

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2023		31	12	2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name **ZJEDNOCZENIE POLSKIE w WIELKIEJ BRYTANII C.I.O.**

Other names charity is known by **FEDERATION of POLES in GREAT BRITAIN C.I.O.**

Registered charity number (if any) **1161316**

Charity's principal address **240 King Street,**

Hammersmith

London

Postcode

W6 0RF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Surname	Christian	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	DONIMIRSKA	ALICJA	Chair	From 21 st Feb 2023	
2	MIER-JĘDRZEJOWICZ	WŁODZIMIERZ	Vice-chair	From Feb 21 st 2023	
3	MACHURA	TOMASZ	Secretary	From 21st Feb 2023	
4	TKACZYK	MONIKA			
5	KARDYNAŁ	ELŻBIETA			
6	BILDZIUK	ARTUR			
7	FINDLATER	KASIA			
8	BILDZIUK	ARTUR			
9	TATOL	MARTA		From 21st Feb 2023	
10	KSIĄŻEK	KAROLINA		From 21st Feb 2023	
11	SUCHCITZ	MARYSIA		From 21st Feb 2023	

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)

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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)

MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DONATIONS

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

ELECTION AT A.G.M. of MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

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.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

OBJECTS OF ZJEDNOCZENIE POLSKIE W WIELKIEJ BRYTANII C.I.O.
(1) THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE TO ADVANCE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT: (A) DIVERSITY, CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BY PROMOTING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING WITHIN BRITISH SOCIETY OF THE POLISH COMMUNITY AND OF ITS CULTURE AND HERITAGE; (B) EDUCATION BY PROMOTING THE LEARNING OF THE POLISH LANGUAGE; (C) POLISH CULTURE, LITERATURE, ART, MUSIC, HISTORY, HERITAGE AND TRADITIONS BY ORGANIZING EVENTS; (D) RELIEF IN NEED OF MEMBERS OF THE POLISH COMMUNITY BY THE PROVISION OF ADVICE, SUPPORT AND INFORMATION OR IN ANY OTHER WAY REQUIRED AND BY ENGAGING WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS, PUBLIC BODIES, INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS TO ENABLE THOSE ENTITIES TO BETTER ADAPT THEIR SERVICES, POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES TO THE NEEDS OF THE POLISH COMMUNITY; E) SOCIAL INCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE POLISH COMMUNITY BY DEVELOPING THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF MEMBERS OF THAT COMMUNITY TO ASSIST THEM TO INTEGRATE WITH AND PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY.

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 main focus for our organisation in 2023 was on strengthening relationships with British, Polish and European institutions.

The President of the Republic of Poland's visit to London emphasised the role of Polish organisations in Great Britain, and the Summit of the World's Polish Diaspora in Warsaw gave us the opportunity to meet and exchange views with Polish organisations from around the world.

Using one's vote is a fundamental democratic duty. In 2023 The Federation of Poles organised an information campaign encouraging people to vote in the local elections in England; we sent out information on how to vote in the parliamentary elections in Poland, and with the upcoming elections to the European Parliament in 2024, we established relations with the European Parliament.

The Polish Independence Day Celebrations, organised by the Federation of Poles in GB, gathered over 300 people, among them representatives of British local and national authorities, guests from Poland, and members of the Polish community.

2023 was the second year of the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine. The newly elected Chair of the Federation, Alicja Donimirska, gave a speech supporting Ukraine at a demonstration in front of the Embassy of the Russian Federation on the anniversary of that aggression. In November, the chair of the Federation received a diploma of gratitude from the Ukrainian community in Great Britain for the numerous fundraising activities of the Federation's member organisations in aid of Ukraine.

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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1. Transformation of the office IT systems into cloud and archiving of the old documents to the cloud.
2. Organising the meeting with the Polish organisations during the visit of the Polish President in London.
3. Annual Celebration of the Polish National Independence in POSK theatre
4. Strengthening links with Polish organisations in GB and with British and European institutions.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

NORMAL BANKING PRACTICES

Details of any funds materially in deficit

NONE

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.

CC16a SUMMARY SUBMITTED TOGETHER WITH THIS REPORT

TOTAL INCOME £ 11,300

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £ 11,327

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)

Tomasz Machura

Full name(s)

Tomasz Machura

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee and Secretary in 2023

Date

31/10/2024

**ZJEDNOCZENIE POLSKIE W WIELKIEJ BRYTANII
C.I.O.**

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 December 2023

ZJEDNOCZENIE POLSKIE W WIELKIEJ BRYTANII C.I.O.

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

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ZJEDNOCZENIE POLSKIE W WIELKIEJ BRYTANII C.I.O.

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name ZJEDNOCZENIE POLSKIE W WIELKIEJ BRYTANII C.I.O.
Charity registration number 1161316
Principal office Federation of Poles in GB
238-246 King Street
London
W6 0RF

The trustees

A Donimirska	M Tkaczyk
A Bildziuk	K M Findlater
E Kardynal	T Machura
K Ksiazek	M Swietlicka
M Suchcitz	
Dr Mier-Jedrzejowicz Phd	

Accountants Pointon Young
Chartered Accountants
33 Ludgate Hill
Birmingham
B3 1EH

Structure, governance, and management

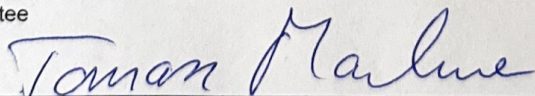
The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities for governance and will actively seek new members using a skill-based approach where necessary.

Objectives and activities

To advance, for the public benefit a) Diversity, citizenship and community development by promoting a better understanding within British Society of the Polish Community and of its cultural heritage; b) Education by promoting the learning of the Polish language; c) Polish culture, literature, art, music, history, heritage and traditions by organising events; d) Relief in need of members of the Polish community by the provision of advice, support and information or in any way required and by engaging with service providers, public bodies, institutions and organisations to enable those entities to better adapt their services, policies and activities to the needs of the Polish community; e) Social inclusion of members of the Polish community by developing the capacity and skills of members of that community to assist them to integrate with and participate more fully in society.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 30 October 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

T Machura
Trustee



ZJEDNOCZENIE POLSKIE W WIELKIEJ BRYTANII C.I.O.

Statement of Receipts and Payments

Year ended 31 December 2023

		2023		2022
		Unrestricted	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	funds	£	£
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	4	10,500	10,500	26,376
Other income	5	800	800	17,337
Total income		<u>11,300</u>	<u>11,300</u>	<u>43,713</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Costs of raising donations and legacies	6	8,421	8,421	25,842
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	2,906	2,906	5,258
Total expenditure		<u>11,327</u>	<u>11,327</u>	<u>31,100</u>
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		<u>(27)</u>	<u>(27)</u>	<u>12,613</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		19,543	19,543	6,930
Total funds carried forward		<u>19,516</u>	<u>19,516</u>	<u>19,543</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all receipts and payments in the year.

The notes on pages 4 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

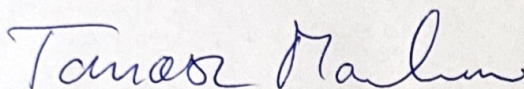
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		19,516	19,543
Net current assets		19,516	19,543
Total assets less current liabilities		19,516	19,543
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		19,516	19,543
Total charity funds	12	19,516	19,543

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 30 October 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



T Machura
Trustee

The notes on pages 4 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

ZJEDNOCZENIE POLSKIE W WIELKIEJ BRYTANII C.I.O.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Federation of Poles in GB, 238-246 King Street, London, W6 0RF.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. Its financial statements are consolidated into the financial statements of (enter name of group financial statements) which can be obtained from (enter detail). As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102: No cash flow statement has been presented for the company. Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

Income is recognised upon receipt.

ZJEDNOCZENIE POLSKIE W WIELKIEJ BRYTANII C.I.O.

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenses are recognised upon payment.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations				
Donations	<u>10,500</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>26,376</u>	<u>26,376</u>

5. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income From Events	–	–	4,857	4,857
Memberships	800	800	480	480
Return Of Guarantee Loan	–	–	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>17,337</u>	<u>17,337</u>

6. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Room Hire	8,143	8,143	14,697	14,697
Cost Of Events	<u>278</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>11,145</u>	<u>11,145</u>
	<u>8,421</u>	<u>8,421</u>	<u>25,842</u>	<u>25,842</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Support costs	<u>2,906</u>	<u>2,906</u>	<u>5,258</u>	<u>5,258</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Support costs	<u>2,906</u>	<u>2,906</u>	<u>5,258</u>

ZJEDNOCZENIE POLSKIE W WIELKIEJ BRYTANII C.I.O.

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

9. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
General office	2,406	2,406	736
Governance costs	500	500	802
Repairs & maintenance	—	—	1,920
Legal & professional	—	—	1,800
	<u>2,906</u>	<u>2,906</u>	<u>5,258</u>

10. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2022: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

11. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

12. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	<u>19,543</u>	<u>11,300</u>	<u>(11,327)</u>	<u>19,516</u>

	At 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2022 £
General funds	<u>6,930</u>	<u>43,713</u>	<u>(31,100)</u>	<u>19,543</u>

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current assets	<u>19,516</u>	<u>19,516</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Current assets	<u>12,613</u>	<u>12,613</u>