

YORK POLISH ORGANISATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1143609

Details

Other names YPO; ORGANIZACJA POLONIJNA W YORKU

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2011-08-31

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE POLISH RESIDENTS OF YORK AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS, OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Activities: York Polish Organisation is a charity which aims is to bring minority with their different culture, tradition, and history to the local community by running various events and festive open to everyone. It mainly governs and support Polish Saturday School in York, established in 2009.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- City Of York
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£35,085	£32,697	-	-
2024-08-31	£21,253	£26,095	-	-
2023-08-31	£12,905	£15,930	-	-
2022-08-31	£13,894	£10,055	-	-
2021-08-31	£15,909	£10,765	-	-
2020-08-31	£9,114	£9,962	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mariola Wrzesinska	Chair	2023-03-04
Anna Ewa Bielecka		2025-09-01
Katarzyna Agnieszka Lenc		2020-09-19
Katarzyna Monika Lech		2025-09-01
Mariola Wrzesinska		2023-03-04

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Accounts

Annual Trustees Report for York Polish Organisation

York Polish Organisation Charity number: 1143609

Polska Szkoła Sobotnia im. Wisławy Szymborskiej

Financial period 01/09/2024–31/08/2025

Trustees

Katarzyna Lenc

Mariola Wrzesińska

Anna Bielecka

Katarzyna Lech

Introduction

This report outlines the activities and achievements of the Polish Saturday School for the 2024/2025 academic year. As a registered charity, we are committed to providing quality education and cultural enrichment to our students and the local Polish community.

Aims

York Polish Organisation is a charity which aims to bring minorities with their different culture, tradition, and history to the local community by running various events and festivals open to everyone. It mainly governs and supports the Polish Saturday School in York, established in 2009.

Objectives

Our primary goals are to:

- Enhance students' understanding of the Polish language and culture.
- Foster community engagement and cultural exchange.
- Support the personal and academic development of our students.
- Promote integration within the local community, encouraging Polish heritage while fostering connections with diverse cultures.
- Build national identity among students, instilling pride in their Polish heritage and encouraging active citizenship.

Achievements

1. Poetry Recital

Students participated in an annual poetry competition, showcasing their skills in Polish literature. Many received awards, reflecting their progress in language proficiency and public speaking.

2. Historical Competitions

We hosted a series of historical competitions focused on Polish history. Students demonstrated extensive knowledge, with several achieving high rankings in regional contests.

3. GCSE Exams

Students with good results pass their GCSE exams in Polish.

4. National Reading Event

Our participation in the national reading initiative highlighted classic Polish literature, encouraging students to explore and appreciate literary works. This event was well-received, fostering a love for reading and enhancing students' literary skills.

5. Audio Drama Recording

We recorded an audio drama for local radio, featuring adaptations of classic Polish literature. This not only provided students with a platform to showcase their talents but also engaged the wider community by promoting Polish literary heritage. Benefits include enhanced listening skills, creativity, and community pride in Polish storytelling.

Community Engagement

1. Concerts

Collaborative concerts with local artists were held, drawing significant community attendance.

2. Polish Heritage Day

The Polish Heritage Day event highlighted Polish culture through food, performances, and educational booths. This initiative strengthened ties within the community and promoted cultural awareness.

3. Comedy Evening

- A successful comedy evening featured performances from students and local comedians, enhancing community interaction and providing entertainment.

Educational Opportunities

1. Educational Trips

Organized trips to museums and historical sites provided students with firsthand experiences of Polish history and culture, supplementing their classroom learning.

2. Carnival Event

Our carnival balls for both children and adults were well-attended, promoting social cohesion and providing a platform for families to engage in cultural festivities.

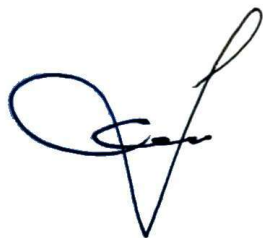
Funding and Support

We are grateful for the support received through grants from the Polish Consulate, which have enabled us to enhance our programs and activities. This funding has been instrumental in allowing us to foster a strong connection to Polish heritage while engaging with the wider community. We have been given funds from Instytut Języka Polskiego za Granicą through Wspólnota Polska.

Additionally, we have established partnerships with local organizations to support our initiatives and promote Polish culture, ensuring that our activities resonate with both Polish and non-Polish communities.

Conclusion

The 2025/2026 academic year was marked by significant achievements and community engagement, fulfilling our mission as a charity dedicated to education and cultural preservation. We look forward to building on this success in the coming year and welcome any suggestions for future initiatives.

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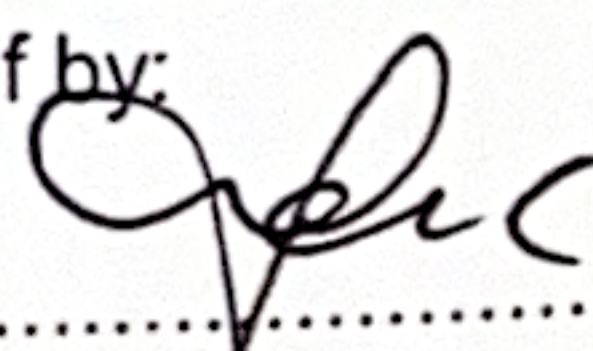
York Polish Organisation

Total Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31/08/2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Receipts			18,978.00
School Fees	18,978.00	-	18,978.00
Grants	-	16,036.98	16,036.98
Donations	70.00	-	70.00
Fundraising	-	-	-
Bank interest	0.12	-	0.12
PayPal Giving Fund	-	-	-
Give As You Live	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,048.12	16,036.98	35,085.10
Payments			
Teacher's Fees	7,648.00	6,840.48	14,488.48
Staff Training	-	50.00	50.00
Rent	1,253.00	922.00	2,175.00
DBS Check	124.40	-	124.40
Liability Insurance	91.68	91.60	183.28
Subscriptions	349.50	-	349.50
Telephone and internet	-	-	-
Volunteers	-	-	-
Educational Materials	2,383.28	1,760.00	4,143.28
Marketing and Advertising	163.50	-	163.50
Printing and Stationery	461.94	-	461.94
Refreshments	-	-	-
Postage	12.00	-	12.00
Equipment	-	1,252.94	1,252.94
Activities/Outgoings	588.41	300.00	888.41
Cleaning and sundries	-	-	-
Accountancy	600.00	50.00	650.00
Bank Charges	106.20	-	106.20
School Trips	916.20	793.05	1,709.25
First Aid Kit	-	-	-
Events celebrations	2,659.99	1,782.50	4,442.49
Teacher's Bonus	-	1,496.88	1,496.88
Total payments	17,358.10	15,339.45	32,697.55
Net receipts / (payments)	1,690.02	697.53	2,387.55
Transfer	-	-	-
Balance brought forward	4,293.55	-	4,293.55
Balance carried forward	5,983.57	697.53	6,681.10
Made up of:			
HSBC UK	6,674.75		
HSBC UK Savings account	5.10		
Cash float	1.25		
Spare	-		
	6,681.10		

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved at a meeting of the management committee and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: 

Name KATARZYNA LENC (Management Committee member)

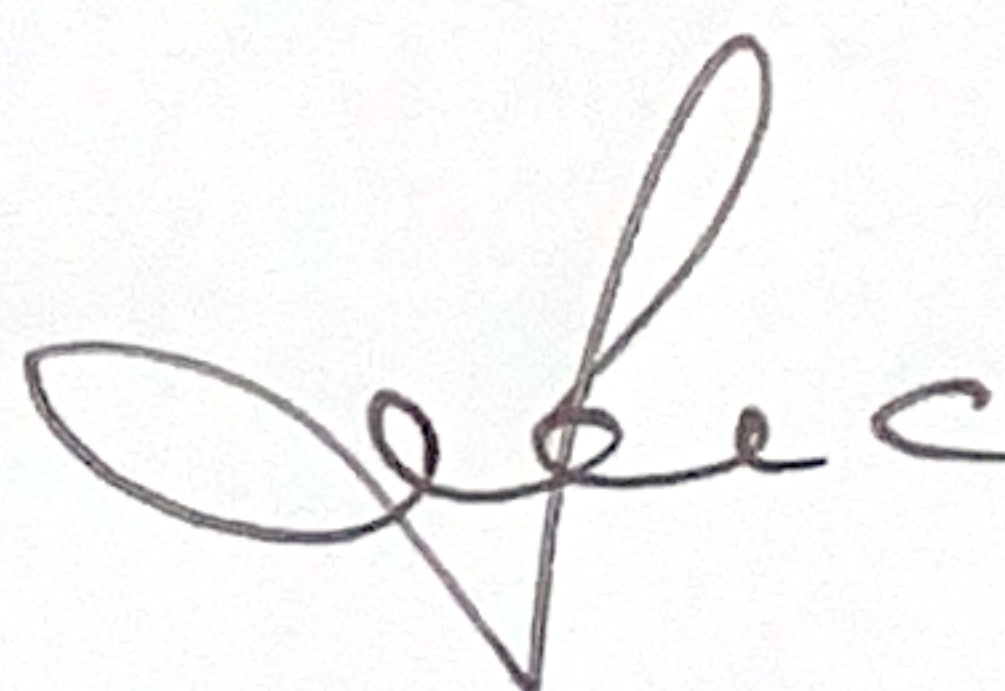
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York Polish Organisation
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31/08/2025

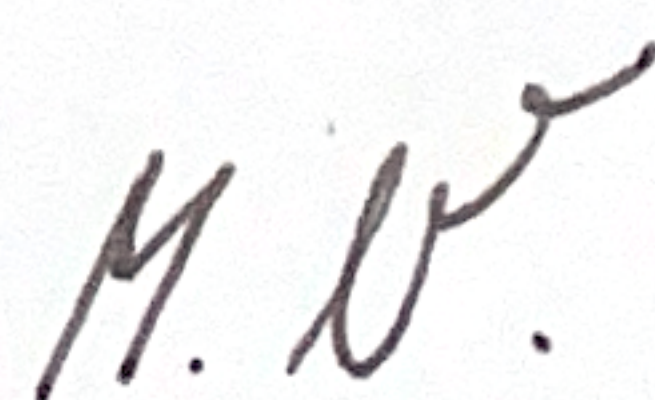
Category	Description	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)	Total (£)
Cash funds	Current account	£6,674.75	£0.00	£6,674.75
	Savings account	£5.10	£0.00	£5.10
	Cash float	£1.25	£0.00	£1.25
	Total cash funds	£6,681.10	£0.00	£6,681.10
Other monetary assets	None	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Investment assets	None	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Assets retained for the charity's use	Laptop / equipment	£0.00	£1,252.94	£1,252.94
Liabilities	None	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total assets	Cash funds and retained assets	£6,681.10	£1,252.94	£7,934.04
Total liabilities	Amounts owed by the charity	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Net assets	Assets less liabilities	£6,681.10	£1,252.94	£7,934.04

Signed: _____
Name: _____ (Trustee)
Date: 06.06.2026

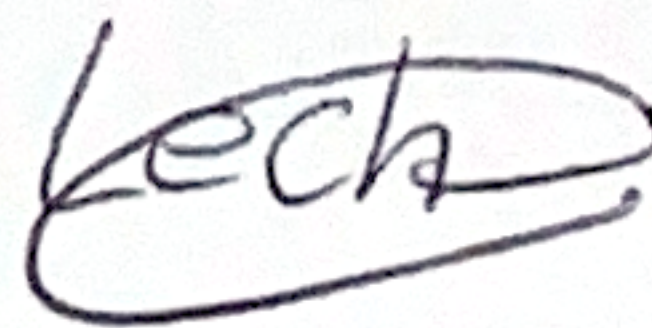
KATARZYNA LENC



MARIOLA WRZESINSKA



KATARZYNA LECH



ANNA BIELECKA

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
York Polish Organisation

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1143609

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2025**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants ID FCCA 1394934

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
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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:

Katarzyna Maskill

Date:

3 June 2026

Name:

Katarzyna Maskill

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

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants ID FCCA 1394934

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Section B

Disclosure

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.