

**STORIES FOR LIFE  
TRUSTEES REPORT AND  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

## STORIES FOR LIFE

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## **STORIES FOR LIFE**

### **TRUSTEES REPORT**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ANDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

Our trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with receipts and payments accounts for the charitable incorporated organisation (the charity) for the year ended 31st December 2024

The report and receipts and payments accounts have been prepared in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission

#### **Legal and administrative information**

Charity name	Stories for Life
Charitable Incorporated	
Organisation Registration No.	1169750
Registered Office	25 Combermartin Road London SW18 5PP

#### **Trustees**

Barbara Altounyan	Chair
Claire Ryan Carter	Resigned
Sunil Sheth	Resigned
David Smith	Resigned
John Greenwood	
Yos Noor	
Phil Loutsis	
Ayla Ronald	
Debbie Usiskin	

#### **Charity Review – Annual Review**

For Stories for Life the challenges during the past year have been in relation to drawing from our past experiences to bring contributions to our cause and to expand our remit from recording the life stories of those in hospices and care homes, hospitals and other charities and multi faith organisations

We have further potentialised the advancement by increasing our hospice biographers with an increase in training sessions

Being able to grow our impact and unlock the extraordinary tales of our storytellers. The changes they have lived through, experienced and seen as invaluable, not only to our storytellers. It plays an important role in passing on the enriching and valuable learning and stories of life and lives, which give families, children and young people a sense of who they are in the world

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### **TRUSTEES REPORT**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

We are looking forward to continuing to learn and to grow our impact and measuring the benefits our work brings to individuals, families, loved ones and communities

We have received the final donation from Pure Cremation which has enabled us to have a small excess of income over our expenditure

We have adequate resources of unrestricted funds to support our plans. The trustees have sought to ensure that Stories for Life has policies and procedures to ensure good governance and financial practices to give confidence to future potential donors and funders and this coupled with the future donations for prospective organisations to strengthen the charities position in the future

#### **Reserves Policy**

As required by the Charities Commission, the trustees have considered the need to ensure sufficient reserves are in place to safeguard the charity's ongoing operations . It is the aim of the charity's trustees to hold unrestricted funds at a level sufficient to cover six months operating costs once sufficient incoming resources have been achieved

#### **Investment Policy**

The trustees are aware that the charity aims to retain a prudent amount of reserves and will seek to optimise a safe return on any available funds in the low return investment market that presently exists

#### **Going Concern**

The trustees continue to limit expenditure to the level of incoming resources to ensure the charity is able to continue in operation

### **Structure government and management**

#### **Governing document**

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the Charity) operates under its own constitution and is registered with the Charities Commission in England. The Charity was registered on 18th October 2018

#### **Members of the Board of Trustees**

The members of the board of trustees who served during the period and upto the date of this report are set out on page 1

#### **Recruitment and appointment of Trustees**

The Charity's policy is to invite suitable qualified professionals to become trustees to the charity. Trustees are initially appointed for a term of 2 to 4 years. The trustees are encouraged to ensure they understand their responsibilities for governance and also the sector in which the charity operates

#### **Organisational structure and decision making**

Decisions are taken by the trustee board as a whole. Trustees meet at least quarterly

The trustees are responsible for the management of the risks faced by the charity including new and existing projects

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### TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

#### Organisational structure and decision making ( continued)

Procedures and written policies are in progress to ensure compliance with then safeguarding of vulnerable beneficiaries and the General Data Protection Regulation

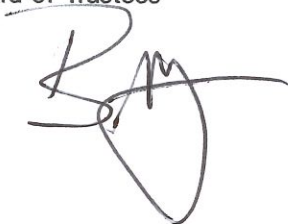
Remuneration of the management personnel of the charity comprise of the board of trustees. No salaries were paid to the key management personnel in relation to the financial year ended 31st December 2024 The founder who is also a trustee is due accrued fees for services supplied in 2017 to set up the charity under the provisions of the governing document which are detailed in note 2 to the accounts. No further payments were made against the outstanding balance during 2024

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee Report above

Approved by the Board of Trustees for issue on...25/9/24 and agreed on its behalf by  
25/9/24

Barbara Aliounyan Chair

Chair of Board of Trustees



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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash Funds</b>					
Barclays Current Account		336		336	555
Barclays Deposit Account		64,009		64,009	58,135
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		64,345		64,345	58,590
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<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors		2,029		2,029	1,040
<b>Accrued Expenses</b>					
Hospice liaison and charity set up fees		13,200		13,200	13,200
Expenses in respect of the foregoing		879		879	879
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		16,108		16,108	14,079
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Charity Reserves at 31st December 2024		48,237		48,237	43,573
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The notes on Page 6 form part of these accounts

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Note					
£		£	£		1	
Total Receipts			42,843		422,843	41,415
Operating expenditure						
Story Liaison and pilot preparation			23,960		23,960	36,124
Training Costs			250		250	964
Fundraising and administration			13,967		13,967	5,277
			—	—	—	—
			38,177		38,177	42,515
			—	—	—	—
Net Income (Expenditure)			4,666		4,666	(1,100)
Cash Funds at 1st January 2024			58,690		58,690	59,790
			—	—	—	—
			63,356		63,356	58,690
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. Transactions with related parties and Trustees

The Charity has accrued fees of £13,200 at 31st December 2024 ( 2023 £13,200) relating to an agreed payment for services supplied at a substantial discount by the Founder, Barbara Altounyan for work undertaken in setting up the Hospice Network and volunteer training programmes. The liability remains outstanding at the date of signing the accounts . Unpaid operational expenses incurred during the initial set up phase by the Founder amounting to £ 879 are an accrued liability as at 31st December 2024 ( 2023 £879)

A transaction for reward with a trustee was undertaken between the charity and the trustee Claire Ryan Carter in the sum of £3144 for a task which all of the trustees approved

2.Information required by the Charitable Incorporated Organisations ( General) Regulations 2012

No guarantees have been given by the Charity and there are no secured liabilities at 31st December 2024



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
STORIES FOR LIFE

The financial statements of Stories for Life for the year ended 31st December 2024 comprising the Receipts and Payments account, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and related notes set out on pages 1 – 6. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities ( FOSE) effective April 2016 under historical and cost convention

Opinion

- (i) The financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 comprising the Receipts and Payments Account Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the related notes on page 1 to 5 are in agreement with the books of account kept by the charity
- (ii) On the basis of the information received in those books of account the Receipts and Payments Account, Statement of Assets and Liabilities the related notes on pages 1 to 5 for the year ended 31st December 2024 comply with the requirements
- (iii) The financial criteria allowing the production of accountants report instead of a full audit has been met

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Date 25th September 2025

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