

AZIZ FOUNDATION

The Aziz Foundation

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Charity Registration Number
1169558

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Board of Trustees	Asif Aziz (Chair) Omar Aziz (Joined 5 June 2024) Rahima Do Nascimento Aziz Dr Talat Habib Malik (Resigned on 5 June 2024) Hussein Haroon Aziz (Resigned on 5 June 2024)
Principal office	The Aziz Foundation, C/O Zedwell Hotel Piccadilly Circus, Great Windmill Street, London W1D 7DH
Charity registration number	1169558
Auditor	MAH, Chartered Accountants 154, Bishopsgate London EC2M 4LN
Bankers	Barclays Bank 1 Churchill Place Canary Wharf London E14 5HP

Trustees' report for the year to 31 March 2025

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their statutory report, together with the financial statements of The Aziz Foundation, for the year to 31 March 2025.

Governance and Management

Constitution

The Aziz Foundation (the "Foundation") commenced its operations on 14 August 2015 following the adoption of its constitution and was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Commission on 10 October 2016, charity registration number 1169558.

Board of Trustees

As at 31 March 2025, the Foundation has three Trustees, two of whom have served throughout the period covered in this report. Dr Talat Habib Malik and Hussein Haroon Aziz resigned on 5 June 2024 and on the same day Omar Aziz joined the Board of Trustees. They are named in the reference and administrative information on page 1. The constitution requires a minimum of three Trustees to be active during each reporting year. The Trustees do not receive any remuneration for their work as Trustees.

New Trustees may be appointed by the Board of Trustees. Proposed new Trustees would be required to meet the existing Board, and if approved, would be provided with The Aziz Foundation constitution and brought up to date on the Foundation's grant making processes, annual report(s), relevant Charity Commission policies and charity law.

The Trustees are responsible for overall strategy and specific time-sensitive priorities across the Foundation's grant making work. They receive updates on finances and performance, as well as information on the impact of major grants. They are also provided with updates on charity law and matters relating to the administration of the Foundation.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and financial statements, which must comply with statutory requirements and the Foundation's governing document.

The Trustees consider that they comprise the key management of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis.

The Trustees maintain the Foundation's records and information systems and manage the financial affairs of the Foundation. They are responsible for the safeguarding of the Foundation's assets and for taking reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

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Governance and Management (continued)

Management

The Aziz Foundation delivers a dynamic programme of philanthropic work that awards scholarships, occasional grants and sponsors internships.

The implementation of the Foundation's work programme is delegated to the staff who work closely with the Chair of Trustees. The staff are responsible for delivering the Foundation's strategic objectives and priorities, implementing its work programmes, and for the monitoring and management of grants and awards. Policies and processes for internal organisational development and external grant making have been set up, and all staff have been trained in these policies.

The bulk of the work is the management of the Masters Scholarships programme and the internships scheme. Three Programme managers, who work closely as a team, and are in regular communication with the Chair of the Trustees, carry this out and they are supported by an Internships Manager.

Related parties

During the year, the Foundation received donations, both in the form of cash and in-kind support, from Trocadero (London), Miflats Basildon Limited, Coventry House (2015) Limited, Croydon Investments Limited, Basildon Properties Limited, Criterion Hospitality, and Bracknell Property Limited.

Risk Management

Through formal governance policies and procedures, carefully monitoring programmes and ensuring that controls exist over key financial systems, the Foundation has established effective ways to mitigate and manage risks to its work. Further, after examining operational risks faced by the Foundation at different levels of governance and management, measures, procedures and checks have been put in place to ensure that grant making and scholarships are monitored as necessary. For example, before grants are awarded the Foundation will carry out detailed due diligence on applicant organisations and their projects, including speaking to any current funders of the applicants. Once grants are awarded, where possible the Foundation staff visit grantees' premises, projects and events to inspect the work that the Foundation has awarded grants towards. Also, prior to making the final grant award, the Foundation requests progress reports from the grantees. Similarly, before awarding a scholarship, the Foundation's staff conduct due diligence on applicants including reviewing evidence of their student debt and qualifications as well as interviewing them and obtaining references. After a scholarship is awarded, recipients are expected to submit reports from their university confirming their progress on their course.

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Governance and Management (continued)

Risk Management(continued)

Any risk around internships is managed through scrutiny of the host organisation, interview(s) with prospective interns and obtaining references for the interns. Host organisations also submit regular reports on the interns and the Foundation's staff will meet separately with the intern to discuss their experiences during the internship.

The Trustees have examined the risks faced by the Foundation and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage and mitigate exposure to those risks.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe established methods and principles in 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 United Kingdom (FRS 102 SORP section 10.48);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees' report for the year to 31 March 2025

Governance and Management (continued)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (continued)

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are 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 charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Charitable Objectives and Policies

Charitable Objectives

The Foundation is a grant making charity and supports purposes which are within those listed in the Charities Act 2011. It assists individuals who will ultimately benefit communities that the Foundation supports.

The Foundation makes grants in accordance with its constitution and grant making policies. The objectives of the Foundation are to further such exclusively charitable purposes for the public benefit according to the law of England and Wales as the charity Trustees shall determine in their absolute discretion. Trustees take care to ensure that where grants are not made to registered charities, they are always made for charitable purposes and the use of any grants made is monitored closely.

When reviewing the Foundation's aims and objectives, the Trustees consider the potential benefit to the public and the furthering of the Foundation's mission to support disadvantaged communities. The Foundation is refining how impact assessment is incorporated into its work, always aiming to learn from those it seeks to benefit.

Grant Making Policy

At the end of each financial year, the Trustees review the Foundation's grant making policy for the forthcoming year. They consider the Foundation's overall grant making strategy as required, including long-term and short-term issues that may affect the Foundation's grantees. The Trustees award grants only to UK universities, registered charities and organisations running projects for charitable purposes in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Those applicants not registered as a charity are reviewed on a case-by-case basis, considering the status of the applicant, its organisational structure, and the requested purpose of the grant.

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Charitable Objectives and Policies (continued)

Grant Making Policy (continued)

The Trustees have ultimate responsibility for all grant making decisions in line with the Foundation's charitable purposes and any restrictions agreed with funding partners. However, the Trustees may delegate certain decision-making responsibilities to the Foundation's staff. The Trustees reserve the right not to approve any recommendation or nomination if, after due consideration, they determine that the resulting grant would not be charitable or falls outside its priorities.

Terms and conditions for grants are drafted by the Foundation's Programme Managers in discussion with grantees.

Funding Priorities

The Foundation's grant making during this financial year has focused on awarding scholarships to those looking to study Masters Degrees. This Masters Scholarship scheme covers tuition fees for British Muslims studying Masters courses at Universities in the UK. The aim is to support emerging leaders who have a high level of commitment to the community as well as aspirations to lead and inspire in their respective field.

In particular, we are supporting people who can:

- positively transform perceptions of Islam and Muslims in the UK by promoting understanding and engagement; and
- facilitate better representation and contribution of Muslim communities to civil society.

The Foundation's scholarships programme is designed to channel the Foundation's efforts into developing leadership within Muslim communities that is both credible and effective, with the professional and academic skillset to be at the forefront of catalysing enduring change. The current priority areas are: Law, Media and Journalism, Policy, Technology, Sustainability and Arts and Culture.

The Masters Scholarships programme represents a major initiative dedicated exclusively to British Muslim communities. It builds on the successes of the Foundation's existing scholarships schemes – a fact acknowledged by the Board – and further widens the pool of British Muslims benefited by the Foundation. This expansion of the programme stems from the need to supplement a focus on specific academic areas in which there is an underrepresentation of British Muslims, with an approach that reaches out to greater numbers across disciplines. This is a strategy grounded in the principle that leaders in the community make an impact in various professional capacities and walks of life. During the financial year, 53 scholarships were awarded to students starting postgraduate courses at more than 20 different UK-based universities.

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Charitable Objectives and Policies (continued)

Funding Priorities (continued)

This year the Foundation continued to add more universities to its list of Preferred Partner institutions. The Foundation has been building strong and close relationships with universities to help ensure campuses are friendly and inclusive spaces for Muslim students and is pleased to have welcomed around ten new universities as partners.

Additionally, the Foundation facilitated five internships and fellowships. These internships are opportunities for British Muslims to secure work experience in industries in which they are traditionally underrepresented so they feel encouraged to consider careers in these industries, and successfully compete for jobs. The Foundation has been prioritising internships with media organisations and has so far offered internships at news outlets including the Evening Standard, the Financial Times and The Bureau of Investigative Journalism. More broadly, the Foundation is also awarding internships in areas aligned with its scholarship subject areas such as Policy and has recently sponsored internships in parliamentary offices.

Fundraising Statement

The charity does not actively solicit donations and therefore is not registered with the Fundraising Regulator or does not subscribe to any fundraising code of practice. During 2024/25, the charity received no complaints about fundraising activities.

Activities, Performance and Achievements

Review of Activities

The Foundation's work is broadly made up of sponsored internships paid to host organisations, tuition fee only scholarship awards, paid directly to the university, and some grants.

Grants Awarded

29 grants were awarded during 2024/25. This includes grants for internships and grants to other organisations such as Hope Not Hate and the Westminster and Kensington Football Club.

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Financial Review

Results for the financial year

A summary of the year's results can be found on page 15 of this report and financial statements. During the year ended 31 March 2025, total income amounted to £1,636,310 (2024-£1,671,067) all of which was unrestricted in nature.

The Trustees made grants totalling £1,368,281 (2024 – £1,464,800) including allocated staff costs. In addition, the charity incurred support costs of £268,030 (2024 – £206,067).

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the Foundation's requirements for reserves considering the main risks to the Foundation and its future grant making projections. The Trustees have received assurance from AA Property Holdings Limited and ACT Property Holdings Limited that the company will provide funds to the Foundation, on a timely basis, for the next 12 months from the date of this report to enable the Foundation to pay the grants that become payable and for any administrative running costs of the Foundation. This support will protect the Foundation and its long-term charitable giving strategy by providing sufficient additional resources, as required, to adjust to changing financial circumstances.

In light of this assurance the Trustees do not consider it necessary for the Foundation to hold free reserves.

Future Plans

The Foundation continues to offer a comprehensive postgraduate scholarships scheme, which supports emerging leaders within Muslim communities in the UK. As the scholarships programme becomes more established, the Foundation has grown its internships programme to help extend its focus and impact.

The Foundation has been forging ahead with its preferred partnerships scheme and is regularly meeting with universities and welcoming new universities on board as partners. For the upcoming year, the Foundation intends to continue this work to secure partnerships with more universities so that we can offer scholarships at a wider range of institutions committed to creating an inclusive learning environment for British Muslim students. As the Foundation advances this line of work through its 'Muslim Friendly Universities' initiative it has committed a grant of up to £30,000 to establish and run a secretariat for the Muslim Friendly Universities initiative. This will facilitate equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) interventions on university campuses, with the aim of bettering the experiences of British Muslim students.

Scholarships have also been delimited by subject area, namely to Law, Media and Journalism, Policy, Technology, Sustainability, Sports and Arts and Culture. Eligible candidates have had to demonstrate how their chosen programme will assist them in realising their aspirations in these professional areas. The Board of Trustees will work alongside the Foundation's staff to review


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Future Plans (continued)

these designated subject categories to decide whether they should be modified in the coming year.

The internships programme is an exciting addition to the Foundation's philanthropic endeavours, and it is expected to be a growing area of work in the next financial year.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

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Trustee (Chair)

Approved by the Trustees on: 14 November 2025

Asif Aziz

Independent auditor's report for the year to 31 March 2025

Independent auditor's report to the Trustees of the Aziz Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Aziz Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including 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) "second edition" effective 1 January 2019, Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- ◆ give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 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 Charities Act 2011.

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.

Independent auditor's report for the year to 31 March 2025

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the accounts, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the accounts are authorized 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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- ◆ the information given in the Trustees' annual report is inconsistent in any material respect with the accounts; or
- ◆ sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- ◆ the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- ◆ we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Independent auditor's report for the year to 31 March 2025

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts 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 accounts 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

We have been appointed as auditor under the Charities Act 2011, s. 144 and report in accordance with regulations made under the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the accounts 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 extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the company and management.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- ◆ the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and
- ◆ we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant frameworks which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements are those that relate to the reporting framework (Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011).

Independent auditor's report for the year to 31 March 2025

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- ◆ making enquiries of management as to their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- ◆ considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- ◆ performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- ◆ reviewed cashbook entries to identify unusual transactions; and
- ◆ assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimate for the investment property valuation were indicative of potential bias.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- ◆ review of the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- ◆ enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion. 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 for the year to 31 March 2025

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed by:

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Mohammed Haque
Senior Statutory Auditor
for and on behalf of
MAH, Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors

14 November 2025
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154 Bishopsgate
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Statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account) for the year to 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year to 31 March 2025 Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year to 31 March 2024 Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations	1	1,636,310	-	1,636,310	1,671,067	-	1,671,067
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income		<u>1,636,310</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,636,310</u>	<u>1,671,067</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,671,067</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities - Promoting and enhancing charitable work							
. Grants payable	2	1,368,281	-	1,368,281	1,464,800	-	1,464,800
. Support costs	3	268,029	-	268,029	206,267	-	206,267
Total expenditure		<u>1,636,310</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,636,310</u>	<u>1,671,067</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,671,067</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds							
		-	-	-	-	-	-
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds at 1 April 2024		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds at 31 March 2025		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

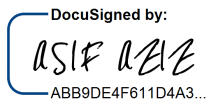
The charity has no recognised gains and losses other than those shown above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

All of the charity's activities derived from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Current assets			
Debtors	6	992,620	1,819,789
Cash at bank and in hand		5,037	21,607
		997,657	1,841,396
Liabilities			
Creditors: falling due within one year	7	(664,283)	(1,162,916))
Net current assets		333,374	678,480
Creditors: amount falling due after more than one year	8	(333,374)	(678,480)
Total net assets		-	-
The funds of the charity			
Income funds			
Restricted funds	9	-	-
Unrestricted general funds		-	-
		-	-

Approved by the Trustees
and signed on their behalf by:

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Trustee (Chair)
Approved by the Trustees on: 14 November 2025

Asif Aziz

Statement of cash flows for the year to 31 March 2025

		Year to 31 March 2025 Total £	Year to 31 March 2024 Total £
	Notes		
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash flows used in operating activities	A	(16,570)	20,462
		<u>(16,570)</u>	<u>20,462</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents			
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2024	B	21,607	1,144
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2025	B	<u>5,037</u>	<u>21,607</u>

Notes to the statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 March 2025:

A Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flows from operating activities

	Year to 31 March 2025 Total £	Year to 31 March 2024 Total £
Net movement in funds (as per statement of financial activities)	-	-
Adjustments for:		
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	827,171	(71,567)
(Decrease) in creditors	<u>(843,741)</u>	<u>92,030</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(16,570)</u>	<u>20,462</u>

B Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Year to 31 March 2025 Total £	Year to 31 March 2024 Total £
Cash and cash equivalents (cash at bank and in hand)	<u>5,037</u>	<u>21,607</u>

No separate reconciliation of net debt has been prepared as there is no difference between the net cash (debt) of the charity and the above cash and cash equivalents.

Principal accounting policies for the year to 31 March 2025

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below.

a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared for the year to 31 March 2025, with comparative information for the year to 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these financial statements.

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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

b) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Other than the assessment of going concern, as set out below, the preparation of the financial statements did not require the Trustees to make any significant judgements or estimates.

c) Assessment of going concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements. The Trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these financial statements.

The Trustees have received assurance from AA Property Holdings Limited that the company will provide funds to the Foundation, on a timely basis, for the next 12 months from the balance sheet date to enable the Foundation to pay the grants that become payable and for any administrative running costs of the Foundation.

The Trustees of the charity have concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees are of the opinion that the charity will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

d) Income recognition

Income is recognised in the year in which the charity is entitled to receipt, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Income during the year is comprised entirely of donations which are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Donated services and facilities provided to the charity are recognised in the period when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the charity, provided they can be measured reliably. This is normally when the service is provided/the facilities are used by the charity.

An equivalent amount is included as expenditure. Donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain facilities or services of equivalent economic benefit on the open market.

Principal accounting policies for the year to 31 March 2025

e) Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure comprises grants payable as part of the Foundation's charitable activities, as well as administrative costs pertaining to the charity and its grant-making. Grants payable are included in the statement of financial activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the donation and has satisfied all related conditions. Grants approved but not paid at the end of the financial period are accrued for. Grants where the beneficiary has not been informed or has to meet certain conditions before the grant is released are not accrued for but are noted as financial commitments in the notes to the financial statements. All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

f) Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

g) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

h) Creditors

Creditors are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. Where material they have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment.

i) Fund accounting

The general unrestricted funds represent funds available for the general charitable purposes of the charity at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds comprise monies raised for, or their use restricted to, a specific purpose, or contributions subject to donor-imposed conditions.

j) Pension scheme

Contributions are paid into a personal pension scheme for all employees. Pension contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they fall due.

k) Allocation of support costs

Support costs, comprising the staff costs of the corporate function, are apportioned to the charitable activity based on the time spent by employees in processing and monitoring scholarships and other programme work.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year to 31 March 2025 Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year to 31 March 2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	1,758,000	-	1,758,000	1,599,500	-	1,599,500
Donations in kind	-	-	-	-	-	-
Re-measurement of amounts receivable/(payable)	(121,690)	-	(121,690)	71,567	-	71,567
Total funds	1,636,310	-	1,636,310	1,671,067	-	1,671,067

The donation in kind relates to the in-kind support the Foundation received from Criterion Capital Limited consisting of staff time and provision of office premises.

2 Grants payable

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year to 31 March 2025 Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Year to 31 March 2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Masters Scholarships						
Direct grant costs	499,942	-	499,942	797,212	-	797,212
Cancelled grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
	499,942	-	499,942	797,212	-	797,212
General Fund						
Direct grant costs	868,339	-	868,339	667,589	-	667,589
Cancelled grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
	868,339	-	868,339	667,589	-	667,589
Total funds	1,368,281	-	1,368,281	1,464,800	-	1,464,800

During the year, the number of grants awarded was as follows;

Masters Scholarships: 53 (2024 – 58)

Grants: 29 (2024 – 33)

3 Support costs

	Year to 31 March 2025 Total	Year to 31 March 2024 Total
	£	£
Staff costs (note 4)	195,896	188,306
Other administration costs	67,883	13,711
Office premises gift in kind	-	-
Audit fee	4,250	4,250
Total funds	268,029	206,267

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4 Staff costs

	Year to 31 March 2025 Total £	Year to 31 March 2024 Total £
Staff costs during the year were as follows:		
Wages and salaries	179,974	171,694
Social security costs	12,703	13,329
Other pension costs	3,219	3,283
	<u>195,896</u>	<u>188,306</u>

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more (including taxable benefits) during the year (2024 - none).

The average number of employees, analysed by function, was as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Grant and charity administration	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

5 Taxation

The Aziz Foundation is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

6 Debtors

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Donations receivable (note 11)	<u>992,620</u>	<u>1,819,789</u>

7 Creditors: falling due within one year

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Grants & Master's payable	646,395	993,679
Accruals	15,566	164,701
Social Security Cost	857	4,538
Wages Payable	1,335	-
Pension Payable	130	-
Total creditors falling due within one year	<u>664,283</u>	<u>1,162,916</u>
Grant commitments at 1 April 2024	1,672,159	1,740,997
Commitments made in the year	1,166,163	1,313,779
Grants paid during the year	<u>(1,858,553)</u>	<u>(1,382,617)</u>
Grant commitments at 31 March 2025	<u>979,769</u>	<u>1,672,159</u>
Falling due within one year	646,395	993,679
Falling due in more than one year (note 8)	<u>333,374</u>	<u>678,480</u>
	<u>979,769</u>	<u>1,672,159</u>

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8 Creditors: falling due after more than one year

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Grants & Master's payable	333,374	678,480

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	General fund £	Total 2025 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:			
Net current assets	-	333,374	-
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	-	(333,374)	-
Total net assets	-	-	-
	Restricted funds £	General fund £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:			
Net current assets	-	678,480	-
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	-	(678,480)	-
Total net assets	-	-	-

10 Remuneration of Trustees and key management personnel

The Trustees consider that they comprise the key management of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. The Trustees receive no remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in connection with their duties.

11 Related party transactions

During the year, the Foundation received donations, both in the form of cash and in-kind support totalling £ 1,758,000 (2024 – £1,599,500), from AA Property Holdings Limited and ACT Property Holding Limited through Croydon Investments Limited, Coventry House (2015) Limited, Basildon Properties Limited, Bracknell Property Limited, Miflats Basildon Limited, Trocadero London, Criterion Hospitality Limited, whose controlling director is also the Chair of the Foundation.