

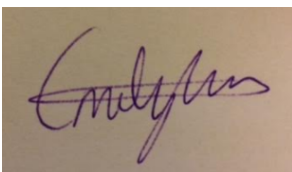
Zoe Sarojini Education Trust

Annual Report for 2023

July 2024

This report was written by the trustees of the Zoe Sarojini Education Trust and approved by them.

Signed:



Emily Young
Chair of the Trustees

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1. Reference and Administrative Details

a) Name of the Charity: Zoe Sarojini Education Trust

b) Charity registration number: 1135609

c) Address: 88 Hamilton Road, Reading RG1 5RD

d) Trustees:

Dorothy Schwarz (since February 2010)

Tanya Murphy (since February 2010)

Laura Burch Schwarz (since September 2011)

Emily Young (formerly Hogge) (since September 2011) - **Chair**

2. Structure Governance and management

a. Nature of the governing document

We have a Trust Deed, dated the 1st February 2010.

b. Recruitment of trustees

Trustees are recruited because of their interest in the work and mission of the charity and their specific skills.

c. Training of trustees

Trustees are invited to read the relevant documents pertaining to the role of trustees that the Charity Commission publishes. They are also inducted in the operations and requirements of the charity.

d. Organisational structure

Decisions are taken by consensus by the trustees. Strategic decisions are made during meetings (face to face or over Skype) and operational decisions are taken by sub-groups of trustees during phone conversations and conference calls.

3. Financial Review

The year 2023 has been another successful year for the Trust. We raised £ 59,435 and donated £ 41,361. Our costs for the year were £ 516 for paypal fees and building a new website.

The Table below shows how our money was spent:

Fund names	Fund balances 1st January 2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Fund balances 31st December 2023	transfer from unrestrict ed funds	Adjusted balances 31st Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
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Zisize	480	360	0	840	-840	-
Enrichment	1,574	4,303	-615	5,262		5,262
Cape Town	9,240	5,857	-7,766	7,331		7,331
Misty Meadows	-	29,631	-18,872	10,759		10,759
University Fund	4,528	1,240	-	5,768		5,768
Total Restricted	15,822	52,330	-41,361	26,790	2,331	29,122
Endowment	1,000			1,000		1,000
Unrestricted	17,617	7,105	-516	24,206	-2,331	21,875
Total Funds	34,439	59,435	-41,877	51,997	-	51,997

Unrestricted Fund and policy on Reserves

This fund is broken down as follows:

Designated as reserves: £ 7,000

Available for spending during 2023: £ 14,875

Total: £ 21,875

The Trust holds a reserve of £ 7,000. This sum is equivalent to approx 20% of our regular outgoings. It aims to cover sponsorship for our children should donors unexpectedly quit at short notice while new sponsors are found.

Please see our Financial Accounts, available on the Charity Commission's website for further details of the Trust's finances in 2023.

4. Public benefit Statement

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

We benefit the public through our objective of promoting the education of children in South Africa and elsewhere. Specifically, we support children to attend quality schools and fund the associated costs as required, such as school fees, uniforms, stationery and transport to school. We also enhance the education of the children we sponsor by ensuring as far as possible adequate living conditions for them.

5. Objectives and activities

a. Charity Objectives (governing document)

The Objectives of our charity, as set out in the Governing Document are:

For the public benefit to promote the education of people under the age of 30 years worldwide in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including by:

1. Awarding to such persons scholarships, maintenance allowances or grants tenable at any school, university, college or institution of education;
2. Providing their education (including the study of music or other arts), to undertake travel in furtherance of that education or to prepare for entry to any occupation, trade or profession on leaving any educational establishment.

b. Charity Aims

The Zoë Sarojini Education Trust's purpose is to help children, particularly girls, living in poverty to go to school. The Trust was set up in memory of Zoë Sarojini Schwarz, a loved and loving young woman who suffered from bipolar depression and took her own life in August 2000.

Overall Aim One: Support the education of individual children in need

The Trust enables donors, singly or in small groups, to fund the education of individual youngsters. We work through trusted and experienced volunteers in the Cape Town and Kwazulu-Natal regions of South Africa who help us select the most suitable youngsters to be funded, channel the funds directly to the relevant schools and colleges, and act as mentors to the youngsters. The children and young people we help are chosen according to local need and opportunity, with no preconceived criteria.

In addition to covering school fees, the Trust aims to ensure its sponsored children have their basic needs for shelter and food met.

The Trust also aims to fund enrichment extra-curricular activities for its sponsored children.

Finally, the Trust aims to facilitate communication between children and sponsors. If sponsors wish to, they and their families can maintain on-going personal contact with the young people they are sponsoring in order to encourage them, monitor their progress, mentor them and form long-term relationships.

Overall Aim Two: Support and strengthen innovative education models

The Zoe Sarojini Education Trust aims to work closely with a small number of education partners that it deems provide powerful innovative education models to enable quality education for disadvantaged young people.

6. Achievement and performance

2023 was another successful year for the trust. We continued to support our children and partner schools and projects successfully with positive outcomes. Our sponsors remained supportive and despite a difficult financial time for the world we have maintained and even gained support.

We set out below our achievements in 2023 against the aims stated above.

Aim 1: Support the education of individual children in need

1. Supporting children to go to good schools

In 2023, we supported 18 individual children and young adults to access quality education in South Africa. The children range in age from 11 to 23.

Ingwavuma, Kwazulu Natal

Two children went to Khethani Christian School in Ingwavuma, in Kwazulu Natal. They were selected by a local charity Zisize (see www.zisize.org). One child attended a private school in a nearby town. Two children attended Richards Bay Christian School staying in a

hostel with other children from Ingwavuma. One child attended Durban University.

All six of these children are children whose parents cannot afford school fees due to a lack of work or poorly paid work. One lives in the Zisize-run orphanage.

Three children are adopted children of Michelle and Neil Coetzee, who have set up the Umndeni Wabantwana children's home for their twelve adopted children.

Cape Town

Four children went to school in Cape Town. These children live in Cape Town townships. Their families are hard-working but cannot afford the school fees of schools that provide a vastly superior education to the township education they received previously.

Howick, Kwazulu Natal

This year we continued to support five children at Misty Meadows School, Howick. These children come from loving and hard-working families however they cannot afford to send their children to Misty Meadows. They live either on the farm or in the local township.

2. Ensure basic needs in shelter and food are met

The Zisize-run orphanage which the Zoe Trust helped to build remains a loving and caring home for 18 children including three Zoe Trust children. The home provides food and shelter as well as emotional and educational support. We were also able to support the two children who attended Richards Bay Christian School with uniform, textbook, electrical and boarding costs.

3. Contributing to the enrichment of our children's education

The money for enrichment is raised through monthly donations and one-off fundraising events throughout the year. The money is spent on projects that are put forward to the trust by our mentors in South Africa who work alongside our children.

This extra level of care is what makes the Zoe Trust unique as it allows us to provide all round care for our children giving them the best possible chance to succeed.

We have continued to provide stationery, transport, uniforms and textbooks for our children. This takes the pressure off parents who are struggling to feed their children. It also allows us to make sure that they have what they need to be successful at school.

This year we have also continued to support a workshop space at Misty Meadows. The aim of the space is to provide the children with practical experience in woodwork, electrical engineering and elements of mechanical engineering.

We have also paid for trips and outings so that our children can have their enrichment opportunities in line with their peers.

4. Enabling access to the internet and IT learning

This year we continued to support computer programmes at Misty Meadows providing continued internet access.

5. Communication between sponsors and children

Child sponsor correspondence continued in 2023. Several sponsors and children wrote to each other this year whether via text, voice notes, photos or email. In addition, we received termly updates from our children via our mentors. As trustees, we are in constant communication with our mentors which allows us to keep up to date with our children's progress and react to emergencies as and when they arise.

Our children love this communication and it allows them to feel connected and accountable.

AIM 2 : Support and strengthen innovative education models

The trust worked with two carefully-vetted and trusted education providers, providing both tangible funding and capacity building as required.

Misty Meadows School (South Africa)

We are now in our ninth year of partnership with Misty Meadows School.

Although we were unable to visit Misty Meadows this year we have maintained constant communication with Cassie, the head teacher of the school, so that we can support her with her continued work.

We were delighted to contribute to the growth of the school via a one-off donation of £20,676 (see below)

Khethani School (South Africa)

We are in our fifteenth year of partnership with Khethani Christian School.

Although we were unable to visit Khethani this year, we have maintained constant communication with Sylvia, the head teacher of the school, so that we can support her with her continued work.

7. Raising Funds in 2023

Regular donors

In 2023, we maintained regular contact with our regular donors. We sent out regular updates via email and updated Facebook, Twitter and our website. In addition, each sponsor received updates on their child's progress.

Our Facebook and twitter pages are updated with pictures and messages from trustees, mentors, sponsors and our children directly. It has provided a fast and visual way for our sponsors and children to connect.

One-off events and donations

This year we didn't hold any one-off events.

We were delighted to receive a donation of £26,767 from Geeks without Frontiers, a US based NGO. £20,767 went towards the building of a new classroom at Misty Meadows as well as essential refurbishment (the works to be completed in 2024), and £6,000 contributed to our unrestricted fund, to spend as needed.

8. Conclusion

2023 has been another successful year for the trust. We have supported a number of children to transition to new secondary schools whilst also helping some to complete their final matric exams and secure places at university. We have also worked closely with our mentors to support our children through difficult times, making sure that they have the guidance and backing they need to navigate school meetings and difficult decisions.

We have continued to strengthen our relationship with Misty Meadows, supporting the school as a whole and raising funds for the high school project. We look forward to supporting them into 2024 as they launch their high school project.

We have also continued to strengthen our relationship with sponsors, working with them to communicate with their children and help in encouraging and motivating them to work hard. These strong relationships reap benefits for all involved.

We have also launched a new website and are enjoying our strengthened online presence.

Charity Number 1135609

ZOE SAROJINI EDUCATION TRUST

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ZOE SAROJINI EDUCATION TRUST

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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ZOE SAROJINI EDUCATION TRUST**YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023****STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£		
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income		7,105	52,330		59,435	28,747
TOTAL		7,105	52,330	-	59,435	28,747
RESOURCES EXPENSED						
Charitable Activities		-	41,361	-	41,361	37,504
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income	3	516	-	-	516	104
Governance	4	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		516	41,361	-	41,877	37,608
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS						
BALANCES B/FWD 1 JANUARY		6,589	10,969	-	17,558	- 8,861
transfer from unrestricted to restricted funds		17,617	15,822	1,000	34,439	43,300
		- 2,331	2,331	-	-	-
BALANCES C/FWD 31 DECEMBER	6.2	21,875	29,122	1,000	51,997	34,439

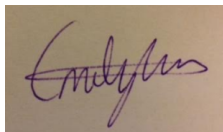
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ZOE SAROJINI EDUCATION TRUST**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023	TOTAL 2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash at bank		21,875	29,122	1,000	51,997	34,439
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY						
Unrestricted	6	21,875	-	-	21,875	17,617
Restricted		-	29,122	-	29,122	15,822
Endowment		-	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL FUNDS		21,875	29,122	1,000	51,997	34,439

Approved by the Trustees on

and signed on its behalf by



Emily Young, Chair of the Trust

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ZOE SAROJINI EDUCATION TRUST**YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS****Note 1 Basis of preparation****1.1 Basis of accounting**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to the accounts for the previous year .

2. Accounting policies**2.1 Incoming resources**

Donations are recognised when received. Gift Aid refunds are recognised on receipt from the tax office. Gift aid for 2023 will be requested on total donations of £ 14,286

2.2 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the Trust. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

2.3 Funds

Endowment Fund is a fund, the capital of which must be maintained.

Restricted Funds represent grants and donations received for a specific object of the Trust. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted Fund is a general fund which can be used for Trust ordinary purposes.

	2023	2022
3. Cost of Generating Voluntary Income		
Paypal fees, new website design, data registration	£516	£104

4. Governance

Independent examiner's fees	£0	£0
	£0	£0

5 Details of certain items of expenditure**5.1 Trustee fees**

Number of trustees who were paid fees	none	none
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5.2 Trustee expenses

none	none
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ZOE SAROJINI EDUCATION TRUST

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

6 Funds

6.1 Funds Held

Fund Name	Note for 2023	Purpose and Restrictions
Cape Town		This fund pays for the education costs of the children that we sponsor in Cape Town.
Enrichment		This fund covers extracurricular activities for our sponsored children, one-off education necessities such as uniforms and text books, and homework clubs.
Khethani		This fund covers the fees of our scholarship children who attend the Khethani School and schools which Khethani School alumni attend.
Zisize		This fund covers the educational costs of children we support in conjunction with Zisize Education Trust. As these children have now finished school, this fund is being closed at the end of 2023 and remaining funds transferred to unrestricted.
Misty Meadows		This fund is to support the education of children at Misty Meadows in KwaZulu-Natal.
University Funds		This fund is to support the tertiary education of Zoe Trust children.

6.2 Movements of funds

Fund names	Fund balances 1st January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Fund balances 31st December 2023 £	transfer from unrestricted funds £	Adjusted balances 31st Dec 2023 £
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6.3 Transfer of Funds

This represents transfer of funds from unrestricted to cover project expenditure

6.4 Endowment Fund

This sum is provided by the first trustees on the trusts declared in the trust deed.

6.5 Unrestricted Fund

This fund is broken down as follows

Designated as Reserves
Unrestricted Funds
Total

2023	2022
7,000	7,000
14,875	10,617
21,875	17,617

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Trustees of Zoe Sarojini Education Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
to state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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 the trustees concerning any such matters.

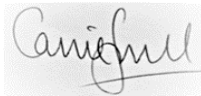
The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention: which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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



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Dated 29-8-2024