul Fortescue, which has allowed DPET to offer additional studentships – more details below.

DPET supporters and trustees continue to provide pastoral support to the students as well as managing the affairs of the charity. Diane and Bill Williamson continue to play a central role in this, and Diane also bears much of the (considerable) burden of the selection process and handles the arrangements for the students' travel. As Treasurer, Eileen Williamson has managed the new challenges that have come with the generous recent bequests to DPET. Kamal Badreshany continues to maintain the DPET website; and Penny Wilson handles multiple governance tasks as well as much of the communication with the university. I would like to express my thanks to all of them – and to the many other supporters, too numerous to mention individually, who help look after the students and keep DPET running.

I am delighted to report that Professor Karen O'Brien, who took up the post of Vice-Chancellor of Durham University in 2021, has agreed to become a patron of DPET.

**Public benefit**

We have referred to the commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The trustees consider that the charity's activities reflect our aims and objectives, and that they are designed to provide accessible

services and activities that benefit the appropriate sector of the public in accordance with our charitable activities.

### **Achievements and performance**

DPET has, over the last two decades, brought nearly fifty students to Durham. Many have returned to Palestine, but a number have gone on to further study, in Durham and elsewhere: there are now three former DPET students engaged in doctoral study at Durham – Anas Almassri, Arwa Alzrai and Tamara Barakat, who has just submitted her thesis. Eman Alasah is in the second year of a PhD at Northumbria, Sara Ali is in her third year at Cambridge, Bahaa Attalah has just submitted his thesis in Oxford and Nawras Ateeq has started her PhD in Southampton.

Wafaa Alijla, one of last year's students is now working as a civil engineer with an engineering consultancy company in Newcastle; Tarneem Hammad who went back to Gaza in March has just landed a job there as Communications Officer at Medical Aid for Palestine where her manager is Mahmoud Shalabi (DPET student 2014/15).

Students have not had the opportunity during these Covid years to give talks in schools and universities as they have in the past; however, Arwa and Wafaa spoke to the Quaker group in Darlington in March. Arwa acted as a translator/facilitator for the Syrian novelist Khaled Khalife at St Aidan's College when he talked about his book 'Death is Hard Work' and held writing workshops.

### **Scholarship Competition 2022-23 and IELTS**

The funds in the Pauline Bequest are held in perpetuity. The income from the Bequest is to be used to support Palestinian students to study for masters degrees at Durham, at the discretion of the Pauline Bequest Committee. Following the decision of that Committee, and in line with the additional gift agreement mentioned in last year's report, DPET has been able to use the income from the Pauline Bequest together with funds from other donations and book sales to offer four studentships for 2022-23. This is very welcome, since DPET continues to receive many strong applications from Palestinians hoping to study at Durham. This year we received 24 applications that met the criteria for entry: 5 from men and 19 from women. 12 applicants were from Gaza and 12 from the West Bank.

The students – all of whom have now arrived in Durham – demonstrate the diversity as well as the strength of the cohort of applicants. Abrar Eqilan is studying for the MSc Conflict Prevention and Peace Building; Miral Maqlouf for the MSc Management and International Business; Mohamed Salha for the MSc Scientific Computing and Data Analysis (Astrophysics) and Hassan Awashra for the MSc Plant Biotechnology.

As in previous years, DPET has also supported students in Palestine who are preparing for the IELTS examination that is a requirement for study in the UK; this year, 6 benefited from this support.

### **Fundraising Activities**

After a number of very successful years, DPET has now wound down its involvement in selling second-hand books. This activity, which has combined on-line marketing and physical sales on Palace Green, has been enormously successful in raising funds and in maintaining DPET's profile in the university and the city more widely. After a suspension due to the pandemic, two last physical book sales were held in August and October of 2022. Having become something of an institution, the book sales will be missed by very many.

The success of the book-selling has been entirely due to the energy and commitment of Vin McIntyre. Vin has devoted much of his own time to this and has also managed and inspired a

team of volunteers – collecting, sorting, selling and dispatching. Vin’s contribution to DPET has been outstanding in many ways – the book-selling was but one aspect of his work, but it was in itself a remarkable achievement. I have no doubt that all involved with DPET will echo me in thanking Vin for this.

DPET organized a walk this year for the first time since 2019 – not to raise funds, but as a social event: thanks to all who were involved in organizing this.

### **Gifts and donations**

DPET continues to benefit from regular generous donations from a range of supporters. In the course of the year, the charity also received a generous gift from Zaid Kurdi, a nephew of Michael Kurdi. Michael was a trustee of DPET for some time; a stalwart supporter and reliable presence, he was one of the group who helped maintain the charity in its early years. Zaid’s gift, made in memory of Michael, helped to ensure that DPET was able to offer four studentships this year.

### **Agreements with Durham University**

DPET has continued to benefit from a close and supportive relationship with Durham University, and I would like to express our particular appreciation to Andy Harston and Anna Abbot in the Durham Alumni Relations Office and to Margret Bidnell-Rowe in the Academic Office.

Justin Willis, Chair, Durham Palestine Education Trust, October 2022

**Durham Palestine Education Trust**

registered charity no. 1085097

**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th September 2022**

	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>
<b>Donations:</b>			
<b>From individuals:</b>			
	Standing orders	£ 13,372.00	£ 13,739.00
	Other donations	£ 3,590.00	£ 2,381.50
	Abbot Bequest	£ 50,080.00	
	Rhodes Donation	£ 11,332.92	
	Zaid Kurdi Donation	£ 14,990.00	
	Transferred from Pauline Bequest Permanent Endowment	£ 53,044.95	
<b>From organisations:</b>			
	Forte Securities	£ 3,250.00	£ 3,000.00
	CTT Charity Payments (E Click)		£ 310.60
	CAF	£ 350.00	£ 310.00
	Charity Trust		£ 325.00
	Amazon Associate fees	£ 41.96	£ 5.00
	Give as you live/Paypal	£ 73.25	£ 58.56
<b>Fundraising activities:</b>			
	Book sales	£ 10,700.45	£ 11,273.42
<b>Other income:</b>			
	Tax recovered through Gift Aid	£ 4,613.77	£ 4,608.66
	Bank interest	£ 1,419.54	£ 213.42
			£ 484.61
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>£ 166,858.84</b>	<b>£ 36,709.77</b>
	<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Scholarships</b>			
	Maintenance Grants	£ 28,854.68	£ 25,966.00
	Travel, visa, police registration etc	£ 12,254.47	£ 2,658.42
	British Council IELTS Scholarships	£ 780.00	£ 1,889.83
<b>TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP COSTS</b>		<b>£ 41,889.15</b>	<b>£ 30,514.25</b>
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Administrative expenses:</b>			
	Public Liability insurance etc	£ 262.08	£ 145.60
	Admin (Bank Charges)	£ 555.12	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>£ 42,706.35</b>	<b>£ 30,659.85</b>
<b>Surplus/deficite of receipts over payments</b>		<b>124152.49</b>	<b>£ 6,049.92</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30th September 2022**

		2021-2022	2020-2021
Accumulated fund brought forward 1st October 2021		169944.73	£ 163,894.81
Surplus/Deficite 2021-2022		124152.49	£ 6,049.92
Accumulated fund carried forward 30 Sept 2022		<b>294097.22</b>	<b>£ 169,944.73</b>
<b>represented by</b>			
	HSBC Current Account	396.45	£ 802.51
	CAF Cash Account	1170.27	£ 8,955.78
	CAF Gold Account	89088.17	£ 39,000.96
	CAF - Pauline Bequest Gold A/c	1001.75	£ 1,000.03
	Paypal	1339.07	
	Flagstone Account	467.36	£ 120,185.45
Flagstone Platform	Shawbrook Bank	44272.13	
	Monmouthshire BS	75696.14	
	Cambridge & County Bank 1/30%	35310.39	
	Cambridge & County Bank 2/25%	45355.49	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>294097.22</b>	<b>£ 169,944.73</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>			
	Four scholarships 2022-23	88000.00	£ 28,000.00
	Travel & visa etc costs for 2022-23	10000.00	£ 6,000.00
	Contingency fund	5000.00	£ 5,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>103000.00</b>	<b>£ 39,000.00</b>

Statement approved by the Trustees on  
and by the Trust's AGM on and signed on its behalf by:

Eileen Williamson

Treasurer

Date:

Penny Wilson

Secretary

Date:

This report has been independently examined by David Atkinson

Signature

Date





**Pauline Trust -Permanent Endowment**  
**Durham Palestine Education Trust**  
registered charity no. 1085097

**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th September 2022**

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>2021-2022</b>
<b>From</b>		
	Interest received from Evelyns	39.84
	Dividends	64031.00
	Bank Interest	0.09
	Adjustment	0.43
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b><u>64071.36</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Administrative expenses:</b>		
	Bank charges etc	90.00
	Withdrawals Evelyns	53044.95
	Investment charges	14081.69
		<b>67216.64</b>
<b>Surplus/deficit of receipts over payments</b>		<b><u>-3145.28</u></b>
<b><u>Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30th September 2022</u></b>		
		2021-2022
<b>Assets</b>		
	Accumulated fund brought forward 1st October 2021	1859870.14
	Surplus/Deficit 2021-2022	-3145.28
	Change in market value of investments	-293085.66
	Initial Investment	
	Accumulated fund carried forward 30 Sept 2021	<b>1563639.20</b>
<b>represented by</b>		
	CAF - Pauline Bequest Cash A/c	218.49
	Tilney Investment	1563420.71
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>		<b>1563639.20</b>

Statement approved by the Trustees on  
and by the Trust's AGM on and signed on its behalf by:

Eileen Williamson  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Penny Wilson  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This report has been independently examined by David Atkinson

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_







**Section A**

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**Signed:**

*D. Atkinson*

**Date:**

11-5-2023

**Name:**

David Atkinson

**Relevant professional  
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Fellow of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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**THE DURHAM PALESTINE EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1085097

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# Accounts

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## Annual Report 2020-21

### Trustees (All Trustees act in an honorary capacity)

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This report gives details of the activities undertaken by the Trust in pursuit of these aims. The Trust takes all appropriate measures to assess, mitigate and manage the risks associated with its activities.

### Introduction

This year, like 2019-20, has been shaped by the consequences of the global pandemic. Travel, study, fund-raising, and everyday life have all been made very much more complicated. A number of the activities and events that DPET would normally have run had to be cancelled, from book sales to sponsored walks – but it is a measure of the commitment and energy of all those involved that DPET again made it possible for two students from Palestine to complete their postgraduate study at Durham. In previous reports, I have expressed my thanks to the many volunteers and donors who make DPET's work possible. In doing so again here, I hope these thanks will not seem routine. This record really is remarkable, and each year it becomes more so; we should recognize this and applaud the work and generosity of all involved. So, to everyone involved – thank you!

As in previous years, especial mention must be made of Diane and Bill Williamson, who take responsibility for much of the pastoral care of the students. Diane also handles the selection process and the arrangements for travel – the latter being a major task, complicated by severe and unpredictable restrictions on movement out of Gaza. Eileen Williamson continues to manage DPET's finance with exemplary care and precision, and Penny Wilson has – in addition to her many usual tasks – been dealing with the extensive correspondence arising from bequests (on which, more below).

Thanks to fee-free studentships provided by Durham University, Tamam Mohsen was able to complete an MA in Politics and International Relations (Political Theory) and Tarneem Hamad is currently part way through her MA in Intercultural Communication and Education, the start of which was delayed by the pandemic.

It is with great regret that I have to note the death of Emeritus Professor Sir Arnold Wolfendale, FRS. Sir Arnold was a long-standing supporter of DPET, having served as patron of the charity since its creation in 2001. He was also a vice-president of the Durham-Birzeit Studentship Fund, DPET's predecessor from 1984-2001.

### Public benefit

We have referred to the commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The trustees consider that the charity's activities reflect our aims and objectives, and that they are designed to provide accessible services and activities that benefit the appropriate sector of the public in accordance with our charitable activities.

## **Achievements and performance**

DPET has, over the last two decades, brought many students to Durham. Many have returned to Palestine, but a number have gone on to further study, in Durham and elsewhere: there are now two former DPET students engaged in doctoral study at Durham, and a third at Northumbria.

## **Scholarship Competition 2021-22 and IELTS**

We continue to receive many strong applications from Palestinians hoping to study at Durham. This year we received 18 applications that met the criteria for entry: 4 from men and 14 from women. 12 applicants were from Gaza and 6 from the West Bank. As a result of the selection process two new students have just arrived to begin their courses, after long and challenging journeys from Gaza. Arwa Alzrai will be studying for an MA in Education, and Wafaa Alijla for an MSc in Civil Engineering. As in previous years, DPET has also supported five students in Palestine who are preparing for the IELTS examination that is a requirement for study in the UK; one wrote recently to thank DPET for the 'unique opportunity' that this has provided.

## **Fundraising Activities**

As in 2019-20, DPET was unable to hold the book sales and other events that have in the past provided both income and a welcome opportunity to meet and socialise. Almost all of the fundraising events that would usually be held were cancelled as a result of coronavirus, but DPET's supporters have continued to donate generously. Online book sales have continued, and continue to raise significant income. Once again DPET records its immense gratitude to Vin McIntyre for raising money through the book sales and managing the huge task of collecting and organizing books, uploading information, then parceling and sending out purchases.

## **Bequests**

Over the course of the year, the executors of the estate of the late Bryan Fortescue, known as Paul Fortescue, have been implementing his generous bequest to DPET. At time of writing, the total value of the bequest is £1,859,561.74. Under the terms of the bequest, this money has been used to create perpetual endowment called the Pauline Trust, which is currently invested for DPET by Tilneys, who were chosen after a careful consideration of alternatives; this arrangement will be kept under review and will be brought to the AGM each year for approval. Only the interest on the capital will come to The Pauline Trust (Trustees: Justin Willis, Eileen Williamson, Penny Wilson) as the income from the endowment that will be available each year for the support of Palestinian students pursuing Masters study at Durham to be selected by DPET.

DPET was fortunate enough to benefit from a further bequest during the year, from the estate of Mrs Muriel May Abbott of Cheltenham. Her generosity is very warmly appreciated.

## **Agreements with Durham University**

DPET has continued to benefit from a close and supportive relationship with Durham University. DPET scholars enrich the student experience at Durham and have built a community whose presence and influence internationally – and in multiple spheres – brings positive benefits for the University. In recognition of this the University and DPET have entered into two new agreements to provide studentships, and we expect that from October 2022 DPET will be supporting four masters-level students from Palestine each year. I would like to thank Andy Harston and Anna Abbott of the Durham Alumni Relations Office for their help in finalising these arrangements. I should also take this opportunity to acknowledge the tireless and invaluable support of Sharne Procter, recently retired from the University, whose advice and help over the years have been of inestimable value to DPET. Sharne is one of the many people whose collective endeavours make DPET's work possible - once again, thanks to her, and to all of those involved!

Justin Willis, Chair, Durham Palestine Education Trust, October 2021

# Durham Palestine Education Trust

registered charity no. 1085097

## Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th September 2021

Receipts	2020-2021	2019-20
<b>Donations:</b>		
<b>From individuals:</b>		
Standing orders	13,739.00	12,364.00
Other donations	2,381.50	2,563.00
Ruth Bishop Bequest		8,364.47
<b>From organisations:</b>		
Forte Securities	3,000.00	3,000.00
CTT Charity Payments (E Click)	310.60	
CAF	310.00	230.00
Charity Trust	325.00	
Amazon Associate fees	5.00	58.99
Virgin and Paypal giving	58.56	52.00
<b>Fundraising activities:</b>		
Summer Fete		
Sponsored walk		
Book sales	11,273.42	21,019.44
<b>Other income:</b>		
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	4,608.66	5,836.34
Bank interest (minus bank charges)	213.42	81.77
Virgin Money Interest 2019/20	484.61	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>36,709.77</u></b>	<b><u>£53,570.01</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Scholarships</b>		
Maintenance Grants	25,966.00	2,5072.00
Travel, visa, police registration etc	2,658.42	6,453.86
British Council IELTS Scholarships	1,889.83	1,300.44
British Council for scholarship advert		
<b><u>TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP COSTS</u></b>	<b><u>30,514.25</u></b>	<b><u>£32,826.30</u></b>
<b>Administrative expenses:</b>		
Public Liability insurance etc	145.60	
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>30,659.85</u></b>	
<b>Surplus/deficit of receipts over payments</b>	<b><u>6,049.92</u></b>	<b><u>£20,743.71</u></b>

**Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2021**

		2020-2021		2019-2020
Accumulated fund brought forward 1st October 2020		163,894.81		143,151.1
Surplus/Deficite 2019-2020		6,049.92		20,743.71
Accumulated fund carried forward 30 Sept 2021		<b>169,944.73</b>		<b>£163,894.81</b>
<b>represented by</b>				
	HSBC Current Account	802.51		25,215.73
	HSBC Deposit A/c (Closed)	0.00		59,496.72
	HSBC Sponsorship A/c (Closed)	0.00		11,674.94
	Virgin Money Charity A/c (Closed)	0.00		64,405.42
	CAF Cash Account	8,955.78		1,102.00
	CAF Gold Account	39,000.96		1,000.00
	CAF - Pauline Bequest Gold A/c	1,000.03		1,000.00
	Flagstone Account	120,185.45		
	<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	<b>169,944.73</b>		<b>£163,894.81</b>
	<b>Committed assets:</b>			
	Two scholarships 2019-2020	28,000.00		28,000.00
	Travel & visa etc costs for 2019-20	6,000.00		6,000.00
	Contingency fund	5,000.00		5,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>39,000.00</b>		<b>39,000.00</b>

Statement approved by the Trustees on 14 October 2021 and by the Trust's AGM on 25 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Eileen Williamson

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Treasurer

Date: 25 November 2021

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Penny Wilson

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Secretary

Date: 25 November 2021

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## **Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of 'Durham Palestine Educational Trust' (Trust)**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th September 2021, including the Pauline Bequest (Bequest) which show the Trust's free assets at £169,944.73 and those in restricted funds under the Bequest at £1,859,915.98.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) or under Regulation 10(1)(d) of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Accounts Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

No other matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations. have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Bahadur D. Najak M.Sc., F.C.A., F.C.C.A

Date 28 July 2022

Address: 10 Peel Avenue, Durham, DH1 2HU

**THE DURHAM PALESTINE EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1085097

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# Accounts

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Durham Palestine Educational Trust

Reg. Charity No. 1085097

## Annual Report 2019-20

### Trustees (All Trustees act in an honorary capacity)

Kamal Badreshany (**Assistant Secretary**), Fadia Faqir, Nathan Griffin, Neil Griffin, Dave Harrop, Elaine Malcolm, Vin McIntyre, Niall Oddy, Roger Reeve, Valentina Tumolo, Bill Williamson (**Student Welfare Officer**), Diane Williamson (**Student Welfare Officer**), Eileen Williamson (**Treasurer**), Justin Willis (**Chair**), Penny Wilson (**Secretary**), Martin Wood

### Aims of the Trust

The Durham Palestine Educational Trust aims to:

- Contribute to the social, economic and political development of Palestine through scholarships for Palestinians to study in the UK at Durham University
- Increase awareness in Durham of events in Palestine, especially as they affect education
- Help students of Durham University to study at Palestinian universities
- Promote academic developments in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and to promote links with, and academic exchanges between, them and Durham University

This report gives details of the activities undertaken by the Trust in pursuit of these aims.

The Trust takes all appropriate measures to assess, mitigate and manage the risks associated with its activities.

### Introduction

This has been an eventful and often difficult year across the world. DPET has been affected in multiple ways by the global health emergency: student study and travel have been disrupted, regular events have been cancelled, some fundraising activities have been postponed. Yet the work of the Trust has continued, and our students have completed their studies despite the circumstances. I must start this report by paying tribute both to the determination of the students and to the commitment and hard work of DPET's officers and supporters, who have responded so well to these multiple new challenges. They are, as one of last year's students put it 'a host of amazing people'. Among that host, I must make particular mention of Diane and Bill Williamson, who do so much to make the students feel welcome and at home; Eileen Williamson, whose steady eye on the finances is a constant reassurance; Kamal Badreshany, who maintains the website; Penny Wilson, who deal with multiple and complex burdens of paperwork; and - of course - to Vin McIntyre, whose dedication, work and commitment are an example to all.

Thanks to the generous provision of two fee-free studentships by Durham University, DPET once again supported two Palestinian students through their master's study in 2019-20.

**Eman Alasah** completed an MA in Languages, Literature and Culture; **Marah Jaber** completed an MSc in Scientific Computing and Data Analysis. Ustinov College provided a welcoming and supportive home to Eman and Marah while they were in Durham, as they have for many previous students; I would like to thank the staff and principal of Ustinov for looking after students so well – especially in this very difficult year.

Sadly, Professor Ann Moss passed away this year. She was a former Trustee and Patron of DPET, and was instrumental in the establishment of the Trust and in securing its future. She was an outstanding academic as well as staunch supporter of DPET.

## **Public benefit**

We have referred to the commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The trustees consider that the charity's activities reflect our aims and objectives, and that they are designed to provide accessible services and activities that benefit the appropriate sector of the public in accordance with our charitable activities.

## **Achievements and performance**

DPET has, over the last two decades, brought many students to Durham. A survey of their subsequent careers – assembled by Bill Williamson this year – is an inspiring record of success, and of the beneficial effects of DPET's work for Palestinian society as well as for the students themselves. Alumni can be found in many roles in both Gaza and the West Bank: in public service, in academia, in the third sector and in private business. Continuing an established pattern of academic success, one of this year's students, Eman Alasah, has a PhD scholarship to study at Northumbria University, commencing in January 2021.

Each year, the DPET scholars also speak to audiences in the north-east about education in Palestine: although COVID-19 limited activities, this year's scholars spoke at Yarm School, and at Northumbria University.

## **Scholarship Competition 2020-21**

Each year, DPET receives a large number of excellent applications to a range of Durham programmes from potential students who meet the University's rigorous entry requirements – evidence in itself of the success of the charity's work, and the reputational benefits that this brings to Durham University. This year we received 28 applications that met the criteria for entry: 9 from men and 19 from women, roughly half from the West Bank and half from Gaza. Making decisions on the studentships is challenging, particularly because there are always pressures of time. I must thank all those involved in this rigorous process including Margret Rowe, the Scholarships Officer in the University, whose help and cooperation are very much appreciated.

## **Fundraising Activities**

Almost all of the fundraising events that would usually be held were cancelled as a result of coronavirus: book sales, sponsored walk, a planned summer fair. However, DPET's supporters responded generously to the circumstances, and the charity's income held up remarkably well. Online book sales have continued, and continue to raise significant income, and the charity remains on a very secure financial footing. We want to thank our book donors and those volunteers still able to help in the book-selling operations.

## **Bequests**

DPET continues to benefit from bequests from individuals. In 2019-20, the Trust was fortunate enough to be the beneficiary of substantial bequests from the estate of Ruth Bishop and that of Bryan Fortescue, also known as Paul Fortescue. Under the terms of the bequest from the late Mr. Fortescue, the funds received (at time of writing, the estate is still being settled and so the amount is not yet finalised) will be invested as perpetual endowment, the Pauline Bequest. The income from this investment is to be used to support Palestinian students undertaking Master's Degree study at Durham.

## Durham Palestine Education Trust

registered charity no. 1085097

### Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th September 2020

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
<b>Donations:</b>		
<b>From individuals:</b>		
Standing orders	12,364.00	11,874.00
Other donations	2,563.00	4,247.00
Ruth Bishop Bequest	8,364.47	
<b>From organisations:</b>		
Forte Securities	3,000.00	2,500.00
CTT Charity Payments (E Click)		29.08
CAF	230.00	362.00
Charity Trust		512.45
Amazon Associate fees	58.99	112.12
Virgin and Paypoll giving	52.00	
<b>Fundraising activities:</b>		
Summer Fete		1,125.23
Sponsored walk		4128.92
Book sales	21,019.44	39,548.93
<b>Other income:</b>		
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	5,836.34	10,206.49
Bank interest (minus bank charges)	566.38	524.77
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>£54,054.62</u></b>	<b><u>£75,170.99</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Scholarships</b>		
Maintenance Grants	25,072.00	28,100.95
Travel, visa, police registration etc	6,453.86	4,518.68
British Council IELTS Scholarships	1,300.44	2,530.47
<b><u>TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP COSTS</u></b>	<b><u>£32,826.30</u></b>	<b><u>£35,150.10</u></b>
<b>Administrative expenses:</b>		
Public Liability insurance etc		257.29
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>£32,826.30</u></b>	<b><u>32,826.30</u></b>
<b>Surplus/deficit of receipts over payments</b>	<b><u>£21,228.32</u></b>	<b><u>£42,344.69</u></b>

## Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2020

		<b>2019-2020</b>		<b>2018-19</b>
Accumulated fund brought forward 1st October 2019		143,151.10		103,387.50
Surplus/Deficit 2019-2020		21,228.32		39,763.60
Accumulated fund carried forward 30 Sept 2020		<b>£164,379.42</b>		<b>£143,151.10</b>
<b>represented by</b>				
	HSBC current account	25,215.73		15,264.93
	HSBC deposit account	59,496.72		49,324.95
	HSBC Sponsorship account	11,674.94		14,155.80
	Virgin Money Charity account	64,890.03		64,405.42
	CAF Cash Account	1,102.00		
	CAF Gold Account	1,000.00		
	CAF - Pauline Bequest Account	1,000.00		
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>£164,379.42</b>		<b>£143,151.10</b>
<b>Committed assets:</b>				
	Two scholarships 2020-2021	28,000.00		28,000.00
	Travel & visa etc costs for 2020-21	6,000.00		6,000.00
	Contingency fund	5,000.00		5,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£39,000.00</b>		<b>£39,000.00</b>

Statement approved by the Trustees on 30 October 2020

Eileen Williamson

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Treasurer

Penny Wilson

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Secretary

## **Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Durham Palestine Educational Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 which show a Surplus of £21,228.32 and total Net Assets of £164,379.42

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and the 2011 Accounts Regulations but that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
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### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and
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