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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1146170**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023  
FOR  
SENSE ABOUT SCIENCE**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023**

<b>TRUSTEES</b>	Dr M J Fitzpatrick Prof P J Hardaker Dame B M Ogilvie FMedSci FRS (resigned 21.9.22) Mr N D Ross (resigned 15.12.22) Prof R H Lovell-Badge FMedSci FRS Dr J K Maxton Dr A Ahuja Mr J Bruun Mr J Wren Prof W Van Saarloos Professor P A Garner (appointed 4.1.23)
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<b>REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER</b>	06771027 (England and Wales)
<b>REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1146170
<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</b>	McCabe Ford Williams Chartered Accountants Charlton House Dour Street DOVER Kent CT16 1BL

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The charity has two main objectives:

1. To advance the education of the public in any branch of scientific research (including social science) and in particular by the dissemination of such research and useful information about such research; and
2. To promote (for the benefit of the community) the knowledge and understanding of the public of, and to stimulate interest of the public in, the creation, presentation and use of scientific research.

**Significant activities**

Our charitable activities:

- Provide advice on scientific matters to the media, policy makers, the general public and others.
- Produce educational materials on scientific issues for the public as well as researchers and others.
- Respond to misleading or false information by providing the public with relevant scientific evidence.
- Promote the importance of independent scientific advice for public policy.

Much of the fund generation occurs through the day to day work of the staff and volunteers. Focused fundraising activities are carried out by the development team, including grant proposals, project and programme partnerships and public appeals.

**Public benefit**

The trustees of the charity have had due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The charity's objectives and aims have been reviewed taking this guidance into consideration and the trustees have noted the extensive achievements of the charity and the contribution it makes to public life.

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**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Achievement and performance**

**Charitable and fundraising activities**

**1. Evidence Matters: Achieve recognition in public life that evidence matters, and to people in all walks of life**

Our goal is parliaments asking questions that reflect the public interest in sound science and evidence; public identification with evidence as a source of accountability; and governments anticipating public scrutiny.

**Evidence Week in UK parliament**

In November 2022, Sense about Science delivered its fifth Evidence Week in Parliament with lead partners Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST), London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and House of Commons Library. Evidence Week highlights the need for evidence-based policymaking, and equips MPs, Peers and their staff with the insights and tools needed to scrutinise evidence for decision-making.

Evidence Week was launched with a livestreamed discussion between a panel of Committee Chairs and experts from leading national scientific organisations joining constituency MPs to answer questions from the public across the country about how evidence informs a range of policies that matter to them and their communities. This year 30 UK constituents asked questions which were answered by 17 MPs including eight committee chairs and members.

During the week, MPs received 3-minute briefings from our world-class UK research partners both in person and online, on the latest evidence about 13 different policy and research areas. The policy briefings were attended by at least 52 parliamentarians including over 34 MPs and 4 Peers, with at least 173 new connections being made.

Throughout the week online training sessions were delivered to 57 parliamentary staff, on how to evaluate scientific evidence and statistics, use models and algorithms safely and access resources specifically designed for parliamentary staff.

**Under what conditions is science considered relevant and authoritative in policy-making?**

Funded by the British Academy, Sense about Science investigated the best formats to communicate science policy and evidence to people through user testing workshops with the public and policy professionals. We also hosted a roundtable discussion with data visualisation experts to clarify the evidence base on how people respond to different visual cues and what works in helping people understand complex information. The findings and recommendations from the workshops and roundtable were submitted to the British Academy for reporting to the UK Government's Council for Science and Technology.

**2. Activate communities for better science and evidence in public life**

We aim to empower and equip public discussion about evidence - providing insights and materials, creating opportunities for accountability and deliberation, and winning support for the protection of open discussion about research.

**Risk Know How**

We have continued our partnership with Lloyd's Register Foundation to develop understanding of 'Risk Know How.' This is a framework focused on supporting communities to make sense of risk. It aims to empower and equip people to critically engage with data and information, weigh up the risks and benefits within their own contexts and make informed decisions. Risk know-how can help communities navigate the information available and discuss risks in a constructive way, within a real-world context.

In July 2022, the Risk Know How framework and experiences of over 100 global risk practitioners were launched at the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF). Sense about Science hosted a panel discussion 'Can we make informed decisions without Risk Know How?' which convened a critical look forward at how to provide the actionable risk information that people need.

The Risk Know How framework was also presented at the World Conference of Science Journalists (WCSJ) in Medellin, Columbia in March 2023. The panel 'How do journalists go beyond communicating risk to sharing Risk Know-How with their communities?' was chaired by Leonor Sierra and included journalists Jorge Rodriguez, Disha Shetty and Michele Catanzaro who discussed how journalists can facilitate Risk Know How communication and amplify the voices of communities as well as the importance of being open about uncertainty.

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#### **Evidence know-how: an international campaign for understanding reliability in evidence and data science**

##### **EU data modelling**

In collaboration with the EU's Joint Research Centre's Competence Centre on Modelling and Decision Analysis (CC-MOD), Sense about Science created guidance on 'Questions you should ask when presented with the use of simulation models in policymaking.' This guidance is intended to help both policymakers and citizens better discern good from bad practices in the use of models which can influence important decisions affecting millions of people.

#### **3. Reshape research engagement toward responsibility and empowerment**

Our goal is a research community that is willing, able and cognizant of its capacity to empower others; and recognition and increased adoption of our approach - through our Voice of Young Science programme, public engagement partnerships and putting public empowerment at the heart of the international evidence movement.

##### **Voice of Young Science: engaging early career researchers in public debate**

The Voice of Young Science (VoYS) network is our unique network of Early Career Researchers (ECRs) who are trained and motivated at the start of their careers to take responsibility for how evidence is portrayed in public discussion. It continued to grow in 2022 and now has over 5000 members.

Over this year we held seven in-person VoYS workshops for ECRs, including our first workshop in mainland Europe since the pandemic at Leiden University in The Netherlands. At our five Standing up for Science workshops, participants heard from panels of expert journalists, academics, and policymakers on how to engage the public and media using their research and how to bring evidence to policy.

Communicating how and why scholarly research papers are different to a news headline or political press release is central to helping society make sense of science and evidence. Through our two Quality and Peer Review workshops, ECRs are equipped to understand and get involved in peer review, share the value of peer review with the public and lead public discussion about the role of peer review in society.

A total of 232 ECRs participated in VoYS workshops across our programme in 2022. We also continued our broader training partnership with the University of Exeter through which we delivered a bespoke workshop for 29 of Exeter's ECRs.

##### **The John Maddox Prize: Standing up for Science**

The John Maddox Prize recognises the work of individuals who promote science and evidence and advance the public discussion around difficult topics, despite challenges or hostility. The prize advocates for the value of an open and honest environment for societies to discuss scientific evidence.

The John Maddox Prize, in its eleventh year, is a joint initiative of the charity Sense about Science and the leading international scientific journal Nature. It continues to attract global nominations from individuals, across the disciplines, who are conducting essential work in standing up for sound science in the public interest and in the face of adversity and opposition. This year 55 nominations were received from 16 countries across the globe. This year's winner was Eucharika Oluchi Nwaichi, a biochemist at the University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria. She was awarded the prize for engaging communities in conflict to research solutions to pollution in the oil fields of the Niger Delta, and for putting forward evidence and trial methods for soil recovery, courageously advancing public discourse with sound science despite the personal risk.

##### **Confidence in research project**

We continued our partnership with Elsevier to develop an international evidence base that responds to the drivers of trust in science and scientific publishing. The project involves a review of existing research on researcher behaviour, a survey focused on researcher trust and a public survey on drivers of trust in research.

This research was presented at the UNESCO World Higher Education Conference in Barcelona in 2022 by Sense about Science Director Tracey Brown.

##### **Public engagement partnerships**

Sense about Science continued to expand its public engagement work using our 'public-led, expert-fed' model of engagement with a wide range of universities, research institutions and other organisations. Our approach means engaging early and directly with the public and addressing people's questions and concerns around complex, controversial or poorly understood areas of science.

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Peritia: We were part of a Europe-wide project, coordinated by University College, Dublin to explore how people weigh up expertise. The PERiTIA (Policy, expertise and trust in action) project investigated how people - members of the public and politicians in particular - make decisions about evidence and expertise using a variety of research methods. Sense about Science delivered a deliberative consultative workshop (Deliberative Mini Public) engaging over 30 members of the public in discussions around climate change. Along with project partners Allea, we will also produced a paper on our approach to engaging citizens in collaborative workshops.

Making sense of ageing (UK SPINE): We worked in collaboration with UK SPINE, to open up the latest evidence in ageing research and the therapeutic potential to increase the number of years spent in good health - called healthspan. The guide 'Making sense of ageing research' guide is intended to introduce professional and public audiences to the opportunities and challenges of ageing research, to understand what it is and isn't aiming to achieve and to introduce new ideas and language.

AI in healthcare (MIT): In collaboration with researchers at MIT and oncologists at UMass, we cocreated a patient information resource for use in a clinical trial testing an AI tool that produces a breast cancer risk score from screening mammograms. Given current concerns and questions around the use of AI in healthcare, the resource ensured that the AI screening tool was clearly explained to allow for informed patient decisions addressed patient and public questions and concerns as well as what is currently known about the performance of the tool.

Making sense of cancer treatments (KCL): Rising from concerns that patients did not have access to all the evidence about end-of-life cancer drugs, we are partnering with a group of oncologists to look at how the evidence on the pros and cons of different cancer treatments are communicated to patients and the public. We have run cocreation workshops to understand patients' information needs to properly evaluate their treatment options.

#### **Financial review**

##### **Financial position**

The charity held funds at the year end totalling £465,034 (2022 - £457,187).

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees actively review the policy in line with planned strategy and future commitments. The trustees aspire to hold six months fixed costs in reserve, in order to support organisational resilience and sustainability, to invest in new areas of work and maintain cashflow and continuity of business. Progress is reviewed at meetings of the Governance and Planning Committee and the amount set aside is revised in accordance with projected income and expenditure.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees are confident that the charity has sufficient reserves and income streams to continue for the foreseeable future.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The Deed gives the power to elect or co-opt individuals to the charity. Trustees serve a 4 year term followed by a possible renewable term of 3 years. The Governance and Planning Committee maintains an overview of skills and experience needs and a succession plan is maintained in consultation with the board of trustees. Trustee vacancies are advertised and potential trustees are also identified through Sense about Science's wider networks.

A trustee resource is maintained and all trustees participate in induction sessions. Policies relevant to trustees are included within the staff handbook.

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#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Organisational structure

The charity is registered as a company limited by guarantee. The Board of Trustees meets four times a year, including a strategy session. During the year there were an average of ten trustees.

The charity specifies that a Chair should be elected annually. In the event of no alternative nominations, the current Chair is automatically elected at the final meeting of the year.

The Governance and Planning Committee is a subcommittee of the Board which provides in depth review and challenge of policies, resources and financial planning, budgeting and reporting. It reports to the Board three times a year. Remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer is reviewed by an ad hoc group led by the Chair and the Chair of the Governance and Planning Committee.

Activities are coordinated by a small office team and supported by a wide network of organisations and volunteers from all areas of science and society.

The trustees' policy is to ensure that the charity is not dependent upon a single source of funding and receives its financial support from a diversity of funding sources: it currently receives funding from trusts and foundations, individual scientists and members of the public, learned societies, and scholarly publishers. Donations are governed by a funding policy and the charity fundraising strategy aims for diverse sources of funding. No grant or funding of any kind entitles any organisation to decision-making authority. External funding will not divert Sense about Science from its agreed aims and values.

##### Risk management

A risk register is reviewed by the Governance and Planning Committee who regularly report to the Board of Trustees on their review of risks to which the charity is exposed. It ensures appropriate controls and mitigation are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud, error or loss.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, 14/02/2023..... and signed on the board's behalf by:

*Jonathan Bruun*

.....  
Mr J Bruun - Trustee



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
SENSE ABOUT SCIENCE**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sense About Science ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 5 April 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's 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 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**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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:

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.

Mr John Sheather BSc FCA

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Date: 12 December 2023

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	493,278	-	493,278	693,242
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Projects		23,526	236,687	260,213	194,316
Investment income	4	548	-	548	29
<b>Total</b>		<u>517,352</u>	<u>236,687</u>	<u>754,039</u>	<u>887,587</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Fundraising projects		15,611	-	15,611	9,875
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6				
Projects		486,046	244,535	730,581	694,597
Other		-	-	-	10,887
<b>Total</b>		<u>501,657</u>	<u>244,535</u>	<u>746,192</u>	<u>715,359</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		15,695	(7,848)	7,847	172,228
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		372,803	84,384	457,187	284,959
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>388,498</u>	<u>76,536</u>	<u>465,034</u>	<u>457,187</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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## BALANCE SHEET 5 APRIL 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	12	442	-	442	1,569
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	13	129,018	-	129,018	158,555
Cash at bank and in hand	14	299,418	76,536	375,954	457,701
		<u>428,436</u>	<u>76,536</u>	<u>504,972</u>	<u>616,256</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(40,380)	-	(40,380)	(160,638)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>388,056</u>	<u>76,536</u>	<u>464,592</u>	<u>455,618</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>388,498</u>	<u>76,536</u>	<u>465,034</u>	<u>457,187</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>388,498</u>	<u>76,536</u>	<u>465,034</u>	<u>457,187</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	17				
Unrestricted funds				388,498	372,803
Restricted funds				<u>76,536</u>	<u>84,384</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>465,034</u>	<u>457,187</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 5 April 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that 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 charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 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 charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11/12/2023..... and were signed on its behalf by:

*Jonathan Bruun*

Mr J Bruun - Trustee

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	(82,295)	216,620
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(82,295)	216,620
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		548	29
Net cash provided by investing activities		548	29
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		(81,747)	216,649
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		457,701	241,052
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		375,954	457,701

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## NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

### 1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	7,847	172,228
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	1,127	1,292
Interest received	(548)	(29)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	29,537	(101,859)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(120,258)	144,988
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(82,295)</u>	<u>216,620</u>

### 2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 6.4.22 £	Cash flow £	At 5.4.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	457,701	(81,747)	375,954
	<u>457,701</u>	<u>(81,747)</u>	<u>375,954</u>
Total	<u>457,701</u>	<u>(81,747)</u>	<u>375,954</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

#### 1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Sense About Science is an incorporated charity, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered number, principal address and nature of operations can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Goods and services donated to the charity are only recognised when they are material to the financial statements. The trustees do not consider it practical to value these goods and services.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **Foreign currencies**

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

##### **Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Tangible assets

The charity provides for depreciation on a 20% straight line basis in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

The charity has a capitalisation policy where by tangible assets are only capitalised if they cost more than £500. Tangible assets under £500 are written to the statement of financial activities as an expense.

### 3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations (including gift aid)	493,278	693,242

### 4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank interest	548	29

### 5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2023	2022
	Projects	£	£
Grants		260,213	194,316

### 6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
Projects	719,312	11,269	730,581

### 7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
Projects	11,269

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

### 7. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	Projects	Total activities
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	3,600	2,700
Board of trustees' meetings	185	23
Trustees' expenses	862	307
Bookkeeping and payroll	6,622	7,857
	<u>11,269</u>	<u>10,887</u>

### 8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	3,600	2,700
Depreciation - owned assets	1,127	1,292
Rent	<u>57,143</u>	<u>62,693</u>

### 9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2023 nor for the year ended 5 April 2022.

#### Trustees' expenses

In the year ended 5 April 2023, one trustee reclaimed expenses totalling £862 (2022 - £307).

### 10. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	438,913	399,904
Social security costs	44,080	38,504
Other pension costs	44,700	32,326
	<u>527,693</u>	<u>470,734</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Employees	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2023	2022
£60,001 - £70,000	2	-
£120,001 - £130,000	1	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	683,594	9,648	693,242
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Projects	23,604	170,712	194,316
Investment income	29	-	29
<b>Total</b>	<u>707,227</u>	<u>180,360</u>	<u>887,587</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Fundraising projects	9,875	-	9,875
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Projects	517,756	176,841	694,597
Other	10,887	-	10,887
<b>Total</b>	<u>538,518</u>	<u>176,841</u>	<u>715,359</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	168,709	3,519	172,228
Transfers between funds	(185)	185	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>168,524</u>	<u>3,704</u>	<u>172,228</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	204,279	80,680	284,959
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>372,803</u></u>	<u><u>84,384</u></u>	<u><u>457,187</u></u>

**12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Office equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
At 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023	<u>6,189</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 6 April 2022	4,620
Charge for year	<u>1,127</u>
At 5 April 2023	<u>5,747</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 5 April 2023	<u><u>442</u></u>
At 5 April 2022	<u><u>1,569</u></u>

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**13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Operating debtors	30,472	156,800
Other debtors	98,546	1,755
	<u>129,018</u>	<u>158,555</u>

**14. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
	General fund	Lloyds Register Foundation
	£	£
Interest savings account	225,191	67,008
Bank current accounts	20,872	-
Euro account	53,355	-
	<u>299,418</u>	<u>67,008</u>
	<u>375,954</u>	<u>457,701</u>

**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	11,807	14,792
Other creditors	28,573	17,952
Deferred income	-	127,894
	<u>40,380</u>	<u>160,638</u>

**16. LEASING AGREEMENTS**

The company has future operating lease commitments totalling £162,662 (2022 - £212,712).

**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 6.4.22	Net movement in funds	At 5.4.23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	372,803	15,695	388,498
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Peritia	84,384	(74,856)	9,528
Lloyds Register Foundation	-	67,008	67,008
	<u>84,384</u>	<u>(7,848)</u>	<u>76,536</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>457,187</u>	<u>7,847</u>	<u>465,034</u>

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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	517,352	(501,657)	15,695
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Peritia	-	(74,856)	(74,856)
Lloyds Register Foundation	225,999	(158,991)	67,008
Kickstart	10,688	(10,688)	-
	<u>236,687</u>	<u>(244,535)</u>	<u>(7,848)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>754,039</u>	<u>(746,192)</u>	<u>7,847</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 6.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	204,279	168,709	(185)	372,803
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Wellcome Trust	5,944	(6,129)	185	-
Peritia	74,736	9,648	-	84,384
	<u>80,680</u>	<u>3,519</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>84,384</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>284,959</u>	<u>172,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>457,187</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	707,227	(538,518)	168,709
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Wellcome Trust	13,073	(19,202)	(6,129)
Peritia	9,648	-	9,648
Lloyds Register Foundation	157,639	(157,639)	-
	<u>180,360</u>	<u>(176,841)</u>	<u>3,519</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>887,587</u>	<u>(715,359)</u>	<u>172,228</u>

The Peritia fund represents amounts received for citizens workshops in London in 2022 and user testing of a Trust Toolkit developed with project partners in Europe. The fund has a balance carried forward of £9,528.

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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

The Lloyds Register Foundation fund is for our project to develop understanding of Risk Know How. The fund has a balance carried forward of £67,008.

**18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year donations totalling £nil (2022 - £250) were received from the trustees.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations (including gift aid)	493,278	693,242
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	548	29
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	260,213	194,316
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	754,039	887,587
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Wages	12,300	8,770
Social security	1,300	842
Pensions	2,011	263
	15,611	9,875
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	426,613	391,134
Social security	42,780	37,662
Pensions	42,689	32,063
Rent, service charges, rates and electricity	57,143	62,693
Insurance	1,046	809
Computer and website	16,115	7,819
Telephone	770	938
Postage and stationery	3,413	2,316
Bank charges	289	287
Project related expenses	127,551	149,114
Exchange rate variances	(2,594)	2,901
Repairs, renewals and equipment	2,370	5,569
Office equipment depreciation	1,127	1,292
	719,312	694,597
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Independent examiner's remuneration	3,600	2,700
Board of trustees' meetings	185	23
Trustees' expenses	862	307
Bookkeeping and payroll	6,622	7,857
	11,269	10,887
<b>Total resources expended</b>	746,192	715,359
<b>Net income</b>	7,847	172,228

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