SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1161961

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	09044774
Registered	2015-06-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL (AND PARTICULARLY AMONG STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KEELE) ON THE SUBJECT OF SOCIOLOGY IN SUCH WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES THINK FIT, INCLUDING BY AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS STUDYING SOCIOLOGY AND PROMOTING RESEARCH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE SUBJECT OF SOCIOLOGY AND TO PUBLISH THE USEFUL RESULTS.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£151,863	£373,465	-	-
2023-12-31	£210,346	£311,438	-	-
2022-12-31	£147,192	£277,025	-	-
2021-12-31	£186,174	£244,043	-	-
2020-12-31	£197,605	£197,419	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Steven Dexter Brown	Chair	2022-12-01
Dr Aaron Zave Winter		2024-11-19
Dr Karen O'Reilly		2022-12-01
Dr Karim Murji		2024-03-01
Dr Katrina Jungnickel		2022-12-01
Dr Mark Featherstone		2021-12-16
Emily Johnstone		2025-09-22
Professor Leslie Clifford Back		2024-11-19
Professor Marie-Andree Jacob		2024-11-19
Rene Thomas Genillard		2025-07-21
Thomas John Dark		2022-12-01

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Report of Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their annual report along with the financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

2. Objectives and Activities

The charitable objects of the Sociological Review Foundation Limited are defined in Article 4 of the governing document as follows: "To advance the education of the public in general (and particularly among students at the University of Keele) on the subject of sociology in such ways as the trustees think fit, including by awarding scholarships for students studying sociology and promoting research for the public benefit in all aspects of the subject of sociology and to publish the useful results."

The Foundation was established in 2015 and is funded by the proceeds of sales and subscriptions of The Sociological Review Journal. Its charitable activities focus on public sociology and support for early career researchers. The Foundation's aims are set out in the 2024-29 Strategic Plan and the 2023 Manifesto.

2.1 Public Sociology

Beyond the scholarly work of the Sociological Review Journal (published via our trading subsidiary, the Sociological Review Publication Limited), it is the Foundation's mission to promote sociological thinking to audiences beyond academia; raise wider awareness of key debates that shape societies; and direct and support projects that intervene in emerging issues. This is done in a number of ways, including an open-access digital magazine; the Connected Sociologies Curriculum project; the Uncommon Sense podcast and other podcasts whose dissemination we support.

As part of our commitment to public sociology we organise or fund a number of events including:

- The Sociological Review Annual Lecture, a free public event
- The Sociological Review Seminar Series, which supports scholars to undertake in-person, hybrid and online seminars and symposia aimed at scholarly and non-scholarly audiences
- Online and in-person events and conferences that bring together established and new researchers and are aimed at both scholarly and general audiences.

2.2 Academic Career Development Support

In keeping with its charitable mission, the Foundation is proud to prioritise support for early career researchers, both inside and outside of the university environment. The support we offer, via open competition or based on need, includes:

- The Sociological Review Fellowship, based at Keele University, which allows an early career scholar to spend a year writing a first monograph.
- Career development opportunities for ECRs, such an annual writing retreat.
- Bursaries for unfunded PhD and postdoctoral researchers to attend our events. In 2024, £5,985 in funding of this kind was awarded.
- Opportunities for ECRs to publish in the Sociological Review magazine, and receive editorial feedback and training on writing for a broad international readership.
- Opportunities for ECRs to join the Sociological Review Editorial Board, where they receive training on refereeing and other skills under the mentorship of an experienced editor..

3. Achievements and Performance

Undisciplining II Conference

The Sociological Review Foundation's Undisciplining II conference took place from 10 to 12 September 2024 at The Lowry, Salford. Attended by 120 individuals, the conference brought together academics and educators, artists and activists, and thinkers and doers across many fields to ask: "Who is sociology for?" The programme included lectures, workshops, and interactive sessions, supporting the Foundation's mission of promoting public engagement in sociology. 15 Early Career Researchers were awarded travel and accommodation bursaries (total amount awarded: £5,225). See the conference page and the conference programme for **details**

Podcasts

Uncommon Sense: A podcast to create a space for questioning taken-for-granted ideas about society, imagining better ways of living together, and confronting our shared crises. Each episode typically features a conversation with one academic, focusing on a theme or issue. The podcast received £35,370 in funding in 2024 and comprised ten episodes. During 2024, the series saw 23,471 downloads across all podcast platforms, up from 16,889 in 2023.

Thanks For Typing: A six-episode podcast on the invisible work done by researchers' wives on landmark studies in modern sociology. Hosted by Ros Edwards and Val Gillies, produced by Research Podcasts, and hosted by the Sociological Review Foundation, 2,499 downloads in 2024.

Podcasts launched in 2022 and 2023 continue to be successful: Spatial Delight (6,244 downloads), The Stigma Conversations (1,475 downloads), and Politics After the Pandemic (752 downloads).

The Sociological Review Magazine

The Sociological Review's open-access digital Magazine offers insights grounded in sociological thinking via lively writing for a broad global readership. In addition to research-informed articles by contributors, the issues included book reviews, archive highlights and relevant papers from The Sociological Review journal that were made free to view for a two-month period. Each magazine issue was illustrated with commissioned artwork, and illustrators were paid a fee.

Support from professional sub-editors helped to strengthen the quality, clarity, accuracy and reach of content, in keeping with the organisation's public sociology remit. For the many contributors who were early career scholars undertaking their first journalistic/non-journal article aimed at a non-academic readership, the editorial process offered a valuable career development opportunity. In 2024 the Magazine published six issues and 58 original research-informed articles and attracted 23,362 unique website visitors and 28,820 pageviews.

Book Reviews and Sociological Fiction

The Sociological Review's book reviews section offers reviews of new and noteworthy titles in sociology and cognate disciplines. In 2024, Book Reviews Editor Emma Craddock commissioned and published 24 reviews and two Bedside Books columns. The Reviews section as a whole drew 4,760 unique website visitors and 5,676 total pageviews during 2024.

Sociological Fiction presents short stories by writers who creatively extend sociological imagination into fiction. In 2024, Fiction Editor Ash Watson works with each contributor to refine their creative composition and shape an accompanying exegesis that draws out the work's connection with sociological insights. In 2024, the section drew 1,537 unique visitors and 1,886 total pageviews.

Image-Makers in Residence

This initiative puts visual sociology in the spotlight, with an emphasis on migrant, minority and Global South practitioners and scholars. Residencies include six to eight posts of images and text via The Sociological Review's Instagram channel, and an artist Q&A and image archive on the Foundation's website. In 2024, the series featured ten artists and was curated by George Kalivis. Image-Makers were paid an honorarium. The Image-Maker in Residence pages on the Sociological Review Foundation website drew 1,657 unique visitors and 2,017 pageviews during the year.

The Sociological Review Seminar Series

The Sociological Review Foundation makes available up to £10,000 each year to support scholarly seminars on subjects within the publishing interests of The Sociological Review journal. Funding to run a single seminar, or a series of up to three seminars, is offered through open competition: academics are invited to submit proposals for online or in-person events that involve collaborations across institutions and disciplines and also welcome those that connect to wider communities and the arts. Applicants are encouraged to include a public engagement component to their event and by working and thinking across borders and cultures. The following events were funded in 2024:

- Platform Co-Operatives, Digital Capitalism, and the Future of Work (22 January 2024)
- Racialised Capitalism and its Discontents (24 April and 4 September 2024)
- Boundary Crossing: The Transnational Travels of Social Reproduction (3 May 2024)
- Activist Research: Methods Beyond Academia (13 October 2024)

Connected Sociologies Curriculum Project

The Connected Sociologies Curriculum Project is an educational platform that provides open-access audiovisual and written resources for students, teachers and academics interested in decolonising school, college and university curricula. The cornerstone of this public engagement project is a series of themed modules comprising video and supplementary educational resources. Downloadable lesson plans for teaching at A-Level (GCE secondary school level) in subjects related to Sociology, History, Politics and Geography were created in 2024 for each of the 55 lectures, breaking down related concepts into a series of activities and prompts. A promotional project booklet was published in 2024 to provide an overview of the project.

The Sociological Review Fellowship

The Sociological Review Fellowship, hosted at Keele University at an annual cost of £60,000, is a significant component of the Foundation's early career researcher initiatives. Established in 1998, this annual award funds a recent PhD to convert their doctoral research into publications, ordinarily a first book-length monograph. Brenda Herbert, whose research focuses on children and families who have experienced domestic abuse, was named 2024–25 Sociological Review Fellow. Her appointment followed that of 2023–24 Fellow William Zhengdong Hu.

Academic Career Development

Magazine and Newspaper Writing for Sociologists
22 January 2024 | Attendees: 20

Delia Lloyd facilitated this intensive online workshop for academics who want to write about their research for non-academic readers, via newspapers, magazines and other mainstream media.

Writing Retreat for Mid-Career Scholars
18-20 March 2024, Gladstone's Library, Wales | Attendees: 15 | Travel bursaries: £400

A free retreat allowing participants to focus on writing a journal article or other academic output within a supportive and focused environment. Places were awarded on a competitive basis.

Writing Retreat for Early Career Researchers
4-6 November 2024, Gladstone's Library, Wales | Attendees: 13 | Travel bursaries: £760

The Sociological Review Foundation's annual residential writing retreat for early career scholars. 13 places were awarded on a competitive basis, and the retreat was free of charge to attend.

Journal and Monograph Events

The Sociological Review at the 2024 ESA Conference, Porto, 27 August 2024
Author meets critics style event with Silke Roth and Clare Saunders, authors of *Organising for Change: Social Change Makers and Social Change Organisations.*

TSR Journal Article of the Year 2023 Award, 5 December 2024
An online event to celebrate and explore the two papers that have been selected for the Journal Article of the Year Award 2023.

Digital Engagement

Our website saw a 10% rise in visitors, with 350,000+ pageviews in 2024. Our newsletter subscriber list grew by 16% to 3,221. The below table provides an overview on our social media following:

Channel	Followers at 31 Dec 2024	Net new followers	Growth in %
Twitter/X	65,305	-1,437	-2.15%
Facebook	28,336	41	0.14%
Bluesky	5,424	4,889	913.8%
LinkedIn	2,694	2,103	356%
Instagram (main)	4,952	687	16.1%
Instagram (podcasts)	897	262	38.4%
Threads	1,086	278	34.4%
YouTube	1,684	444	35.8%

4. Plans for 2025

We aim to continue our diverse programme of activities, in line with our charitable objects and supported by our 2024-2029 Strategic Plan and 2025 Business Plan. In particular, we will:

- Organise *ECR events* including our annual *writing retreat*; and an ECR workshop connected to the topic of the Annual Lecture;
- Competitively award funding for seminars as part of our *Seminar Series*;
- Continue funding our flagship podcast, *Uncommon Sense*
- Continue disseminating the findings of sociological research for the public benefit, through our quarterly magazine, podcasts, an annual lecture, our website and social media channels.
- Organise a webinar series on public sociology
- Develop and deliver a podcast training workshop for sociologists seeking new ways to communicate their research to a broader audience, or are curious about podcasting as a means of public engagement but unsure where to begin.

5. Financial Review

In 2023, we secured a continued income stream for our charity by renewing the publishing contract for the Sociological Review Journal between our wholly owned subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited (SRPL) and SAGE academic publishers – for a period of three years (2024-2026). This has resulted in an annual income of approx. £160,000 that is gift-aided to us by the SRPL.

Assets and fundraising

As of 31 December 2024, the Foundation had unrestricted assets of £577,801, which includes funds the Sociological Review Journal had accumulated prior to the foundation of the charity in 2015. These assets are principally held in two bank accounts at NatWest and Santander, respectively. Additionally, our charity had a healthy annual income of £151,863 in 2024 (2023: £210,346).

Our 2024-2029 Strategic Plan lists organisational sustainability as its first strategic objective. In June 2024, we appointed a Deputy CEO to develop and oversee our fundraising and income generation initiatives, making use of preparatory work undertaken since 2018. In November 2024 we appointed a Development Manager to progress fundraising and partnership initiatives under the guidance of the CEO and Deputy CEO.

In the meantime, the trustees agreed a small number of cost reduction measures to secure to allow for fundraising and income generation initiatives to bear fruit, including pausing the Sociological Review Fellowship and mid-career writing retreat in 2025, and reducing staff costs by adjusting contractual hours, while avoiding redundancies.

At all times, the Trustees will adhere to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission: *Charity Fundraising: A Guide to Trustee Duties*.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds equal to six months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. In 2024 figures, this equated to approx. £190,000. The Trustees consider that this level provides sufficient funds to fulfil the Charity's obligations as laid out in the annual business plans; to pay salaried staff and contractors; fund the Sociological Review Seminar Series, Annual Lecture and other events; and disseminate the findings of sociological research for the public benefit through our website and social media channels.

In agreeing the required levels of free reserves in unrestricted funds, the Trustees have purposely disregarded the annual income of the Sociological Review Foundation. This is due to the relative unpredictability of the date on which these funds become available each year. The availability of these funds depends on the income from royalties paid to the Charity's subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited (SRPL) by the publisher of the Sociological Review Journal. The Trustees agree that there is a minor risk of these funds not being transferred to SRPL, and via SRPL to the Charity, on time, which would put the Charity at risk of fulfilling its obligations.

The Trustees recognise that the circumstances of the charity or the environment in which it operates change with time. Therefore, the reserves policy will be reviewed periodically. The amount held in reserves will also be monitored during the year as part of the charity's budgetary processes.

Unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2024 amounted to £577,801 (2023: £799,403), a significant part of which is earmarked for next year's operating costs.

6. Structure, Governance and Management

The Sociological Review Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated 2014 and registered as a charity 2015. Its main source of income is profits generated by its wholly owned subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited, which owns the Sociological Review Journal (published by SAGE Publishing). Profits from royalties are gift-aided to the Sociological Review Foundation.

The affairs of the charity are managed by a governing body of Trustees. Trustees are appointed at General Meetings. Members of the Sociological Review Foundation consist of:

- Current Trustees (11 trustees as of 1 September 2025)
- Former Trustees and Members of the Sociological Review Editorial Board as long as they sign the membership application form and attend the AGM. Membership is for one year and needs to be renewed at each AGM otherwise it expires automatically
- 19 members in total as of August 2025 (excluding Trustees)

2023-2024 Governance Review

In line with Charity Commission guidance for charities with a connection to a non-charity, and additional legal advice, the Sociological Review Foundation undertook a comprehensive review of its governance structure in 2023 to understand the legal and regulatory framework for how it should interact with and have oversight over its wholly-owned subsidiary, the SRPL. The outcome of the review was approved by the Trustees in late 2023 and came into effect in March 2024; it includes:

- The revised SRPL Articles of Association give the Foundation a sole power to appoint and remove directors; specify that Foundation trustees should sit on the SRPL Board of Directors; include provisions on member decision making; and include conflict of interest provisions to address the cross-over between the Foundation and SRPL boards.
- A Framework Agreement sets out how the Foundation works and shares resources with the SRPL, including compliance with Foundation policies and procedures; the make-up of the SRPL Board of Directors; reporting requirements; and provisions on data sharing.
- A Scheme of Delegation details the SRPL matters that require approval by the Foundation.

Procedure for the appointment of new trustees

Article 29: The minimum number of Trustees is 5 and the maximum number of Trustees is 12.

Articles 35-41 of the Articles of Association (entitled Appointment of Trustees) state:

- Trustees may appoint a person who is willing to be a Trustee. A Trustee appointed in this way must retire at the next annual general meeting
- The charity may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Trustee
- No person other than a Trustee retiring by rotation or a UK Appointee may be appointed a Trustee at any general meeting unless he or she is recommended for re-election by the Trustees or proposed by a Member 14-35 days before the AGM
- Keele University is entitled at all times to appoint one Trustee
- Members must be given 7-28 days' notice of a resolution to appoint a Trustee at the AGM

Trustee induction and training

The Sociological Review Foundation recognises that an effective Board of Trustees is essential for the charity to achieve its objects. The Board must have available to it the knowledge and skills required to run the charity and to meet the deadlines and regulations set by HMRC, Companies House and the Charity Commission. Individual trustees must have sufficient knowledge, both of trusteeship in general and of the Charity's activities, to enable them to carry out their role.

The Chair of Trustees and the Operations Director ensure that newly appointed Trustees are provided with key documents within one week of their appointment, including:

- *The Articles of Association*
- *The Essential Trustee* (CC3)
- *Conflicts of Interest Policy*
- *Data Protection Policy*
- *Risk Policy*
- *Social Media & Crisis Communication Policy*
- *Reserves Policy*
- *Strategic Plan* and the *Business Plan*
- *Expense Claims Policy*
- *Complaints Policy and Procedure*
- *Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy*

The Chair of Trustees and the Operations Director from time to time organise a training session on the general duties and responsibilities of charity Trustees.

Organisation and frequency of meetings

Trustees meet formally three to five times per year. The November meeting takes place after the AGM and includes the election of the Chair. All meetings are serviced and minuted by the Operations Director. In between formal Board meetings, Trustees communicate regularly via email, facilitated by the Operations Director who observes deadlines and coordinates any important tasks in liaison with the Chair of Trustees and the Chief Executive.

Risk management

The Sociological Review Foundation' risk policy describes the principles and procedures for identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring risks. The risk policy helps Trustees to identify major risks and decide how to respond to them. Trustees review the policy regularly, (re-) assess the risks and plan for their management. The policy was last updated in August 2025.

Some Board members have not served as Trustees elsewhere previously. A risk arising from this fact is that Trustees may lack the skills required to steer the charity and to observe the deadlines and regulations set by HMRC, Companies House and the Charity Commission. Recognising these risks, Trustees have put measures in place to mitigate them.

An induction policy for new trustees was developed, and a conflict-of-interest policy, risk policy, reserves policy, social media policy, EDI policy, and complaints policy are in place to guide the Trustees. Trustees regularly take legal and professional advice to ensure compliance on legal, financial and contractual matters. Our 2024-29 strategic plan and annual business plan ensure that our long- and short-term objectives are met.

The income of the Foundation comes from the business activities of its subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited, which owns the Sociological Review Journal. SRPL's profit from royalties is gift-aided to the Foundation. Trustees recognise that a decrease in SRPL's profits (whether due to mismanagement or changes to academic publishing) would have a serious impact on the charitable activities of the Foundation. To mitigate this risk, the Editor-in-Chief of the Sociological Review Journal is required to regularly report to the Trustees. The development of fundraising activities (see above) also serves the purpose of mitigating financial risks.

Equality and diversity

In line with its commitment to ensuring equality of opportunity or treatment, the Sociological Review Foundation's Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy details the appropriate measures to monitor and evaluate how it is meeting its commitment in relation to all activities, including events and the award of conference, travel and accommodation bursaries. We collect information related to equality & diversity on a voluntary basis, in line with our Privacy Notice and Data Protection Policy. Any data collected is strictly confidential, anonymised and analysed in-house.

Our 2020 report on equality, diversity and inclusion contained a number of recommendations with regards to equality, diversity and inclusion in three key areas of our activities: events (delegates, speakers, bursaries), employment (contracts and recruitment) and The Sociological Review Journal (editorial board composition, authors and reviewers). Most of these recommendations were implemented during 2020 and 2021.

Our monitoring, evaluating and learning (MEL) framework enables us to systematically gather feedback from participants in our events and initiatives, in line with our Privacy Notice.

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in considering the activities of, and future plans for, the charity.

7. Administrative Information

Trustees as of 1 September 2025
Rosemary Deem (Chair)
Mark Featherstone
Tom Dark
Kat Jungnickel
Karen O'Reilly
Steven Brown
Karim Murji
Marie-Andrée Jacob (appointed on 19/11/2024)
Aaron Winter (appointed on 19/11/2024)
Les Back (appointed on 19/11/2024)
Tom Genillard (appointed 22/07/2025)

Senior Management
Michaela Benson (CEO)
Maria Bellocci (Deputy CEO)
Attila Szanto (Operations Director)

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450a London Road
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Bankers
NatWest (current account)
Santander (time deposit account)

7. Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees (who are also directors of Sociological Review Foundation Limited 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).

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 the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

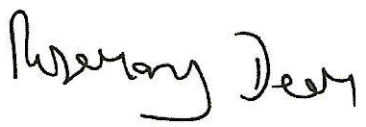
The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding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

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information

Auditors
A resolution to reappoint as Auditors Messrs. Kingston Burrowes, 450a London Road, Cheam SM3 8JB, will be put to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

Exemption Statement
The Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

On Behalf of the Trustees



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Rosemary Deem, Trustee
Date: 22 September 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE: SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED
A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital
Registered Charity No: 1161961

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sociological Review Foundation Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance about actual and potential litigation or claims and the identification of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- Professional scepticism in course of the audit and with audit sampling in material audit areas.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

K.C. Fisher

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For and on behalf of Kingston Burrowes Audit Ltd
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22 September 2025

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED
A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Including income and expenditure account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
INCOME:			
Donations and legacies	3	130,492	205,360
Other income	4	10,975	3,050
Bank deposit interest		10,396	1,936
Total income		151,863	210,346
EXPENDITURE:			
Raising funds	5	11,792	-
Charitable activities	6	361,673	311,438
Total expenditure		373,465	311,438
Net (Expenditure) and net movement in funds		(221,602)	(101,092)
Total funds brought forward		799,403	900,495
Total funds carried forward		£577,801	£799,403

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

All the above relate to unrestricted funds.

The notes on pages 15 to 19 form part of these Financial Statements

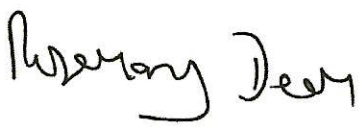
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Computer equipment	9	-	471
Investments	10	25,000	25,000
		25,000	25,471
Current assets			
Debtors	11	134,313	143,976
Cash at Bank		426,468	637,910
		560,781	781,886
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	7,980	7,954
Net current assets		552,801	773,932
Net assets		£577,801	£799,403
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds		£577,801	£799,403

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 22 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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Rosemary Deem
Director

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SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial states are as follows:

a) Basis of Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

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

b) Income recognition policies

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- The charity or its subsidiary have entitlement to the funds;
- Any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity or its subsidiary.
- There is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and
- The amount can be measured reliably.

c) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity, which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are those funds which can only be used in accordance with the wishes of the donor or which have been raised for a particular purpose.

d) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of research fellowships, conferences, seminars, symposia and other educational activities undertaken to further the purpose of the charity and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

e. Allocation of support costs

Support costs (including governance) are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. These costs have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities.

f. Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

g. Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Employer's contributions payable for the year are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee (Company No: 09044774) and has no share capital. The liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member.

The company is registered charity No: 1161961 and thus has no liability for Income Tax, Capital Gains Tax or Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

3. Donations and Legacies

	2024 £	2023 £
Donation – Sociological Review Publication Limited (Note 15)	128,552	205,360
Other donations	1,940	-
	£130,492	£205,360

All of the £130,492 (2023: £205,360) recognised in the year related to unrestricted funds.

4. Other Income

Merchandise sales and event income	£10,975	£3,050

All of the £10,975 (2023: £3,050) recognised in the year related to unrestricted funds.

5. Cost of raising Funds

Staff costs	2,392	-
Deputy CEO fees	9,400	-
	£11,792	£Nil

All of the £11,792 (2023: £Nil) expended in the year related to unrestricted funds.

6. Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Direct costs		
CEO Fees	6,035	-
SR Fellowships	44,180	42,639
Conference, Symposium and seminar costs	70,922	36,951
Project costs	101,631	91,123
Grants and conference support	1,830	-
Website, Digital strategy & Communication	83,849	84,801
Magazine	34,175	26,527
Merchandising	3,240	1,730
	345,862	283,771
Support Costs		
Legal & professional	6,019	17,390
Team meeting and venue hire costs	2,038	1,574
Office costs	781	129
Insurance	468	576
Bank charges	549	517
Depreciation	471	1,097
Governance:		
- Audit fee	2,772	2,640
- Trustee travel expenses	963	1,244
- Annual report	1,750	2,500
	£361,673	£311,438

All of the £361,673 (2023: £311,438) expended in the year relates to unrestricted funds.

7. Net income for the year

		2024	2023
This is stated after charging:			
Auditors Fees	- Audit services	£2,772	£2,640
	- Non-audit services	£Nil	£Nil

8. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	169,708	127,428
Social security costs	2,456	5,288
Pension costs	3,569	2,697
	£175,733	£135,413

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during 2024 or 2023.

The average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year was 4 (2023: 5).

Total employment benefits received by key management amounted to £15,435 (2023: £Nil).

9. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Computer and Office Equipment £
Cost	
Balance at 1 January 2024	4,911
Additions	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	4,911
Depreciation	
Balance at 1 January 2024	4,440
Change for year	471
Balance at 31 December 2024	4,911
Net Book Value	
As at 31 December 2024	£Nil
As at 31 December 2023	£471

10. Investment in trading subsidiary

The investment in the trading subsidiary represents a 100% holding, at cost, in Sociological Review Publication Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	5,305	16,688
Charitable payment due from subsidiary	129,008	127,288
	£134,313	£143,976

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	5,208	1,763
Accruals	2,772	6,191
	£7,980	£7,954

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received any remuneration during the year or the previous year. Travelling expenses reimbursed to 6 (2023: 6) Trustees totalled £963 (2023: £1,244).

14. Future financial commitments

At 31 December 2024 the charity had agreed to provide sponsorship and fellowships as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Current commitments entered into by the Trustees		
Research fellowships	£59,325	£44,180

15. Related Party Transactions

The charity has a wholly owned trading subsidiary, which is incorporated in the UK: the Sociological Review Publications Limited, which produces the Sociological Review Journal and Monographs and transfers all of its taxable profits to the charity under a Deed of Covenant. A summary of their trading results is shown below:

	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover	227,756	295,410
Interest received	8,942	10,042
Less: Overheads	(108,146)	(100,092)
Net Profit	128,552	205,360
Charitable covenant payment	128,552	205,360
	-	-
Less: Taxation	-	-
(Loss) / profit for year	-	-
Retained in Subsidiary b/f	-	-
Retained in Subsidiary c/f	£Nil	£Nil
Net Assets at 31 December 2024	£25,000	£25,000

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED

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SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED

A Company Limited by Guarantee and Not Having a Share Capital
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Charity No: 1161961

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Report of Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their annual report along with the financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

2. Objectives and Activities

The charitable objects of the Sociological Review Foundation Limited are defined in Article 4 of the governing document as follows: "To advance the education of the public in general (and particularly among students at the University of Keele) on the subject of sociology in such ways as the trustees think fit, including by awarding scholarships for students studying sociology and promoting research for the public benefit in all aspects of the subject of sociology and to publish the useful results."

The Foundation was established in 2015 and is funded by the proceeds of sales and subscriptions of The Sociological Review journal. Its charitable activities focus on public sociology and support for early career researchers. The Foundation's aims are set out in the 2024-29 Strategic Plan and the 2023 Manifesto.

2.1 Public Sociology

Beyond the essential scholarly work of the Sociological Review Journal (published via our trading subsidiary, the Sociological Review Publication Limited), it is the Foundation's mission to promote sociological thinking to audiences beyond academia; raise wider awareness of key debates that shape contemporary societies; and direct and support projects that intervene in emerging issues. This is done in a number of ways, including the open-access digital Magazine; the Connected Sociologies Curriculum project; the Uncommon Sense podcast and other podcasts whose dissemination we support.

As part of our commitment to public sociology we organise or fund a number of events including:

- The Sociological Review Annual Lecture, a free public event
- The Sociological Review Seminar Series, which supports scholars to undertake in-person, hybrid and online seminars and symposia aimed at scholarly and non-scholarly audiences
- Online and in-person events that bring together established and new researchers and are aimed at both scholarly and general audiences.

2.2 Academic Career Development Support

In keeping with its charitable mission, the Foundation is proud to prioritise support for early career researchers, both inside and outside of the university environment. The support we offer, via open competition or based on need, includes:

- The Sociological Review Fellowship, based at Keele University, which allows an early career scholar to spend a year writing a first monograph.
- Career development opportunities for ECRs, such as the annual ECR writing retreat.
- Bursaries for unfunded PhD and postdoctoral researchers to attend our events. In 2023, £2,300 in funding of this kind was awarded.
- Opportunities for ECRs to publish in the Sociological Review magazine, and receive editorial feedback and training on writing for a broad global readership.
- Opportunities for ECRs to join the Sociological Review Editorial Board, where they receive training on refereeing and other skills under the mentorship of an experienced editor.

3. Achievements and Performance

3.1 Journal and Monograph Events in 2023

Four free online webinars led by Sociological Review journal editors, reviewers and authors provided insights on academic publishing for early career researchers and contributors from the Global South.

Transnational engagement with the sociological imagination
2 August 2023 | Attendees: 64 | Video views in 2023: 135
Transnational sociology, the peer review process and the Sociological Review's internationalisation ethos were the focus of this session. Dr Jung, a transnational sociologist, offered insights from his article "Quiet politics: Queer organizing in corporate Singapore". View video

Writing for international audiences: the author's perspective
10 August 2023 | Attendees: 67 | Video views in 2023: 67
What are the challenges and rewards of sharing sociological research with a global readership? Dr Cao reflected on her recent paper "Cultivating *shenti* in everyday life: Self, relationality and embodied masculinity in China", and with Dr Martin discussed how to approach academic writing that aims to serve a broad global readership. View video

Peer-reviewing Global South papers: EDI and identifying blind spots
30 August 2023 | Attendees: 67 | Video views in 2022: 197
In an open look at review processes at the journal, this session asked: How do peer reviewers really see scholarship by international scholars and scholars from the Global South? What role should EDI principles play in peer reviewing? What do early career scholars need to know about this process? View video

Class, Emotions and the Affective Politics of Social Inequality: Monograph launch event
28 April 2023 | In-person attendees at University of Sheffield: 75
Co-editors Jay Emery, Ryan Powell and Lee Crookes led conversations with contributors and other scholars working in relevant fields.

3.2 The Sociological Review Fellowship

The Sociological Review Fellowship, at an annual cost of approximately £60,000, is a significant component of the Foundation's early career researcher initiatives. Established in 1998, this annual award funds a recent PhD to undertake the work required to convert doctoral research into publications, ordinarily a first book-length monograph, while hosted at Keele University.

William Zhengdong Hu, whose research focuses on China's Social Credit System, was named 2023–24 Sociological Review Fellow. His appointment followed that of 2022–23 Fellow Sally King, whose book *Menstrual Myth Busting: The Case of the Hormonal Female* will be published in 2025.

3.3 The Sociological Review Annual Lecture

The Sociological Review Annual Lecture presents the work and insights of an important sociological thinker to a broad audience via a free, in-person public event. The 2023 lecture, entitled Dissonant Intimacies: Coloniality and the Failures of South-South Collaboration, was held at Conway Hall in London, and featured Srila Roy, Professor of Sociology at the University of Witwatersrand.

Sixty-seven people attended the event in person, and there were 410 views of the video recording of the lecture by the end of 2023. Interview with Srila Roy. View video

3.4 The Sociological Review Seminar Series

The Sociological Review Foundation makes available £10,000 each year to support scholarly seminars on subjects within the publishing interests of The Sociological Review journal. Funding to run a single seminar, or a series of up to three seminars, is offered through open competition, giving scholars, early career researchers and research groups the chance to benefit from collaboration with The Sociological Review. Academics are invited to submit proposals for online or in-person events that involve collaborations across institutions and disciplines and also welcome those that connect to wider communities and the arts. Applicants are encouraged to include a public engagement component to their event and by working and thinking across borders and cultures.

Childhood Publics and the Child's Gaze: Gazing at childhood in the public sphere
20 April 2023 | In-person attendees: 25

The first event in the three-part seminar series included a morning seminar open to all that critically explored traditions of picturing childhood in the public sphere. An afternoon creative workshop brought together doctoral students, early career researchers, and researchers working in non-academic contexts. Listen to podcast recording

Childhood Publics and the Child's Gaze: Children returning the gaze
11 May 2023 | In-person attendees: 25

The second seminar took the images of childhood as an entry point into the notion of the gaze. It explored children's gazes onto the world and the issues involved in making these gazes public. A morning seminar was followed by an afternoon workshop that drew on collections from the Children's Photography Archive. Listen to podcast recording

Childhood Publics and the Child's Gaze: Ethics and infrastructures for the child's gaze
16 June 2023 | In-person attendees: 25

The final event in the series focused on ethics and infrastructures for the child's gaze. The morning seminar evaluated the role archives and museums could play in a future that takes the child photographer seriously. The workshop explored child photography scenarios to develop sensibilities for ethical practice. Listen to podcast recording

Inequalities and new solidarities in work between people and equids
24 May 2023 | Online attendees: 48

The first in a two-part online series aiming to reframe our understanding of work as an interspecies endeavour, focusing on the shared work undertaken by people and horses, donkeys and mules. Participants included researchers and practitioners based in the UK, Canada, Brazil, Mexico and Austria. View digital booklet

Inequalities and new solidarities in work between people and equids
21 June 2023 | Online attendees: 59

The second of two online seminars in a series, the event brought together researchers and practitioners based in the UK, Canada, Pakistan, Finland, Nepal and Austria. View digital booklet

Liminal texts – Writing Society Between Literature and Sociology
13 October 2023 | In-person attendees: 50

This hybrid event explored the ways in which we write sociologically, literature as a resource for sociological thinking, and the types of texts that inhabit multiple realms within and outside of sociology and literature. The day included panel presentations on sociological fiction, magical realism and storytelling, an open mic session and a writing workshop.

3.5 Connected Sociologies Curriculum Project

The Connected Sociologies Curriculum Project, funded and overseen by the Sociological Review Foundation, is an educational platform that provides open-access audiovisual and written resources for students, teachers and academics interested in decolonising school, college and university curricula. The cornerstone of this public engagement project is a series of themed modules comprising video and supplementary educational resources. Eight modules have been published to date, with 49 lecture videos now available.

The Making of the Modern World: How colonial processes have structured the making of the modern world and accounts of its creation.

British Citizenship, Race, and Rights: How notions of Britishness and citizenship have been historically constructed since 1948 and how the UK's colonial history frames contemporary debates around citizenship, rights and race.

Colonial Global Economy: The significance of historical colonial relations to the establishment and continued reproduction of global political economy.

Policing 'Crime' and 'Violence': How modern iterations of the police are inextricably bound up with Britain's imperial project.

Modern Social Theory: The legacy of theorists Tocqueville, Marx, Weber, Durkheim and DuBois, and the failure to treat colonialism and empire as central to the development of modern society.

Migration, Borders, Diaspora: How colonial histories shape contemporary immigration policies, and how those policies lead to racially stratified mobility, immobility, inclusion and exclusion.

The Environment and Climate Change: How climate change works through, and exacerbates, longstanding inequalities and exploitation, and its connection to colonial histories.

The Politics of Inequality: Focusing on non-doms, food banks, deep poverty, health inequalities, the rich, corporate welfare and more. Further modules forthcoming in 2024.

Summer School 2023 Race, Class and 'Crises'
3–4 August 2023 | Attendees at BSix Sixth Form College, London: 120 on day 1, 100 on 4 August
A free in-person event aimed at sixth-form students, undergraduates, teachers and members of the public. Sessions explored the politics of race and class in the context of the manifold crises confronting us today as well as the ways we can collectively forge alternative futures and a more hopeful present. View the Opening Plenary and the Closing Plenary

From the Culture Wars to Reparative Histories
31 March 2023 | Attendees at Brighthelm Centre, Brighton: 90
A free one-day public event that brought together scholars of diverse disciplines to explore the legacies of the British empire. Its sessions aimed to contest the framing, common across many media outlets, of a culture war and sought instead to orient conversations through the lens of reparative histories. View the Opening Plenary, a Morning Session and the Closing Plenary

Who Do We Think We Are?
27 October 2023 | Attendees at Lancaster University Library: 40
A collaborative workshop for educators and students aged 16+, as well as undergraduate and postgraduate students and scholars, that took a closer look at race, migration and belonging in the UK. It foregrounded approaches to these topics that are attuned to the relationships between past and present, and between local and global geographies, and examined some of the legacies of colonial and global histories in contemporary British society. View the Opening Plenary

3.6 Academic Career Development

Early Career Researchers Day
8 December 2023, Demorgan House, London | Attendees: 19
Travel and accommodation bursaries awarded: 10, total amount: £1,190
This free in-person Research Day, held in conjunction with the 2023 Sociological Review Annual Lecture, was open to postgraduate researchers, and early career scholars. Places were awarded on a competitive basis. The aim of the event was to share insights on the publishing of a first academic monograph, as well as on the public communication of sociological research.

- Session 1: Research Collaborations from Proposal to Publication, with Professor Srila Roy
- Session 2: Publish or Perish: Strategies, tips and tricks for communicating sociology, with Professor Karen O'Reilly and Dr William Zhengdong Hu

Writing Retreat for Mid-Career Scholars
17-19 April 2023, Gladstone's Library, Wales | Attendees: 15
Travel bursaries awarded: 7, total amount: £800
Since 2016, the Sociological Review Foundation has offered funded writing retreats for early career scholars, allowing participants to focus on writing a journal article or other academic output within a supportive and focused environment. In 2023, the opportunity was extended to mid-career researchers. The retreat was free to attend and places were awarded on a competitive basis.

Writing Retreat for Early Career Researchers
8-10 November 2023, Gladstone's Library, Wales | Attendees: 14
Travel bursaries awarded: 5, total amount: £310
The retreat offered participants an opportunity to spend three days writing in a tranquil environment, as well as the chance to rest and socialise. Nine of 14 participants were PhD candidates; five were postdoctoral or other researchers, or teaching fellows. Asked in a participant survey if the event met their expectations, respondents gave it an average rating of 4.9 out of 5.

Podcasting for Sociologists: The Inside Story on Storytelling, Structure and Scripting
27 July 2023 | Attendees: 76 | Video views in 2023: 218
In the first of two free online masterclasses, Professor Benson was joined by Alex Briand, executive producer of the top-ranked true crime podcast RedHanded. They discussed what academics need to know to speak to podcast listeners, what makes an engaging and memorable podcast episode – and most importantly, how to create one. View video

Podcasting for Sociologists: The Inside Story on How to Get Media Coverage
28 July 2023 | Attendees: 76 | Video views in 2023: 152
In the second masterclass, Professor Benson asked UK journalist Fiona Sturges for her thoughts on recent developments in podcasting, the research-informed podcasts that have caught her attention, her advice on what to do – and what not to do – when getting media coverage – and what makes a podcast not only worth writing about, but truly memorable. View video

3.7 The Sociological Review Podcast

Uncommon Sense

A podcast that sees our world afresh, through the eyes of sociologists, Uncommon Sense aims to create a space for questioning taken-for-granted ideas about society, and for imagining better ways of living together and confronting our shared crises. Each episode typically features a conversation with one academic, focusing on a theme or issue. The podcast received £27,700 in funding in 2023 and comprised 12 episodes, including a bonus episode and one podcast swap. During 2023, there were 16,889 downloads of Uncommon Sense episodes across all podcast platforms, up from 4,567 in 2022.

The Uncommon Sense section of the Sociological Review Foundation website drew 1,786 unique visitors and 2,176 pageviews over the year.

Episode 1: Taste, with Irmak Karademir Hazir
Episode 2: Breakups, with Ilana Gershon
Episode 3: Solidarity, with Suresh Grover, Shabna Begum and Karis Campion
Episode 4: Europeans, with Manuela Boatcă
Episode 5: Nature, with Catherine Oliver
Episode 6: Performance, with Kareem Khubchandani
Episode 7: Success, with Jo Littler
Episode 8: Anxiety, with Nicky Falkof
Episode 9: Spirituality, with Andrew Singleton
Episode 10: Rules, with Swethaa Ballakrishnen (released in 2024)
Episode swap: Who do we think we are? presents Global Britain
Bonus episode: Public Sociology, with Gary Younge, Chantelle Lewis and Cecilia Menjívar

Spatial Delight

Launched in late 2022 with three episodes, and followed by eight more in the first half of 2023, Spatial Delight is a multi-part podcast series about space, society and power, inspired by British geographer Doreen Massey. The series seeks to inspire listeners to think about space and place as full of power, and to imagine political alternatives to the current world order. It is presented, written and produced by Agata Lisiak, funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, and hosted by the Sociological Review Foundation. In 2023 there were 14,977 downloads of Spatial Delight episodes across all podcast platforms, up from 3,765 in 2022. The Spatial Delight section of the Sociological Review Foundation website drew 2,876 unique visitors and 3,849 pageviews over the year.

Cities for the Many not the Few, with Ash Amin and others
Geometrías del Poder, with María Eugenia Fréitez, Reinaldo Iturriza and Erick Moreno Superlano
Space Invaders, with Nirmal Puwar and Agata Lisiak
Geographical Imaginations, with Heba Y. Amin and Agata Lisiak
Political Engagement, with Jo Littler, James Marriott and Agata Lisiak
Invasión Espacial, with Ana Cristina Barría Knopf and Bose Sarmiento
Time to Think, with Yasmin Gunaratnam and others
Visual Delight, with Bose Sarmiento and Adèle Martin

The Stigma Conversations

What is stigma? How does it shape a world broken by poverty, prejudice and injustice? These are the questions asked in The Stigma Conversations podcast, led by Imogen Tyler, and presented in partnership with the Sociological Review Foundation. All five episodes were released in February 2023 and covered topics including poverty and austerity, racism and Brexit, and culture wars. There were 3,068 downloads during 2023, and the Stigma Conversations section of the Sociological Review Foundation website drew 1,464 unique visitors and 1,919 pageviews over the year.

Episode 1: Why Stigma? with Michaela Benson
Episode 2: Tattooing and resistance with Alice Bloch
Episode 3: Poverty Emergency! with Helen Greatorex
Episode 4: Doing Anti-Racism with Geraldine Onek and Jasmine Patel
Episode 5: Apocalypse and change with GP Andy Knox

Politics After the Pandemic

How has COVID-19 altered our culture, society and world? This is the question at the heart of Politics After the Pandemic, led by anthropologist Erica Lagalisse. Launched in March 2023, this mini-series explored ideas of an all-knowing elite and claims of government plots, and looked at the social and historical reasons that conspiracy theories develop. The podcast achieved 977 downloads in 2023. The Politics After the Pandemic section of the Sociological Review Foundation website drew 631 unique visitors and 881 pageviews over the year.

Episode 1: The Anthropology of Conspiracy Theory, with Elżbieta Drążkiewicz and Erica Lagalisse
Episode 2: Conspiracy Theory During the Covid-19 Pandemic, with Drążkiewicz and Lagalisse
Episode 3: Conspiracy Theory, Modernity and Class Respectability, with Drążkiewicz and Lagalisse

3.8 The Sociological Review Magazine

The Sociological Review's open-access digital Magazine offers insights grounded in sociological thinking via lively writing for a broad global readership. In addition to research-informed articles by contributors, the issues included book reviews, archive highlights and relevant papers from The Sociological Review journal that were made free to view for a two-month period. Each magazine issue was illustrated with commissioned artwork, and illustrators were paid a fee.

Support from professional sub-editors helped to strengthen the quality, clarity, accuracy and reach of content, in keeping with the organisation's public sociology remit. For the many contributors who were early career scholars undertaking their first journalistic/non-journal article aimed at a non-academic readership, the editorial process offered a valuable career development opportunity. In 2023 the Magazine published five issues and 46 original research-informed articles by scholars in five continents and attracted 58,149 unique website visitors and 93,169 pageviews.

April: Post-Elizabethan Futures, guest edited by Laura Clancy
June: Artificial Intelligence, edited by Milena Kremakova
August: Strikes and Care, edited by Asiya Islam
October: Numbers, edited by Milena Kremakova
December: Mess, edited by Asiya Islam

3.9 Book Reviews

The Sociological Review's Reviews section offers reviews of new and noteworthy titles in sociology and cognate disciplines. In 2023, Book Reviews Editor Emma Craddock commissioned and published 23 reviews. Seventeen were reviews of scholarly non-fiction, along with two reviews of memoirs, and four Bedside Books columns. Launched in April 2023, the Bedside Books column presents brief reviews of books of all kinds, chosen by contributors. The Reviews section as a whole drew 18,556 unique website visitors and 24,262 total pageviews during 2023.

3.10 Sociological Fiction

The Sociological Fiction section of our website presents new short stories by emerging and established writers who aim to creatively extend sociological imagination into fiction. Over the course of 2023, Sociological Fiction Editor Ash Watson commissioned and published 12 new pieces of fiction. She works with each contributor to refine their creative composition and shape an accompanying exegesis that draws out the work's connection with sociological insights. During 2023, the Sociological Fiction section drew 4,735 unique visitors and 7,662 total pageviews.

3.11 Image-Maker in Residence

The Sociological Review's monthly showcase of creative work puts visual sociology in the spotlight, with an emphasis on migrant, minority and Global South practitioners and scholars. Monthly residencies include six to eight posts of images and text via The Sociological Review's Instagram channel, and an artist Q&A and image archive on the Sociological Review Foundation website. In 2023, the series featured ten artists and was curated by George Kalivis. Image-Makers were paid an honorarium of £300. The Image-Maker in Residence pages on the Sociological Review Foundation website drew 3,149 unique visitors and 4,616 pageviews across the year.

3.12 The Sociological Review website

The Sociological Review Foundation website was relaunched in June 2021 and recorded its second full year of user data in 2023. There was a 20% rise in visitors over 2022, with more than 300,000 pageviews during the year. Social media accounted for 15% of referrals, and 51% of traffic to the site originated in either the UK or the US.

3.13 The Sociological Review mailing list

The Sociological Review Foundation's monthly newsletter subscriber list grew by over 20% in the course of 2023, following a 23% rise in 2022. The average newsletter open rate was 44.5%, a slight increase on 2022. At the end of 2023, the top 5 countries by subscriber (as identified by ISP) were the UK, the Netherlands, India, the United States and Finland. Although the top country by subscriber was the UK, engagement by the smaller cohort of US-based subscribers was markedly greater. In 2023, 52% of all newsletter opens were by recipients at US ISP addresses, against 27% for UK-based ISP addresses.

3.14 The Sociological Review social media

Twitter/X remains the most important of the Sociological Review Foundation's social media channels, both in terms of followers and as a driver of traffic to the website. Referrals from the site are particularly significant for public sociology content, including Magazine and podcast content.

Facebook: Its geographic reach (stronger in the Global South) and audience (including non-academic followers) makes it a useful complement to Twitter/X, particularly for the Foundation's public sociology content.

LinkedIn: 2023 saw a marked increase in followers of our company page, which was launched in 2022 to replace an individual account. Engagement is low but building; calls/opportunities and appointments draw the greatest interest, in keeping with the channel's focus on careers and work.
Instagram: Our main account, @thesociologicalreview, presents monthly Image-Maker in Residence content and some organisational news. Followers rose by 16% in 2023. A secondary account, @thesocreviewpodcasts, focuses on podcast content and had 635 followers.

YouTube: Traffic remained stable, with 13,694 views of content in 2023. Of the 36 videos published in 2023, 29 were audio-only podcast episodes. A small number of older recordings remained the channel's best-performing content by far.

The Bluesky account was launched in October 2023 and gained 535 subscribers by the end of the year. Although overall traffic on the site remains modest, its significant academic community indicates opportunities for growth.

Threads: The account was opened in July 2023 and gained 808 subscribers by the end of the year. Despite the platform's high-profile launch, there was only modest engagement and traffic across the platform as a whole, as seen with the Foundation's account.

Channel	Followers at 31 Dec 2023	Growth on 2022
Twitter/X	66,742	2.3%
Facebook	28,295	0.8%
LinkedIn company page	591	648%
Instagram (main)	4,265	16%
Instagram (podcasts)	635	195%
YouTube	1,240	36%

4. Plans for 2024

We aim to continue our diverse programme of activities, in line with our charitable objects and supported by our Strategic Plan and Business Plan. In particular, we will:

- Provide continued funding for *The Sociological Review Fellowship*;
- Organise *ECR events* including our annual *writing retreat*;
- Organise a major *international conference* in Salford, UK;
- Competitively award funding for seminars as part of our *Seminar Series*;
- Continue funding the *Connected Sociologies Curriculum project*
- Continue funding the *Uncommon Sense podcast*
- Continue disseminating the findings of sociological research for the public benefit, through our magazine, podcasts, website and social media channels.

5. Financial Review

In April 2023, we secured a continued income stream for our charity by renewing the publishing contract for the Sociological Review Journal between our wholly owned subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited (SRPL) and SAGE academic publishers. This will result in an annual income of approx. £170,000 that is gift-aided to us by the SRPL.

Securing assets

As of 31 December 2023, the Sociological Review Foundation had unrestricted assets of £799,403, which includes funds the Sociological Review Journal had accumulated prior to the foundation of the charity in 2015. These assets are principally held in two bank accounts at NatWest and Santander, respectively. Trustees are aware that charities are required by law not to accumulate assets on top of those specified in the reserves policy. The Sociological Review Foundation therefore aims to spend down its assets in a controlled manner and in accordance with its charitable objects over the next three years.

Additionally, our charity had a healthy annual income of £210,346 in 2022 (2022: £147,192).

Fundraising

In late 2018, Trustees agreed to explore the possibility of raising funds for the Foundation's activities, in response to decreasing income from royalties (due to the trend towards Open Access in publishing) and the gradual spend down of our assets. Subsequently, a fundraising strategy, case for support and fundraising plan had been prepared by an external fundraising consultant. The strategy was discussed in detail at several Board meetings and, following the review of our strategic priorities, we asked the same external fundraising consultant in mid-2020 to update the fundraising strategy and fundraising plan and to align it with our revised strategic priorities.

Our 2024-2029 Strategic Plan lists organisational sustainability as its first strategic objective. In June 2024, we appointed a Deputy CEO to develop and oversee our fundraising and income generation initiatives that we intend implementing in late 2024 and 2025. At all times, the Trustees will adhere to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission: *Charity Fundraising: A Guide to Trustee Duties*.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds equal to six months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. In 2023 figures, this equated to approx. £190,000. The Trustees consider that this level provides sufficient funds to fulfil the Charity's obligations as laid out in the annual business plans, namely to fund the post of a Research Fellow at the University of Keele; pay the salaries of staff members and the invoices of contractors; fund the Sociological Review Seminar Series, Annual Lecture and other events; and disseminate the findings of sociological research for the public benefit through our website and social media channels.

In agreeing the required levels of free reserves in unrestricted funds, the Trustees have purposely disregarded the annual income of the Sociological Review Foundation. This is due to the relative unpredictability of the date on which these funds become available each year. The availability of these funds depends on the income from royalties paid to the Charity's subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited (SRPL) by the publisher of the Sociological Review Journal. The Trustees agree that there is a minor risk of these funds not being transferred to SRPL, and via SRPL to the Charity, on time, which would put the Charity at risk of fulfilling its obligations.

The Trustees recognise that the circumstances of the charity or the environment in which it operates change with time. Therefore, the reserves policy will be reviewed periodically. The amount held in reserves will also be monitored during the year as part of the charity's budgetary processes.

Unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2023 amounted to £799,403 (2022: £900,495).

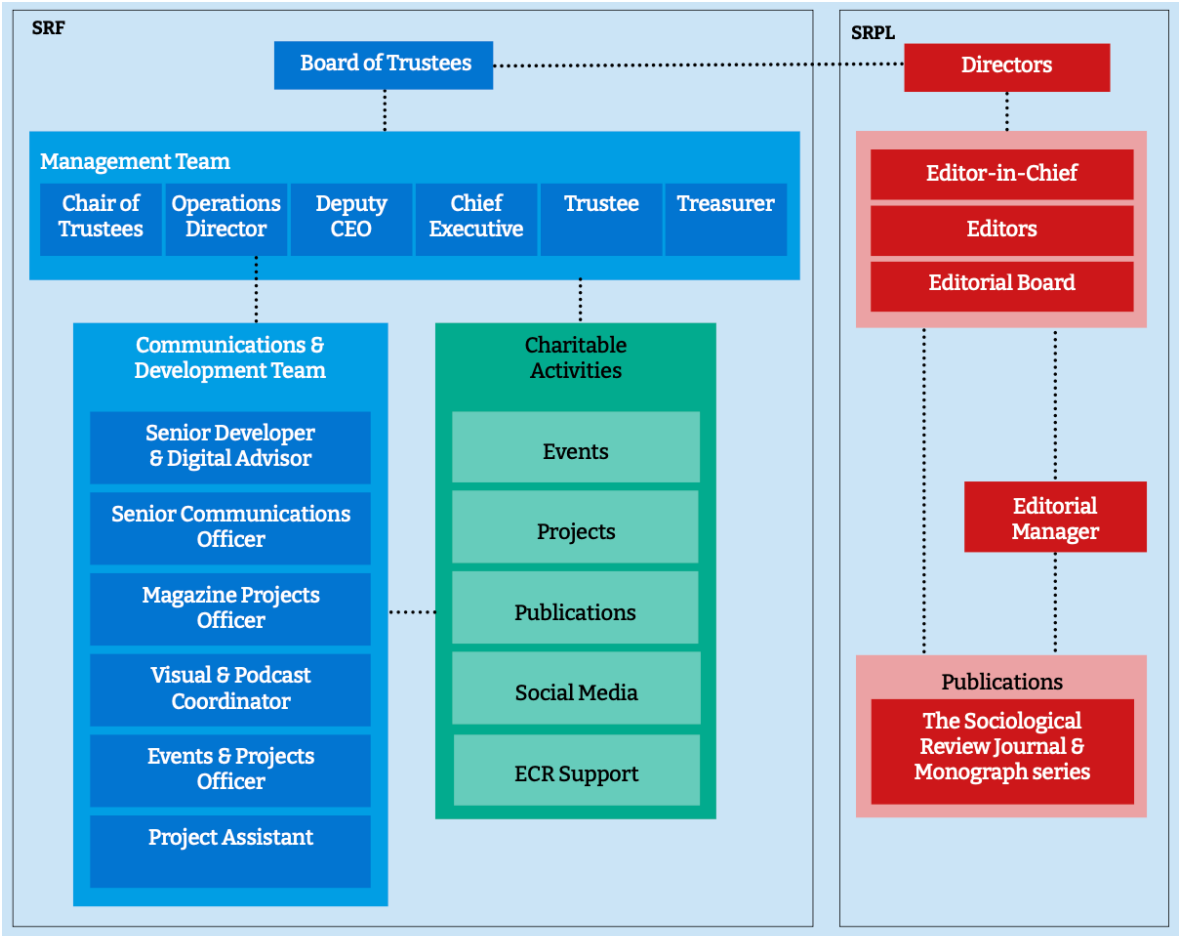
6. Structure, Governance and Management

The Sociological Review Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated on 16 May 2014 and registered as a charity on 2 June 2015. Its main source of income is profits generated by its wholly owned subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited, which owns the Sociological Review Journal (published by SAGE Publishing). Profits from royalties are gift-aided to the Sociological Review Foundation.

The affairs of the charity are managed by a governing body of Trustees. Trustees are appointed at General Meetings. Members of the Sociological Review Foundation consist of:

- Current Trustees (9 trustees as of August 2024)
- Former Trustees and Members of the Sociological Review Editorial Board as long as they sign the membership application form and attend the AGM. Membership is for one year and needs to be renewed at each AGM otherwise it expires automatically
- 19 members in total as of August 2024 (excluding Trustees)

Organogram of the Sociological Review Foundation and its trading subsidiary, the SRPL



2023 Governance Review

In line with Charity Commission guidance for charities with a connection to a non-charity, and additional legal advice, the Sociological Review Foundation undertook a comprehensive review of its governance structure in 2023 to understand the legal and regulatory framework for how it should interact with and have oversight over its wholly-owned subsidiary, the SRPL. The outcome of the governance review was approved by the Board of Trustees in November 2023 and came fully into effect in March 2024, when key documents were adopted by the SRPL Directors.

The cornerstones of the governance review are:

- The revised Articles of Association of the Sociological Review Publication Limited that give the Foundation a sole power to appoint and remove SRPL directors; expressly mention that the Foundation is the sole member of SRPL; specify that up to two Foundation trustees should sit on the SRPL Board of Directors to achieve appropriate oversight; include clearer provisions on member decision making; and include conflict of interest provisions to address the cross-over between the Foundation and SRPL boards.
- A Framework Agreement that sets out how the Foundation works and shares resources with the SRPL, including compliance with Foundation policies and procedures; the make-up of the SRPL Board of Directors; reporting requirements; and provisions on data sharing.
- A Scheme of Delegation that details the SRPL matters that require approval by the Foundation, including long-term objectives and strategy; budgets, annual returns, the negotiation of publishing agreements; and the remuneration of SRPL directors.

Procedure for the appointment of new trustees

Article 29: The minimum number of Trustees is 5 and the maximum number of Trustees is 12.

Articles 35-41 of the Articles of Association (entitled Appointment of Trustees) state:

- Trustees may appoint a person who is willing to be a Trustee. A Trustee appointed in this way must retire at the next annual general meeting
- The charity may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Trustee
- No person other than a Trustee retiring by rotation or a UK Appointee may be appointed a Trustee at any general meeting unless he or she is recommended for re-election by the Trustees or proposed by a Member 14-35 days before the AGM
- Keele University is entitled at all times to appoint one Trustee
- All members who are entitled to receive notice of a general meeting must be given 7-28 days' notice of any resolution to be put to the meeting to appoint a Trustee

Procedures for induction and training of trustees

The Sociological Review Foundation recognises that an effective Board of Trustees is essential for the charity to achieve its objects. The Board must have available to it the knowledge and skills required to run the charity and to meet the deadlines and regulations set by HMRC, Companies House and the Charity Commission. Individual trustees must have sufficient knowledge, both of trusteeship in general and of the Charity's activities, to enable them to carry out their role.

The Chair of Trustees and the Operations Director ensure that newly appointed Trustees are provided with key documents within one week of their appointment, including:

- *The Articles of Association*
- *The Essential Trustee* (CC3)
- *Conflicts of Interest Policy*
- *Data Protection Policy*
- *Risk Policy*
- *Social Media & Crisis Communication Policy*
- *Reserves Policy*
- *Strategic Plan* and the *Business Plan*
- *Expense Claims Policy*
- *Complaints Policy and Procedure*
- *Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy*

The Chair of Trustees and the Operations Director from time to time organise a training session on the general duties and responsibilities of charity Trustees.

Organisation and frequency of meetings

Trustees meet formally three to five times per year. The November meeting takes place after the AGM and includes the election of the Chair. All meetings are serviced and minuted by the Operations Director. In between formal Board meetings, Trustees communicate regularly via email, facilitated by the Operations Director who observes deadlines and coordinates any important tasks in liaison with the Chair of Trustees and the Chief Executive.

Risk management

The Sociological Review Foundation has a formal risk policy in place that describes the main principles and procedures for identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring risks. The risk policy helps Trustees to identify major risks and decide how to respond to them. Trustees review the policy regularly, (re-) assess the risks faced by the Charity and plan for the management of those risks. The policy was last updated in November 2023.

Some Board members have not served as Trustees elsewhere previously. A risk arising from this fact is that Trustees may lack the skills required to steer the charity and to observe the deadlines and regulations set by HMRC, Companies House and the Charity Commission. Recognising these risks, Trustees have put measures in place to mitigate them.

An induction policy for new trustees was developed, and a conflict-of-interest policy, risk policy, reserves policy, social media policy, equality and diversity policy, and complaints policy are in place to guide the activities of Trustees. We regularly consult our accountant and in 2018 took legal advice on employment matters to ensure that we act in line with relevant legislations and regulations. Our five-year strategic plan and annual business plan ensure that our long- and short-term objectives are met.

The income of the Foundation comes from the business activities of its wholly owned subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited, which owns the Sociological Review Journal. SRPL's profit from royalties (ca. £160,000 per year) is gift-aided to the Foundation. Trustees recognise that a decrease in SRPL's profits (whether due to mismanagement or changes to academic publishing) would have a serious impact on the charitable activities of the Sociological Review Foundation. To mitigate this risk, the editor of the Sociological Review Journal is required to regularly report to the Trustees. The development of the fundraising strategy (see above) also serves the purpose of mitigating financial risks.

Equality and diversity

In line with its commitment to ensuring equality of opportunity or treatment, the Sociological Review Foundation agreed an Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy in 2018, which details the appropriate measures to monitor and evaluate how it is meeting its commitment in relation to all activities, including events and the award of conference, travel and accommodation bursaries. We collect information related to equality & diversity on a voluntary basis, in line with our Privacy Notice and Data Protection Policy. Any data collected is strictly confidential, anonymised and analysed in-house.

We published our first ever report on equality, diversity and inclusion in 2020. The report contained a number of recommendations with regards to equality, diversity and inclusion in three key areas of our activities: events (delegates, speakers, bursaries), employment (contracts and recruitment) and The Sociological Review Journal (editorial board composition, authors and reviewers). Most of these recommendations were implemented during 2020 and 2021.

2023 saw the implementation of an MEL framework (monitoring, evaluating and learning) that enables the Foundation to systematically gather and evaluate data and feedback from participants in its events and initiatives, in line with the Foundation's Privacy Notice.

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in considering the activities of, and future plans for, the charity.

7. Administrative Information

Trustees as of 1 September 2024
Rosemary Deem (Chair)
Beverley Skeggs
Mark Featherstone
Tom Dark
Kat Jungnickel
Chantelle Lewis
Karen O'Reilly
Steven Brown
Karim Murji (appointed 1 March 2024)

Senior Management
Michaela Benson (CEO)
Maria Bellocci (Deputy CEO)
Attila Szanto (Operations Director)

Registered address
Bowland College
Lancaster University
Lancaster LA1 4YT

Auditors
Myrus Smith
Norman House
8 Burnell Road
Sutton, SM1 4BW

Bankers
NatWest, 34 Henrietta Street, London WC2E 8NL (current account)
Santander, 100 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7RE (time deposit account)

8. Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees (who are also directors of Sociological Review Foundation Limited 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).

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 the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

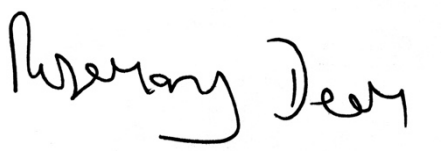
The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding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

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information

Auditors
A resolution to appoint as Auditors Messrs. Kingston Burrowes, 450a London Road, Cheam SM3 8JB in succession to Myrus Smith, will be put to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

Exemption Statement
The Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

On Behalf of the Trustees



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Rosemary Deem, Trustee
Date: 18 September 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE: SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED

A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital

Registered Charity No: 1161961

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sociological Review Foundation Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are

required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the

aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance about actual and potential litigation or claims and the identification of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- Professional scepticism in course of the audit and with audit sampling in material audit areas.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Kevin Fisher BA FCA CTA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Myrus Smith
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Norman House,
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Sutton, Surrey.
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2024

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED
A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Including income and expenditure account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
INCOME:			
Donations and legacies	3	205,360	145,404
Other income	4	3,050	497
Bank deposit interest		1,936	1,291
Total income		210,346	147,192
EXPENDITURE:			
Raising funds	5	-	2,400
Charitable activities	6	311,438	274,625
Total expenditure		311,438	277,025
Net (Expenditure) and net movement in funds		(101,092)	(129,833)
Total funds brought forward		900,495	1,030,328
Total funds carried forward		£799,403	£900,495

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

All the above relate to unrestricted funds.

The notes on pages 20 to 24 form part of these Financial Statements

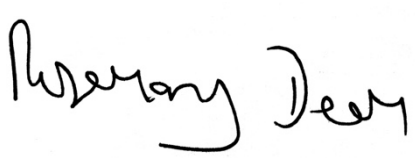
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Computer equipment	9	471	1,568
Investments	10	25,000	25,000
		25,471	26,568
Current assets			
Debtors	11	143,976	136,049
Cash at Bank		637,910	758,847
		781,886	894,896
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	7,954	20,969
Net current assets		773,932	873,927
Net assets		£799,403	£900,495
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds		£799,403	£900,495

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 18 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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Rosemary Deem

Director

The notes on pages 20 to 24 form part of these Financial Statements

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial states are as follows:

a) Basis of Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

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

b) Income recognition policies

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- The charity or its subsidiary have entitlement to the funds;
- Any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity or its subsidiary.
- There is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and
- The amount can be measured reliably.

c) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity, which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are those funds which can only be used in accordance with the wishes of the donor or which have been raised for a particular purpose.

d) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of research fellowships, conferences, seminars, symposia and other educational activities undertaken to further the purpose of the charity and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

e. Allocation of support costs

Support costs (including governance) are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. These costs have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities.

f. Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

g. Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Employer's contributions payable for the year are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee (Company No: 09044774) and has no share capital. The liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member.

The company is registered charity No: 1161961 and thus has no liability for Income Tax, Capital Gains Tax or Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

3. Donations and Legacies

	2023 £	2022 £
Donation – Sociological Review Publication Limited (Note 15)	£205,360	£145,404

All of the £205,360 (2022: £145,404) recognised in the year related to unrestricted funds.

4. Other Income

Merchandise sales and event income	£3,050	£497

All of the £3,050 (2022: £497) recognised in the year related to unrestricted funds.

5. Cost of raising Funds

Fundraising consultancy	£Nil	£2,400

All of the £Nil (2022: £2,400) expended in the year related to unrestricted funds.

6. Charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Direct costs		
SR Fellowships	42,639	65,817
Digital Engagement Fellowship	-	11,595
Conference, Symposium and seminar costs	36,951	30,316
Project costs	91,123	54,067
Grants and conference support	-	(500)
Website, Digital strategy & Communication	84,801	78,159
Magazine	26,527	22,084
Merchandising	1,730	1,965
	283,771	263,503
Support Costs		
Legal & professional	17,390	5,371
Team meeting and venue hire costs	1,574	-
Office costs	129	456
Insurance	576	621
Bank charges	517	481
Depreciation	1,097	1,637
Governance:		
- Audit fee	2,640	2,556
- Trustee travel expenses	1,244	-
- Annual report	2,500	-
	£311,438	£274,625

All of the £311,438 (2022: £274,625) expended in the year relates to unrestricted funds.

7. Net income for the year

		2023	2022
This is stated after charging:			
Auditors Fees	- Audit services	£2,640	£2,556
	- Non-audit services	£Nil	£Nil

8. Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	127,428	98,030
Social security costs	5,288	4,046
Pension costs	2,697	2,193
	£135,413	£104,269

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during 2023 or 2022.

The average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year was 5 (2022: 4).

Total employment benefits received by key management amounted to £Nil (2022: £Nil).

9. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Computer and Office Equipment £
Cost	
Balance at 1 January 2023	4,911
Additions	-
Balance at 31 December 2023	4,911
Depreciation	
Balance at 1 January 2023	3,343
Change for year	1,097
Balance at 31 December 2023	4,440
Net Book Value	
As at 31 December 2023	£471
As at 31 December 2022	£1,568

10. Investment in trading subsidiary

The investment in the trading subsidiary represents a 100% holding, at cost, in Sociological Review Publication Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

11. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments	16,688	442
Charitable payment due from subsidiary	127,288	135,607
	£143,976	£136,049

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	1,763	970
Accruals	6,191	19,999
	£7,954	£20,969

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received any remuneration during the year or the previous year. Travelling expenses reimbursed to 6 (2022: Nil) Trustees totalled £1,244 (2022: £Nil).

14. Future financial commitments

At 31 December 2023 the charity had agreed to provide sponsorship and fellowships as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Current commitments entered into by the Trustees		
Research fellowships	£44,180	£87,819

15. Related Party Transactions

The charity has a wholly owned trading subsidiary, which is incorporated in the UK: the Sociological Review Publications Limited, which produces the Sociological Review Journal and Monographs and transfers all of its taxable profits to the charity under a Deed of Covenant. A summary of their trading results is shown below:

	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover	295,410	252,006
Interest received	10,042	2,455
Less: Overheads	(100,092)	(109,057)
Net Profit	205,360	145,404
Charitable covenant payment	205,360	145,404
	-	-
Less: Taxation	-	-
(Loss) / profit for year	-	-
Retained in Subsidiary b/f	-	-
Retained in Subsidiary c/f	£Nil	£Nil
Net Assets at 31 December 2023	£25,000	£25,000

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Report of Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their annual report along with the financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

2. Objectives and Activities

The charitable objects of the Sociological Review Foundation Limited are defined in Article 4 of the governing document as follows: "To advance the education of the public in general (and particularly among students at the University of Keele) on the subject of sociology in such ways as the trustees think fit, including by awarding scholarships for students studying sociology and promoting research for the public benefit in all aspects of the subject of sociology and to publish the useful results."

The Foundation was established in 2015 and is funded by the proceeds of sales and subscriptions of The Sociological Review journal. Its charitable activities focus on public sociology and support for early career researchers. The Foundation's aims are set out in The Sociological Review Manifesto. The latest version was finalised in 2022 and published in early 2023.

2.1 Public Sociology

Beyond the essential scholarly work of the Sociological Review Journal (published via our trading subsidiary, the Sociological Review Publication Limited), it is the Foundation's mission to promote sociological thinking to audiences beyond academia; raise wider awareness of key debates that shape contemporary societies; and direct and support projects that intervene in emerging issues. This is done in a number of ways, including the open-access digital Magazine; the Connected Sociologies Curriculum project; the Sociological Review Annual Lecture; the Uncommon Sense podcast and other podcasts whose dissemination we support.

As part of our commitment to public sociology, we organise and/or fund a number of events, including:

- The Sociological Review Annual Lecture, a free public event
- The Sociological Review Seminar Series, which supports scholars to undertake in-person, hybrid and online seminars and symposia aimed at both scholarly and non-scholarly audiences
- Online and in-person events that bring together established and new researchers in sociology and cognate disciplines, and are aimed at both scholarly and non-scholarly audiences.

2.2 Academic Career Development Support

In keeping with its charitable mission, the Foundation is proud to prioritise support for early career researchers, both inside and outside of the university environment. The support we offer, via open competition or based on need, includes:

- **The Sociological Review Fellowship**, based at Keele University, which allows an early career scholar to spend a year writing a first monograph.
- Career development opportunities for ECRs, such as the annual **ECR writing retreat**.
- **Bursaries** for unfunded PhD and postdoctoral researchers to attend our events. In 2022, £1,600 in funding of this kind was awarded.
- Opportunities for ECRs to publish in **The Sociological Review magazine**, and receive editorial feedback and training on writing for a broad global readership.
- Opportunities for ECRs to join the **Sociological Review Editorial Board**, where they receive training on refereeing and other skills under the mentorship of an experienced editor.

3. Achievements and Performance

3.1 Journal and Monograph Events in 2022

Four free online webinars led by Sociological Review journal editors, reviewers and authors provided insights on academic publishing for early career researchers and contributors from the Global South.

Summer Session 1: Internationalisation, peer review and editorial work behind the scenes
4 July 2022 | Attendees: 54 | Video views in 2022: 82
A conversation about what internationalisation means in terms of a journal article itself, the peer review process, behind-the-scenes processes at The Sociological Review journal and its aims and practices. Panellists reflected on their own experiences of undertaking and receiving peer review and serving as editorial board members. View video

Summer Session 2: Behind the scenes of The Sociological Review Monograph Series
12 July 2022 | Attendees: 24 | Video views in 2022: 123
A discussion of the aims of The Sociological Review's Monograph Series and what is looked for in a monograph proposal, as well as a look at the possibilities and challenges of serving as guest editor of a monograph. Participants included a current Monograph Series editor, a former Monograph Series editor and two recent guest editors. View video

Summer Session 3: Thinking about academic judgement
18 July 2022 | Attendees: 35 | Video views in 2022: 143
A closer look at academic judgement and its role in sociologists' working lives. Editorial board member and Magazine editor Paul Jones and Sociological Review Fellow Charlie Rumsby led a discussion that aimed to question the nature of academic judgement, its basis, and its normalisation in the discipline, as well its implications for academic life. View video

Summer Session 4: Responding to reviewer feedback
25 July 2022 | Attendees: 62 | Video views in 2022: 140
Karen Throsby, Kirsteen Paton, Michaela Benson and Bolaji Balogun discussed how to respond to reviewer feedback, drawing on the perspective of both the author and the editor who oversees the progress of a paper through the publishing process. View video

After Progress Monograph launch
8 July 2022 | In-person attendees at Birkbeck, University of London: 50
Editors Martin Savransky and Craig Lundy hosted a launch and reception as part of the London Conference of Critical Thought, with financial support by The Sociological Review Foundation.

3.2 The Sociological Review Fellowship

The Sociological Review Fellowship is the cornerstone of the Foundation's early career researcher activities. Established in 1998, this annual award funds a recent sociology or social anthropology PhD to undertake the work required to convert doctoral research into publications, ordinarily a first book-length monograph, while hosted at Keele University.

Sally King, founder of Menstrual Matters, was named 2022/23 Sociological Review Fellow. Her appointment followed that of Charlie Rumsby, 2021/22 Sociological Review Fellow and now Lecturer in Childhood and Youth at the University of Sussex.

3.3 The Sociological Review Annual Lecture

The Sociological Review Annual Lecture, the highest-profile of the Foundation's public sociology initiatives, presents the work and insights of an important sociological thinker to a broad audience via a free, in-person public event.

Returning after a two-year hiatus, the 2022 lecture featured Taiwanese scholar Pei-Chia Lan, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Director of the Global Asia Research Center at National Taiwan University. In keeping with extending the organisation's aim of looking beyond the UK capital, the event was held in at the Priory Rooms in Birmingham. An Early Career Researchers' Day was held in conjunction with the Annual Lecture, featuring sessions with Pei-Chia Lan and Michaela Benson, Chief Executive of Foundation and Professor of Public Sociology at Lancaster University.
Professor Lan presented her research with Taiwanese parents and counterparts who emigrated to the US, and shared what the findings reveal about negotiating childrearing strategies and fatherhood identities in relation to local and transnational reference groups. She also explored the rising phenomenon of "global householding" across social class divides. Rachel Murphy, Professor of Chinese Development and Society at the University of Oxford, was discussant.

Sixty-five people attended the 2022 Annual Lecture in person, and there have been more than 300 views of the video of the event (to June 2023). View video

3.4 The Sociological Review Seminar Series

The Sociological Review Foundation makes available around £10,000 each year to support scholarly seminars on subjects within the publishing interests of The Sociological Review journal. Funding to run a single seminar, or a series of up to three seminars, is offered through open competition, giving scholars, early career researchers and research groups the chance to benefit from collaboration with The Sociological Review.

Funded proposals bring together established and new researchers to share and produce imaginative cutting-edge work of cultural and social significance. Academics are invited to submit proposals for online or in-person events that involve collaborations across institutions and disciplines and also welcome those that connect to wider communities and the arts. Applicants are encouraged to engage with The Sociological Review Foundation's strategic priorities by including a public engagement component to their event and by working and thinking across borders and cultures.

Five teams of scholars were awarded funding for 2022: Maude Perrier and Simon Black; Hannah Yelin and Laura Clancy; Giulia Carabelli and Gavin Maclean; Tom Brock, Dan Joseph and Adi Kuntsman; Sharmila Parmanand and Niina Vuolajärvi.

Post Pandemic Care Strikes: Centring Migration and Critical Race perspectives
10 March 2022 | Online attendees: 50
The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the crisis of care, but also laid bare how this crisis impacts women and families differentially depending on social location. A transnational and cross-sectoral conversation about care strikes that centred "race" and migration, featuring speakers from unions and organisations representing care workers in the formal and informal care sectors in the Global North and Global South. View video

Reducing Harm Around Digital Labour: How Can We Tackle Online Hate?
4 April 2022 | Online attendees: 34
Roundtable event bringing together leaders in digital platforms, academia, policy and law to discuss how cultures of digital hate function, flourish and cause harm. The event considered harm to people encouraged to use digital platforms as part of their employment, the responsibilities of employers to protect workers from digital hate, and how digital platforms can address this issue. View video

Gender, Intersectionality and Digital Hate
24 May 2022 | Online attendees: 53
This event brought together scholars from the UK and US, and from disciplines including sociology, cultural studies, queer studies, disability studies, health studies, Black feminist technology studies, in discussion with the head of policy from the digital hate charity Glitch UK. They discussed the nature of

the problem of digital hate and the ways that the risks of visibility are unevenly distributed, exacerbating harm to marginalised groups. View video

Locating Sex Work in Conversations on Care
27 May 2022 | In-person attendees at London School of Economics and Political Science: 100
This symposium explored the boundaries between "care" and "control" in the dominant political thinking on sex work and probed interventions that centre a framework of care. It explored care as a potentially transformative and disruptive practice leading to new ways of arranging social relations.
View videos

Using the App Walkthrough Method for Innovative Digital Research
8 June 2022 | In-person attendees at Manchester Metropolitan University: 110
Focusing on the developments taking place in "app walkthrough" methods, revealing the socio-technical features, commodities and markets that govern user experience, this seminar invited early career and established scholars on digital methods to present their work utilising app walkthrough to an audience of students, academics and policymakers. Part of the Digital Society @ Manchester Met 2022 series.

Risks of Visibility in a Forced Spotlight: Challenging the "Impact Agenda"
12 September 2022 | Online attendees: 35
This online event aimed to challenge the positive framing of the UK's Research Excellence Framework and its "impact agenda" to examine the conditions in which this labour is undertaken, given what is known about cultures of digital hate. View video

Economy in the Planthropocene: Plants, Solidarity and Worldmaking
14 September 2022 | Online attendees: 40 | In-person attendees at Queen Mary University: 30
A hybrid symposium including panel presentations, Q&A, garden walk and networking session that explored more-than-human solidarity, using our relationship with plants as a guide. Bringing together scholars and art-practitioners, the sessions focused on questions including: How can these experiences rebuild human-nonhuman relationships? What will life built in solidarity with plants look like? View video output from event

3.5 Connected Sociologies Curriculum Project

The Connected Sociologies Curriculum Project, funded and overseen by the Sociological Review Foundation, is an educational platform that provides open-access audiovisual and written resources for students, teachers and academics interested in decolonising school, college and university curricula. It also hosts public events, including an annual Summer School, focusing on these themes. The project is led by its founder, Gurminder K. Bhambra, Professor of Postcolonial and Decolonial Studies at the University of Sussex and President of the British Sociological Association. Its project manager until the end of 2022 was Amit Singh, now Associate Lecturer in Cultural Geography at University College London.

The cornerstone of Connected Sociologies' public engagement project is a series of themed modules comprising video and supplementary educational resources. Eight modules have been produced to date, and 15 of the 53 lecture videos now available were published in 2022.

Migration, Borders, Diaspora
Course lead: Lucy Mayblin
Explores the ways colonial histories shape contemporary immigration policies, particularly in Britain, and how those policies lead to racially stratified mobility, immobility, inclusion and exclusion. Lectures:
Rethinking Diaspora, Ipek Demir
Family, Intimacy and Migration, Joe Turner
Modern Migration Theory: The Macroeconomics of Sweden's Refugee Reception, Peo Hansen
'Global Britain' and the Coloniality of British Citizenship, Michaela Benson

Borders and Violence, Arshad Isakjee

The Environment and Climate Change
Course lead: Su-Ming Khoo
Examines how climate change works through, and exacerbates, longstanding inequalities and exploitation, and aims to understand it in relation to colonial histories. Lectures:
Connected Sociologies of Pollution, Su-Ming Khoo
Palm Oil: The Grease of Empire, Max Haiven
Extractivism and Social Movements, Andrea Sempértegui
Plastics and Toxic Colonialism, Alice Mah
Food Shortages: Causes and Policy Implications, Pritam Singh
A Green New Deal?, Harpreet Kaur Paul
Climate Change, Migration, Race, Andrew Baldwin

The Politics of Inequality
Course lead: Amit Singh
Explores the politics of inequality via a focus on non-doms, food banks, deep poverty, health inequalities, the rich, corporate welfare and more. Further modules forthcoming. Lectures:
Deep Poverty, Daniel Edmiston
Exploring the Growth of Charitable Food Aid in the UK, Kayleigh Garthwaite
The UK's Global Economic Elite, Arun Advani
Events

Race, Class and Colonialism Summer School
3-4 August 2022 | In-person attendees at BSix Sixth Form College, London: 330
A free two-day event aimed at sixth-form students and their teachers, undergraduates, postgraduates and academics, activists and community organisers, and interested members of the public. Sessions explored approaches to teaching in university and school classrooms, race and class, colonialism and the making of the modern world, racism and anti-racism, and more. Speakers included historian and author Stella Dadzie, academics working in disciplines ranging from sociology and development studies to cultural theory and colonial studies, and members of the teacher-led collective Another History is Possible, grassroots organisations Hackney Cop Watch and No More Exclusions, and the Surviving Society podcast team.

Climate & Colonialism: Reflection on COP26
9 February 2022 | Online webinar attendees: 200 | Video views to June 2023: 578
Speakers: Alice Mah, Keston Perry, Harpreet Kaur Paul and Gurminder Bhambra.
An examination of the failings and erasures of COP26 in Glasgow, where political rhetoric dominated discussions of the climate crisis by policy-makers and government representatives, and offered reflections on the event in the context of longer histories of colonialism, and the impact of climate change on the Global South. View video

Uncommon Wealth: In Discussion with Kojo Koram
9 March 2022 | In-person attendees at the University of Sussex: 60
Why, if decolonisation was one of the great global changes of the past hundred years, are the colonial era and its aftermath absent from British memory? Kojo Koram, author of *Uncommon Wealth: Britain and the Aftermath of Empire*, in conversation with Gurminder K. Bhambra and Paul Gilbert, discussed the saddling of debt on former British "dependencies" and the offshoring of capital and seizing of assets by UK elites.

Channel Crossings: Colonial Histories and Maritime Legacies
3 May 2022 | Online attendees: 200 | Video views to June 2023: 303
Speakers Lucy Mayblin, Joe Turner, Arshad Isakjee and Thom Davies discussed situating contemporary British responses to crossings of the English Channel within the context of colonial histories and maritime legacies. They examined why and how the UK state portrays those crossing the

channel as an invading threat, and has deployed a militarised response aimed at preventing people from arriving in the UK safely. View video

Sociologies of Extraction
23 June 2022 | Online webinar attendees: 200 | Video views to June 2023: 298
Speakers Su-Ming Khoo, Andrea Sempértegui and Max Haiven examined how processes of extraction exacerbate longstanding inequalities and modes of exploitation, with a focus on the production and sale of palm oil, and issues of pollution and extractivism. They discussed the necessity of postcolonial and decolonial approaches to climate change to counter depoliticised accounts of the crisis. View video

3.6 Academic Career Development

Early Career Researchers Day
27 October 2022, The Priory Rooms, Birmingham | Attendees: 19
Travel and accommodation bursaries awarded: 11
This in-person Research Day, held in conjunction with the 2022 Sociological Review Annual Lecture, was open to postgraduate researchers and early career scholars within three years of completion of their PhD. It was free of charge to attend and places were awarded on a competitive basis. The aim was to share senior scholars' insights on key facets of academic practice.

Session one: Making sociology matter in public: Strategies around developing skills and confidence in communicating sociological research beyond the academy, facilitated by Michaela Benson, Chief Executive of the Foundation, and Alice Bloch, producer of the Uncommon Sense podcast series.

Session Two: Publishing your first academic book: Focus on the process and tactics of publishing academic monographs. Drawing on her own experience of publication, 2022 Annual Lecture speaker Pei-Chia Lan compared the pros and cons of publishing books and journal articles, explained the process of book publication stage by stage, and discussed how to turn a dissertation into a book.

Strictly Come Writing ECR Writing Retreat
2-4 November 2022, The Gladstone Library, Wales | Attendees: 15
Travel bursaries awarded: 7
The Sociological Review's annual retreat for early career scholars offers an opportunity to refine skills in academic writing. In 2022, as in previous years, places were awarded on a competitive basis to PhD students and postdocs, and the retreat was free of charge to attend. Facilitated by Sociological Review Editorial Board member Steven Brown and held at Gladstone's Library in Hawarden in Wales, it offered participants an opportunity to spend three days writing in a tranquil environment under the guidance of a qualified writing retreat facilitator, as well as the opportunity to rest, socialise and enjoy the surroundings. The facilitator also provided one-on-one support during the breaks, and moderated peer discussion to review progress during the retreat.

3.7 The Sociological Review Magazine

The Sociological Review's open-access digital Magazine offers insights grounded in sociological thinking via innovative, timely writing for a broad global readership.

Overseen by Digital Editors Emma Jackson and Paul Jones, with Digital Engagement Fellow Priya Sharma and four guest editors, in 2022 the Magazine published 11 issues, and 95 original research-informed articles by scholars working on five continents. This content attracted over 54,432 unique visitors and 85,646 pageviews during the calendar year. Each issue focused on a theme of sociological interest and included an original illustration, a collection of essays, book reviews, and selections from The Sociological Review journal that were made free to view during the month, thereby drawing a broader readership to those papers.

Continuing on from initiatives begun in 2021, editorial support from professional sub-editors and the Senior Communications Officer played a key role in strengthening the quality, consistency, clarity, accuracy and reach of Magazine content, in keeping with the organisation's public sociology remit. For the many contributors who were early career scholars undertaking their first journalistic/non-journal article aimed at global and majority non-academic readership, the editorial process offered a valuable professional development opportunity.

Magazine issues published in 2022:
February: Covid Refigurations, edited by Angela McRobbie and Emma Jackson
March: Time, edited by Ryan Nolan and Paul Jones
April: Youth, edited by Steven Threadgold
May: Belief, edited by Paul Jones
June: Clothes, edited by Emma Jackson
July: Metrics, edited by Paul Jones
August: Water, edited by Charlotte Bates and Emma Jackson
September: Writing, edited by Paul Jones
October: Verticality, edited by Paul Jones and Emma Jackson
November: Social Reproduction, edited by Paul Jones
December: Home, edited by Emma Jackson

3.8 Book Reviews

The Sociological Review website's Reviews section offers reviews of recent sociologically relevant books. Over the course of 2022, Reviews Editor Charlotte Bates commissioned and published 23 articles. Fourteen were reviews of scholarly non-fiction books, along with seven reviews of fiction titles and two special essays in honour of the late bell hooks. In 2022, these articles all appeared in conjunction with issues of The Sociological Review magazine. The Reviews section as a whole (including older reviews) drew 16,910 unique visitors and 22,886 total pageviews over the 2022 calendar year.

3.9 Image-Maker in Residence

The Sociological Review's monthly showcase of creative work puts visual sociology in the spotlight, with an emphasis on migrant, minority and Global South practitioners and scholars. The monthly residency is presented via The Sociological Review's Instagram channel. In 2022, the Image-Maker in Residence series was curated by Priya Sharma, and later George Kalivis, and was published in conjunction with The Sociological Review magazine. A Q&A-format interview with each IMIR contributors, which was instituted in 2021 to give a presence to the IMIR on The Sociological Review website, drew 1,544 unique visitors and 1,845 pageviews across 11 articles over the year.

Residencies in 2022:
February: Lisa Wool-Rim Sjöblom
March: Emily DiCarlo
April: Mikhail Karikis
May: Tsoku Maela
June: Cheryl Roberts
July: Jo Kroese
August: Isabella Martin
September: Zarina Muhammad and Gabrielle de la Puente (The White Pube)
October: Jessie Martin
November: See Red Women's Workshop
December: Bassam Al-Sabah

3.10 Sociological Fiction

The Sociological Review's Sociological Fiction section, launched in 2018, presents new, high quality short stories by emerging and established writers who aim to creatively extend sociological imagination into fiction. Over the course of 2022, Sociological Fiction Editor Ash Watson commissioned and published 14 new pieces of fiction. As Sociological Fiction editor, she works with each contributor to refine their creative composition and shape an accompanying exegesis that draws out the work's connection with sociological insights. In 2022, professional sub-editing was added to the editorial process. Over the course of the year the Sociological Fiction section drew 3,997 unique visitors and 5,609 total pageviews; of this, Sociological Fiction content published in 2022 drew 2,876 unique visitors and 3,541 total pageviews.

3.11 Sociological Review Podcasts

In 2022 The Sociological Review launched its first podcast series, and also undertook the distribution of a second, externally created podcast series. These were the first steps in what is intended to be a significant content channel in future.

Uncommon Sense

Billed as a podcast that sees our world afresh, through the eyes of sociologists, Uncommon Sense aims to create a space for questioning taken-for-granted ideas about society, for imagining better ways of living together and confronting our shared crises. Each episode typically features a conversation with one academic, focusing on a theme or issue.

Episodes published in 2022:
Introducing Uncommon Sense Featuring Bev Skeggs and Michaela Benson
Episode 1: Care Featuring Bev Skeggs
Episode 2: Home Featuring Michaela Benson, Kwame Lowe, Alice Grahame
Episode 3: School Featuring Remi-Joseph Salisbury
Episode 4: Intimacy Featuring Katherine Twamley
Episode 5: Security Featuring Daria Krivonos
Bonus episode: How can we help you? Featuring Alice Bloch
Episode 6: Bodies Featuring Charlotte Bates
Episode 7: Cities Featuring Romit Chowdhury
Episode 8: Emotion Featuring Billy Holzberg
Episode 9: Natives Featuring Nandita Sharma

Launch event: Podcasting the Sociological
10 May 2022 | Registrants: 38 | Video views in 2022: 205
Speakers: executive producer Alice Bloch, hosts Rosie Hancock and Alexis Hieu Truong, project officer George Kalivis and project lead Michaela Benson. Panellists discussed the impetus behind the podcast, the journey so far, and what they have learned along the way. They also offered insights and advice for academics and others thinking about developing a podcast. View video

Spatial Delight

Launched in late 2022 with three episodes, and more episodes to follow in first half of 2023, Spatial Delight is a multi-part podcast series about space, society and power, inspired by British geographer Doreen Massey. It is presented, written and produced by Agata Lisiak, funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, and hosted by The Sociological Review. During the course of 2022, there were 3,730 downloads of Spatial Delight episodes across all podcast platforms including Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcasts. The Spatial Delight section of The Sociological Review website drew 2,663 unique visitors and 4,882 pageviews over the year.

Episodes released in 2022:
Introducing Spatial Delight Featuring John Allen and Yasmin Gunaratnam
Episode 1: Full of Power Featuring John Allen, Ash Amin, David Featherstone, Yasmin Gunaratnam, Tariq Jazeel, Linda McDowell, Tracey Skelton, Hilary Wainwright
Episode 2: Geography Matters! Featuring John Allen, David Featherstone, Tariq Jazeel, Linda McDowell and Tracey Skelton
Episode 3: World City Featuring Yasmin Gunaratnam and Emma Jackson

3.12 The Sociological Review website

Launched in June 2021, the new Sociological Review website recorded its first full year of user data via the web analytics system Plausible in 2022. Traffic showed a general upward trend over the year, with unique visitors 36% higher in the fourth quarter than in the first. Social media accounted for nearly 20% of referrals, and 51% of traffic to the site originated in the UK or US.

148,964 unique visitors in 2022, 279,856 Pageviews (total)

Top 10 countries of visits in 2022	Unique visitors	Share of all visitors
United Kingdom	51465	35%
United States	22900	16%
India	12082	8%
Canada	8116	6%
Australia	5301	4%
Germany	4473	3%
Netherlands	3783	3%
France	2509	2%
Italy	2005	1%
Belgium	1969	1%

3.13 The Sociological Review mailing list

There was a 23% increase in subscribers to the Sociological Review mailing list over the course of 2022. As of March 2022, 53% of subscribers were using a UK-based IP address, and just 4% were using a US-based IP address. Subscribers as of December 2022: 2,260

3.14 The Sociological Review social media

Channel	Followers at 31 Dec 2022	Annual growth
Twitter	65,266	5%
Facebook	28,067	2%
LinkedIn account	386	178%
LinkedIn company page	79	*Launched in June 2022*
Instagram TSR	3,685	28%
Instagram TSR Podcasts	215	*Launched in April 2022*
YouTube	913	37%

Twitter: The micro-blogging site remains far and away the best-performing of the Sociological Review's social media channels in terms of followers and as a driver of traffic to the website. Follower growth in 2022 was modest but steady, with content frequency at 120-180 tweets per month.
Facebook: Low engagement and low follower growth persisted in 2022, in common with trends for the platform as a whole. Nevertheless, its geographic reach (stronger in the Global South) and viewership (non-academic) makes it a useful complement to Twitter. Content frequency was 40-80 posts per month.

LinkedIn: Significant growth from a small base on the main account point to future utility, with the 2022 launch of a company page further supporting institutional branding. LinkedIn's aim of becoming a content platform, in addition to its well-known professional/reputational focus, mean that its value will only increase, especially for publicising awards, public events, career development calls and opportunities. Content frequency was 40-80 posts per month.

Instagram: Strong follower growth was driven the high quality of Image-Maker in Residence posts, hitherto the channel's only content, and by the decision to post calls, opportunities and other key TSR news in between residencies. The launch in April of a second channel for podcast content allowed a dual presence on the platform without compromising the IMIR viewer experience.

YouTube: There were 13,674 views (of 30 seconds or more) of videos on the Sociological Review channel in 2022, a decline of 18% on 2021. Some 7,102 (52%) of views went to just two videos, both from Linda Tuhiwai Smith's 2019 annual lecture. Viewers located in the US accounted for 10.8% of views and 5.6% were located in the UK. New video content in 2022, including Summer Sessions events and Uncommon Sense podcasts, spurred subscriber growth over the year.

4. Plans for Future Periods

Moving forward, we aim to continue our diverse programme of activities, in line with our charitable objects and supported by our Strategic Plan and Business Plan. In particular, we will:

- Provide continued funding for *The Sociological Review Fellowship*;
- Organise *ECR events* including our annual *writing retreat*;
- Organise the Sociological Review *Annual Lecture* and other *events*;
- Competitively award funding for seminars as part of our *Seminar Series*;
- Continue funding the Connected Sociologies Curriculum project
- Expanding on our podcast offering, including the Uncommon Sense podcast series
- Continue disseminating the findings of sociological research for the public benefit, through our website and social media channels.

5. Financial Review

In April 2023, we secured a continued income stream for our charity by renewing the publishing contract for the Sociological Review Journal between our wholly owned subsidiary trading company (the Sociological Review Publication Limited) and SAGE academic publishers. This will result in an annual income of approx. £170,000 that is gift-aided to us by the Sociological Review Publication Limited.

Securing assets

As of 31 December 2022, the Sociological Review Foundation had unrestricted assets of £900,495, which includes funds the Sociological Review Journal had accumulated prior to the foundation of the charity in 2015. These assets are principally held in two bank accounts at NatWest and Santander, respectively. Trustees are keenly aware that charities are required by law not to accumulate assets on top of those specified in the reserves policy. The Sociological Review Foundation therefore aims to spend down its assets in a controlled manner and in accordance with its charitable objects over the next five years.

Additionally, our charity had a healthy annual income of £147,192 in 2022 (2021: £186,174).

In 2017 and 2018, Trustees discussed in detail the possibility of investing a part of the charity's assets with a view of securing them for the future, in line with Charity Commission guidance CC14. To this effect, a working group was installed and scoping meetings with four Independent Financial Advisers were held in late 2017. The advice received from the Independent Financial Advisors was that five years' worth of expenditure should always be held in cash, while assets not required within five years

may be invested mid-term (5-10 years) or long-term (10+ years). However, all Independent Financial Advisors emphasised the fact that due to current market insecurities there was a considerable risk of making a loss on mid-term investments, while long-term investments were more likely to be profitable. Subsequently, Trustees prepared an estimate of the Foundation's income and expenditure over the next 5-10 years to identify the amount that could be invested long-term. The outcome of this exercise was inconclusive due to the current trend towards Open Access in publishing, which makes it impossible to predict mid- and long-term incomes from royalties. In the light of these uncertainties, trustees agreed to postpone the decision on investments, while actively monitoring the situation, until the impact of Open Access on the charity's income was better understood.

Fundraising

In late 2018, Trustees agreed to explore the possibility of raising funds for the Foundation's activities, in anticipation of its diminishing income from royalties (due to the trend towards Open Access in publishing) and the controlled spend down of assets over the coming years. Subsequently, a fundraising strategy, case for support and fundraising plan had been prepared by an external fundraising consultant. The strategy was discussed in detail at several Board meetings and, following the review of our strategic priorities, we asked the same external fundraising consultant in mid-2020 to update the fundraising strategy and fundraising plan and to align it with our revised strategic priorities. We intend implementing the fundraising strategy in 2024. At all times, Trustees will take into account the guidance issued by the Charity Commission: *Charity Fundraising: A Guide to Trustee Duties*.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds equal to six months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. In 2022 figures, this equates to approx. £190,000. The Trustees consider that this level provides sufficient funds to fulfil the Charity's obligations as laid out in the 2022 Business Plan, namely to fund the post of a Research Fellow at the University of Keele; pay the salaries of the members of the administrative team (Digital Strategist, Digital Engagement Fellow, Public Engagement & Communications Manager, Fundraising Manager, and Project Officer) and the invoices of contractors; fund the Sociological Review Seminar Series, the Annual Lecture and other events; and disseminate the findings of sociological research for the public benefit through our website and social media channels.

In agreeing the required levels of free reserves in unrestricted funds, the Trustees have purposely disregarded the annual income of the Sociological Review Foundation. This is due to the relative unpredictability of the date on which these funds become available each year. The availability of these funds depends on the income from royalties paid to the Charity's subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited (SRPL) by the publisher of the Sociological Review Journal. The Trustees agree that there is a minor risk of these funds not being transferred to SRPL, and via SRPL to the Charity, on time, which would put the Charity at risk of fulfilling its obligations.

The Trustees recognise that the circumstances of the charity or the environment in which it operates change with time. Therefore, the reserves policy will be reviewed periodically. The amount held in reserves will also be monitored during the year as part of the charity's budgetary processes.

Unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2022 amounted to £900,495 (2021: £1,030,328).

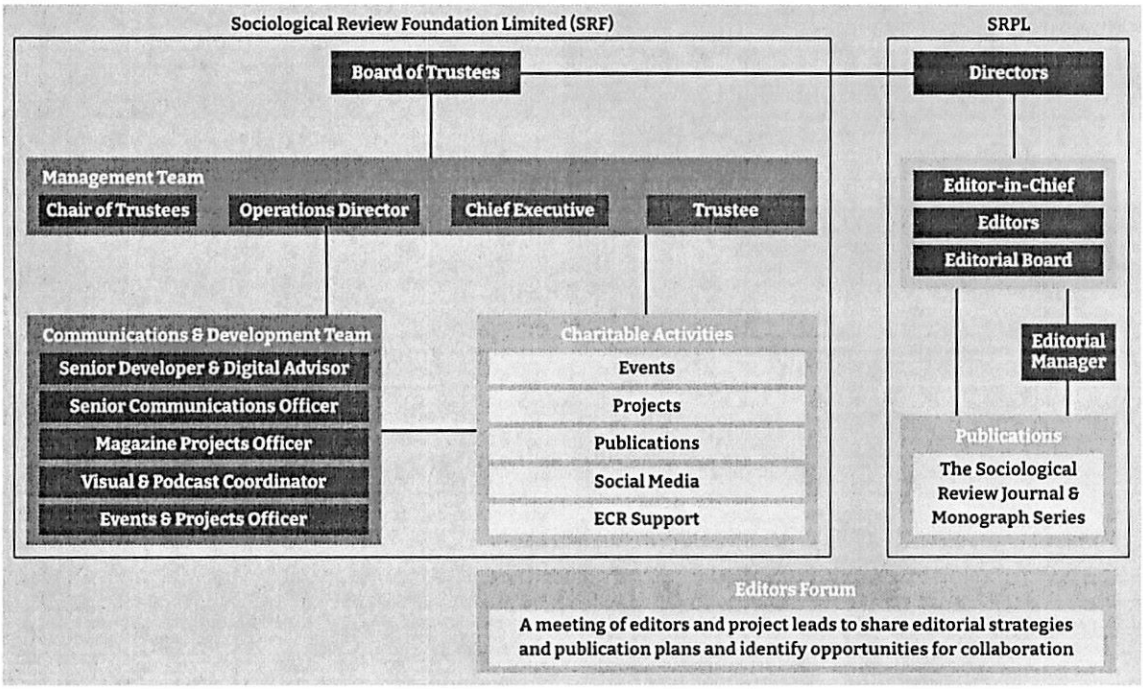
6. Structure, Governance and Management

The Sociological Review Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated on 16 May 2014 and registered as a charity on 2 June 2015. Its main source of income is profits generated by its wholly owned subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited, which owns the Sociological Review Journal (published by SAGE Publishing). Profits from royalties are gift-aided to the Sociological Review Foundation.

The affairs of the charity are managed by a governing body of Trustees. Trustees are appointed at General Meetings. Members of the Sociological Review Foundation consist of:

- Current Trustees (11 trustees as of August 2023)
- Former Trustees and Members of the Sociological Review Editorial Board as long as they sign the membership application form and attend the AGM. Membership is for one year and needs to be renewed at each AGM otherwise it expires automatically
- 20 members in total as of August 2023 (excluding Trustees)

Organogram of the Foundation and its trading subsidiary, the Sociological Review Publication Limited.



Procedure for the appointment of new trustees

Article 28: The minimum number of Trustees is 5 and the maximum number of Trustees is 12.

Articles 34-40 of the Articles of Association (entitled Appointment of Trustees) state:

- Trustees may appoint a person who is willing to be a Trustee. A Trustee appointed in this way must retire at the next annual general meeting
- The charity may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Trustee
- No person other than a Trustee retiring by rotation or a UK Appointee may be appointed a Trustee at any general meeting unless he or she is recommended for re-election by the Trustees or proposed by a Member 14-35 days before the AGM
- Keele University is entitled at all times to appoint one Trustee
- All members who are entitled to receive notice of a general meeting must be given 7-28 days' notice of any resolution to be put to the meeting to appoint a Trustee

Procedures for induction and training of trustees

The Sociological Review Foundation recognises that an effective Board of Trustees is essential for the charity to achieve its objects. The Board must have available to it the knowledge and skills required to run the charity and to meet the deadlines and regulations set by HMRC, Companies House and the Charity Commission. Individual trustees must have sufficient knowledge, both of trusteeship in general and of the Charity's activities, to enable them to carry out their role.

The Chair of Trustees and the Operations Director ensure that newly appointed Trustees are provided with key documents within one week of their appointment, including:

- *The Articles of Association*
- *The Essential Trustee* (CC3)
- *Conflicts of Interest Policy*
- *Data Protection Policy*
- *Risk Policy*
- *Social Media & Crisis Communication Policy*
- *Reserves Policy*
- *Strategic Plan* and the *Business Plan*
- *Expense Claims Policy*
- *Complaints Policy and Procedure*
- *Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy*

The Chair of Trustees and the Operations Director from time to time organise a training session on the general duties and responsibilities of charity Trustees.

Organisation and frequency of meetings

Trustees meet formally three to five times per year. The November meeting takes place after the AGM and includes the election of the Chair. All meetings are organised and minuted by the Operations Director. In between formal Board meetings, Trustees communicate regularly via email, facilitated by the Operations Director who observes deadlines and coordinates any important tasks in liaison with the Chair of Trustees and the Chief Executive.

Risk management

The Sociological Review Foundation has a formal risk policy in place that describes the main principles and procedures for identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring risks. The risk policy helps Trustees to identify major risks and decide how to respond to them. Trustees review the policy regularly, (re-) assess the risks faced by the Charity and plan for the management of those risks.

Some Board members of the Sociological Review Foundation have not served as Trustees elsewhere previously. A risk arising from this fact is that Trustees may lack the skills required to steer the charity and to observe the deadlines and regulations set by HMRC, Companies House and the Charity Commission. Recognising these risks, Trustees have put measures in place to mitigate them. An induction policy for new trustees was developed, and a conflict-of-interest policy, risk policy, reserves policy, social media policy, equality and diversity policy, and complaints policy are in place to guide the activities of Trustees. We regularly consult our accountant and in 2018 took legal advice on employment matters to ensure that we act in line with relevant legislations and regulations. Our five-year strategic plan and annual business plan ensure that our long- and short-term objectives are met.

The income of the Foundation comes from the business activities of its wholly owned subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited, which owns the Sociological Review Journal. SRPL's profit from royalties (ca. £170,000 per year) is gift-aided to the Foundation. Trustees recognise that a decrease in SRPL's profits (whether due to mismanagement or changes to academic publishing) would have a serious impact on the charitable activities of the Sociological Review Foundation. To mitigate this risk, the editor of the Sociological Review Journal is required to regularly report to the Trustees. Additionally, a separate risk policy for SRPL was agreed in 2017. The development of the fundraising strategy (see above) also serves the purpose of mitigating financial risks.

Equality and diversity

In line with its commitment to ensuring equality of opportunity or treatment, the Sociological Review Foundation agreed an Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy in 2018, which details the appropriate measures to monitor and evaluate how it is meeting its commitment in relation to all activities, including events and the award of conference, travel and accommodation bursaries. We collect information related to equality & diversity on a voluntary basis, in line with our Privacy Notice and Data Protection Policy. Any data collected is strictly confidential, anonymised and analysed in-house.

We published our first ever report on equality, diversity and inclusion in January 2020. The report contained a number of recommendations with regards to equality, diversity and inclusion in three key areas of our activities: events (delegates, speakers, bursaries), employment (contracts and recruitment) and The Sociological Review Journal (editorial board composition, authors and reviewers). Most of these recommendations were implemented during 2020 and 2021, and a new equality, diversity and inclusion report will be prepared at the end of 2023 to discuss our achievements. We aim to produce a report each year but did not produce one in 2020, 2021 and 2022 as we had to cancel most events due to the Covid-19 pandemic, meaning that there was no meaningful EDI data to collect or analyse.

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to public benefit guidance issued by the Chairty Commission in considering the activities of, and future plans for, the charity.

7. Reference and Administrative Information

Trustees as of 1 September 2023
Professor Rosemary Deem (Chair of Trustees)
Professor Michaela Caroline Benson (Chief executive)
Professor Leslie James Moran
Professor Beverley Elizabeth Skeggs
Professor Mark Featherstone (Representative of Keele University)
Dr Xiaodong Lin (Representative of the Sociological Review Publication Limited)
Mr Tom Dark (appointed 1 December 2022)
Dr Kat Jungnickel (appointed 1 December 2022)
Dr Chantelle Lewis (appointed 1 December 2022)
Professor Karen O'Reilly (appointed 1 December 2022)
Professor Steven Brown (appointed 1 December 2022)

Operations Director: Attila Szanto

Registered address: Bowland College, Lancaster University, Lancaster, LA1 4YT

Auditors: Myrus Smith, Norman House, 8 Burnell Road, Sutton (Surrey) SM1 4BW

Bankers
National Westminster Bank, 34 Henrietta Street, London WC2E 8NL (current account)
Santander, 100 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7RE (time deposit account)

8. Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees (who are also directors of Sociological Review Foundation Limited 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).

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 the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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.
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information

Auditors
A resolution to re-appoint as Auditors Messrs. Myrus Smith of Norman House, 8 Burnell Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 4BW, will be put to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

Exemption Statement
The Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

On Behalf of the Trustees



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Michaela Benson, Trustee
Date: 12 September 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE: SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED

A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital
Registered Charity No: 1161961

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sociological Review Foundation Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine

whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the

aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance about actual and potential litigation or claims and the identification of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- Professional scepticism in course of the audit and with audit sampling in material audit areas.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Kevin Fisher BA FCA CTA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Myrus Smith
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Norman House,
8 Burnell Road,
Sutton, Surrey.
SM1 4BW

13 September 2023

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED
A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Including income and expenditure account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
INCOME:			
Donations and legacies	3	145,404	185,131
Other income	4	497	1,017
Bank deposit interest		1,291	26
Total income		147,192	186,174
EXPENDITURE:			
Raising funds	5	2,400	-
Charitable activities	6	274,625	244,043
Total expenditure		277,025	244,043
Net (Expenditure) and net movement in funds		(129,833)	(57,869)
Total funds brought forward		1,030,328	1,088,197
Total funds carried forward		£900,495	£1,030,328

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

All the above relate to unrestricted funds.

The notes on pages 16 to 20 form part of these Financial Statements

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Computer equipment	9	1,568	1,792
Investments	10	25,000	25,000
		26,568	26,792
Current assets			
Debtors	11	136,049	237,690
Cash at Bank		758,847	775,396
		894,896	1,013,086
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	20,969	9,550
Net current assets		873,927	1,003,536
Net assets		£900,495	£1,030,328
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds		£900,495	£1,030,328

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 12 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Professor Michaela Benson

Director

The notes on pages 21 to 25 form part of these Financial Statements

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial states are as follows:

a) Basis of Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

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

b) Income recognition policies

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- The charity or its subsidiary have entitlement to the funds;
- Any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity or its subsidiary.
- There is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and
- The amount can be measured reliably.

c) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity, which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are those funds which can only be used in accordance with the wishes of the donor or which have been raised for a particular purpose.

d) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of research fellowships, conferences, seminars, symposia and other educational activities undertaken to further the purpose of the charity and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

e. Allocation of support costs

Support costs (including governance) are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. These costs have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities.

f. Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

g. Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Employer's contributions payable for the year are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee (Company No: 09044774) and has no share capital. The liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member.

The company is registered charity No: 1161961 and thus has no liability for Income Tax, Capital Gains Tax or Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

3. Donations and Legacies

	2022 £	2021 £
Donation – Sociological Review Publication Limited (Note 15)	£145,404	£185,131

All of the £145,404 (2021: £185,131) recognised in the year related to unrestricted funds.

4. Other Income

Merchandise sales	£497	£1,017

All of the £497 (2021: £1,017) recognised in the year related to unrestricted funds.

5. Cost of raising Funds

Fundraising consultancy	£2,400	£Nil

All of the £2,400 (2021: £Nil) expended in the year related to unrestricted funds.

6. Charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Direct costs		
SR Fellowships	65,817	80,216
Digital Engagement Fellowship	11,595	16,242
Conference, Symposium and seminar costs	30,316	-
Project costs	54,067	42,384
Grants and conference support	(500)	(411)
Website, Digital strategy & Communication	78,159	81,340
Magazine	22,084	-
Merchandising	1,965	1,339
	263,503	221,110
Support Costs		
Administrator	-	17,123
Legal & professional	5,371	392
Team meeting and venue hire costs	-	-
Office costs	456	776
Insurance	621	461
Bank charges	481	555
Depreciation	1,637	1,166
Governance:		
- Audit fee	2,556	2,460
- Trustee travel expenses	-	-
	£274,625	£244,043

All of the £274,625 (2021: £244,043) expended in the year relates to unrestricted funds.

7. Net income for the year

		2022	2021
This is stated after charging:			
Auditors Fees	- Audit services	£2,556	£2,460
	- Non-audit services	£Nil	£Nil

8. Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	98,030	91,841
Social security costs	4,046	2,842
Pension costs	2,193	2,048
	£104,269	£96,731

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during 2022 or 2021.

The average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year was 4 (2021: 4).

Total employment benefits received by key management amounted to £Nil (2021: £Nil).

9. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Computer and Office Equipment £
Cost	
Balance at 1 January 2022	3,498
Additions	1,413
Balance at 31 December 2022	4,911
Depreciation	
Balance at 1 January 2022	1,706
Change for year	1,637
Balance at 31 December 2022	3,343
Net Book Value	
As at 31 December 2022	£1,568
As at 31 December 2021	£1,792

10. Investment in trading subsidiary

The investment in the trading subsidiary represents a 100% holding, at cost, in Sociological Review Publication Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

11. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments	442	52,424
Charitable payment due from subsidiary	135,607	185,266
	£136,049	£237,690

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	970	1,137
Accruals	19,999	8,413
	£20,969	£9,550

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received any remuneration during the year or the previous year. Travelling expenses reimbursed to Nil (2021: Nil) Trustees totalled £Nil (2021: £Nil).

14. Future financial commitments

At 31 December 2022 the charity had agreed to provide sponsorship and fellowships as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Current commitments entered into by the Trustees		
Research fellowships	£87,819	£105,872

15. Related Party Transactions

The charity has a wholly owned trading subsidiary, which is incorporated in the UK: the Sociological Review Publications Limited, which produces the Sociological Review Journal and Monographs and transfers all of its taxable profits to the charity under a Deed of Covenant. A summary of their trading results is shown below:

	2022 £	2021 £
Turnover	252,006	255,414
Interest received	2,455	300
Less: Overheads	(109,057)	(70,583)
Net Profit	145,404	185,131
Charitable covenant payment	145,404	185,131
	-	-
Less: Taxation	-	-
(Loss) / profit for year	-	-
Retained in Subsidiary b/f	-	-
Retained in Subsidiary c/f	£Nil	£Nil
Net Assets at 31 December 2022	£25,000	£25,000

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED

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SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED

A Company Limited by Guarantee and Not Having a Share Capital
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. Report of Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their annual report along with the financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

2. Objectives and Activities

The charitable objects of the Sociological Review Foundation Limited are defined in Article 4 of the governing document as follows: "To advance the education of the public in general (and particularly among students at the University of Keele) on the subject of sociology in such ways as the trustees think fit, including by awarding scholarships for students studying sociology and promoting research for the public benefit in all aspects of the subject of sociology and to publish the useful results." We endeavour to meet our objectives in the following ways:

Support and funding for early career researchers

The Sociological Review Foundation is committed to supporting Early Career Researchers (ECRs), recognising that the changing climate of Higher Education in the UK is presenting particular challenges for ECRs. The requirements for attaining a permanent academic post have changed to a point where it is very rare for a PhD student to walk into a post immediately. This, combined with the erosion of funding for postdoctoral research, has resulted in an increasingly precarious and lengthy postdoctoral period.

All our events include travel, accommodation and childcare bursaries, which are awarded on a competitive basis. Additionally, we organise a number of events for Early Career Researchers each year, aimed at developing their research and writing skills, as well as their academic careers. A number of ECRs are appointed to the Sociological Review editorial board each year where they receive training on reviewing papers and other skills under the mentorship of a senior editorial board member.

The Sociological Review Foundation also has a commitment to Early Career Researchers through its postdoctoral fellowship scheme, which is currently based at the University of Keele. The purpose of the fellowship is to provide early career sociologists with the opportunity of spending one year writing their first monograph length book.

Events organised or funded by the Sociological Review Foundation

Each year, the Sociological Review Foundation organises the Sociological Review Annual Lecture, as well as a number of workshops and symposia that bring together established and new researchers in any area of sociology. As part of our commitment to serve the future sociological community and promote sociological research to non-academic audiences, our events are: open to members of sociological teaching groups in colleges and schools; involve collaborations with artists; are video recorded and published online; may be complemented by podcasts.

Each year, we fund up to five one-day research seminars to share and produce imaginative cutting-edge work of sociological and social significance. Funding is awarded competitively following a call for applications, which are evaluated by a panel drawn from the SR editorial board. An important aim of

the seminar series is to produce papers that will result in publications of interest to the readership of the Sociological Review. We seek proposals that involve collaborations across institutions and disciplines and welcome those that connect sociology to wider communities and the arts or even science.

Engaging with emerging issues in society

In line with our charitable objects of advancing the education of the public on the subject of sociology; developing our educational provision; and communicating with and engaging a wider public, the Sociological Review Foundation also funds and directs a small number of projects that address emerging issues in society. These projects include a distinct public engagement component and engage with their respective audiences in various ways, with the aim of demonstrating the value of the sociological imagination for making sense of a range of contemporary issues.

Dissemination of sociological research to academic and non-academic audiences

Among the core objectives of the Sociological Review Foundation – as per Article 4 of our governing document – is the education of the public on the subject of sociology and the promotion of sociological research for the public benefit. This is an overarching objective that applies to all our activities, all of which engage a variety of publics, including students, teachers, academics and the general public.

Equality and diversity

As part of its 2017-21 Strategic Plan, the Sociological Review Foundation is committed to ensuring equality of opportunity and treatment. We strive to achieve this objective in all areas of our charitable work and have implemented appropriate measures, which we present in Section 6 below.

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in considering the activities of, and future plans for, the charity.

3. Achievements and Performance

Below is a summary of our achievements in the areas described above.

Support and funding for Early Career Researchers

Strictly Come Writing: Early Career Researcher Virtual Writing Retreats. The aim of our writing retreats is to provide hands-on experience on structured and productive writing despite the time-consuming requirements of academia. Like 2020, our 2021 writing retreats were held online. Suspending the usual shortlisting procedure for in-person retreats, each applicant was offered a place on one of the four two-day virtual retreats, held between 20 and 31 March 2021. The virtual format was very well received and allowed for participation from wider geographical locations than a face-to-face event would attract.

Virtual Follow-up Writing Retreats. Two two-day retreats were held between 16 and 19 September 2021 for those who attended one of our previous virtual retreats in 2020 or 2021.

Ten childcare bursaries worth £1,000 in total were awarded to facilitate participation in our 2021 writing retreats. See www.thesociologicalreview.org/announcements/events/past-events/ for details.

The Sociological Review Fellowship

The Sociological Review Foundation has a commitment to Early Career Researchers through its postdoctoral fellowship scheme, which is currently based at the University of Keele. The purpose of the fellowship is to provide early career sociologists with the opportunity of spending a year writing their first monograph length book, whilst receiving guidance and support from their mentor at Keele University.

The 2020/21 Sociological Review Fellow, Dr Amani Hassani, successfully completed her fellowship in January 2022. The 2021/22 Fellow, Dr Charlie Rumsby, commenced her post in September 2021. Sociological Review Fellows also join the Sociological Review editorial board where they review articles and participate in our activities under the mentorship of experienced editorial board members.

Events organised or funded by the Sociological Review

All our events in 2021 were held online due to the Covid-19 global pandemic; their details can be found at www.thesociologicalreview.org/announcements/events/past-events/.

What is Colonial Global Economy? Held on 13 January 2021 and attended by more than 300 participants, this two-hour webinar examined the importance of historical colonial relations to the establishment and continued reproduction of processes of global political economy, including colonially-instituted arrangements and relationships which persist into the present. It examined the colonial global economy as one which operates through racialized forms of exploitation, from the heights of international economic law, down to labour regimes in global supply chains and to climate change in the Global South. See www.connectedsociologies.org for further details.

Colonialism, Race & Policing. Held on 16 February 2021 and attended by more than 300 participants, this two-hour webinar sought to excavate the colonial roots of contemporary modes of British policing both in terms of the "war on terror" and in the context of "gangs" and "knife crime". The event looked at how policing strategies were tested out in the colonies before being imported to Britain, in order to police 'coloured' immigrant populations, and examined the influence of these colonial, racialized, policing strategies on today's context. See www.connectedsociologies.org for further details.

Funds of Knowledge for the 21st century: Towards pedagogical justice in diverse societies: This one-day conference, part of the Sociological Review Seminar Series, took place online on 12 March 2021 and was hosted by Liverpool Hope University. Eight speakers from both academia and community organisations presented conceptual, methodological and practical dimensions of the funds of knowledge approach. Read the conference report at www.thesociologicalreview.org/magazine/september-2021/funds-of-knowledge-for-the-21st-century.

Slavery, Indenture and the Plantation Economy. Held on 7 April 2021 and attended by 250 participants, this two-hour webinar explored how the processes of both the transatlantic slave trade and circuits of indenture were central to the establishment of the modern world. The event asked critical questions about how the modern world came into being through focusing on the inter-related processes of slavery, indenture and the plantation economy, both in the Atlantic and the Indian Ocean worlds. See www.connectedsociologies.org for further details.

Behind the Scenes at The Sociological Review. The first in our series of three one-hour webinars was held on 30 June 2021. It featured Dr Wes Lin (General Editor) and Dr Kaoru Takahashi (Editorial Manager) in conversation with Professor Marie-Andrée Jacob (General Editor) about the work they do backstage at The Sociological Review Journal, working with peer reviewers, authors and other editors.

How to Write an Article, Receive and Respond to Peer Review. The second in our series of three one-hour webinars was held on 14 July 2021. It featured Dr Emma Jackson (General Editor) in conversation with two authors who have recently published in The Sociological Review, with the aim of demystifying the process of writing for the journal, our approach to peer review, and working with reviewers' comments when revising your paper. Watch the event at https://youtu.be/m5cjjxdeE_s.

So you Want to be an Editorial Board Member... The third in our series of three one-hour webinars was held on 28 July 2021. It featured Dr Cath Lambert (Monographs Editor) in conversation with Editorial Board members Dr Alexis Truong and Dr Kirsteen Paton who discussed The Sociological Review's approach to reviewing, gave their thoughts on experiencing the reviewing process as both author and reviewer, detailed what we expect from board members, and recounted their own experiences of this role at The Sociological Review. Watch the event at https://youtu.be/GadXIXAJRDc.

What do journal rankings and metrics mean? This one-hour webinar was held on 16 September 2021. It featured The Sociological Review Journal's Editor-in-Chief, Professor Michaela Benson, General Editor Dr Xiaodong Lin and Trustee Professor Roger Burrows, in conversation about the political economy of academic publishing. How seriously should we take metrics and rankings of peer-reviewed journals? Do academic journal rankings accurately reflect the quality of scholarship? How do metrics work, and where do they fall short? Watch the event at https://youtu.be/CVcpjtOwflA.

The Sociological Review Seminar Series

In late 2019, we had agreed to fund four seminars in 2020. Of these, only one was held as planned, while the remaining three were postponed to 2021 due to the pandemic. Of these, one seminar took place as planned, while the other two were permanently cancelled due to the pandemic.

Funds of Knowledge for the 21st century: Towards pedagogical justice in diverse societies: This one-day conference took place online on 12 March 2021 and was hosted by Liverpool Hope University. Eight speakers from both academia and community organisations presented conceptual, methodological and practical dimensions of the funds of knowledge approach. The event was attended by a diverse audience from a range of locations. For full details read the conference report at www.thesociologicalreview.org/magazine/september-2021/funds-of-knowledge-for-the-21st-century.

Engaging with emerging issues in society

In line with our charitable objects of advancing the education of the public on the subject of sociology; developing our educational provision; and engaging a wider public, we have funded three projects in 2021 that address emerging issues in society. All three projects include a distinct public engagement component and engage with their respective audiences in unique ways, with the aim of demonstrating the value of the sociological imagination for making sense of contemporary issues.

Solidarity and Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic (www.solidarityandcare.org) is a public platform and research archive that documents the lived experiences, caring strategies and solidarity initiatives of people and groups across the globe during the COVID-19 pandemic. The platform is a freely accessible collective resource that documents the organic forms of caring that are emerging in these times. The data collection phase for this project was completed in March 2021; subsequently we agreed to provide continued funding for a series of eight recorded conversations between the project lead and contributors to project Phase 1. We intend launching these in late 2022 on https://thesociologicalreview.org/podcasts as part of our podcast offering.

The *Connected Sociologies Curriculum* project (www.connectedsociologies.org) provides resources for students and teachers who are interested in 'decolonising' school, college, and university curricula. The project advocates the rethinking of sociological concepts, categories, and topics and is organised around particular modules, consisting of a series of short lectures, supported by open access resources. In 2021, we agreed to extend the funding for this important project by another 12 months, resulting in further educational resources, events and an outreach event at BSix College, London.

Uncommon Sense, a 10-episode podcast series, framed around demonstrating the value of the sociological imagination for making sense of a range of contemporary issues. The series explores everyday topics like home, care, food, or schools, in ways that speak intimately and immediately to listeners, with each subject illuminated sociologically to offer new ways of seeing both society and the self. A key contention of the podcast is that once we embrace the sociological imagination, the world never looks quite the same again; private troubles become public issues, and what seem to be the struggles of the self, emerge as structural, social matters. In 2021, we provided initial funding for the development of the series including the production of two pilot episodes. The series successfully launched in April 2022. See https://thesociologicalreview.org/podcasts/uncommon-sense.

Dissemination of sociological research to academic and non-academic audiences

Among the core objectives of the Sociological Review Foundation is the education of the public on the subject of sociology and the promotion of sociological research for the public benefit. The main channels of dissemination are the *Sociological Review Journal*, our website www.thesociologicalreview.org, our project websites www.connectedsociologies.org and www.solidarityandcare.org, and our social media channels Twitter (@TheSocReview), Facebook (www.facebook.com/TheSociologicalReview), Instagram (www.instagram.com/thesociologicalreview), YouTube, and LinkedIn. With over 62,000 followers as of December 2021, we are the most popular sociology-related Twitter account in the world.

Key to our outreach and public engagement activities is our completely redesigned website www.thesociologicalreview.org that launched in June 2021, and where we publish, among others, our themed monthly Magazine (https://thesociologicalreview.org/magazine) that presents timely insights grounded in sociological thinking and fresh, innovative writing for a broad readership, as well as the Uncommon Sense podcast series mentioned above.

4. Plans for the Future

Moving forward, we aim to continue our diverse programme of activities, in line with our charitable objects and supported by our Strategic Plan and Business Plan. In particular, we will:

- Provide continued funding for *The Sociological Review Fellowship*;
- Organise *ECR events* including our annual *writing retreat*;
- Organise the Sociological Review *Annual Lecture* and other *events*;
- Competitively award funding for seminars as part of our *Seminar Series*;
- Continue funding the Connected Sociologies Curriculum and Solidarity & Care projects
- Expand our podcast offering, including the Uncommon Sense podcast series
- Continue disseminating the findings of sociological research for the public benefit, through our website and social media channels.

5. Financial Review

In 2016, we secured a higher income stream for our charity by renewing the publishing contract for the Sociological Review Journal between our wholly owned subsidiary trading company (the Sociological Review Publication Limited) and SAGE academic publishers. This resulted in a predictable annual income of approx. £190,000 that is gift-aided to us by the Sociological Review Publication Limited.

Securing assets

As of 31 December 2021, the Sociological Review Foundation had unrestricted assets of £1,030,328 which includes funds the Sociological Review Journal had accumulated prior to the foundation of the charity in 2015. These assets are principally held in two bank accounts at NatWest and Santander, respectively. Trustees are keenly aware that charities are required by law not to accumulate assets on top of those specified in the reserves policy. The Sociological Review Foundation therefore aims to spend down its assets in a controlled manner and in accordance with its charitable objects over the next six years.

Additionally, our charity had a healthy annual income of £186,174 in 2021 (2020: £197,605).

In 2017 and 2018, Trustees discussed in detail the possibility of investing a part of the charity's assets with a view of securing them for the future, in line with Charity Commission guidance CC14. To this effect, a working group was installed and scoping meetings with four Independent Financial Advisers were held in late 2017. The advice received from the Independent Financial Advisors was that five years' worth of expenditure should always be held in cash, while assets not required within five years may be invested mid-term (5-10 years) or long-term (10+ years). However, all Independent Financial Advisors emphasised the fact that due to current market insecurities there was a considerable risk of making a loss on mid-term investments, while long-term investments were more likely to be profitable.

Subsequently, Trustees prepared an estimate of the Foundation's income and expenditure over the next 5-10 years to identify the amount that could be invested long-term. The outcome of this exercise was inconclusive due to the current trend towards Open Access in publishing, which makes it impossible to predict mid- and long-term incomes from royalties. In the light of these uncertainties, trustees agreed to postpone the decision on investments, while actively monitoring the situation, until the impact of Open Access on the charity's income was better understood.

Fundraising

In late 2018, Trustees agreed to explore the possibility of raising funds for the Foundation's activities, in anticipation of its diminishing income from royalties (due to the trend towards Open Access in publishing) and the controlled spend down of assets over the coming years. Subsequently, a fundraising strategy, case for support and fundraising plan had been prepared by an external fundraising consultant. The strategy was discussed in detail at several Board meetings and, following the review of our strategic priorities for the next five years, we asked the same external fundraising consultant in mid-2020 to update the fundraising strategy and fundraising plan and to align it with our revised strategic priorities. We intend implementing the fundraising strategy in 2022. At all times, Trustees will take into account the guidance issued by the Charity Commission: *Charity Fundraising: A Guide to Trustee Duties.*

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds equal to six months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. In 2021 figures, this equates to approx. £150,000. The Trustees consider that this level provides sufficient funds to fulfil the Charity's obligations as laid out in the 2021 Business Plan, namely to fund the post of a Research Fellow at the University of Keele; pay the salaries of the members of the administrative team (Digital Strategist, Digital Engagement Fellow, Public Engagement & Communications Manager, Fundraising Manager, and Project Officer) and the invoices of contractors; fund the Sociological Review Seminar Series, the Annual Lecture and other events; and disseminate the findings of sociological research for the public benefit through our website and social media channels.

In agreeing the required levels of free reserves in unrestricted funds, the Trustees have purposely disregarded the annual income of the Sociological Review Foundation. This is due to the relative unpredictability of the date on which these funds become available each year. The availability of these funds depends on the income from royalties paid to the Charity's subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited (SRPL) by the publisher of the Sociological Review Journal. The Trustees agree that there is a minor risk of these funds not being transferred to SRPL, and via SRPL to the Charity, on time, which would put the Charity at risk of not fulfilling its obligations.

The Trustees recognise that the circumstances of the charity or the environment in which it operates change with time. Therefore, the reserves policy will be reviewed periodically. The amount held in reserves will also be monitored during the year as part of the charity's budgetary processes.

Unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2021 amounted to £1,030,328 (2020: £1,088,197).

6. Structure, Governance and Management

The Sociological Review Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated on 16 May 2014 and registered as a charity on 2 June 2015. Its main source of income is profits generated by its wholly owned subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited, which owns the Sociological Review Journal (published by SAGE Publishing). Profits from royalties are gift-aided to the Sociological Review Foundation.

The affairs of the charity are managed by a governing body of Trustees. Trustees are appointed at General Meetings. Members of the Sociological Review Foundation consist of:

- Current Trustees (9 trustees as of August 2022)
- Former Trustees and Members of the Sociological Review Editorial Board as long as they sign the membership application form and attend the AGM. Membership is for one year and needs to be renewed at each AGM otherwise it expires automatically
- 17 members in total as of August 2022 (excluding Trustees)

Procedure for the appointment of new trustees

Article 28: The minimum number of Trustees is 5 and the maximum number of Trustees is 12.

Articles 34-40 of the Articles of Association (entitled Appointment of Trustees) state:

- Trustees may appoint a person who is willing to be a Trustee. A Trustee appointed in this way must retire at the next annual general meeting
- The charity may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Trustee
- No person other than a Trustee retiring by rotation or a UK Appointee may be appointed a Trustee at any general meeting unless he or she is recommended for re-election by the Trustees or proposed by a Member 14-35 days before the AGM
- Keele University is entitled at all times to appoint one Trustee
- All members who are entitled to receive notice of a general meeting must be given 7-28 days' notice of any resolution to be put to the meeting to appoint a Trustee

Procedures for induction and training of trustees

The Sociological Review Foundation recognises that an effective Board of Trustees is essential for the charity to achieve its objects. The Board must have available to it the knowledge and skills required to run the charity and to meet the deadlines and regulations set by HMRC, Companies House and the Charity Commission. Individual trustees must have sufficient knowledge, both of trusteeship in general and of the Charity's activities, to enable them to carry out their role.

The Chair of Trustees and the Operations Director ensure that newly appointed Trustees are provided with the following documents within one week of their appointment:

- *Articles of Association of the Sociological Review Foundation Limited*
- *The Essential Trustee*, a document published by the Charity Commission
- *Conflicts of Interest Policy*, including the Declaration of Interest form
- *Data Protection Policy*
- *Risk Policy*
- *Social Media and Crisis Communication Policy*
- *Reserves Policy*
- *Strategic Plan* and the *Business Plan*
- *Expense Claims Policy*
- *Complaints Policy and Procedure*
- *Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy*

The Chair of Trustees and the Operations Director periodically organise a training session on the general duties and responsibilities of charity Trustees.

Organisation and frequency of meetings

Trustees meet formally three times per year, usually in February, June and November. The November meeting takes place after the AGM and includes the election of the Chair. Due to the pandemic, all Board meetings as well as the 2021 AGM were held online. All meetings are organised and minuted by the Operations Director. In between formal Board meetings, Trustees communicate regularly via email, facilitated by the Operations Director who observes deadlines and coordinates any important tasks in liaison with the Chair of Trustees and the Chief Executive.

Risk management

The Sociological Review Foundation has a formal risk policy in place that describes the main principles and procedures for identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring risks. The risk policy helps Trustees to identify major risks and decide how to respond to them. Trustees review the policy regularly, (re-) assess the risks faced by the Charity and plan for the management of those risks.

Some Board members of the Sociological Review Foundation have not served as Trustees elsewhere previously. New Trustees in particular may lack the skills required to steer the charity and to observe the deadlines and regulations set by HMRC, Companies House and the Charity Commission. Recognising these risks, Trustees have put measures in place to mitigate them. An induction policy for new trustees was developed, and a conflict-of-interest policy, risk policy, reserves policy, social media policy, equality and diversity policy, and complaints policy are in place to guide the activities of Trustees. We regularly consult our accountant and in 2018 took legal advice on employment matters to ensure that we act in line with relevant legislations and regulations. Our five-year strategic plan and annual business plan ensure that our long- and short-term objectives are met.

The income of the Foundation comes from the business activities of its wholly owned subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited, which owns the Sociological Review Journal. SRPL's profit from royalties (ca. £190,000 per year) is gift-aided to the Foundation. Trustees recognise that a decrease in SRPL's profits (whether due to mismanagement or changes to academic publishing) would have a serious impact on the charitable activities of the Sociological Review Foundation. To mitigate this risk, the editor of the Sociological Review Journal is required to regularly report to the Trustees. Additionally, a separate risk policy for SRPL was agreed in 2017. The development of the fundraising strategy (see above) also serves the purpose of mitigating financial risks.

Equality and diversity

In line with its commitment to ensuring equality of opportunity or treatment (which is one of the objectives of the 2017-21 Strategic Plan), the Sociological Review Foundation agreed an Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy in 2018, which details the appropriate measures to monitor and evaluate how it is meeting its commitment in relation to all activities, including events and the award of conference, travel and accommodation bursaries. We collect information related to equality & diversity on a voluntary basis, in line with our Privacy Notice and Data Protection Policy. Any data collected is strictly confidential, anonymised and analysed in-house, and is not shared with anyone outside the Foundation.

We published our first ever report on equality, diversity and inclusion in January 2020. The report contained a number of recommendations with regards to equality, diversity and inclusion in three key areas of our activities: events (delegates, speakers, bursaries), employment (contracts and recruitment) and The Sociological Review Journal (editorial board composition, authors and reviewers). Most of these recommendations were implemented during 2020 and 2021, and a new equality, diversity and inclusion report will be prepared at the end of 2022 to discuss our achievements. We aim to produce a report each year but did not produce one in 2020 or 2021 as we had to cancel most events due to the Covid-19 pandemic, meaning that there was no meaningful EDI data to collect or analyse.

7. Reference and Administrative Information

Trustees

Professor Rosemary Deem (Chair of Trustees)
Professor Leslie James Moran
Professor Beverley Elizabeth Skeggs
Professor Derek McGhee (Representative of Keele University, resigned 16/12/2021 due to job move)
Professor Mark Featherstone (Representative of Keele University, appointed 16/12/2021)
Professor Michaela Caroline Benson (Chief executive)
Dr Xiaodong Lin (Representative of the Sociological Review Publication Limited, appointed 10/03/2022)
Professor Gurminder Kaur Bhambra (resigned 25/11/2021 due to a new and possibly conflicting role in a learned society)
Professor Roger John Burrows (reappointed 16/12/2021)
Professor Abigail Florence Day (reappointed 16/12/2021)

Professor David Michael Evans (reappointed 16/12/2021; resigned 24/03/2022)
Professor Patricia Lorna Thomson

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8. Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees (who are also directors of the Sociological Review Foundation Limited for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the 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 then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is also aware of that information.

Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint as Auditors Messrs. Myrus Smith of Norman House, 8 Burnell Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 4BW, will be put to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

Exemption Statement

The Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

On Behalf of the Trustees

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Professor Michaela Benson, Trustee
Date: 26 September 2022

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE:

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED
A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital
Registered Charity No: 1161961

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sociological Review Foundation Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance about actual and potential litigation or claims and the identification of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- Professional scepticism in course of the audit and with audit sampling in material audit areas.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE:

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED
A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital
Registered Charity No: 1161961

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Kevin Fisher BA FCA CTA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Myrus Smith
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Norman House,
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17th October 2022

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED
A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Including income and expenditure account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
INCOME:			
Donations and legacies	3	185,131	192,052
Other income	4	1,017	262
Bank deposit interest		26	5,291
Total income		186,174	197,605
EXPENDITURE:			
Raising funds	5	-	7,500
Charitable activities	6	244,043	189,919
Total expenditure		244,043	197,419
Net (Expenditure) and net movement in funds		(57,869)	186
Total funds brought forward		1,088,197	1,088,011
Total funds carried forward		£1,030,328	£1,088,197

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

All the above relate to unrestricted funds.

The notes on pages 16 to 20 form part of these Financial Statements

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Computer equipment	9	1,792	1,080
Investments	10	25,000	25,000
		26,792	26,080
Current assets			
Debtors	11	237,690	234,589
Cash at Bank		775,396	852,896
		1,013,086	1,087,485
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	9,550	25,368
Net current assets		1,003,536	1,062,117
Net assets		£1,030,328	£1,088,197
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds		£1,030,328	£1,088,197

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 26 September 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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Professor Michaela Benson

Director

The notes on pages 16 to 20 form part of these Financial Statements

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED
A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial states are as follows:

a) Basis of Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

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

b) Income recognition policies

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- The charity or its subsidiary have entitlement to the funds;
- Any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity or its subsidiary.
- There is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and
- The amount can be measured reliably.

c) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity, which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are those funds which can only be used in accordance with the wishes of the donor or which have been raised for a particular purpose.

d) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of research fellowships, conferences, seminars, symposia and other educational activities undertaken to further the purpose of the charity and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

e. Allocation of support costs

Support costs (including governance) are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. These costs have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities.

f. Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

g. Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Employer's contributions payable for the year are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee (Company No: 09044774) and has no share capital. The liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member.

The company is registered charity No: 1161961 and thus has no liability for Income Tax, Capital Gains Tax or Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

3. Donations and Legacies

	2021 £	2020 £
Donation – Sociological Review Publication Limited (Note 15)	£185,131	£192,052

All of the £185,131 (2020: £192,052) recognised in the year related to unrestricted funds.

4. Other Income

Merchandise sales	£1,017	£262

All of the £1,017 (2020: £262) recognised in the year related to unrestricted funds.

5. Cost of raising Funds

Fundraising consultancy	£Nil	£7,500

All of the £Nil (2020: £7,500) expended in the year related to unrestricted funds.

6. Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Direct costs		
SR Fellowships	80,216	51,850
Digital Engagement Fellowship	16,242	24,730
Conference, Symposium and seminar costs	-	17,453
Project costs	42,384	28,166
Grants and conference support	(411)	1,801
Website, Digital strategy & Communication	81,340	25,431
Prizes	-	-
Merchandising	1,339	1,474
	221,110	150,905
Support Costs		
Administrator	17,123	32,080
Legal & professional	392	1,012
Team meeting and venue hire costs	-	1,462
Office costs	776	211
Insurance	461	344
Bank charges	555	627
Depreciation	1,166	540
Governance:		
- Audit fee	2,460	2,400
- Trustee travel expenses	-	338
	£244,043	£189,919

All of the £244,043 (2020: £189,919) expended in the year relates to unrestricted funds.

7. Net income for the year

		2021	2020
This is stated after charging:			
Auditors Fees	- Audit services	£2,460	£2,400
	- Non-audit services	£Nil	£Nil

8. Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	91,841	45,609
Social security costs	2,842	-
Pension costs	2,048	859
	£96,731	£46,468

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during 2021 or 2020.

The average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year was 4 (2020: 3).

Total employment benefits received by key management amounted to £Nil (2020: £Nil).

9. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Computer and Office Equipment £
Cost	
Balance at 1 January 2021	1,620
Additions	1,878
Balance at 31 December 2021	3,498
Depreciation	
Balance at 1 January 2021	540
Change for year	1,166
Balance at 31 December 2021	1,706
Net Book Value	
As at 31 December 2021	£1,792
As at 31 December 2020	£1,080

10. Investment in trading subsidiary

The investment in the trading subsidiary represents a 100% holding, at cost, in Sociological Review Publication Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

11. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	52,424	42,487
Charitable payment due from subsidiary	185,266	192,102
	£237,690	£234,589

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	1,137	1,230
Accruals	8,413	24,138
	£9,550	£25,368

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received any remuneration during the year or the previous year. Travelling expenses reimbursed to nil (2020: 4) Trustees totalled £Nil (2020: £338).

14. Future financial commitments

At 31 December 2021 the charity had agreed to provide sponsorship and fellowships as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Current commitments entered into by the Trustees		
Research fellowships	£105,872	£131,014

15. Related Party Transactions

The charity has a wholly owned trading subsidiary, which is incorporated in the UK: the Sociological Review Publications Limited, which produces the Sociological Review Journal and Monographs and transfers all of its taxable profits to the charity under a Deed of Covenant. A summary of their trading results is shown below:

	2021 £	2020 £
Turnover	255,414	263,663
Interest received	300	813
Less: Overheads	(70,583)	(73,366)
Net Profit	185,131	191,110
Charitable covenant payment	185,131	192,052
	-	(942)
Less: Taxation	-	-
(Loss) / profit for year	-	(942)
Retained in Subsidiary b/f	-	942
Retained in Subsidiary c/f	£Nil	£Nil
Net Assets at 31 December 2021	£25,000	£25,000

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED

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SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED

A Company Limited by Guarantee and Not Having a Share Capital
Company No: 09044774
Charity No: 1161961

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED

A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital
Company No: 09044774, Charity No: 1161961

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED

A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital
Company No: 09044774, Charity No: 1161961

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. Report of Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their annual report along with the financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

2. Objectives and Activities

The charitable objects of the Sociological Review Foundation Limited are defined in Article 4 of the governing document as follows: "To advance the education of the public in general (and particularly among students at the University of Keele) on the subject of sociology in such ways as the trustees think fit, including by awarding scholarships for students studying sociology and promoting research for the public benefit in all aspects of the subject of sociology and to publish the useful results." We endeavour to meet our objectives in the following ways:

Support and funding for early career researchers

The Sociological Review Foundation is committed to supporting Early Career Researchers (ECRs), recognising that the changing climate of Higher Education in the UK is presenting particular challenges for ECRs. The requirements for attaining a permanent academic post have changed to a point where it is very rare for a PhD student to walk into a post immediately. This, combined with the erosion of funding for postdoctoral research, has resulted in an increasingly precarious and lengthy postdoctoral period.

All our events include travel, accommodation and childcare bursaries, which are awarded on a competitive basis. Additionally, we organise a number of events for Early Career Researchers each year, aimed at developing their research and writing skills, as well as their academic careers. A number of ECRs are appointed to the Sociological Review editorial board each year where they receive training on refereeing and other skills under the mentorship of a senior editorial board member.

The Sociological Review Foundation also has a commitment to Early Career Researchers through its fellowship scheme, which is currently based at the University of Keele. The purpose of the fellowship is to provide early career sociologists with the opportunity of spending one year writing their first monograph length book.

Events organised or funded by the Sociological Review Foundation

Each year, the Sociological Review Foundation organises the Sociological Review Annual Lecture, as well as a small number of workshops and symposia that bring together established and new researchers in any area of sociology. As part of our commitment to serve the future sociological community and promote sociological research to non-academic audiences, our events are open to members of sociological teaching groups in colleges and schools; involve collaborations with artists; are video recorded and published online; or complemented by podcasts.

Each year, we fund up to five one-day research seminars to share and produce imaginative cutting-edge work of sociological and social significance. Funding is awarded competitively following a call for applications, which are evaluated by a panel drawn from the SR editorial board. An important aim of

the seminar series is to produce papers that will result in publications of interest to the readership of the Sociological Review. We seek proposals that involve collaborations across institutions and disciplines and welcome those that connect sociology to wider communities and the arts.

Engaging with emerging issues in society

In line with our charitable objects of advancing the education of the public on the subject of sociology; developing our educational provision; and communicating and engaging a wider public, we decided at a strategy away day in January 2020 to fund and direct a small number of projects that addressed emerging issues in society. These projects include a distinct public engagement component and engage with their respective audiences in unique ways, with the aim of demonstrating the value of the sociological imagination for making sense of a range of contemporary issues.

Dissemination of sociological research to academic and non-academic audiences

Among the core objectives of the Sociological Review Foundation – as per Article 4 of our governing document – is the education of the public on the subject of sociology and the promotion of sociological research for the public benefit. This is an overarching objective that applies to all our activities, all of which engage a variety of publics, including students, teachers, academics and the general public.

Equality and diversity

As part of its 2017-21 Strategic Plan, the Sociological Review Foundation is committed to ensuring equality of opportunity or treatment. We strive to achieve this objective in all areas of our charitable work and have implementing appropriate measures, which we present in Section 6 below.

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in considering the activities of, and future plans for, the charity.

3. Achievements and Performance

In response to Covid-19 global pandemic, we decided to suspend all face-to-face meetings, including trustees, editorial board and team meetings, all of which were held online. With regards to events, of the eleven face-to-face events that we had agreed to organise or fund in 2020, four were cancelled and five postponed to 2021, while one event (our annual writing retreat) was held online. Only one face-to-face event took place as planned. At the same time, we responded to the pandemic by organising a number of highly successful online events, which will be described in detail below. Below is a summary of our achievements in the areas described above.

Support and funding for Early Career Researchers

In 2019, the Sociological Review Foundation had agreed to award ten bursaries for Early Career Researchers to attend conferences in 2020 that are important for their professional development. Unfortunately, the majority of these conferences were cancelled due to the Covid-19 global pandemic, or they were moved online. We therefore agreed for bursary recipients to carry over these funds to 2021, wherever appropriate.

Strictly Come Writing. The aim of the writing retreat is to provide hands-on experience on structured and productive writing outside the time-consuming requirements of academia. The retreat was scheduled to take place in Wales in July 2020, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic it was decided to hold it online. Suspending the usual shortlisting procedure, each applicant was offered a place on one of the three two-day virtual retreats (16-17, 18-19 and 20-21 May). The virtual format was very well received and allowed for participation from wider geographical locations (including India and the US). See www.thesociologicalreview.org/announcements/events/past-events/ for details.

The Sociological Review Fellowship

The Sociological Review Foundation has a commitment to Early Career Researchers through its fellowship scheme, which is currently based at the University of Keele. The purpose of the fellowship is to provide early career sociologists with the opportunity of spending a year writing their first monograph length book, whilst receiving guidance and support from their mentor at Keele University.

The 2019/20 Sociological Review Fellow, Dr Alexandra D'Onofrio, has successfully completed her fellowship in September 2020. The 2019/20 Sociological Review Fellow, Dr Amani Hassani, has commenced her post in September 2020. Sociological Review Fellows also join the Sociological Review editorial board where they review Journal articles and organise ECR events under the mentorship of experienced editorial board members.

Events organised or funded by the Sociological Review

As described above, due to the Covid-19 global pandemic, of the eleven face-to-face events that we had agreed to organise or fund in 2020, four were cancelled and five postponed to 2021, while one event (our annual writing retreat, see above) was held online. Only one face-to-face event took place as planned. At the same time, we responded to the pandemic by organising a number of highly successful online events, described below:

Teaching Social Research Methods in a Time of Crisis (online): Held on the 20th of July 2020, this event provided an opportunity for teachers of social research methods to share ideas about how to address the practical and ethical issues around teaching social research methods in the next academic year. Moving to online teaching, or teaching with social distancing, poses a particular challenge for those who teach social research methods in a 'hands-on' way. The workshop discussed how teachers can introduce students to methods in a way that engages their sociological imaginations and inspires them to carry out innovative and critical projects, and how teachers can deliver engaged and innovative methods teaching while keeping students safe. See www.thesociologicalreview.org/announcements/events/past-events/ for details.

Social Science Fiction (online): Held on the 9th of September 2020, this one-day workshop for readers and writers was facilitated by our editorial board member Dr Ash Watson at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. The workshop explored what stories can reveal about the challenges of our time. Dr Watson shared her reading list of great sociological novels and reflected on the insights they offer into the critical issues shaping our society. She shared some practical exercises for those wishing to hone their own sociological fiction writing skills. See www.thesociologicalreview.org/announcements/events/past-events/ for details

Haiti and the Making of the Modern World (online): Held on the 14th of October 2020, this two-hour event marked the launch of the Connected Sociologies Curriculum project, designed to support the transformation of school, college, and university curricula through a critical engagement with the broader histories that have shaped modern societies. 'Modernity' is commonly defined in relation to processes of industrialization and democratization in nineteenth century Western Europe and North America. Such narratives rarely acknowledge other historical events and processes – such as colonization and enslavement and the resistance to these processes – as equally significant in the 'making of the modern world'. This event examined the Haitian Revolution, which occurred around the same time as the French and American Revolutions, and discussed its contribution to the making of the modern world. See www.thesociologicalreview.org/announcements/events/past-events/ and www.connectedsociologies.org for details.

Equality and Rights in 21st Century Britain: From Trojan Horse to Grenfell (online): Held on the 8th of December 2020, this two-hour event examined what we can learn about the state of equality and rights in 21st century Britain as reflected through the Trojan Horse affair, the Windrush scandal, and the Grenfell fire. See www.thesociologicalreview.org/announcements/events/past-events/ for details.

The Sociological Review Seminar Series

Submissions to the 2020 Seminar Series competition were of a very high standard. They were reviewed by a panel consisting of editorial board members who ranked each submission across the following four criteria: sociological Innovation; relevance to *The Sociological Review* journal; and contribution to sociological analysis. Four seminars were funded in 2020, of which only one was held as planned, with the remaining three being postponed to 2021 due to the pandemic.

The Visual and Critical Representation in an Age of Impact: Held on the 6th of March 2020 at the University of Cambridge, this one-day seminar engaged with the politics of representation in an accelerated, regulated, metrics-driven, and marketised academic environment directed by the demands of the Research Excellence Framework. It considered the drawbacks and possibilities of visual research dissemination through social media pathways using the lens of representation in a distracted-spectatorship culture. The goal was to strengthen participants' awareness of themselves and their work as public-facing social actors, and their ethical responsibility towards those with whom they work and research. See www.thesociologicalreview.org/announcements/events/past-events/ for details.

The following three seminars were postponed to 2021 due to the pandemic:

- *Funds of Knowledge for the 21st century: Towards pedagogical justice in diverse societies*
- *Authoring Decolonisation: Power and Privilege in the Academy*
- *Enacting Change: Working with Autobiography*

Engaging with emerging issues in society

In line with our charitable objects of advancing the education of the public on the subject of sociology; developing our educational provision; and communicating and engaging a wider public, we have funded two projects that address emerging issues in society. Both projects include a distinct public engagement component and engage with their respective audiences in unique ways, with the aim of demonstrating the value of the sociological imagination for making sense of contemporary issues.

Solidarity and Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic (www.solidarityandcare.org) is a public platform and research archive that documents the lived experiences, caring strategies and solidarity initiatives of diverse people and groups across the globe during the COVID-19 pandemic. The platform is a freely accessible collective resource that documents the organic forms of caring that are emerging in these times.

The *Connected Sociologies Curriculum* project (www.connectedsociologies.org) provides resources for students and teachers who are interested in 'decolonising' school, college, and university curricula. The project advocates the rethinking of sociological concepts, categories, and topics and is organised around particular modules, including *British Citizenship, Race, and Rights*; *The Making of the Modern World*; and *The Colonial Global Economy*. Each module consists of a series of short lectures, supported by open access resources.

Dissemination of sociological research to academic and non-academic audiences

Among the core objectives of the Sociological Review Foundation is the education of the public on the subject of sociology and the promotion of sociological research for the public benefit. The main channels of dissemination are the *Sociological Review Journal*, our website www.thesociologicalreview.org, our dedicated project websites www.connectedsociologies.org and www.solidarityandcare.org, and our social media channels (Facebook, Twitter @TheSocReview and Instagram). With over 57,000 followers on Twitter (as of December 2020), we are the most popular sociology-related Twitter account in the world, and the Klout influence platform ranks us as the 'top expert' on Twitter for Sociology.

4. Plans for Future Periods

Moving forward, we aim to continue our diverse programme of activities, in line with our charitable objects and supported by our Strategic Plan and Business Plan. In particular, we will:

- Provide continued funding for *The Sociological Review Fellowship*;
- Organise *ECR events* including our annual *writing retreat*;
- Organise the Sociological Review *Annual Lecture* and other *events*;
- Competitively award funding for seminars as part of our *Seminar Series*;
- Continue funding the Connected Sociologies Curriculum and Solidarity & Care projects
- Launch a podcast series, provisionally entitled Uncommon Sense
- Continue disseminating the findings of sociological research for the public benefit, through our website and social media channels.

5. Financial Review

In 2016, we secured a higher income stream for our charity by renewing the publishing contract for the Sociological Review Journal between our wholly owned subsidiary trading company (the Sociological Review Publication Limited) and SAGE academic publishers. This resulted in a predictable annual income of approx. £190,000 that is gift-aided to us by the Sociological Review Publication Limited.

Securing assets

As of 31 December 2020, the Sociological Review Foundation had unrestricted assets of £1,088,197, which includes funds the Sociological Review Journal had accumulated prior to the foundation of the charity in 2015. These assets are principally held in two bank accounts at NatWest and Santander, respectively. Trustees are keenly aware that charities are required by law not to accumulate assets on top of those specified in the reserves policy. The Sociological Review Foundation therefore aims to spend down its assets in a controlled manner and in accordance with its charitable objects over the next six years.

Additionally, our charity had a healthy annual income of £197,605 in 2020 (2019: £213,491).

In 2017 and 2018, Trustees discussed in detail the possibility of investing a part of the charity's assets with a view of securing them for the future, in line with Charity Commission guidance CC14. To this effect, a working group was installed and scoping meetings with four Independent Financial Advisers were held in late 2017. The advice received from the Independent Financial Advisors was that five years' worth of expenditure should always be held in cash, while assets not required within five years may be invested mid-term (5-10 years) or long-term (10+ years). However, all Independent Financial Advisors emphasised the fact that due to current market insecurities there was a considerable risk of making a loss on mid-term investments, while long-term investments were more likely to be profitable. Subsequently, Trustees prepared an estimate of the Foundation's income and expenditure over the next 5-10 years to identify the amount that could be invested long-term. The outcome of this exercise was inconclusive due to the current trend towards Open Access in publishing, which makes it impossible to predict mid- and long-term incomes from royalties. In the light of these uncertainties, trustees agreed to postpone the decision on investments, while actively monitoring the situation, until the impact of Open Access on the charity's income was better understood.

Fundraising

In late 2018, Trustees agreed to explore the possibility of raising funds for the Foundation's activities, in anticipation of its diminishing income from royalties (due to the trend towards Open Access in publishing) and the controlled spend down of assets over the coming years. Subsequently, a fundraising strategy, case for support and fundraising plan had been prepared by an external fundraising consultant. The strategy was discussed in detail at several Board meetings and, following the review of our strategic priorities for the next five years, we asked the same external fundraising

consultant in mid-2020 to update the fundraising strategy and fundraising plan and to align it with our revised strategic priorities. We intend implementing the fundraising strategy in 2021. At all times, Trustees will take into account the guidance issued by the Charity Commission: *Charity Fundraising: A Guide to Trustee Duties.*

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds equal to six months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. In 2020 figures, this equates to approx. £150,000. The Trustees consider that this level provides sufficient funds to fulfil the Charity's obligations as laid out in the 2021 Business Plan, namely to fund the post of a Research Fellow at the University of Keele; pay the salaries of the members of the administrative team (Digital Strategist, Digital Engagement Fellow, Public Engagement & Communications Manager, Fundraising Manager, and Project Officer) and the invoices of contractors; fund the Sociological Review Seminar Series, the Annual Lecture and other events; and disseminate the findings of sociological research for the public benefit through our website and social media channels.

In agreeing the required levels of free reserves in unrestricted funds, the Trustees have purposely disregarded the annual income of the Sociological Review Foundation. This is due to the relative unpredictability of the date on which these funds become available each year. The availability of these funds depends on the income from royalties paid to the Charity's subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited (SRPL) by the publisher of the Sociological Review Journal. The Trustees agree that there is a minor risk of these funds not being transferred to SRPL, and via SRPL to the Charity, on time, which would put the Charity at risk of fulfilling its obligations.

The Trustees recognise that the circumstances of the charity or the environment in which it operates change with time. Therefore, the reserves policy will be reviewed periodically. The amount held in reserves will also be monitored during the year as part of the charity's budgetary processes.

Unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2020 amounted to £1,088,197 (2019: £1,088,011).

6. Structure, Governance and Management

The Sociological Review Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated on 16 May 2014 and registered as a charity on 2 June 2015. Its main source of income is profits generated by its wholly owned subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited, which owns the Sociological Review Journal (published by SAGE Publishing). Profits from royalties are gift-aided to the Sociological Review Foundation.

The affairs of the charity are managed by a governing body of Trustees. Trustees are appointed at General Meetings. Members of the Sociological Review Foundation consist of:

- Current Trustees (10 trustees as of August 2021)
- Former Trustees and Members of the Sociological Review Editorial Board as long as they sign the membership application form and attend the AGM. Membership is for one year and needs to be renewed at each AGM otherwise it expires automatically
- 10 members in total as of August 2021 (excluding Trustees)

Procedure for the appointment of new trustees

Article 28: The minimum number of Trustees is 5 and the maximum number of Trustees is 12.

Articles 34-40 of the Articles of Association (entitled Appointment of Trustees) state:

- Trustees may appoint a person who is willing to be a Trustee. A Trustee appointed in this way must retire at the next annual general meeting
- The charity may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Trustee

- No person other than a Trustee retiring by rotation or a UK Appointee may be appointed a Trustee at any general meeting unless he or she is recommended for re-election by the Trustees or proposed by a Member 14-35 days before the AGM
- Keele University is entitled at all times to appoint one Trustee
- All members who are entitled to receive notice of a general meeting must be given 7-28 days' notice of any resolution to be put to the meeting to appoint a Trustee

Procedures for induction and training of trustees

The Sociological Review Foundation recognises that an effective Board of Trustees is essential for the charity to achieve its objects. The Board must have available to it the knowledge and skills required to run the charity and to meet the deadlines and regulations set by HMRC, Companies House and the Charity Commission. Individual trustees must have sufficient knowledge, both of trusteeship in general and of the Charity's activities, to enable them to carry out their role.

The Chair of Trustees and the Operations Director ensure that newly appointed Trustees are provided with the following documents within one week of their appointment:

- *Articles of Association of the Sociological Review Foundation Limited*
- *The Essential Trustee*, a document published by the Charity Commission
- *Conflicts of Interest Policy*, including the Declaration of Interest form
- *Data Protection Policy*
- *Risk Policy*
- *Social Media and Crisis Communication Policy*
- *Reserves Policy*
- *Strategic Plan* and the *Business Plan*
- *Expense Claims Policy*
- *Complaints Policy and Procedure*
- *Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy*

The Chair of Trustees and the Operations Director from time to time organise a training session on the general duties and responsibilities of charity Trustees.

Organisation and frequency of meetings

Trustees meet formally three times per year, usually in February, June and November. The November meeting takes place after the AGM and includes the election of the Chair. All meetings are organised and minuted by the Operations Director. In between formal Board meetings, Trustees communicate regularly via email, facilitated by the Operations Director who observes deadlines and coordinates any important tasks in liaison with the Chair of Trustees and the Chief Executive.

Risk management

The Sociological Review Foundation has a formal risk policy in place that describes the main principles and procedures for identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring risks. The risk policy helps Trustees to identify major risks and decide how to respond to them. Trustees review the policy regularly, (re-) assess the risks faced by the Charity and plan for the management of those risks.

Most Board members of the Sociological Review Foundation have not served as Trustees elsewhere previously. A risk arising from this fact is that Trustees may lack the skills required to steer the charity and to observe the deadlines and regulations set by HMRC, Companies House and the Charity Commission. Recognising these risks, Trustees have put measures in place to mitigate them. An induction policy for new trustees was developed, and a conflict-of-interest policy, risk policy, reserves policy, social media policy, equality and diversity policy, and complaints policy are in place to guide the activities of Trustees. We regularly consult our accountant and in 2018 took legal advice on

employment matters to ensure that we act in line with relevant legislations and regulations. Our five-year strategic plan and annual business plan ensure that our long- and short-term objectives are met.

The income of the Foundation comes from the business activities of its wholly owned subsidiary trading company, the Sociological Review Publication Limited, which owns the Sociological Review Journal. SRPL's profit from royalties (ca. £190,000 per year) is gift-aided to the Foundation. Trustees recognise that a decrease in SRPL's profits (whether due to mismanagement or changes to academic publishing) would have a serious impact on the charitable activities of the Sociological Review Foundation. To mitigate this risk, the editor of the Sociological Review Journal is required to regularly report to the Trustees. Additionally, a separate risk policy for SRPL was agreed in 2017. The development of the fundraising strategy (see above) also serves the purpose of mitigating financial risks.

Finally, Trustees continue to closely monitor the potential risks arising from the UK's exit from the EU. Trustee Professor Rosemary Deem, who had previously given evidence to the Parliamentary Select Committee on Education, is responsible for reporting on the matter as appropriate. The following potential adverse impacts of the Brexit on the Sociological Review as an UK based journal and, by implication, the revenue of the charity, had been identified to date: (1) a decline in popularity of English language journals; (2) changes to IP rights; and (3) restrictions on conference travel due to visa requirements, which could affect article submissions based on conference papers.

Equality and diversity

In line with its commitment to ensuring equality of opportunity or treatment (which is one of the objectives of the 2017-21 Strategic Plan), the Sociological Review Foundation agreed an Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy in 2018, which details the appropriate measures to monitor and evaluate how it is meeting its commitment in relation to all activities, including events and the award of conference, travel and accommodation bursaries. We collect information related to equality & diversity on a voluntary basis, in line with our Privacy Notice and Data Protection Policy. Any data collected is strictly confidential, anonymised and analysed in-house, and is not shared with anyone outside the Foundation.

We published our first ever report on equality, diversity and inclusion in January 2020. The report contained a number of recommendations with regards to equality, diversity and inclusion in three key areas of our activities: events (delegates, speakers, bursaries), employment (contracts and recruitment) and The Sociological Review Journal (editorial board composition, authors and reviewers). Most of these recommendations were implemented during 2020 and 2021, and a new equality, diversity and inclusion report will be prepared at the end of 2021 to discuss our achievements. We aim to produce a report each year but did not produce one for 2020 as we had to cancel most events due to the Covid-19 pandemic, meaning that there was no meaningful EDI data to collect or analyse.

7. Reference and Administrative Information

Trustees

Professor Rosemary Deem (Chair of Trustees)
Professor Leslie James Moran
Professor Beverley Elizabeth Skeggs (Chief executive)
Professor Derek McGhee (Representative of Keele University)
Dr Michaela Caroline Benson (Representative of the Sociological Review Publication Limited) (reappointed 23 November 2020)
Professor Gurminder Kaur Bhambra (reappointed 23 November 2020)
Professor Roger John Burrows
Professor Abigail Florence Day
Professor David Michael Evans
Professor Patricia Lorna Thomson (reappointed 23 November 2020)

Operations Director: Attila Szanto

Registered address: Bowland College, Lancaster University, Lancaster, LA1 4YT

Auditors: Myrus Smith, Norman House, 8 Burnell Road, Sutton (Surrey) SM1 4BW

Bankers

National Westminster Bank, 34 Henrietta Street, London WC2E 8NL (current account)
Santander, 100 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7RE (time deposit account)

8. Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees (who are also directors of the Sociological Review Foundation Limited for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the 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 then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint as Auditors Messrs. Myrus Smith of Norman House, 8 Burnell Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 4BW, will be put to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

Exemption Statement

The Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

On Behalf of the Trustees

BES Skeggs

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Beverley Skeggs
Trustee
Date: 15 September 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE:

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED
A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital
Registered Charity No: 1161961

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sociological Review Foundation Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

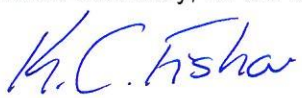
- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance about actual and potential litigation or claims and the identification of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- Professional scepticism in course of the audit and with audit sampling in material audit areas.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Kevin Fisher BA FCA CTA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Myrus Smith
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Norman House,
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Sutton, Surrey.
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15 September 2021

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED
A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Including income and expenditure account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
INCOME:			
Donations and legacies	3	192,052	212,084
Other income	4	262	1,279
Bank deposit interest		5,291	128
Total income		197,605	213,491
EXPENDITURE:			
Raising funds	5	7,500	9,304
Charitable activities	6	189,919	237,512
Total expenditure		197,419	246,816
Net (Expenditure) and net movement in funds		186	(33,325)
Total funds brought forward		1,088,011	1,121,336
Total funds carried forward		£1,088,197	£1,088,011

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

All the above relate to unrestricted funds.

The notes on pages 16 to 20 form part of these Financial Statements

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Computer equipment		1,080	-
Investments	9	25,000	25,000
		26,080	25,000
Current assets			
Debtors	10	234,589	256,541
Cash at Bank		852,896	812,786
		1,087,485	1,069,327
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	25,368	6,316
Net current assets		1,062,117	1,063,011
Net assets		£1,088,197	£1,088,011
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds		£1,088,197	£1,088,011

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 15 September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



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Beverley Skeggs

Director

The notes on pages 16 to 20 form part of these Financial Statements

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOUNDATION LIMITED
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial states are as follows:

a) Basis of Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

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

b) Income recognition policies

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- The charity or its subsidiary have entitlement to the funds;
- Any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity or its subsidiary.
- There is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and
- The amount can be measured reliably.

c) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity, which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are those funds which can only be used in accordance with the wishes of the donor or which have been raised for a particular purpose.

d) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of research fellowships, conferences, seminars, symposia and other educational activities undertaken to further the purpose of the charity and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

e. Allocation of support costs

Support costs (including governance) are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. These costs have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities.

f. Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

g. Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Employer's contributions payable for the year are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee (Company No: 09044774) and has no share capital. The liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member.

The company is registered charity No: 1161961 and thus has no liability for Income Tax, Capital Gains Tax or Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

3. Donations and Legacies

	2020 £	2019 £
Donation – Sociological Review Publication Limited (Note 14)	£192,052	£212,084

All of the £192,052 (2019: £212,084) recognised in the year related to unrestricted funds.

4. Other Income

Merchandise sales	£262	£1,279

All of the £262 (2019: £1,279) recognised in the year related to unrestricted funds.

5. Cost of raising Funds

Fundraising consultancy	£7,500	£9,304

All of the £7,500 (2019: £9,304) expended in the year related to unrestricted funds.

6. Charitable activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Direct costs		
SR Fellowships	51,850	88,589
Digital Engagement Fellowship	24,730	26,319
Conference, Symposium and seminar costs	17,453	57,631
Project costs	28,166	-
Grants and conference support	1,801	6,722
Website / Digital strategy	25,431	15,743
Prizes	-	-
Merchandising	1,474	1,939
	150,905	196,943
Support Costs		
Administrator	32,080	31,817
Legal & professional	1,012	2,140
Team meeting and venue hire costs	1,462	2,393
Office costs	211	62
Insurance	344	390
Bank charges	627	531
Depreciation	540	-
Governance:		
- Audit fee	2,400	2,250
- Trustee travel expenses	338	986
	£189,919	£237,512

All of the £189,919 (2019: £237,512) expended in the year relates to unrestricted funds.

7. Net income for the year

		2020	2019
This is stated after charging:			
Auditors Fees	- Audit services	£2,400	£2,250
	- Non-audit services	£Nil	£Nil

8. Staff costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	45,609	66,731
Social security costs	-	5,358
Pension costs	859	1,287
	£46,468	£73,376

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during 2020 or 2019.

The average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year was 3 (2019: 3).

Total employment benefits received by key management amounted to £Nil (2019: £Nil).

9. Investment in trading subsidiary

The investment in the trading subsidiary represents a 100% holding, at cost, in Sociological Review Publication Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

10. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Prepayments	42,487	45,557
Charitable payment due from subsidiary	192,102	210,984
	£234,589	£256,541

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	1,230	1,291
Accruals	24,138	5,025
	£25,368	£6,316

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received any remuneration during the year or the previous year. Travelling expenses reimbursed to 4 (2019: 6) Trustees totalled £338 (2019: £986).

13. Future financial commitments

At 31 December 2020 the charity had agreed to provide sponsorship and fellowships as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Current commitments entered into by the Trustees		
Research fellowships	£131,014	£101,426

14. Related Party Transactions

The charity has a wholly owned trading subsidiary, which is incorporated in the UK: the Sociological Review Publications Limited, which produces the Sociological Review Journal and Monographs and transfers all of its taxable profits to the charity under a Deed of Covenant. A summary of their trading results is shown below:

	2020 £	2019 £
Turnover	263,663	278,279
Interest received	813	2,041
Less: Overheads	(73,366)	(69,178)
Net Profit	191,110	211,142
Charitable covenant payment	192,052	212,084
	(942)	(942)
Less: Taxation	-	-
(Loss) / profit for year	(942)	(942)
Retained in Subsidiary b/f	942	1,884
Retained in Subsidiary c/f	£Nil	£942
Net Assets at 31 December 2020	£25,000	£25,942