

Charity Registration Number 1168672

Polish Saturday School in Darlington

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

Period 01 April 20 to 31 March 2021

Trustees' Annual Report

Objectives and activities

The charity was established for the public benefit to advance education; to advance culture and heritage; and to promote racial harmony, in particular by:

- a) Establishing, maintaining and developing the Polish school in Darlington and by providing resources and teaching where necessary to support the education and development of its pupils/the children;
- b) Assisting pupils/ children attending the school (and their families) integrate into the local cultural environment and British society;
- c) Helping children attending the school to sustain their own cultural identity and by ensuring Polish cultural heritage is handed down for the benefit of future generations and for posterity; and by
- d) Nurturing Polish culture, traditions and values.

Nothing in the constitution allows an application of the property of the charity for purposes which are not charitable.

The trustees have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

The period, which was fifth operational year, continue to be even more challenging for the Polish Saturday School than the previous year. We attempted to start classroom learning in October and at the beginning we have had 124 pupils attending 8 classes. However, due to Covid-19 pandemic, government announcing further lock-down and school decision to go into online education the number of pupils reduced to 55. School also decided to refund remaining money for parents who resigned from online learning. In addition to this school refunded parents who resigned but brought forward funds from school year 2019-2020. School believes that refund decision was right and greatly supported parents in this difficult times but it also had negative impact on school finances. Despite this challenging circumstances school managed to organized virtual Polish Heritage Day, Santa Clause Day when still in classes and launched online Car Boot Sale. This events proved to be successes and provided additional income which was greatly needed in this difficult times.

Attendances remained good at the beginning when school started class education. Later, when switched into online learning attendance varies due to specific nature of remote education.

Financial review

During the period income received from attendance at the school, grants and other events was £14580 and expenditure £16366. This brought negative balance of £-1786. This is mainly due to going into online learning and number of pupils reducing by 55%. This figures confirms how difficult year it was for the school. The bank and cash balance brought forward on 31 March 2021 was £14831. This fund still should secure school operation for a year ahead. All transaction for the period are unrestricted.

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Reserves

The charity aims to be in a position to adopt a policy to maintain reserves at a level to enable continued operation for a period of 1 year.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, Governance and Management

As at 31 March 2021 the Charity Trustees are:

Mr Z. Krawiec

Mrs A. Kindel

Mrs A. Wieckiewicz

Mrs E. Mozdyniewicz

Mrs E. Kozłowska

Mr P Urban

There must be at least 3 trustees, and a maximum of 9. A quorum for meetings is 2. New trustees are provided with information about the organisation, its objectives and constitution and sets out the responsibilities of trustees in line with the Charity Commission published guidance.

The charity relies on volunteers to provide services and also offers remuneration for teachers professional services.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: Polish Saturday School in Darlington

Registered charity number: 1168672

Charity's principal address:
Polish White Eagle Club
2 Maple Terrace
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE4 7SF

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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above:

Receipts and payments accounts

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Receipts				
School fees	8450	-	8450	17614
Other events	3816	-	3816	6908
Grants	2314	-	2314	3809
Total receipts	14580	-	14580	28330
Payments				
Printing, post and stationery	103	-	103	499
Classroom resources	319	-	319	1352
Training	292	-	292	120
Insurance	515	-	515	515
Teachers fees	6333	-	6333	14163
Room hire	2070	-	2070	4781
Accountant audit fee	540	-	540	-
Travel	-	-	-	30
Parents Covid-19 fees refund	6103	-	6103	-
Events	-	-	-	2176
Sundry expenses	91	-	91	226
Total payments	16366	-	16366	23862
Net income / (expenditure)	-1786	-	-1786	4468
Bank and cash balances brought forward	16617		16617	12149
Bank and cash balances at 31.03.2020	14831		14831	16617

Statement of assets and
liabilities at 31.03.2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Cash funds				
Balance at bank	14235	-	14235	16471
Cash balances	596	-	596	146
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Name: Zbigniew Krawiec
Trustee


Name: Piotr Urban
Trustee