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Northern Roots
Report and Accounts
31 March 2021

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Company Information

Directors

M Deighton (resigned 24 November 2020)
K Dougherty
D Holmes
B Mather
Y Ngoo
R Perdik
L Wootten (resigned 24 November 2020)
T Ali (appointed 6 September 2021)
K Dubois (appointed 6 September 2021)
N Johnson (appointed 6 September 2021)
B Mamuini (appointed 7 September 2021)
L Naruse (appointed 7 September 2021)
R Reza (appointed 6 September 2021)

Secretary

K Dougherty

Accountants

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Northern Roots**Registered number:****03539586****Trustees' Report**

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and follow the Charities SORP (FRS 102). Structure, governance and management The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. The company was established under the Memorandum of Association which established the objects and power of the charitable company and is governed under the Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

The Trustees, who are also the Trustees for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were: Keith Docherty, Debbie Holmes, Bex (Rebecca) Mather, Yve Ngoo, and Richard Perdick,

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Charity is to foster and promote the arts in society for the benefit of the general public in the United Kingdom but in particular the North-East of England by developing public appreciation of the arts and by improving public access to the arts and the quality of the arts. The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission including that regarding public benefit in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

The Covid-19 pandemic has made the promotion of in-person concerts during this period difficult and has meant we have had to reframe some of the work we have done. Northern Roots has taken advantage of the furlough scheme set out by government to support businesses to mothball unsafe activity in the time of Covid-19. We have also been able to draw down funds from Gateshead Council and Arts Council to support the survival of the organisation and the continuation of the outreach and participation work.

Due to the pandemic, Northern Roots had to postpone and rethink the celebrations of 35 years of Jumpin' Hot Club, which was redefined as an online experience..

Over the past year we have continued to support Kema Kay and Kay Greyson to work extensively with young people from the west end of Newcastle. We have also worked closely with various mentors to support emerging artists in Gateshead through the CLLD ERDF funding .

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Trustees' Report

Trustees

The following persons served as Trustees during the year:

M Deighton (resigned 24 November 2020)
K Dougherty
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Y Ngoo
R Perdik
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Achievements and performance

Initially the beginning of the financial year was a worrying time for most organisations and individuals, however the support that Northern Roots has been able to draw down from funders, partners and audiences has meant that the year has been filled with hope for the future.

Youth Music continued to support work with Kema Kay and Kay Greyson, working with communities of young people from the Global Majority based in the west end of Newcastle - which has meant the organisation has been able to support 30 young people. The feedback from participants has been very positive.

Working with the US Embassy, Howard Gospel Choir and Voices of Virtue Gospel Choir we were able to promote an online concert to US and UK audiences. This concert included performances from Renee Elise Goldsberry from the original cast of Hamilton. We worked directly with Crystallised agency, the US Embassy and also producers The Six Twenty.

We have continued to provide mentoring to artists throughout this time – supporting members of Voices of Virtue, Radikal Queen, Kema Kay and Kay Greyson to access emergency and development funds through Arts Council.

The majority of the Jumpin' Hot Club programme has been postponed until 2021/22 year, with the understanding that Covid restrictions will see audiences return, and we will also be able to test out an in person and online performance schedule.

In March 2021 Jumpin' Hot Club belatedly celebrated 35 years since the first aid in the basement of

Partnerships

We have seen partnerships strengthened with the US Embassy – developing ideas around a deeper Howard Gospel Choir and Voices of Virtue Gospel Choir programme which includes a schools resource and potential exchange in future years.

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Funding

We have responded well to a very challenging funding environment. Alongside the relationship with the US Embassy, we have also strengthened our relationship with the Newcastle Community Foundation who have supported us with funds from the Joicey Trust, Sir James Knott Trust, and 1989 Willan Trust. We have also developed a programme of work with Gateshead Council through their ERDF CLLD programme, which will see emerging artist not in education, training or employment in Gateshead take part in a programme of mentoring and activity.

We have also strengthened our relationship with Arts Council, re-establishing ourselves as an important part of the cultural and music scene in the North East of England, drawing down funds to support with the continued employment of core staff and artists throughout the pandemic.

Financial review

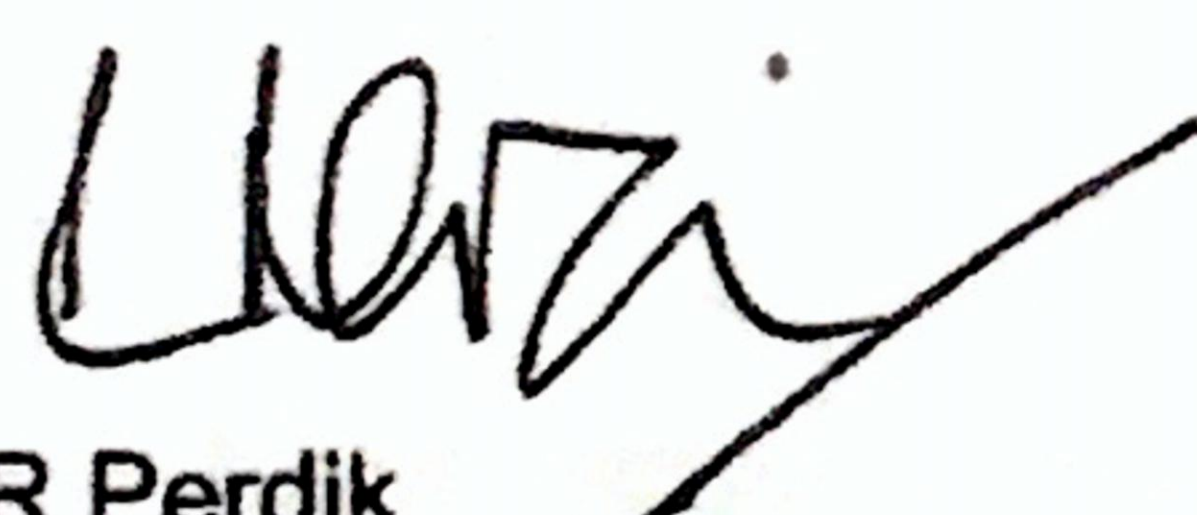
It is the charities policy that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at the level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. Due to the changes in funding sources and the timing of receipts it has not always been possible to adhere to this policy whilst pursuing the charities aims and objectives.

The members have ensured that financial commitments to festivals, projects and overheads are not made without funding already being identified and cash resources in place. These policies will assist the charity to meet its aims and objectives throughout challenging economic condition. We have continued to develop a rigorous risk policy and risk register to try and ensure the charity's aims and objectives are fulfilled as well as our commitment to funders. The charity continues to work dutifully with the trustees to improve and embed robust financial processes as well as focus on a longer-term fundraising strategy.

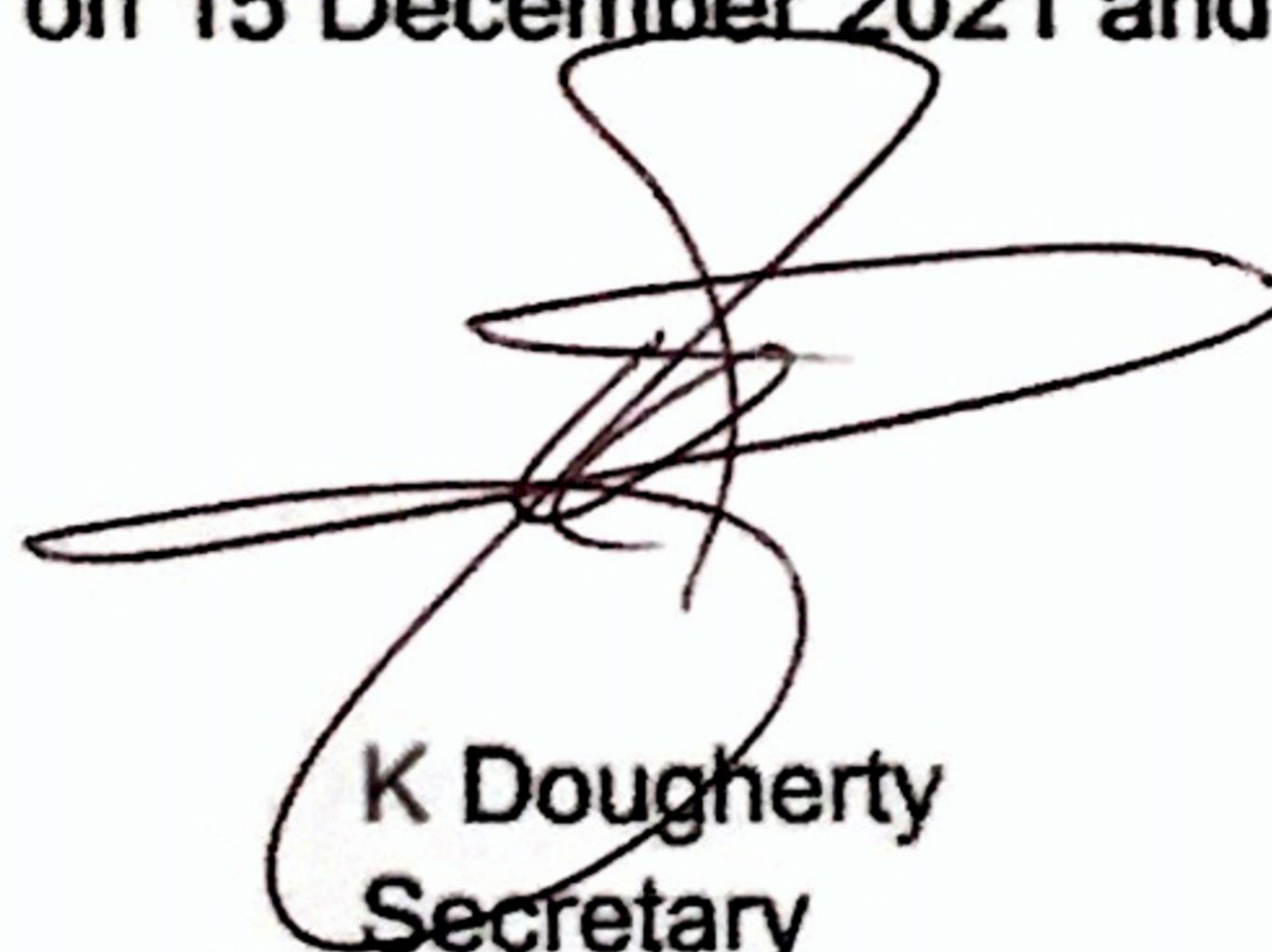
Small company provisions

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

This report was approved by the board on 15 December 2021 and signed by its order.



R Perdik
Chairman



K Dougherty
Secretary

Northern Roots
Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees, directors & members of Northern Roots on accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 Set out on pages 1 to 9 of the financial statements.

Charity no.: 1088823

Company no.: 03539586

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31/03/2020. As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company 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 for this year 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

Bell Anderson Limited
Chartered Accountants

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15 December 2021

Northern Roots
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Income from					
Donations and legacies	3	2,719		2,719	360
Charitable activities	4	27,267	64,193	91,460	46,704
Other trading activities	5	1,083		1,083	87,471
Other operating income		22,303		22,303	
		<u>53,372</u>	<u>64,193</u>	<u>117,565</u>	<u>134,535</u>
Expenditure on					
Raising funds	6	38,898		38,898	87,569
Charitable activities	7	9,385	29,695	39,080	45,503
Total Expenditure		<u>48,283</u>	<u>29,695</u>	<u>77,978</u>	<u>133,072</u>
Net income before transfers		5,089	34,498	39,587	1,463
Net Income for the year/Net movement in funds		5,089	34,498	39,587	1,463
Fund balances at 31 March 2020		670	6,792	7,462	15,158
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		<u>5,759</u>	<u>41,290</u>	<u>47,049</u>	<u>16,621</u>

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2021

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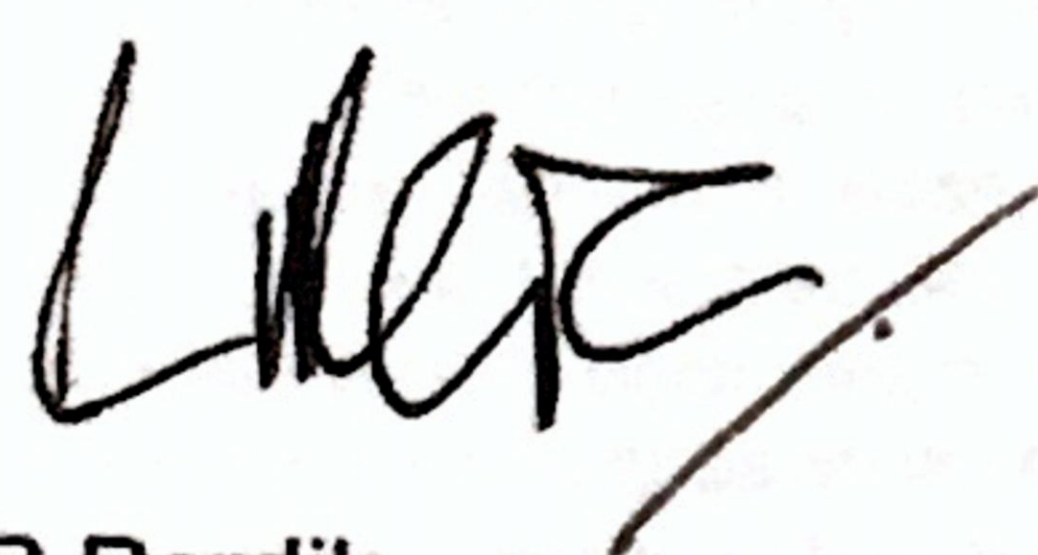
	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	1,311	912
Current assets			
Debtors	9	-	290
Cash at bank and in hand		56,442	18,296
		<u>56,442</u>	<u>18,586</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(10,704)	(12,036)
Net current assets		<u>45,738</u>	<u>6,550</u>
Net assets		<u>47,049</u>	<u>7,462</u>
Capital and reserves			
Restricted funds		41,290	6,792
Unrestricted funds		5,759	670
Shareholders' funds		<u>47,049</u>	<u>7,462</u>

The Trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.



R Perdik
Chair

Approved by the board on 15 December 2021

Northern Roots
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (as applied to small entities by section 1A of the standard).

Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts and value added taxes. Turnover includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services. Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have transferred to the buyer. Turnover from the rendering of services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract. The stage of completion of a contract is measured by comparing the costs incurred for work performed to date to the total estimated contract costs.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery	20% reducing balance
Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	20% reducing balance

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

Provisions

Provisions (ie liabilities of uncertain timing or amount) are recognised when there is an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that economic benefit will be transferred to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Leased assets

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. All other leases are classified as operating leases. The rights of use and obligations under finance leases are initially recognised as assets and liabilities at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased assets or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction in the outstanding liability using the effective interest rate method. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Leased assets are depreciated in accordance with the company's policy for tangible fixed assets. If there is no reasonable certainty that ownership will be obtained at the end of the lease term, the asset is depreciated over the lower of the lease term and its useful life. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pensions

Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

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2 Employees

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Average number of persons employed by the company	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Employment Costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	47,765	44,677

3 Donations and legacies

	2021 £	2020 £
Donations & gifts	<u>2,719</u>	<u>360</u>
	<u>2,719</u>	<u>360</u>
All donations for 2021 and 2020 are unrestricted		

4 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Restricted Funds		
Arts Council - Catalyst Project	-	27,681
Community Foundation	13,750	11,500
Durham	-	2,870
Joicey Trust	8,000	-
Barbour Foundation	2,000	-
GMBC	2,502	-
US Embassy	8,748	4,653
HMPPS	5,000	-
National Foundation Youth Music	15,000	-
Arts Council	4,193	-
Catherine Cookson	1,000	-
The Shears Foundation	4,000	-
	<u>64,193</u>	<u>46,704</u>
	2021 £	2020 £
Unrestricted Funds		
Unrestricted income - Merchandising etc	299	-
Unrestricted Arts Council Grant	19,468	-
Unrestricted Freemasons	1,000	-
Unrestricted GMBC Covid	5,000	-
Unrestricted Shear Foundation	1,500	-
	<u>27,267</u>	<u>-</u>

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5 Other trading activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Ticket sales	1,083	87,471
	<u>1,083</u>	<u>87,471</u>

6 Raising funds

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank charges	84	376
Accountancy fees	347	5,572
Adverts	(300)	897
Artists	-	32,925
Computer costs	-	424
Depreciation	-	228
Entertaining	-	20
Equipment hire	400	1,510
Finance costs	-	-
Insurance	164	113
Other direct costs	-	152
Other legal and professional	763	13
Pension	-	762
Printing, postage and stationery	73	28
Rent	3,000	2,981
repairs	-	43
Sound engineering	580	854
Subcontractor costs	-	1,152
Subscriptions	144	-
Sundries - Fundraising	825	-
Sundries	-	100
Software and IT	315	-
Telephone	-	24
Travel and accommodation	(68)	1,599
Venue hire	83	3,975
Wages	<u>32,488</u>	<u>33,821</u>
	<u>38,898</u>	<u>87,569</u>

7 Charitable activities

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8 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 April 2020	10,201
Additions	399
At 31 March 2021	<u>10,600</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2020	9,289
At 31 March 2021	<u>9,289</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,311</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>912</u>

9 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>290</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	11
Trade creditors	785	2,227
Taxation and social security costs	168	365
Other creditors	<u>9,751</u>	<u>9,433</u>
	<u>10,704</u>	<u>12,036</u>

11 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Big Lottery	178	-	-	-	178
Community Foundation	6,572	13,750	9,986	-	10,336
Fresh Ideas	42	-	-	-	42
US Embassy	-	8,748	2,226	-	6,522
Wilan Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	-
Catalyst	-	-	-	-	-
Joicey Trust	-	8,000	1,833	-	6,167
Other	-	13,695	4,174	-	9,521
HMPPS	-	5,000	5,222	-	(222)
National Foundation Youth Music	-	15,000	6,254	-	8,746
	<u>6,792</u>	<u>64,193</u>	<u>29,695</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,290</u>

12 Other information

Northern Roots is a private company limited by guarantee without share capital and incorporated in England. Its registered office is:
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