

**The Association for Science and Discovery Centres**

**Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**

**Year Ended**

**31 March 2021**



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**THE ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND DISCOVERY CENTRES**  
**Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021**

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The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021. These have been subject to independent examination.

**Charity name:** The Association for Science and Discovery Centres

**Charity registration number:** 1129312

**Company registration number:** 6798106 (England and Wales)

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**Trustees and Directors**

Stephen Breslin (Chair)	Glasgow Science Centre
Scot Owen (Treasurer)	Techniquet Glyndwr
Charles Bishop	National Space Centre
Dr Hermione Cockburn	Dynamic Earth
Linda Conlon	Centre For Life
Bryan Davies	Catalyst Science Discovery Centre
Karen Davies	Science Museum Group (resigned 23 October 2020)
Lauren Deere	Thinktank Birmingham Museums Trust (resigned 31 May 2020)
Tudor Gwynn	Eureka!
Bridget Holligan	Science Oxford
Joanne Quinton-Tullock	National Science & Media Museum (appointed 23 October 2020)
Alison Robinson	NERC
Donna Speed-Grenfell	We The Curious
Ben Ward	Winchester Science Centre (resigned 22 February 2021)

**Secretary**

Dr Penny Fidler (resigned 21 April 2021)  
Dr Hermione Cockburn (appointed 21 April 2021)

**Executive Team**

Dr Penny Fidler, CEO (resigned 24 April 2021)  
Shaaron Leverment, Acting CEO (from 26 April 2021)

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### *Governing document*

The Association for Science and Discovery Centres (ASDC) is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated and registered as a charity on 21 January 2009. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

### *Appointment of Trustees*

Under the requirements of ASDC's Memorandum and Articles of Association there shall be no fewer than eight and not more than sixteen Trustees in office.

One third of the Trustees retire from office each year, being those who have been longest in office since their appointment. A retiring Trustee is eligible for re-election.

### *Induction of Trustees*

Trustees are invited to meet the executive team and familiarise themselves with the aims of the organisation. They are given an induction pack which includes the Memorandum and Articles of Association (which includes the objects of the Charity); Charities Commission guidelines on becoming a Trustee; and forms for signature.

### *Management*

The board of trustees delegate day to day decisions to the senior management team who report back to the board when the board meets on a quarterly basis. The board of trustees are responsible for setting the pay for the Chief Executive taking into account the responsibilities of the role.

## **Objectives and Activities**

### *Objectives of the organisation*

To serve and support Science and Discovery Centres and related organisations, fostering learning and engagement in the field of science, technology, engineering and mathematics for the public benefit.

The trustees have had regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and report on these activities below.

*Vision* - A society where people of all backgrounds in all parts of the UK are intrigued, inspired and involved with the sciences.

*Mission* - To bring together the ASDC membership to play a strategic role in the nation's engagement with science.

### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

Risks are addressed on a case-by-case basis and any relevant changes to systems or procedures are made to manage those risks. The Charity's risk register is reviewed at every meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board").

The major risks to which the charity is exposed are:

- The lack of sustainable core funding and reliance on project delivery.
- The impact of Covid-19 on funding sources and on the national network of Science Centres.
- Human resources - a small team of 4.2 FTE in the year under review with a high turnover of staff in recent years.

## **Operational Report**

### **Overview**

The UK Association for Science and Discovery Centres (ASDC) is the vibrant national charity that brings together the UK's leading science engagement organisations to play a strategic role in the nation's engagement with science, a mission that has never been more important as we - as a sector, a nation and a global society - face global challenges such as climate and sustainability, growing social inequity and the ongoing impact of the global pandemic. The ASDC membership includes UK Science and Discovery centres, science museums, environment centres, learned societies and research councils. In recent years, the ASDC network has engaged over 25 million people each year, with science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) through their science exhibitions and activities via school, public and community engagement programmes.

ASDC has an office in central Bristol and, in the year under review, had an executive team of 4.2 FTE staff, namely the CEO, the deputy CEO (0.6), an executive assistant, a projects manager and a communications manager (0.6).

From 2020-2021, we have worked to our mission of bringing together the ASDC membership by creating and running knowledge exchange programmes and national STEM projects, information sharing via digital platforms and providing opportunities for regular connection, support, sharing ideas and good practice throughout the pandemic. Our events and programming promote professional development and collaboration between centres, facilitating the connection between the latest STEM, education and communication practices and the families, schools and communities across the UK. Together we work with funders, research councils, wider networks and government advocates to raise the profile of our sector and to promote a culture of accessible science for all.

### **Coronavirus Resilience Support**

Throughout this year, ASDC has played a central leadership and support role for UK Science and Discovery centres, by re-focusing significant resource running weekly and bi-weekly National Coronavirus Resilience Meetings. These meetings were open to CEOs and senior staff of Science and Discovery centres, museums and eco-attractions. ASDC also collated hundreds of resources such as re-opening guidelines, latest information on announcements of funding, and strategies to support staff at all levels on the ASDC website, alongside collating UK-wide data and providing it to senior government officials to lobby for funding to support the sector.

As part of the lobbying, ASDC launched the campaign 'Science Centres For Our Future' (<https://future.sciencecentres.org.uk/>) with an open letter signed by over 150 leading scientists and business leaders to Boris Johnson, Rishi Sunak and Alok Sharma. Lobbying continues with a Parliamentary debate held on 24th March 2021 secured by Dr Ben Spencer MP celebrating the importance of Science and Discovery Centres in supporting education in science, and broadening access to future careers in STEM. Following the debate, a further meeting has been secured to take this to the next stage and ASDC continues to champion the national impact of the work of Science and Discovery Centres as they share the latest research and innovation with a diverse public.

### **National and International STEM Programmes**

Despite the closure of the network of Science and Discovery centres, the ASDC team has continued to work closely with centres to deliver 12 national and international projects, the most significant of these programmes includes:

**Operation Earth,** (<https://www.sciencecentres.org.uk/projects/operation-earth/operation-earth-phase-2/>) funded by NERC, during the pandemic, seven Science Centres involved in Operation Earth 2 worked with 28 community groups, running 98 activities. Together they engaged with 5,239 people, many of whom had never visited a Science Centre before. A further 334,525 people engaged with Operation Earth phase 2 through digital platforms.

**Destination Space,** (<https://www.sciencecentres.org.uk/projects/destination-space/destination-space-2-level2/>) funded by the UK Space Agency, Destination Space 2, has reached over 450,000 people across the UK. Science Centre teams worked hard to continue delivering the project, pivoting to online and remote engagement when face-to-face interactions were not possible.

**Explore Your Universe,** (<https://www.sciencecentres.org.uk/projects/explore-your-universe/phase-4/>) funded by the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) and extended for an additional year to enable this community-focussed programme to further develop partnerships, EYU Phase 4 focussed funding on practitioner learning, reflective practice and embedded participation for organisation-wide impact during this financial year.

**Project Inspire,** (<https://www.sciencecentres.org.uk/projects/project-inspire-digital-innovation-and-leadership-programme/>) in collaboration with the Inspiring Science Fund, a partnership between UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and Wellcome. This programme launched in September 2020 and has 2 strands of work:

- A Digital Engagement and Innovation Programme working with eight of the UK's Science Centres to develop new and creative digital ways to engage and involve underserved communities and audiences with STEM.
- A new ASDC Emerging Leaders Programme, an investment into the professional development of our emerging leaders, providing skills, approaches and practices that can nurture and support the participants to become the inclusive and dynamic Science Centre leaders for our future.

The Climate Hub, (<https://climatehub.uk/>) supported by The Scottish Government. A hub for science engagement professionals to share activities, shows, resources and digital materials to engage children and families with climate change.

The national impact of these programmes is a huge testament to the ingenuity, adaptability and perseverance of the staff within science centres this year. A full list of all successfully delivered national and international STEM programmes 2020-2021 follows:

- 1) Destination Space 2B: A national space exploration programme funded by the UK Space Agency
- 2) Destination Space 2C: A Spaceports programme for remote communities
- 3) Explore Your Universe: Phase 4, funded by STFC
- 4) Operation Earth: A National Environment Programme funded by NERC
- 5) Project Inspire, the Digital Engagement and Leadership Programme,.
- 6) Equity@Ecsite international inclusion framework, funded by Ecsite
- 7) The Climate Hub, supported by The Scottish Government
- 8) The Audience and Impact Research Programme, funded by UKRI
- 9) Science Museum Group Academy (Science Capital in Practice)
- 10) Mars – Artwork by Luke Jerram
- 11) The STFC 2020 Programme (Community Partnerships and best practice)
- 12) The STFC 2021 Programme (Supporting the Digital Divide)

### **Bringing staff together to share knowledge and best practice**

ASDC also convened a variety of professional development and knowledge exchange events, meetings and conference calls for science engagement practitioners across the UK, bringing together the Education practitioners, a wellbeing session for staff in centres or on furlough, and masterclasses in professional digital engagement with schools.

Our main conferences were cancelled this year, but knowledge and information share continued with our weekly coronavirus resilience calls, and newly created web resources, such as the [accessibility website](#), supported by volunteers on furlough from Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium. This resource, following the cancellation of a conference, was developed with support from the STFC 2020 programme to raise awareness and share best practice to improve the accessibility of Science and Discovery centre spaces for children and adults with disabilities, special or additional needs.

ASDC is committed to increasing its regular communications with members across digital platforms such as the [ASDC newsletter](#) and social media channels [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

### **Financial Overview**

#### *Overview*

The total income for the period was £571,994 (2020: £512,268). Total expenditure for the year was £647,388 (2020: £530,681) giving a deficit of £75,394 (2020: deficit of £18,413). The increased deficit is a result of the additional costs incurred during the change of CEO and to cover funds utilised from unrestricted reserves to support a PR campaign for the sector during the Coronavirus pandemic.

#### *Reserves and Investment Policies*

In order to provide on-going financial stability, the organisation aims to hold reserves at a level that will provide funds to cover a minimum of twelve months of costs in the event of a failure to secure funding. Currently we have £156,232 (2020: £261,307) in unrestricted reserves which, along with expected income during the current year, we consider sufficient.

The organisation does not currently have a formal investment policy.

### **Future Plans**

The founding CEO Dr Penny Fidler left the organisation on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021. With the extended period of Science and Discovery Centre closures and change of the executive team, ASDC is planning to refresh its strategy and direction as we look to recruit a new CEO in the Autumn 2021.

During this interim period, the acting CEO and ASDC team is committed to:

- Supporting the resilience and wellbeing of the sector.
- Listening to the membership to explore the value of ASDC for members, remaining open to explore options of team restructure for the benefit of best serving the membership.
- Facilitating ongoing knowledge exchange by bringing the ASDC membership together into communities of practice to share ideas, approaches and practice around key themes of importance or urgency.
- Running two national ongoing projects: Explore Your Universe (Phase 4) and Project Inspire.
- Applying for funding for the sustainability of the charity that aligns with our vision and mission and focusses on the team values of Inclusion, Collaboration & Connection, Environmental Sustainability, Curiosity and Innovation.
- Committing resource to exploring more opportunities for core funding and a more sustainable business model.
- Championing the role of Science and Discovery Centres for wider inclusion, equity and diversity in science, aligning with key government agendas (skills, education, levelling up) and supporting ongoing lobbying activities led by the ASDC strategy working group of trustees.
- Bringing together the national sector at a conference on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

**Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP FRS102 (effective 1 January 2019) ;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Small Company Exemptions**

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 the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



**Trustee – Stephen Breslin**

Date: 26.8.21

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Association for Science and Discovery Centres**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 9 to 19.

*Responsibilities and basis of report*

As the charity 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 company'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*

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 that in any material respect:

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.

Signed:



Stuart Crisp BSc FCA  
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Date: 26 August 2021

**THE ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND DISCOVERY CENTRES**

**Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income from</b>					
Charitable activities	3	-	527,732	527,732	425,140
Other trading activities	4	44,312	(50)	44,262	87,128
<b>Total income</b>		<b>44,312</b>	<b>527,682</b>	<b>571,994</b>	<b>512,268</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>					
Charitable activities		149,322	498,066	647,388	530,681
<b>Total expenditure</b>	5	<b>149,322</b>	<b>498,066</b>	<b>647,388</b>	<b>530,681</b>
<b>Net expenditure</b>		<b>(105,010)</b>	<b>29,616</b>	<b>(75,394)</b>	<b>(18,413)</b>
Transfers between funds		(65)	65	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(105,075)</b>	<b>29,681</b>	<b>(75,394)</b>	<b>(18,413)</b>
Total funds at 1 April 2020		261,307	32,533	293,840	312,253
<b>Total funds at 31 March 2021</b>	14	<b>156,232</b>	<b>62,214</b>	<b>218,446</b>	<b>293,840</b>

All income and expenditure is derived from the charity's continuing activities.  
All gains and losses recognised during the year are included above.

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

## Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	9	199,158	149,037
Cash and bank balances		232,061	216,994
		<u>431,219</u>	<u>366,031</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	(212,773)	(72,191)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>218,446</u>	<u>293,840</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>218,446</u>	<u>293,840</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds	12	62,214	32,533
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	12	156,232	261,307
<b>Total charity funds</b>	12	<u>218,446</u>	<u>293,840</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- Ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 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 company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

26 August 2021



Trustee – Stephen Breslin



Trustee – Scot Owen

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

**THE ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND DISCOVERY CENTRES**  
**Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March 2021**

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	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(75,394)</b>	<b>(18,413)</b>
Adjustments for:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(50,121)	18,547
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	140,582	(2,983)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>15,067</u>	<u>(2,849)</u>
Cash at the beginning of the year	<u>216,994</u>	<u>219,843</u>
Cash at the end of the year	<u><u>232,061</u></u>	<u><u>216,994</u></u>

## **1 Accounting policies**

### *Basis of accounting*

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in UK and Ireland (FRS102) (Effective January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The Association for Science and Discovery Centres meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies.

### *Going concern*

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. The COVID-19 pandemic is likely to have a significant impact on the economy, which may in turn affect the charity. The trustees have considered the impact of this issue on the charity's current and future financial position. Much of the charity's income for the next 12 months is agreed and the charity currently holds reserves of £218,446 of which only £62,214 is restricted. The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient reserves to mitigate any adverse impacts of Covid and continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

### *Income*

Income comprises

- (a) Revenue grants in respect of the science and discovery centre projects;
- (b) Membership and conference delegate fees.

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy when any performance criteria or conditions attached to the income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, and when receipt of the income is considered to be probable.

Income received in advance for contracts and where criteria or conditions are attached to the income is deferred until the conditions or criteria for recognition are met.

### *Fund accounting*

Unrestricted General Funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

Restricted funds are funds which have been given for a specific purpose by the donor or statutory body. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with fair allocation of management and support costs on an employee basis. Descriptions of the restricted funds are contained in the trustees' report.

### *Resources expended*

External costs of projects are those costs directly incurred in connection with the various projects carried out by the Charity.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is charged directly to the projects where possible. Irrecoverable VAT is treated as a cost to the charity and analysed between appropriate expenditure headings.

Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and have been allocated against Charitable Activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs on an employee basis.

#### *Financial instruments*

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

#### *Debtors*

Grant and contract debtors are recognised at the settlement amounts due after any discounts. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any discounts due.

#### *Cash at bank and in hand*

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash or short term deposits with maturity date less than 3 months from the opening of the deposit.

#### *Creditors*

Creditors and provision are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer to a third part in settlement of the obligation and when it can be measured reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after any discounts due.

#### *Pension scheme*

The charity pays contributions into a group personal pension scheme on behalf of the employees. Contributions payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

#### *Operating leases*

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the SOFA over the period in which the cost is incurred.

## **2 Legal status of the charity**

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Details of the charity's registered office and registered number are given in the Report of the Trustees. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability on respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member.

**THE ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND DISCOVERY CENTRES**

**Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (continued)**

**3 Charitable activities**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Grants	-	527,732	527,732	425,140
	<u>-</u>	<u>527,732</u>	<u>527,732</u>	<u>425,140</u>

During the year income was received towards running the charity and certain activities the charity undertakes. Of the £527,732 received in 2021, £Nil is included within unrestricted funds (2020: £Nil) and £527,732 has been received that is restricted to certain projects (2020: £425,140). Funds are claimed and recognised as contractual obligations are met.

**4 Other trading activities**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Membership income	31,990	-	31,990	30,880
Annual conference	-	-	-	31,555
Job retention scheme grants	11,561	-	11,561	-
Other income	761	(50)	711	24,693
	<u>44,312</u>	<u>(50)</u>	<u>44,262</u>	<u>87,128</u>

**5 Expenditure**

	External cost of projects £	Support costs £	2021 £	2020 £
Purchases	248,570	-	248,570	230,222
Salaries (incl. employers NI)	-	258,455	258,455	160,738
Pension contribution	-	9,234	9,234	6,295
Recruitment and temporary staff	-	400	400	20,317
Staff training and welfare	-	1,519	1,519	181
Travel and subsistence	25	(438)	(413)	18,417
Entertaining	-	222	222	1,160
Premises costs	-	18,359	18,359	19,356
Telephone and fax	-	4,829	4,829	5,260
Postage and stationery	79	110	189	6,186
Subscriptions	38	2,401	2,439	1,522
Bank charges	-	99	99	486
Irrecoverable VAT	8,640	14,356	22,996	24,713
Insurance	-	4,443	4,443	3,170
Computer costs	1,710	4,606	6,316	7,862
Sundry expenses	-	192	192	320
Accountancy fees	7,677	9,544	17,221	17,158
Consultancy fees	-	1,965	1,965	2,460
Advertising and PR	310	130	440	73
Other marketing costs	10,623	23,473	34,096	4,521
Legal and professional fees	-	15,817	15,817	264
	<u>277,672</u>	<u>369,716</u>	<u>647,388</u>	<u>530,681</u>

**5 Expenditure (continued)**

Of the £647,388 expenditure, £149,322 has been charged to unrestricted funds (2020: £137,584 charged to unrestricted funds) and £498,066 has been charged to restricted funds (2020: £393,097 charged to restricted funds).

**6 Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on income falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects

**7 Net incoming resources**

Net incoming resources are stated after charging:-	2021 £	2020 £
Cost of independent examination	1,300	1,300
Directors' remuneration	-	-
Operating leases	11,000	10,840

**8 Salaries**

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries	240,944	148,825
Social security costs	17,511	11,913
Pension contributions	9,234	6,295
	<b>267,689</b>	<b>167,033</b>

The staff costs of the charity are shown above. The average number of employees (and full time equivalents) in the year was:

	2021 number	2020 number
Management	2	2
Administration	3	2
	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

Number of employees with emoluments (excluding Employers' pension)	2021 number	2020 number
Between £60,000 and £70,000		1
Between £110,000 and £120,000	1	-

The key management personnel of the charity are the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer. The total employee benefits paid to the key management personnel were £146,684 (2020: £93,424).

**9 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	191,695	144,312
Other debtors and prepayments	7,463	4,725
	<u>199,158</u>	<u>149,037</u>

**10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	146,009	63,061
Tax and social security	6,399	6,302
Other creditors	2,102	1,528
Accruals and deferred income	58,263	1,300
	<u>212,773</u>	<u>72,191</u>

**11 Commitments under operating leases**

At 31 March 2021 the charity had annual commitments under operating leases as set out below:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Operating lease commitments	<u>11,000</u>	<u>-</u>

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**12 Statement of funds**

	At 1 Apr 20 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 21 £
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
General funds	261,307	44,312	(149,322)	(65)	156,232
<i>Restricted funds</i>					
Climate Hub	8,560	-	(8,560)	-	-
Engaging Environments	-	(50)	(15)	65	-
Explore Your Universe 4	1,295	99,995	(101,290)	-	-
Forum: Impact Survey	(2,695)	8,050	(5,355)	-	-
Inclusion	-	2,558	(2,558)	-	-
Inspire	-	174,881	(116,410)	-	58,471
ISEN	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Mars	-	990	(990)	-	-
NERC 2	9,514	68,593	(78,107)	-	-
Science Museum Group Acad	18,666	5,000	(23,666)	-	-
Destination Space 2B	(42,358)	99,997	(57,639)	-	-
Destination Space 2C	8,883	36,264	(45,147)	-	-
STFC 2020	30,668	-	(26,925)	-	3,743
STFC 2021	-	29,404	(29,404)	-	-
	32,533	527,682	(498,066)	65	62,214
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>293,840</b>	<b>571,994</b>	<b>(647,388)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>218,446</b>

*Transfers between funds*

Expenditure in excess of restricted funding received has been transferred from unrestricted funds.

*Restricted funds*

Details of the larger restricted funds are included in the Report of the Trustees on pages 4 - 5.

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Comparative statement of funds

	At 1 Apr 19 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 20 £
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
General funds	312,253	86,779	(137,584)	(141)	261,307
<i>Restricted funds</i>					
Climate Hub	-	10,000	(1,440)	-	8,560
Engaging Environments	-	50	(51)	1	-
Explore Your Universe 4	-	100,000	(98,705)	-	1,295
Forum: Impact Survey	-	-	(2,695)	-	(2,695)
Mars	-	18,810	(18,950)	140	-
NERC 2	-	42,000	(32,486)	-	9,514
Science Museum Group Academy	-	50,299	(31,633)	-	18,666
Destination Space 2B	-	100,000	(142,358)	-	(42,358)
Destination Space 2C	-	63,140	(54,257)	-	8,883
STFC 2020	-	41,190	(10,522)	-	30,668
		425,489	(393,097)	141	32,533
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>312,253</b>	<b>512,268</b>	<b>(530,681)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>293,840</b>

13 Analysis of prior year statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income from</b>			
Charitable activities	-	425,140	425,140
Other trading activities	86,779	349	87,128
<b>Total income</b>	<b>86,779</b>	<b>425,489</b>	<b>512,268</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>			
Charitable activities	137,584	396,097	560,681
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>137,584</b>	<b>393,097</b>	<b>530,681</b>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<b>(50,805)</b>	<b>32,392</b>	<b>(18,413)</b>
Transfers between funds	(141)	141	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(50,946)</b>	<b>32,533</b>	<b>(18,413)</b>
Total funds at 1 April 2019	312,253	-	312,253
<b>Total funds at 31 March 2020</b>	<b>261,307</b>	<b>32,533</b>	<b>293,840</b>

**14 Funds**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances are represented by:				
Current assets	369,005	62,214	431,219	366,031
Current liabilities	(212,773)	-	(212,773)	(72,191)
	<u>156,232</u>	<u>62,214</u>	<u>218,446</u>	<u>293,840</u>

**15 Pensions**

The pension charge amounted to £9,234 (2020: £6,295). At the year-end £1,420 (2020: £973) was outstanding.

**16 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits**

There was no trustees' remuneration, benefits or expenses for the year ended 31 March 2021, nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

**17 Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions during the year ended 31 March 2021, nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.