

MATHEMATICS RECOVERY COUNCIL UK AND IRELAND

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 AUGUST 2021

Registered Charity Number: 1158077

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees – The Trustees who have served throughout the year and up to the date of approval of this report are:

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Catherine Staunton-Unsworth
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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2021

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Structure Governance & management

The Trust is an independent charity governed by its constitution dated 30 November 2013. The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 31 July 2014, having previously operated as an unincorporated organisation. The Trustees who have served during the year are listed on Page 2.

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

Trustees were initially selected on the basis that they were committed to Maths Recovery, had been involved in research and delivery of programmes to promote mathematical learning and an appropriate range of skills to ensure that the charity was successfully launched. Each year the Trustees will consider whether there is a need to expand the range of skills by inviting others to join their number. As the charity develops, the Trustees are committed to developing appropriate policies for Trustee recruitment, induction and continuing training. Each year one third of the trustees retire, being those longest in office and are eligible for re-election. In November 2020 Charlotte Madine and Catherine Staunton Unsworth retired and were re-elected. The trustees are acutely aware that they do need to expand their number and to actively seek to do this.

Objectives, Activities & Public Benefit

The primary objective is "to promote the mathematical education of people, including children and the adults who teach or support them, in such ways as the charity trustees think fit".

The main activities of the charity are training professionals in implementing the Maths Recovery Programme in their settings and local authorities, promoting research into children's mathematical thinking through conferences and professional development.

The Trustees have referred to the information contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The Trustees believe that the activities carried out benefit the public by improving the teaching and learning of mathematics of children and young people.

Achievements & performance

The Trustees meet regularly via Microsoft Teams meetings or telephone conferences. The day-to-day business of the Council is managed by the Executive Committee who in turn delegate tasks to sub-committees as required. The Chair of the Executive Committee, Catherine Staunton Unsworth, stood down after her year of service and the new joint Chairs, Mary Rendle and Lynda Stewart took up their duties in January 2021. The Council wishes to thank Catherine for her continued support and commitment. The Council were to sponsor Catherine to attend the US Math Recovery conference in Chicago in the autumn, but this was postponed. It has been rescheduled for April 2022, but it is unlikely that Catherine will be able to attend. Due to Covid-19 restrictions it was not possible to deliver a programme of training and accreditation this year. The focus has been on planning a new website and developing virtual workshops.

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The International Maths Recovery network was established to meet at least three times a year through a virtual platform to discuss, network and share ideas. The first meeting in April 2020, attended by about fifteen participants from four different continents was organised by Petey MacCarty. It was very successful but due to the disruption of Covid -19 further meetings have not been organised; hopefully they will resume next year.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the two training courses delivered in Scotland had to be abandoned and a further two cancelled. We are hoping to resume the training in North Ayrshire and Clackmannanshire in the late autumn. The only form of income the Council receives is from that generated by training courses so the impact on income has been significant.

The Council has offered a programme of virtual training sessions which retained the interactivity of our training courses whilst maintaining the quality. The four two-hour virtual workshops based on the Purple Book were delivered via Microsoft Teams to 28 people. They proved so popular a repeat workshop was organised for a further 16 people. This virtual format has made Maths Recovery available to teachers who found it difficult to access previously, so it is hoped that we can continue this offer.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions it was not possible for members of the Council to meet at Manchester Metropolitan University to engage in a professional development as planned. However, we were very grateful to Catherine Staunton Unsworth for updating us in November on the US Fractions virtual course she participated in, in June and July 2020.

A website sub-committee has been established with a remit to develop a new website. The sub-committee has met regularly via Microsoft Teams and is on target to deliver the new website. This exciting new development should be launched and tested by late summer/early autumn. It is envisaged that the new website will support the advertising of courses and attract a wider audience as well as maintain the interest of our community of Maths Recovery teachers and teaching assistants.

Two new Maths Recovery books were published in October to join the six previous publications in the series. The 'yellow book' Grindle, Hastings, Wright: Teaching Early Numeracy to Children with Developmental Disabilities and the 'chocolate book' Tabor, Dibley, Norton & Hackenberg: Numeracy for All Learners: Teaching Mathematics to Students with Special Needs. It is hoped that some future collaboration with workshops with Corinna Grindle may be possible.

James Clark, our contact at Sage for the MR Series, has contacted the Chair with a request to review a new Maths Recovery publication proposal from the authors Beth MacDonald and Jonathan Thomas Guiding Instructional Principles for Teaching Mathematics Conceptually to All Elementary Students. This book is designed to clearly explain ten research-driven instructional principles deeply ingrained in the Math Recovery professional learning community that fundamentally inform mathematics teaching and learning in three ways.

The membership has not been updated as the website is not functioning, and the designer has not responded to frequent requests for support. It is hoped that when the new website is launched the dedicated members area will attract new members and retain existing ones. There will be an annual charge for membership at £30 per year.

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The Council has supported West Lothian Council to develop two accredited trainers, Mary Rendle and Lynda Stewart, who have delivered their own 8-day course this year which was successfully moderated by the Council. We look forward to working with them in the future. We also have one new trainer accredited, Joanne Gibbs, who has taken up a new post in Stockport and is planning on jointly delivering her first 8 -day course.

The new assessment kits have been used and reprints have been ordered for the autumn term training this year. The manuals will require further editing. The new training DVD has been finished and we look forward to using it in the autumn term training.

The Council has successfully applied to Microsoft for non-profit support with donated software and has been awarded ten years free trial of Microsoft 365 with up to 10 licenses to be renewed annually. Consequently, we have not renewed our Go to Meeting account and have switched platforms to Microsoft Teams. We have a new gmail account: mathsrecoveryuk20@gmail.com to reflect a more appropriate membership base than just 'england'. The Treasurer has applied for a debit card to help with future purchasing. There will be three card holders, the Treasurer, the administrator, and the Chair.

The trustees have reviewed the safeguarding policy, the filming protocols, the data protection policy, and conflict of interest policy as part of the annual policy review. A new DBS application was made for Catherine Staunton Unsworth.

The Council has been using a Twitter account and social media to promote its objectives, @MathsRecoveryUK. Delegates on courses are invited to post comments, share ideas and photographs and ask questions. A Facebook page has been established and a private Facebook group with links for resources and promoting discussion to continue to support training courses and to reach a wider audience. If the virtual training currently being developed is successful, we may look to develop further virtual training offers.

Autopress and TTS have continued to support the Council this year through the payment of copyright fees. TTS has now been bought by RM Educational Resources Ltd. It is anticipated that the level of fees will be rather reduced due to Covid-19.

Plans for the future

Over the next financial year, the Council intends to continue to meet the demand for training as it arises; accredit teachers and trainers who have completed portfolios after training, develop new training courses and provide quality assurance for the Programme. However, it is recognised that future working may look very different as face-to-face training with teachers is not going to be possible at the present time. New 8-day training is booked for South Lanarkshire and Stockport commencing in the autumn term. Further training is expected to run in Northern Ireland in the spring term when all Covid restrictions will have been lifted. South Lanarkshire want to develop their teachers to be accredited as MR teachers and then trainers. We look forward to working with them to achieve this.

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We will need to reconsider the planning of future conferences in the UK. Smaller events or workshops hosted by Local Authorities may be more viable than large events. Covid-19 has seen the rise of virtual conferences and it may be that we consider this as an alternative next year. The Council will also consider how to use some of its funds for public benefit in terms of sponsoring conferences or workshop places. This will include the purchase of Zoom as a platform to make virtual conferences accessible to a wider audience.

The Council will continue to promote research into children's mathematical thinking with a programme of presentations and workshops around the new white book. We look forward to integrating the two new publications (yellow and chocolate books) into our work as we focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion in our Maths Recovery programmes.

Members of the Council will continue to engage in professional development and review how they have adapted their intervention training course to address the changes in the new white book and the new Learning Framework.

The Council plans to continue to consult with government bodies and scientific associations. It plans to make knowledge of children's mathematical thinking available to a wider audience through publications and presentations and the new website.

Financial Review

Total receipts of unrestricted funds of £21,723 (2020: £109,523) are detailed in note 1 of the Financial Statements. The available funds were spent on trainers' fees, website costs and other ancillary expenses. The net result for the year on unrestricted funds was an excess of income over expenditure of £9,480 (2020: excess of income over expenditure of £39,025). This resulted in a year end bank balance in respect of unrestricted funds of £87,480 (2020: £78,000). The result showing in the Receipts and Payments account in each financial year is affected by the timing of receipts and payments and is not necessarily indicative of the timing of the related underlying activities.

There have been no restricted fund transactions this year and there are no balances on restricted funds at the year end.

We had planned spending of approximately £2,820 on the development of a new website with running costs of £1,880 for the first year to be reviewed thereafter. It is hoped that the new website will generate more interest in Maths Recovery and our training courses.

Going Concern

Covid-19 will continue to have a financial impact on the Charity going forward; we effectively had no income this year. The two courses that have been postponed due to lockdown will have to be rearranged. Both courses have been paid for by the clients, but the trainers have not been paid for courses yet to be delivered. It is hoped to offer both courses in the autumn, one before Christmas.

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The two planned courses had to be cancelled in Northern Ireland. The delegates were refunded for the two-day course in October 2020 so this has had a negative impact on the reserves of approximately £2,240 in cancellation fees. We were not charged for the venue costs and didn't incur any other costs. It is hoped that these courses can be organised for next year when travel and Covid -19 restrictions allow and those offered virtually will recoup costs.

The current timetable for future work is promising; we have two courses booked and there has been interest in organising future courses.

From a financial point of view the charity can survive the 12 months from the date the accounts are to be signed off as we do not have any fixed overheads and we have not committed to any large-scale spending on a conference. With the current level of reserves in hand the Trustees are satisfied that the accounts for 31 August 2021 can be prepared on the going concern basis.

Related Parties

Several Trustees of the CIO act as consultants or trainers and receive fees from the CIO. Each is paid a standard daily rate, which is fixed each year by the full board of Trustees and represent an open market value for the specialist services provided. The nature of Maths Recovery means that it is difficult to find suitable experienced alternative consultants or trainers who are not also involved in the running of the Mathematics Recovery Council. The amounts paid to Trustees are disclosed in note 4.

Risks review

The Trustees have considered the risks associated with the charity, and they consider the key ones to be

- Reputational risk
- Litigation regarding quality of training
- Financial loss due to clients not paying for services provided
- Travel or accommodation costs caused by cancellation of course or inclement weather

The Trustees believe that the risks are minimised as far as practical because of quality assurance of the training by the MR consultants and trainers, active involvement of the trustees in delivery of services and compliance with the relevant requirements such as professional qualification of trainers and evidence of their professional development. The council is developing suitable policies and procedure for each of these areas and holds the NCETM CPD Standard quality mark.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees recognise the need for the Charity to establish and maintain reserves to enable it to continue to carry out its charitable objectives in the event of unforeseeable matters arising such as the Covid-19 pandemic. Funds that are designated but not restricted should be used in line with the purpose for which they were reserved. Funds provided for a specific purpose are held as restricted funds and used solely for the purposes indicated by the donor. There have been no designated or restricted funds during either of the last two financial years.

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The Trustees would ordinarily aim to hold 3-6 months' operating costs in general bank funds. At the year end the bank balance represents far more than this with reference to the costs for the year just gone but would equate to around 15 months of costs based on the expenditure in the 2020 accounts (2020: 12 months) on a straight-line time apportioned basis. Given the ongoing Covid-19 situation the Trustees deem that this is an appropriate amount to hold and should be sufficient to see the Charity through for at least the next 12 months.

The movement on the reserves of the charity are detailed in note 3 to the financial statements.

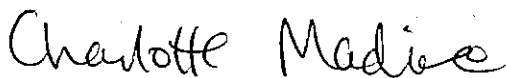
Statement of Trustees responsibilities

The trustees 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). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 charity and of the receipts and payments of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 charity 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 charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 20th November 2021 and signed on their behalf by



Charlotte Madine

Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MATHEMATICS RECOVERY COUNCIL UK AND IRELAND

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 13, the report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act")

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act); and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 20th November 2021



Barry Dolan FCCA
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Note	2020-21 Unrestricted funds (£)	2020-21 Restricted funds (£)	2020-21 Total funds (£)	2019-20 Unrestricted funds (£)	2019-20 Restricted funds (£)	2019-20 Total funds (£)
RECEIPTS							
Other trading activities	1(a)	1,078	-	1,078	1,839	-	1,839
Income from Charitable activities	1(b)	20,645	-	20,645	107,684	-	107,684
Total receipts		<u>21,723</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,723</u>	<u>109,523</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,523</u>
PAYMENTS							
Expenditure on raising funds	2(a)	-	-	-	665	-	665
Expenditure on charitable activities	2(b)	12,243	-	12,243	69,833	-	69,833
Total payments		<u>12,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,243</u>	<u>70,498</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,498</u>
Excess of receipts / (payments)		9,480	-	9,480	39,025	-	39,025
Cash & bank b/fwd 1 September 2020		<u>78,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,000</u>	<u>38,975</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,975</u>
Cash & bank c/fwd 31 August 2021		<u>87,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,480</u>	<u>78,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,000</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of these accounts

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 AUGUST 2021

	2020-21 Unrestricted funds (£)	2020-21 Restricted funds (£)	2020-21 Total funds (£)	2019-20 Unrestricted funds (£)	2019-20 Restricted funds (£)	2019-20 Total funds (£)
ASSETS						
Debtors	2,881	-	2,881	13,689	-	13,689
Bank balances	87,480	-	87,480	78,000	-	78,000
Total assets	90,361	-	90,361	91,689	-	91,689
LIABILITIES						
Owed to suppliers	1,316	-	1,316	-	-	-
Refunds payable	-	-	-	2,520	-	2,520
Accruals and deferred income	25,111	-	25,111	13,131	-	13,131
Total liabilities	26,427	-	26,427	15,651	-	15,651

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 20th November 2021 and signed on its behalf by

Charlotte Madine

Charlotte Madine
Trustee

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	2020-21 Unrestricted funds (£)	2020-21 Restricted funds (£)	2020-21 Total funds (£)	2019-20 Unrestricted funds (£)	2019-20 Restricted funds (£)	2019-20 Total funds (£)
1. Receipts						
1(a) Other trading activities						
Royalties	1,078	-	1,078	1,839	-	1,839
Total	1,078	-	1,078	1,839	-	1,839
1(b) Income from Charitable activities						
Training fees	20,118	-	20,118	102,260	-	102,260
Accreditation fees	55	-	55	-	-	-
Books and assessment kits	472	-	472	3,731	-	3,731
Conference fee income	-	-	-	1,693	-	1,693
Total	20,645	-	20,645	107,684	-	107,684
Total Receipts	21,723	-	21,723	109,523	-	109,523

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	2020-21 Unrestricted funds (£)	2020-21 Restricted funds (£)	2020-21 Total funds (£)	2019-20 Unrestricted funds (£)	2019-20 Restricted funds (£)	2019-20 Total funds (£)
2. Payments						
2(a) Expenditure on raising funds						
Intellectual property fees paid	-	-	-	665	-	665
2(b) Expenditure on charitable activities						
Trainers fees	6,450	-	6,450	32,300	-	32,300
Trainers travel and accommodation	-	-	-	11,580	-	11,580
Conference and venue costs	-	-	-	10,573	-	10,573
Books, journals and DVD's	1,090	-	1,090	6,842	-	6,842
Assessment kits	930	-	930	3,809	-	3,809
Postage and delivery	339	-	339	830	-	830
Sundries	38	-	38	74	-	74
Insurance	477	-	477	470	-	470
Subscriptions	-	-	-	285	-	285
Computer and website costs	2,175	-	2,175	-	-	-
Advertising and marketing	-	-	-	346	-	346
Bookkeeping and admin	-	-	-	1,956	-	1,956
Independent examination	744	-	744	768	-	768
	<u>12,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,243</u>	<u>69,833</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,833</u>
 Total payments	 <u>12,243</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>12,243</u>	 <u>70,498</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>70,498</u>

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	B/fwd 1 Sept 2020 (£)	Receipts (£)	Payments (£)	Transfers in/(out) (£)	C/fwd 31 Aug 2021 (£)
3. Fund movements					
Unrestricted funds	78,000	21,723	(12,243)	-	87,480
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	78,000	21,723	(12,243)	-	87,480

4. Related parties

Several Trustees of the Charity act as consultants or trainers and receive fees from the Charity. Each is paid a standard daily rate, which is fixed each year by the board of Trustees and represents an open market value for the specialist services provided. The nature of Mathematics Recovery means that it is difficult to find suitable experienced alternative consultants or trainers who are not also involved in the running of the Mathematics Recovery Council charity. The following amounts were paid to the Trustees and other related parties:

Name	2020-21 Fees (£)	2020-21 Expenses (£)	2020-21 Total (£)	2019-20 Fees (£)	2019-20 Expenses (£)	2019-20 Total (£)
Christine Porter	-	-	-	8,625	3,123	11,748
Charlotte Madine	6,450	229	6,679	12,650	5,637	18,287
Nurturing Wisdom Limited	-	-	-	8,050	3,960	12,010
Jill Piotrowski	-	-	-	2,975	774	3,749
Total	6,450	229	6,679	32,300	13,494	45,794

The trustee, Catherine Staunton-Unsworth, is a director and shareholder of Nurturing Wisdom Limited.

Wiktor Piotrowski, the husband of Jill Piotrowski received £nil (2020: £1,955) in fees and expenses for carrying out administrative services for the charity but Trade Creditors on page 11 includes £1,316 owed to him.

