

Charity Registration Number 1161402

QS ImpACT CIO

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

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Strategic Report for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their strategic report for the year ended 30 September 2024, in compliance with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The organisation operates as not for profit entity. Any excess income is reinvested in the organisation and is available to support the organisation's future charitable activities.

The strategic report was approved by the trustees of the charity on^{6th May 24} and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Richard Kemp
Chairman and trustee

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

The activities undertaken to further public benefit are to provide support and representation for young adults passionate about having a positive impact on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number:

1161402

The charitable organisation is incorporated in England.

Registered Office:

1 Tranley Mews
Fleet Road
London
NW3 2DG

Independent Examiner:

Davidson Stant Limited
The Glen
Knutsford Old Road
Stockton Heath
Warrington
WA4 2LD

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

Richard Kemp
Nunzio Quacquarelli
Paras Ramesh Fatnani
Santiago Iniguez de Onzono
Dan Munnerley
Heather Haseley
Ashwin Fernandes

Chairman:

Richard Kemp

Structure, governance and management***Nature of governing document***

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation governed by a trust deed.

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Trustees' Report

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of QS ImpACT CIO for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on6th May 25 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Richard Kemp
Chairman and trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of QS Impact CIO ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2024.

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

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 QS Impact CIO 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)].
5. the accounts have not been prepared on a going concern basis. However, at 30 September 2022 the CIO had a small deficit on its balance sheet. The accounts have been prepared on the basis of the continued support of its associated company Q S Quacquarelli Symonds Limited

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.



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Davidson Stant Limited

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of QS ImpACT CIO ('the Company')

Date: 06/05/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 September 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	3	189,326	189,326
Total income		189,326	189,326
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	4	(32,346)	(32,346)
Charitable activities	5	(142,744)	(142,744)
Total expenditure		(175,090)	(175,090)
Net income		14,236	14,236
Net movement in funds		14,236	14,236
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		(28,766)	(28,766)
Total funds carried forward	14	(14,530)	(14,530)
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	3	123,982	123,982
Total income		123,982	123,982
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	4	(16,663)	(16,663)
Charitable activities	5	(129,991)	(129,991)
Total expenditure		(146,654)	(146,654)
Net expenditure		(22,672)	(22,672)
Net movement in funds		(22,672)	(22,672)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		(6,094)	(6,094)
Total funds carried forward	14	(28,766)	(28,766)

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 14.

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number:) Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	11	56,309	41,972
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(9,166)</u>	<u>(9,065)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		47,143	32,907
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	<u>(61,673)</u>	<u>(61,673)</u>
Net liabilities		<u>(14,530)</u>	<u>(28,766)</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>(14,530)</u>	<u>(28,766)</u>
Total funds	14	<u>(14,530)</u>	<u>(28,766)</u>

For the financial year ending 30 September 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 6th May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Richard Kemp
Chairman and trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

1 Tranley Mews
Fleet Road
London
NW3 2DG

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

QS ImpACT CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

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

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Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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Foreign exchange

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

The results of overseas operations are translated at the average rates of exchange during the period and their balance sheets at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising on translation of the opening net assets and results of overseas operations are reported in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity (attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

Other exchange differences are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they arise except for:

- 1) exchange differences on transactions entered into to hedge certain foreign currency risks (see above);
- 2) exchange differences arising on gains or losses on non-monetary items which are recognised in other comprehensive income; and
- 3) in the case of the consolidated financial statements, exchange differences on monetary items receivable from or payable to a foreign operation for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur (therefore forming part of the net investment in the foreign operation), which are recognised in other comprehensive income and reported under equity.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	69	69
Scholarships	189,257	189,257
Total for 2024	189,326	189,326
Total for 2023	123,982	123,982

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

4 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Scholarships gifted		32,346	32,346
Total for 2024		32,346	32,346
Total for 2023		16,663	16,663
			Total costs £

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Providing Support and representaion		4,593	4,593
Staff costs		136,791	136,791
Governance costs	6	1,360	1,360
Total for 2024		142,744	142,744
Total for 2023		129,991	129,991
			Total expenditure £

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £1,360 (2023 - £1,221) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 6 for further details.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	1,360	1,360
Total for 2024	1,360	1,360
Total for 2023	1,221	1,221

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

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8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	136,791	125,635

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

9 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Examination of the financial statements	1,360	1,221

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	56,309	41,972

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	7,805	7,805
Accruals	1,361	1,260
	9,166	9,065

13 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other loans	61,673	61,673

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 October 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 September 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	(28,766)	189,326	(175,090)	(14,530)
	Balance at 1 October 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 September 2023 £

Unrestricted funds

General	(6,094)	123,982	(146,654)	(28,766)
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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 30 September 2024 £
Current assets	56,309	56,309
Current liabilities	(9,166)	(9,166)
Creditors over 1 year	(61,673)	(61,673)
Total net assets	(14,530)	(14,530)
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 30 September 2023 £
Current assets	41,972	41,972
Current liabilities	(9,065)	(9,065)
Creditors over 1 year	(61,673)	(61,673)
Total net assets	(28,766)	(28,766)

16 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 October 2023 £	At 30 September 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	41,972	41,972
Net debt	41,972	41,972
	At 1 October 2022 £	At 30 September 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	43,654	43,654
Net debt	43,654	43,654

