

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024  
for  
The Deborah Rogers Foundation  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

DSJ Partners (UK) Limited  
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**The Deborah Rogers Foundation**

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for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

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## The Deborah Rogers Foundation

### Reference and Administrative Details for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

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<b>TRUSTEES</b>	Lord Berkeley of Knighton Ms G Coleridge Ms H T Eastwood Mr A C Franklin (resigned 28.11.23) Ms D Irving Mr M Le Fanu Mr P Q Straus Mr R H Cable Mr S A Page Mr S G Edenborough (appointed 26.11.24) Ms M M Halton (appointed 26.11.24)
<b>COMPANY SECRETARY</b>	Ms N Bell
<b>REGISTERED OFFICE</b>	20 Powis Mews London W11 1JN
<b>REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER</b>	09785652 (England and Wales)
<b>REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1167734
<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</b>	DSJ Partners (UK) Limited 2nd Floor 1 Bell Street London NW1 5BY

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The objectives of the Foundation are that of advancement of education and training in publishing and literary agency and writing fiction and non-fiction; to support the development of emerging talent by supporting individuals through the awards of grants, internships and mentoring and promoting a love of literature.

The Foundation achieves the objectives by means of two awards. The biennial Writers Award gives £10,000 to an unpublished writer to enable them to complete a first book. The annual DRF David Miller Internship Programme offers an entry level introduction to rights and agenting in publishing for people from groups under-represented in the sector, in partnership with Creative Access, a leading social enterprise specialised in diversity, equality and inclusion. The programme with its educational brief supports paid internships at the current rate of London Living Wage plus expenses.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

The trustees are pleased to report that during the year the Foundation received donations of £25,850 (2023: £25,650). The Writers Award of £10,000 and DRF David Miller Internship Programme awards of £6,220 (plus expenses) were awarded during the year. The Foundation will continue to follow its core objectives throughout the forthcoming years.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Foundation's affairs and activities for the year are presented in the attached financial statements which show an excess of income over expenditure of £18,398 (2023: £13,224). The balances of the unrestricted funds were £244,617 (2023: £226,219).

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Deborah Rogers Foundation is a registered charity and is controlled by its governing document, a Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006, which does not have a share capital. The directors therefore do not have any financial interest in the company nor are there any significant contracts in which they have a material interest.

**INVESTMENT POLICY AND OBJECTIVES**

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year the trustees have decided to invest in COIF Charities Investment Fund. The trustees will continue to review their investment policies on a regular basis.

**RESERVES POLICY**

The policy of the trustees is to accumulate any surpluses for the time being so as to provide for any discontinuity in funding for both awards with a reserve of one year's expenditure on the award of £10,000 and associated costs. The current reserves of £244,617 (2023: £226,219) are substantially above expenditure of £30,955 for the year (2023: £20,247).

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms N Bell - Secretary

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Deborah Rogers Foundation ('the Company')**

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

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Bharat-Kumar Dhanani

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29 April 2025

The Deborah Rogers Foundation

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

		2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes		
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		25,938	25,738
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Award		18,187	10,003
Governance		12,768	10,244
<b>Total</b>		30,955	20,247
Net gains on investments		23,415	7,733
<b>NET INCOME</b>		18,398	13,224
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		226,219	212,995
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		244,617	226,219

**The Deborah Rogers Foundation (Registered number: 09785652)**

**Balance Sheet**  
**30 September 2024**

		2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes		
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Investments	3	209,789	186,374
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	4	88	88
Cash at bank		34,740	39,757
		<u>34,828</u>	<u>39,845</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>34,828</u>	<u>39,845</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		244,617	226,219
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>244,617</u>	<u>226,219</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>244,617</u>	<u>226,219</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>244,617</u>	<u>226,219</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 April 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Ms G Coleridge - Trustee

Mr P Q Straus - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

**Income**

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

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Investments**

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

**2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2024 nor for the year ended 30 September 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2024 nor for the year ended 30 September 2023.



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

3. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 October 2023	186,374
Revaluations	23,415
	<u>209,789</u>
At 30 September 2024	<u>209,789</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 30 September 2024	<u>209,789</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>186,374</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 30 September 2024 is represented by:

	Unlisted investments £
Valuation in 2024	<u>209,789</u>

4. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>88</u>	<u>88</u>

5. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 September 2024.