

**Charity Number: 1163352**

**ALLIANCE FRANCAISE DE LEEDS**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS**

Alliance Francaise de Leeds is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). The charity was registered on 1st September 2015, number 1163352. The charity commenced its activities on 1 September 2015.

The registered office and operating address is: -

15 Queen Square  
Leeds  
LS2 8AJ

The charity trustees, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were: -

Mick Carey	(Chair)
Julie Barnaby	(Treasurer)
Laura Sutherland	
Gail Bond	
Phil Myerscough	
Alina Sorina Radu	

Principal staff:	Edwina Zeganadin (From July 2019) – Director
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Bankers:	Virgin Bank 51 Briggate Leeds West Yorkshire LS1 6HD
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Independent examiner:	Azets 33 Park Place Leeds LS1 2RY
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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT**

Governing Document: Constitution

Constitution: Association

#### **Trustee selection methods:**

New Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting by the members as necessary, e.g., following the retirement of any trustees at that meeting.

Members of the charity or the charity trustees may appoint a new charity trustee, either in place of a charity trustee who has retired, or one who has been removed, or where it has been decided to appoint an additional trustee.

### **OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES**

#### **Summary of the objectives of the charity**

- Promoting French and the culture of French speaking communities in and around Leeds;
- Providing a 'meeting place' for those who are keen to develop their knowledge of the French language and culture;
- Contributing to a better mutual knowledge and understanding between France and the UK through the organization of cultural and language exchanges and
- Disseminating the cultures of French and French speaking communities through the provision of clubs, resources and cultural events and through active participation in French and foreign cultural communication channels

#### **Summary of the activities**

The Alliance Française de Leeds has offered French classes and cultural events in order to meet the above objectives.

The Alliance Française de Leeds has promoted education generally in a manner which is consistent with the constitutional objectives of the Alliance Française de Paris founded in 1883, and represented since the 1st January 2008 by 'la Fondation Alliance française'.

The activities of Alliance Française de Leeds, which the trustees have overseen, have been in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and in accordance with Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011. The charity has made sure that all members of the public can have access to our courses and clubs, and we have offered special rates for full time students, and people with disability and health issues. We have offered discounts to allow those with financial difficulties to attend.

The management of the activities of the CIO rests on principles of moral responsibility which are essential to its independence. It will have no political or religious affiliation and will not discriminate on those grounds.

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### **Volunteers**

The activities of AF Leeds, e.g., the running of clubs, the presentation of and organization of special evenings, the organization and running of classes, have been made possible thanks to the goodwill of volunteers and the support of trustees and tutors.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

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

- A year of adaptation, as we return to more normal circumstances post the lockdowns necessitated by the Covid19 pandemic. During the pandemic delivery had shifted from face to face to online, however during the year there has been a return to some face-to-face lessons.
- Registrations continued to be strong with a total of 266 students registered and taking advantage of the Alliance's services during the year
- Historically the Alliance had operated from the Business Development Centre at Leeds Trinity University, both as a teaching centre and an administrative base. The pandemic had forced a re-examination of this arrangement and a number of less-than-ideal factors had led the Director and Trustees to decide to discontinue this arrangement. New premises have been located in a city centre location which offers office and teaching space. This location is advantageous in that it is only for the use of the Alliance and is much more accessible for clients, however it does impose a running cost.
- The purchase of the HANAF course management software was confirmed and is now fully installed
- We have built a solid team of people around AF Leeds: tutors, volunteers, students, trustees, all in support of our action, however 3 teachers have left during the year leaving 7 on call. This number is currently sufficient to meet demand.

### **Financial review**

The charity's principal source of funds is class registration fees.

Spending has been mainly twofold:

- (i) tutors' fees and
- (ii) administration fees

Student registrations have continued to be good, continuing the reversal of falling numbers that had begun the previous year. This has ensured a positive financial performance for the year.

The Alliance also applied for £3,000 funding from a central pot of funding available to Alliance Francaise charities across the UK, this would be for the funding of cultural activities (French cinema £1,800) and school workshops (£1,200). After carrying out a comparison exercise with Alliances across the UK small price increases for courses have also been introduced to ensure their continued viability.

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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

#### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees have established a policy whereby the free reserves held by the charity, should be around 6 weeks of the charity's expenditure, which equates to £5,500 at 31 August 2022. At this level the trustees believe they would be able to continue the operations of the charity for the foreseeable future. The trustees will review the policy annually.


#### **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

  
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15/03/2023  
Date.....

Mick Carey (Chair)

  
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22/03/2023  
Date.....

Julie Barnaby (Treasurer)

## **ALLIANCE FRANCAISE DE LEEDS**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of ALLIANCE FRANCAISE DE LEEDS**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Alliance Francaise de Leeds (the Charitable Incorporated Organisation) for the year ended 31 August 2022.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examination work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*J Lawrence*

Jessica Lawrence FCA CTA  
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33 Park Place  
Leeds  
LS1 2RY

23/03/2023

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## ALLIANCE FRANCAISE DE LEEDS

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Membership and course fees	44,522	57,182
Other	-	5,175
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>44,522</u>	<u>62,357</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Administrator costs	17,211	15,277
Teaching	24,125	30,478
Rent	5,940	-
Insurance	191	-
Networking	132	-
Sundry costs	177	299
Refund of course fees	279	728
IT costs	600	684
Governance costs	1,986	2,004
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>50,641</u>	<u>49,650</u>
<b>Asset purchases</b>		
Computer additions	2,350	558
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	(8,469)	12,149
<b>Balance brought forward</b>	33,731	21,582
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<u>25,262</u>	<u>33,731</u>

All receipts and payments in both the current and prior year were unrestricted.

  
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Mick Carey  
**Chair of Trustees**

Date 15/03/2023  
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Julie Barnaby  
**Trustee Treasurer**

Date 22/03/2023  
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## ALLIANCE FRANCAISE DE LEEDS

### STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Assets</b>		
Bank - Current account	25,262	33,731
Fixed assets held at cost	3,345	995
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>28,607</u>	<u>34,726</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounting fee	600	495
Independent examination fee	600	545
Submission of annual return	-	46
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,086</u>



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**Chair of Trustees**

Date 15/03/2023



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**Trustee Treasurer**

Date 22/03/2023