

The Male Journey

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registration Number: 1163767

Trustee's Report for the 12 months to 28th February 2025

Background

The Male Journey affirms and supports men seeking a life-long journey of spiritual consciousness in order to transform themselves, and through these journeys, their relationships, families, workplaces, communities and our environment.

Our programmes, events and resources provide men with opportunities to do their 'inner work' in the company of other men. We use ritual, teaching and 'Way of Council' (a proven method of facilitating group work that invites all present to be fully heard without interruption or correction, facilitating trust, confidence and authenticity) to create safe environments where men can explore and discover their deeper selves and the true purpose of their lives. We provide spaces where:

- men can be vulnerable without being judged or shamed
- men can share their emotions openly
- men can let go of those patterns and beliefs that no longer serve them
- men can rediscover and reconnect with the power of nature, mystery and the universe
- men can establish true relationships with authenticity and integrity

We welcome all who identify as men, without regard to age, ethnicity, background, sexual orientation, status, or creed. We are inclusive. We support men of all faiths, and none.

Events (Details of our public events can be found on our website)

1. Stokers and Convenors weekend May 2024, to support the facilitators of local groups
2. Men's Rites of Passage, The Bield (near Perth, Scotland), July 2024. 26 men undertook their initiation Rites of Passage, supported by a team of 14 including 2 men from MALEs Ireland.
3. Drumming weekend, October 2024
4. The Moot, our annual planning meeting, November 2024. Here is a summary of that.

Last [year's] Moot was a powerful gathering of men journeying together and focused on reflection, connection, and visioning for The Male Journey's future. One man wrote that he experienced the most inspiring moment of individual and collective compassion that he had ever witnessed in a men's circle. The potential of our work when we come together in community is enormous and whether [men] joined us in person or were with us in spirit, your presence in this community is felt, deeply valued, wanted and needed.

Beyond doing our personal work TMJ trustees shared new ideas on the way that we might organise ourselves to serve our community. Men came forward to offer their energy to one of the five circles and with this fresh energy we head into the new year. We continue to be

on the lookout for anyone who feels able to share their energy or wisdom with any of the following action circles:

- *Rites of passage (and similar 'big' events)*
- *Other offerings / retreats and ongoing support for men including Eurosoul and companionship*
- *Local groups*
- *Communications and engagement*
- *Governance and sustainability.*

5. AGM, 26th November 2024

Other activities

1. Ongoing development of Action Circles
2. Local and Online Groups mostly meet monthly, although some meet more often. There are approximately 20 such groups in the UK and they offer opportunities for men to continue their 'journey' and to invite other men to join our organisation.
3. New website launch
4. Upgraded Safeguarding procedures at Rites
5. Begun planning for ReSource 2025

Trustees

Tim Lyttle (chair)

Stephen Ashton

Francis O'Leary

Joel Bubbers

Andrew Sully (appointed May 2024)

Massimiliano Calligola (appointed August 2024)

Stanley Rogers (appointed October 2024)

Kevin McNally (resigned November 2024)

David Townsend (resigned November 2024)

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Income and Expenditure 2024/2025

	12 months to 28Feb25
Donations	
General Donations	1,350
Bursary Fund Income	338
Bursary Fund Awards	(304)
Total Donations	1,384
Events	
Moot Income	4,621
Moot Cost	(5,115)
MROP Income	12,389
MROP Cost	(15,668)
Poetry Books Income	99
Poetry Books Cost	(844)
Stokers Weekend Income	3,247
Stokers Weekend Cost	(3,247)
Trustee Weekend	(342)
Total Events	(4,861)
Other	
Bank Interest Income	340
Total Other	340
Surplus / (Deficit) before Operating Expenses	(3,137)
Operating Expenses	
Insurance	(390)
Marketing	(198)
Sundry	(53)
Website	(459)
Zoom	(477)
Total Operating Expenses	(1,575)
Surplus / (Deficit) after Operating Expenses	(4,713)

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Assets & Liabilities 2024/2025

	Opening Balance (1Mar24)	Closing Balance (28Feb25)	Movement
Cash and Bank			
Triodos - Undesignated	15,478	10,693	(4,785)
Triodos - Bursary Fund	1,668	1,702	34
Triodos - Development Fund	565	565	-
Stripe	-	247	247
Paypal	-	-	-
Total Cash and Bank	17,711	13,206	(4,504)
Other Current Assets			
Prepayments	583	654	70
Stock	844	-	(844)
Total Other Current Assets	1,427	654	(773)
Total Assets	19,138	13,860	(5,277)
Current Liabilities			
Accruals	(484)	-	484
Advance Receipts for Events	(2,217)	(2,136)	81
Total Current Liabilities	(2,701)	(2,136)	565
Net Assets	16,437	11,724	(4,713)
Represented By:			
General Reserve	14,205	9,458	(4,747)
Bursary Reserve	1,668	1,702	34
Development Reserve	565	565	-
Total Reserves	16,437	11,724	(4,713)