

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date					
From	01	09	2022	To	31	08	2023

### Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name **Mark Evison Foundation**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1158382**

Charity's principal address **PO Box 59519**

**London**

Postcode

**SE21 91L**

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Margaret Evison	Executive Trustee		
2	Sholto Moger	Honorary Trustee		
3	Ian Macauslan			
4	Elizabeth Evison			
5	Joseph Spence			
6	David Harris			
7	Georgina Speller		From 19 March 2023	
8	Amy Zambon		From 9 July 2023	
9	Lucien Mulberg		From 9 July 2023	
10	Rachel Sanguinetti		To 19 March 2023	
11	Matthew Neuberger		To 7 November 2022	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser

Name

Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

## Section B

## Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected by existing trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Trustees determine the Foundation's policies and strategy.

Margaret Evison acts as Executive Trustee, leading the Foundation's fund-raising, award-giving activities and other activities. She was assisted by one to two full-time paid schools' project officers and a paid part-time administrator.

The Foundation is proud of its mixture of young and more mature Trustees, with several Board members under 45, and a trustee who was previously an award winner. Because of the field in which we work and the strategic foresight to understand a changing world that this provides, we feel that this mix is very important.

In addition to the Board, volunteers have been very helpful in maintaining the website, providing a design service, and developing publicity material. We no longer use volunteers to implement the school awards scheme. An Honorary Treasurer manages the accounts.

Professor Dame Janet Beer has been our Patron since early 2022. Her commitment to diversity, equality and inclusion is central to our ethos as a Foundation. She has been associated with the Foundation since its earliest days, has attended various fundraising events and is a regular donor.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The Foundation's overall mission is to promote in young people their own personal, mental and physical development. It gives awards in selected London schools which enable 17-year-old (Yr 12) students to stretch themselves constructively and so to gain more confidence, courage and self-reliance, as well as learning new skills. Successful applicants are given funds for legitimate expenses: these are carefully costed. We like to offer opportunity where little exists, and new schools joining the scheme are usually from the more disadvantaged parts of London.



**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The Trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and believe they comply with it. The Foundation has continued to progress satisfactorily as regards fund-raising and in the giving of awards.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Policy on Grant Making**

Our policy is to make awards to the successful applicants (either groups or individuals) in Year 12 at state schools for carrying out projects that are personally challenging, taking them out of their 'comfort zones', and that they have conceived and planned themselves from scratch and carried out independently. There are now only two types of awards since Major Awards have been phased out: School Awards (Yr 12s) carrying legitimate expenses funding of up to £500; and Special Awards (for 19–25-year-olds across England) carrying legitimate expenses funding of up to £5,000. These are handled as follows:

**School Award** applications are developed by students in partner schools in London, with the support of the Executive Trustee, the Schools Project Officers and key Year 12 school staff members. The Foundation's work is introduced at Year 12 school assemblies, and after a number of school visits and email contact with students, applications are risk-assessed and finally 'judged' or selected for support by the Executive Trustee at the school. If appropriate, they are sent to designated external assessors ('experts') for comment before final ratification. These Year 12 school awards comprise the bulk of the charity's activities. We give annual Memorial Awards at the two private schools Mark Evison attended, very similar to School Awards.

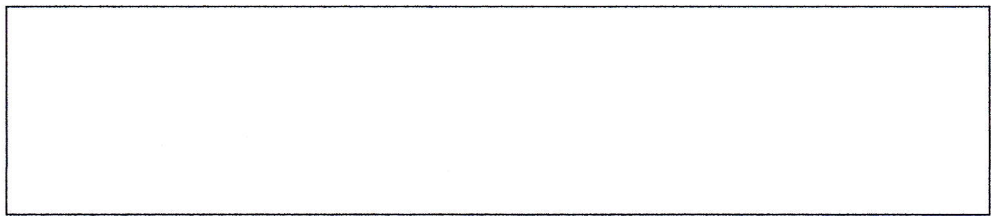
A key feature of the School Awards is that the applicants must create their own challenges, plan and research them in detail, present them and carry them out independently. All applications are carefully risk-assessed and costed. All awards carry legitimate expenses funding to a maximum of £500, although relatively few applicants receive the maximum, and sometimes funding is not required at all.

The involvement and support of the Yr 12 teachers and school support staff are important to our success.

In 2021/2 we increased our partner schools from 60 to 96, and this last school year we have kept this at 95 partner schools (with some variation between schools): they spanned 32 London boroughs, and 62 (66%) had above the London average percentage of free school meals, with 20 schools having over 40% of FSMs, and two schools over 60%.

An **Australian Outback Award** (a Special Award) is offered annually to under 25s when local weather conditions in Hay, New South Wales, allow: fares to Australia, expenses for car-hire, weekly pay (provided by the property) and a personal allowance are included.





## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

#### Awards

Recovering from Covid-19 restrictions some schools chose to continue to work remotely initially, but by the end of the year normal face to face working had been resumed.

Finally, 564 applications (2022: 604) were received from 93 state schools, and 135 (2022: 142) School Awards were given at 62 (2022:69) state schools. In addition, four Memorial Awards was given at one private school. In total we worked with 93 state schools to give School Awards, and 2 private schools to give Memorial Awards. The final number of successful students from all schools who went ahead with their projects was 447 (2022: 459).

#### Outreach Programme

Awards are offered within our outreach programme to Year 12 students at all maintained schools in the London area, and two private schools (for Memorial Awards). In 2022/2023 we visited 95 schools (2022:96) to give assemblies remotely or in person at which the opportunities available and the process of applying were explained. Nearly 4,000 (2022: nearly 4,000) students signed up as a result of hearing us present, and 3,480 (2022: 3,170) attended the follow-up sessions. Finally, 139 awards (2022: 142) were given to individual or group applicants, directly benefitting 447 (2022: 459) students.

This year we topped 2000 award-winners, over 1000 of those in the last three years.

#### Continuity

We are keen to foster a continuing relationship with the award-winning beneficiaries in several ways:

- Accounts of projects and relevant photographs are submitted by award winners and entered on the Foundation's website.
- Award winners are invited to talk about their awards in their own schools to the next cohort of Year 12s
- We maintain a database of award winners
- We seek soft/hard outcome information and data
- Beneficiaries are invited to any appropriate events

#### Fund Raising

Our income in the year totalled £57,175 (2022: £59,245), the principal sources being

- Grant-giving charities, trusts and foundations.
- Various fundraising events, one including an auction organised by the Foundation
- Sponsorship funds raised by our award winners: these are particularly pleasing, as more awards become "self-financing"
- Many individual donations
- Runners/cyclists in two long-distance fundraising events

We are extremely grateful to all those who were involved in fund raising.

**Section E****Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The Foundation's policy is to continue building reserves over the medium term (as an endowment fund) concurrent with increasing expenditure on grant-giving activities. Our reserves decreased by £55,637 during the year.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit****Further financial review details (Optional information)**


You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Section F****Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	MARGARET EVISON	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE	
Date	17 DECEMBER 2023	





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Mark Evison Foundation

1158382

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date

01/09/2022

To

Period end date


31/08/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Direct personal donations	11,718	-	-	11,718	10,643
Donations from Grant-making Charities, Trusts and Foundations	15,500	-	-	15,500	17,595
Schools' and students' sponsorship	9,340	-	-	9,340	14,269
Events	17,135	-	-	17,135	14,420
HMRC Gift Aid	3,483	-	-	3,483	2,318
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>57,176</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,176</b>	<b>59,245</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
COIF Charities Investment Fund	30,000	-	-	30,000	50,000
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>87,176</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>87,176</b>	<b>109,245</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Awards and grants	38,929	-	-	38,929	42,133
Outreach operating costs	42,675	-	-	42,675	55,050
Other operating costs	20,745	-	-	20,745	13,166
Cost of events	2,150	-	-	2,150	3,877
Administration	10,641	-	-	10,641	9,176
Fundraising costs	1,679	-	-	1,679	-
Online donation costs	245	-	-	245	216
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>117,064</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>117,064</b>	<b>123,618</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>117,064</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>117,064</b>	<b>123,618</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 29,888</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 29,888</b>	<b>- 14,373</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>80,927</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,927</b>	<b>95,300</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>51,039</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,039</b>	<b>80,927</b>



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Lloyds Bank current account	51,039	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	51,039	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	COIF Charities Investment Fund	Unrestricted	-	405,451
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
Signed by a trustee on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		MARGARET EVISON	17/12/2023	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

MARK EVISON FOUNDATION

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 August 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1158382

Set out on pages

Six and Seven

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023.

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 have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

17 December 2023

Name:

Andrew Sean Lockwood

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

Chartered Tax Adviser

Address:

Old Library Chambers

21 Chipper Lane



**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.**