

PARALLEL HISTORIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1174481

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN CONTROVERSIAL HISTORY TOPICS* BY RESEARCHING AND CREATING FREE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, INCLUDING INTERACTIVE VIDEOS AND DISTRIBUTING TO TEACHERS.* FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE CONTROVERSIAL HISTORY TOPICS ARE TOPICS WHICH ARE DISPUTED BY HISTORIANS, HAVE PARTISAN INTERPRETATIONS AND MAY CAUSE AN EMOTIONAL RESPONSE FROM LEARNERS.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£165,095	£171,090	-	-
2024-03-31	£107,800	£119,053	-	-
2023-03-31	£120,160	£131,258	-	-
2022-03-31	£131,802	£93,591	-	-
2021-03-31	£70,147	£52,212	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joshua Hillis	Chair	2024-09-25
Carys Davies		2024-09-25
Clare O'Sullivan		2020-04-17
Harry Edmondson		2023-04-19
Paul Franek		2023-01-18
Sana Tariq		2023-04-19
Tim Ramsey		2023-04-19

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To advance the education of young people in controversial history topics by means of researching and creating free educational materials including interactive videos and distributing these to teachers.

Significant activities

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The main activities undertaken for public benefit are the creation and distribution of educational materials, providing teacher training and running inter-school debating.

The trustees take action to monitor and ensure that the charity acts to further these objectives in all its activities and have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Introduction

In our eighth year of operation, we continued to grow strongly. In leadership terms our founder Michael Davies sadly died and he was succeeded as Chief Executive by Bill Rammell.

The Israel-Hamas war continued to lead to a particular demand from schools for the resources and method to teach the Israel-Palestine conflict. 19,758 downloads in total. We strongly continue to work with schools to help them strengthen social cohesion.

Our work with schools develops critical thinking skills, oracy skills and confidence in young people, and helps their development in civic and political life.

Jonathon Powell has been succeeded as Patron by the Right Honourable David Blunkett, Former Secretary of State for Education 97-2001 and Jo Berry CBE, a British peace builder and public speaker. The work of Parallel Histories has also been publicly endorsed by the Right Honourable Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Education 2010-2014.

Growth

	March 2025	March 2024	March 2023	March 2022	March 2021	March 2020
Schools working with us	1594	1114	660	335	172	28

Media coverage and endorsements

Educate Against Hate, a website developed by the Department of Education and the Home Office, has quality checked our resources and promotes them to schools.

The Hannah Arendt Institute and Human Rights Watch have endorsed us.

We were partners with the 24/25 Guardian/Observer Charity appeal which boosted our income and greatly increased our reach and profile. This included multiple articles and a podcast.

The guardian, the Times, BBC Northern Ireland, ITV Granada, the National, and the Jewish Telegraph have covered our work this year. The work of Parallel Histories was also mentioned in parliamentary debates in the context of library services and education.

Launch of new resources

We have continued to work on the development of further eBooks on controversial history: Cromwell, Ghandi, Elisabeth, Columbus and a series on the contested history of Empire. These will be published in the next year.

In a significant endorsement of our approach we continue to partner with Pearson, the largest education publisher in the world, to create resources for the Edexcel iGCSE History unit: Conflict, crisis and change: the Middle East, 1919-2012.

Young people debating controversial history

We delivered debating workshops for 1385 students (a 177% increase on the previous year).

A continuing highlight was bringing together Protestant and Catholic students to debate the legacy of the Good Friday Agreement in the Parliament Buildings, Stormont, at a debate conference hosted by Robbie Butler MLA.

Impact

Our aims are to improve the life chances of disadvantaged young people and promote social cohesion. To achieve these aims, we work towards the following impacts:

- Young people equipped to be active citizens in healthy democracies
- Young people enabled to realise their ambitions in work and further study,
- Schools equipped to teach controversial history and change how the history of conflict is taught.

We are confident that we are achieving these impacts. The outcomes for young people and teachers from our work are identified as strong factors in causing these impacts by research from leading institutions such as the Education Endowment Foundation and the Sutton Trust. These outcomes are:

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- Improved ability of young people to analyse evidence, form and present their opinions, to listen and disagree robustly but respectfully, and to understand different perspectives on controversial history.
- Improved confidence of teachers to teach controversial history and use debating in teaching.

In a sample of 135 young people participating in our debating, comparing before and after, there was:

- A 20% rise in confidence in ability to draw inferences. (87%).
- A 13% rise in confidence to ability to analyse the usefulness and reliability of historical sources as evidence. (86%).
- A 26% rise in confidence in ability to construct a historical claim. (81%).
- A 16% rise in confidence in ability to "listen to views different to my own and engage in healthy, respectful debate." (90%).
- A 30% rise in "confidence in ability to articulate different points of view in a public setting." (90%).

Overall:

90% agreed "my confidence in meeting and working with people from different backgrounds has grown".

88% agreed "my knowledge and understanding of the topic have grown through Parallel Histories".

Teacher and student quotes of endorsement

Teacher: "I think that Parallel Histories is taking a very fresh original approach to this, and I do think it can really play a role in the healing process in Northern Ireland. Every generation, even today, still feels what happened in Northern Ireland so its very important that you hear the story from every perspective and you're able to make your own balanced conclusions about things."

Student: "Definitely,that stuff was new and brought new perspectives of how people would think"

Student: "I think its like important to look at things from everybody's perspective ...obviously everybody's got an argument about why they feel a certain way or why they think a certain way.."

Student: "I found it good because I'm allowed to say what i want to say and people are allowed to hear what i want to say without judging me"

Teacher: "From speaking to my students, they had a fantastic day which really fired up their passion for history. They were also very excited to see inside an Oxford College for the first time, and left the day much better informed about what studying at Oxford is really like."

Teacher: "My students really developed their skills in regard to analysing sources and evaluating which we have continued to develop in class. I would 100% recommend the event."

Events

May '24: Christ Church conference:

July: PTI History conference York University

Edgehill CPD: trainee teachers

December: Guardian LRGS schools conference

Outreach Scottish schools Feb 2025

March: PTI Leeds Primaries conference

March 25-Chief Executive and Director of Education presented in Hungary at Geography, cartography and politics symposium: Upon what historical foundations? Published in European Encounters 2025; Collected papers of the Joseph Karolyi Foundation.

April 1st '25: ITV LRGS schools conference

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:

Create educational resources

We create educational resources (ebooks, videos, lesson plans and source packs) for studying and teaching controversial historical topics. These are topics which are disputed by historians, have partisan interpretations, and may cause emotional responses. We now provide all our resources and EBooks (with the exception of Israel/Palestine) free of charge to grow participation.

Deliver debating for young people

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We deliver online and in-person debating workshops for young people. They study different perspectives on these topics, evaluate the evidence, and argue for different perspectives. The workshops are collaborative rather than competitive. The young people receive individual feedback from our team and teacher volunteers to track their progress over the workshops.

We delivered debating workshops for 1385 students this year.

We have delivered workshops in partnership with PwC, Naval Children's Charity, and Forward Assist.

Train teachers

We train teachers in teaching controversial history through regular online workshops. We trained over 192 teachers (a 113% increase on last year) this year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income and fundraising

We continued to strengthen our financial sustainability through broadening the sources of our income. We expect this diversity to enable us to meet our fundraising growth targets, as we grow our operations in the next two years. We were particularly helped by being partners in the Guardian/Observer 24/25 charity appeal.

We are grateful to the following trusts, foundations and organisations for their support this year: the Persula Foundation, The Community Relations Council, The Siegfried Rausing Trust, the Irelands Funds, Christ Church Access Hub, the Big Give Foundation and the Guardian/Observer Charity Appeal. We are grateful to the individuals who supported our work this year. Our income from individual donations grew this year through participating in the Big Give Christmas Challenge, and on the back of the Guardian/Observer Charity Appeal.

Reserves policy

The trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity in its formative years and with the position of the reserves at the end of March 2025.

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which the trustees believe appropriate after considering the future commitments of the charity and the likely administrative costs of the charity in the coming year. In the year to March 2025, the Trustees looked to maintain general reserves in excess of £25,000. At the year end Parallel Histories had £33,340 in unrestricted funds.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This is not a company incorporated under the Companies Acts and it is therefore not subject to company regulation. Neither its existence nor any charges it creates have to be registered at Companies House.

Decision making

Decision making is carried out by the board of trustees who meet regularly throughout the year. Staff members acting in an administrative capacity are also invited to Trustee meetings.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

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Principal address

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Trustees

Ms C O'Sullivan
T Ramsey
P Franek
Ms S Tariq
H Edmondson
W Albion (resigned 18.9.24)
J Hillis (appointed 18.9.24)
Ms C Davies (appointed 18.9.24)

Independent Examiner

Adam J Syddall M.A., F.C.A.
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Joshua Hillis

J Hillis - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PARALLEL HISTORIES**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Parallel Histories

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parallel Histories (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Adam J Syddall M.A., F.C.A.

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9 January 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		73,650	9,391	83,041	8,376
Charitable activities					
Digital Debating		54,997	-	54,997	26,260
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers		-	2,000	2,000	20,373
Northern Ireland Stormont conference		-	3,000	3,000	-
Other trading activities	2	15,867	6,190	22,057	52,791
Total		<u>144,514</u>	<u>20,581</u>	<u>165,095</u>	<u>107,800</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Digital Debating		153,165	6,933	160,098	114,120
Other		7,992	3,000	10,992	4,935
Total		<u>161,157</u>	<u>9,933</u>	<u>171,090</u>	<u>119,055</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(16,643)	10,648	(5,995)	(11,255)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		49,983	11,430	61,413	72,668
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>33,340</u></u>	<u><u>22,078</u></u>	<u><u>55,418</u></u>	<u><u>61,413</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	-	-	-	95
Cash at bank		<u>38,846</u>	<u>22,078</u>	<u>60,924</u>	<u>63,952</u>
		<u>38,846</u>	<u>22,078</u>	<u>60,924</u>	<u>64,047</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(5,506)</u>	-	<u>(5,506)</u>	<u>(2,634)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>33,340</u>	<u>22,078</u>	<u>55,418</u>	<u>61,413</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>33,340</u>	<u>22,078</u>	<u>55,418</u>	<u>61,413</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>33,340</u></u>	<u><u>22,078</u></u>	<u><u>55,418</u></u>	<u><u>61,413</u></u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	7			<u>33,340</u>	<u>49,983</u>
Restricted funds				<u>22,078</u>	<u>11,430</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>55,418</u></u>	<u><u>61,413</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 9 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Joshua Hillis

J Hillis - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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 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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Fees for services	<u>22,057</u>	<u>52,791</u>

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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	8,376	-	8,376
Charitable activities			
Digital Debating	-	26,260	26,260
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	-	20,373	20,373
Other trading activities	52,791	-	52,791
Total	<u>61,167</u>	<u>46,633</u>	<u>107,800</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Digital Debating	83,817	30,303	114,120
Other	878	4,057	4,935
Total	<u>84,695</u>	<u>34,360</u>	<u>119,055</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(23,528)	12,273	(11,255)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	73,511	(843)	72,668
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>49,983</u></u>	<u><u>11,430</u></u>	<u><u>61,413</u></u>

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5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
Trade debtors		-	95
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
Other creditors		5,506	2,634
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
		Net	
	At 1.4.24	movement	At
	£	in funds	31.3.25
		£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	49,983	(16,643)	33,340
Restricted funds			
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	1,154	2,000	3,154
Digital debating	10,276	(743)	9,533
Michael Davis annual memorial debate	-	9,391	9,391
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	11,430	10,648	22,078
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	61,413	(5,995)	55,418
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	144,514	(161,157)	(16,643)
Restricted funds			
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	2,000	-	2,000
Digital debating	-	(743)	(743)
National Union of Students project	6,190	(6,190)	-
Northern Ireland stormont debates	3,000	(3,000)	-
Michael Davis annual memorial debate	9,391	-	9,391
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	20,581	(9,933)	10,648
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	165,095	(171,090)	(5,995)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	73,511	(23,528)	49,983
Restricted funds			
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	(18,517)	19,671	1,154
Digital debating	17,674	(7,398)	10,276
	<u>(843)</u>	<u>12,273</u>	<u>11,430</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>72,668</u>	<u>(11,255)</u>	<u>61,413</u>

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	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	61,167	(84,695)	(23,528)
Restricted funds			
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	20,373	(702)	19,671
Digital debating	26,260	(33,658)	(7,398)
	<u>46,633</u>	<u>(34,360)</u>	<u>12,273</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>107,800</u>	<u>(119,055)</u>	<u>(11,255)</u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	83,041	6,633
Gift aid	-	1,743
	<u>83,041</u>	<u>8,376</u>
Other trading activities		
Fees for services	22,057	52,791
Charitable activities		
Grants	59,997	46,633
	<u>165,095</u>	<u>107,800</u>
Total incoming resources		
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	108,152	83,327
Pensions	3,024	2,416
Advertising	-	3,186
Sundries	1,438	82
Teacher fellowship	-	150
IT and software	6,124	2,663
Consultancy	37,057	21,013
	<u>155,795</u>	<u>112,837</u>
Other		
Books and research	-	91
Conferences and travel	10,992	4,844
	<u>10,992</u>	<u>4,935</u>
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	442	435
Postage and stationery	1,368	250
	<u>1,810</u>	<u>685</u>
Finance		
Bank charges	1,773	58
Governance costs		
Independent examination	720	540
	<u>171,090</u>	<u>119,055</u>
Total resources expended		
	<u>171,090</u>	<u>119,055</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(5,995)</u>	<u>(11,255)</u>

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PARALLEL HISTORIES
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Introduction

In our seventh year of operation, we continued to grow strongly. The Israel-Hamas war has led to a particular demand from schools for the resources and method to teach the Israel-Palestine conflict. We continue to work with schools to help them strengthen social cohesion.

We are delighted that Jonathan Powell, Downing Street Chief of Staff under Tony Blair, has joined us as our Patron.

Growth

	March 2024	March 2023	March 2022	March 2021	March 2020
Schools working with us	1114	660	335	172	28

Media coverage and endorsements

Educate Against Hate, a website developed by the Department of Education and the Home Office, has quality-checked our resources and promotes them to schools.

The Hannah Arendt Institute and Human Rights Watch have endorsed us.

The Guardian, BBC Northern Ireland, The National UAE, The Jewish Chronicle, Times Radio and History Ireland have covered our work this year.

Launch of new resources

We created and launched a new series of 24 ebooks on controversial history. This series was a new direction for our resources. We based our original classroom resources on video technology. After market research with teachers, we designed the ebooks to ensure we continue to provide the highest quality classroom resources. We are delighted that the ebooks are attracting universal praise.

In a significant endorsement of our approach, Pearson, the largest educational publisher in the world, had invited us to partner with them to create a new set of resources for the Edexcel GCSE History unit: Conflict in the Middle East 1945-1995. These resources were published this year. Pearson has invited us to continue partnering with them to create resources for the Edexcel iGCSE History unit: Conflict, Crisis and Change: the Middle East, 1919-2012.

Young people debating controversial history

We delivered debating workshops for over 500 young people from 47 schools this year. A particular highlight was bringing together Protestant and Catholic students to debate the legacy of the Good Friday Agreement in the Parliament Buildings, Stormont, at a debate conference hosted by Robbie Buttler MLA.

Impact

Our aims are to improve the life chances of disadvantaged young people and promote social cohesion. To achieve these aims, we work towards the following impacts:

- Young people equipped to be active citizens in healthy democracies
- Young people enabled to realise their ambitions in work and further study,
- Schools equipped to teach controversial history and change how the history of conflict is taught.

We are confident that we are achieving these impacts. The outcomes for young people and teachers from our work are identified as strong factors in causing these impacts by research from leading institutions such as the Education Endowment Foundation and the Sutton Trust. These outcomes are:

- Improved ability of young people to analyse evidence, form and present their opinions, to listen and disagree robustly but respectfully, and to understand different perspectives on controversial history.
- Improved confidence of teachers to teach controversial history and use debating in teaching.

In a sample of 80 young people participating in our debating, 90% of young people reported that their confidence in public speaking improved significantly, and 97% reported that their confidence in critically evaluating evidence had improved significantly.

One young person told us: "I think today was really, really important in showing that while there are two opposite sides, there's nuance within those sides. Not everyone is completely and utterly all for one thing or all for another thing."

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Another young person said the debates "really showed me how to constructively debate with my peers. It's far too easy to get caught in a back and forth, tit-for-tat debates where you're just one upping each other. Whereas today, it was more respectful and it was constructive. I really benefitted from it".

One history teacher said: "Thank you so much for taking the time with our pupils this afternoon, they loved it so much! I was so pleased to see them get more confident as the time went on. After our session today I did some essay preparation with the whole class on the same title as the debate, looking at arguments and counter arguments. It's all working in so well together!"

For another history teacher, "We have been absolutely delighted with the training and resources we have received through Parallel Histories. Our school was struggling to find the best approach to teaching issues around the current crisis in the middle east, and we wanted to find a method that would allow us to explore complex history, whilst acknowledging the very strong personal views that our students held."

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:

Create educational resources

We create educational resources (ebooks, videos, lesson plans and source packs) for studying and teaching controversial historical topics. These are topics which are disputed by historians, have partisan interpretations, and may cause emotional responses. Our original resources continue to be free to use. We introduced a price structure this year for our ebooks which is designed to encourage schools to use ebooks across several topics and so strengthen how they teach the history of conflict, as well as to raise income for our charitable activities.

This year, we created the new series of 24 ebooks on the Israel-Palestine conflict, conflict in Northern Ireland, Great Leaders, the Union and Scotland, Putin and Ukraine, the Hindu-Muslim conflict, the Cold War in the 1960s, the Civil Rights Movement in the US, and the pursuit of freedom in the US.

Deliver debating for young people

We deliver online and in-person debating workshops for young people. They study different perspectives on these topics, evaluate the evidence, and argue for different perspectives. The workshops are collaborative rather than competitive. The young people receive individual feedback from teacher volunteers to track their progress over the workshops.

We delivered debating workshops for over 500 young people from 47 schools this year. We have delivered workshops in partnership with PwC, Naval Children's Charity, and Forward Assist.

Train teachers

We train teachers in teaching controversial history through regular online workshops. We trained over 90 teachers from 60 schools this year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income and fundraising

We continued to strengthen our financial sustainability through broadening the sources of our income. We expect this diversity to enable us to meet our fundraising growth targets, as we grow our operations in the next two years.

We are grateful to the following trusts, foundations and organisations for their support this year: the Persula Foundation, the Ireland Funds, the Naval Children's Charity, the PwC Foundation, the Hugh Fraser Foundation, the New Park Educational Trust, Christ Church, the Corlan Charity, the Lansbury House Trust Fund, the Community Relations Council, Erasmus+ via the British Council, the Reed Foundation and Forward Assist.

We are grateful to the individuals who supported our work this year. Our income from individual donations grew this year through participating in the Big Give Christmas Challenge.

PARALLEL HISTORIES
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity in its formative years and with the position of the reserves at the end of March 2024.

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which the trustees believe appropriate after considering the future commitments of the charity and the likely administrative costs of the charity in the coming year. In the year to March 2024, the Trustees looked to maintain unrestricted reserves in excess of £25,000. At the year end Parallel Histories had £49,983 in unrestricted funds.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This is not a company incorporated under the Companies Acts and it is therefore not subject to company regulation. Neither its existence nor any charges it creates have to be registered at Companies House.

Decision making

Decision making is carried out by the board of trustees who meet regularly throughout the year. Staff members acting in an administrative capacity are also invited to Trustee meetings.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1174481

Principal address

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Edinburgh
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Trustees

H J Castle (resigned 19.4.23)
P J H Taylor (resigned 19.4.23)
Dr A Zawawi (resigned 19.4.23)
Ms C O'Sullivan
Ms S Webster (resigned 19.4.23)
T Ramsey (appointed 19.4.23)
P Franek
Ms S Tariq (appointed 19.4.23)
H Edmondson (appointed 19.4.23)
W Albion (appointed 20.3.24) (resigned 18.9.24)
J Hillis (appointed 18.9.24)
Ms C Davies (appointed 18.9.24)

Independent Examiner

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PARALLEL HISTORIES
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Hillis". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

J Hillis - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PARALLEL HISTORIES**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Parallel Histories

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parallel Histories (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



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27 January 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	31.3.24 Total funds	31.3.23 Total funds as restated
		£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		8,376	-	8,376	2,194
Charitable activities					
Digital Debating		-	26,260	26,260	64,854
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers		-	20,373	20,373	-
Other trading activities	2	52,791	-	52,791	53,112
Total		<u>61,167</u>	<u>46,633</u>	<u>107,800</u>	<u>120,160</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Digital Debating		83,817	30,303	114,120	93,320
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers		-	-	-	25,543
Other		878	4,057	4,935	12,394
Total		<u>84,695</u>	<u>34,360</u>	<u>119,055</u>	<u>131,257</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(23,528)	12,273	(11,255)	(11,097)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		73,511	(843)	72,668	83,765
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>49,983</u></u>	<u><u>11,430</u></u>	<u><u>61,413</u></u>	<u><u>72,668</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

PARALLEL HISTORIES

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds as restated £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	95	-	95	5,950
Cash at bank		52,522	11,430	63,952	92,587
		<u>52,617</u>	<u>11,430</u>	<u>64,047</u>	<u>98,537</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(2,634)	-	(2,634)	(25,869)
		<u>49,983</u>	<u>11,430</u>	<u>61,413</u>	<u>72,668</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>49,983</u>	<u>11,430</u>	<u>61,413</u>	<u>72,668</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>49,983</u>	<u>11,430</u>	<u>61,413</u>	<u>72,668</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>49,983</u>	<u>11,430</u>	<u>61,413</u>	<u>72,668</u>
FUNDS					
	9				
Unrestricted funds				49,983	73,511
Restricted funds				11,430	(843)
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>61,413</u>	<u>72,668</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



J Hillis - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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 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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
		as restated
	£	£
Fees for services	52,791	53,112
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total funds as restated
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2,194	-	2,194
Charitable activities			
Digital Debating	30,491	34,363	64,854
Other trading activities	53,112	-	53,112
Total	85,797	34,363	120,160
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Digital Debating	64,926	28,394	93,320
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	-	25,543	25,543
Other	1,377	11,017	12,394
Total	66,303	64,954	131,257
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	19,494	(30,591)	(11,097)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	54,017	29,748	83,765
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	73,511	(843)	72,668

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

5. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

Expenditure of £18,517 had been charged to the unrestricted fund for the year ended 31 March 2023. The expenditure related to enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers. Funding to cover this expenditure had been promised but there was some doubt as to when this would materialise. A final installment was eventually received in December 2023.

As such, the March 2023 financial statements have been restated and the monies charged to the unrestricted fund have been moved to the digital capabilities restricted fund, which now shows a negative figure (overspend) at March 2023.

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23 as restated
	£	£
Trade debtors	95	5,950
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23 as restated
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 8)	-	18,517
Other creditors	2,634	7,352
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	2,634	25,869
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.24	31.3.23 as restated
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	-	18,517
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	73,511	(23,528)	49,983
Restricted funds			
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	(18,517)	19,671	1,154
Digital debating	17,674	(7,398)	10,276
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	(843)	12,273	11,430
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	72,668	(11,255)	61,413
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	61,167	(84,695)	(23,528)
Restricted funds			
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	20,373	(702)	19,671
Digital debating	26,260	(33,658)	(7,398)
	<u>46,633</u>	<u>(34,360)</u>	<u>12,273</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>107,800</u>	<u>(119,055)</u>	<u>(11,255)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	54,017	19,494	73,511
Restricted funds			
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	17,110	(35,627)	(18,517)
Digital debating	12,638	5,036	17,674
	<u>29,748</u>	<u>(30,591)</u>	<u>(843)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>83,765</u>	<u>(11,097)</u>	<u>72,668</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	85,797	(66,303)	19,494
Restricted funds			
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	-	(35,627)	(35,627)
Digital debating	34,363	(29,327)	5,036
	<u>34,363</u>	<u>(64,954)</u>	<u>(30,591)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>120,160</u>	<u>(131,257)</u>	<u>(11,097)</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Tim Ramsey, a Trustee, received £962.50 for services rendered as a consultant in the new CEO recruitment process which took place in early 2024.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	as restated £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	6,633	2,194
Gift aid	1,743	-
	<u>8,376</u>	<u>2,194</u>
Other trading activities		
Fees for services	52,791	53,112
Charitable activities		
Grants	46,633	64,854
	<u>107,800</u>	<u>120,160</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	83,327	105,674
Pensions	2,416	2,646
Telephone	-	32
Advertising	3,186	-
Sundries	82	125
Teacher fellowship	150	4,125
IT and software	2,663	1,471
Consultancy	21,013	3,643
	<u>112,837</u>	<u>117,716</u>
Other		
Books and research	91	355
Conferences and travel	4,844	11,989
Subscriptions	-	50
	<u>4,935</u>	<u>12,394</u>
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	435	327
Postage and stationery	250	75
	<u>685</u>	<u>402</u>
Finance		
Bank charges	58	265

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23 as restated
	£	£
Finance		
Governance costs		
Independent examination	540	480
Total resources expended	<u>119,055</u>	<u>131,257</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(11,255)</u>	<u>(11,097)</u>

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Accounts

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
FOR
PARALLEL HISTORIES**

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PARALLEL HISTORIES

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PARALLEL HISTORIES
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. 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

To advance the education of young people in controversial history topics by means of researching and creating free educational materials including interactive videos and distributing these to teachers.

Significant activities

Parallel Histories is a UK educational charity, founded in 2017, to improve the life chances of disadvantaged young people through innovation in humanities teaching. We empower teachers to teach controversial history by providing training, educational resources, and online debating for young people. Through these three main activities, we work with over 275 secondary schools across the UK.

The charity is reliant on a network of teachers in secondary schools who use Parallel Histories materials and teaching methods in their classrooms.

Public benefit

The main activities undertaken for public benefit are the research, creation and distribution of free educational materials in the form of interactive videos, providing teacher training and running inter school debating.

The trustees take action to monitor and ensure that the charity acts to further these objectives in all its activities.

PARALLEL HISTORIES
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

This has been another challenging year for schools. While disruption from Covid is largely over, 10% inflation has put huge pressure on school budgets and limited discretionary expenditure. This has helped make our free online resources and our free debating programme more popular and we have continued to grow fast. At the end of this reporting year, we work with 650 schools which is up from 307 on April 1st, 2022.

We have received total income of £120,160 (2022: £131,802) made up again of donations, grants and the delivery of courses and conferences ("fees"). We have been trialling charging for some more of our products and services and fees now account for over 44% of our income. Expenditure in the year to March 2023 was £131,258 (2022: £93,591).

We have continued to build our public profile: we received press coverage in the Times Educational Supplement (TES), and The Jewish Chronicle, and TV coverage of our conference in Stormont on BBC Northern Ireland.

Given the fall off in demand for our after-school teacher training which peaked during school closures, the capacity constraints we faced in running our school debating programme, and the demand from schools for in-person events we focused our growth plan this year on launching new products and running fewer but larger in person conferences.

The main engine of growth this year has been new product development. We have added new programmes for Stalin, Thatcher, Castro, Cromwell, and Napoleon as part of our 'Great Leaders?' series. In response to the war in Ukraine we made a programme contrasting Russian and Ukrainian history. In response to unrest in Leicester we made a programme about Hindu Muslim relations after Partition. And in response to the restrictions on teaching about race in some US states we made a programme comparing African American and European American histories.

The USA has been our fastest growing geography in terms of school recruitment. We are now working with 82 schools in the USA versus 16 at the start of the year. We have recruited a team of volunteer teachers in the US led by our new American editor, Colin Baker.

We have run three major conferences in Paris, Stormont Belfast and Maynooth Ireland as well as smaller conferences in Huntington, Belfast. The Maynooth conference was of note involving over 200 students from eight countries and recruiting eight new Irish schools.

We were invited by Pearson Publishing to partner with them to rewrite their GCSE textbook using our dual narrative methodology. This has been positive in terms of income generation, and we are hopeful that the marketing support and publicity around the launch of the new materials.

The inter-school online debating launched during Covid has continued with many schools debating on multiple occasions. Given the time it takes to coordinate schools, run the debates and the ongoing demand from schools already in the programme we have been trying to focus on fewer larger events. We now have 86 schools in the debating programme which is up from 59 schools last year.

We began the year offering weekly CPD for teachers, but demand has fallen dramatically across the year so from January we ran these monthly. In total we trained 41 teachers in comparison to 300 last year and 155 the year before. The reason for the drop off in demand is that teachers have less free time than ever for untimetabled initiatives like personal training. We have continued to deliver CPD on PGCE courses at Manchester University and Edge Hill.

In terms of partnerships with other organisations, based on the success of the PWC pilot last year, we were asked to run a larger programme. This programme brings together their staff volunteers to act as mentors to school students. We also partnered with military charity Forward Assist to run a programme for former service women who were mentored in debating skills by sixth form girls. This culminated in a conference in the UK Parliament in the summer.

In August we launched our new website. This allows us to collect much more data on users and we now require teachers to register before they can download materials. The website redesign was very good value and cost less than £10,000 versus an industry average of > £40,000 for a charity our size.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

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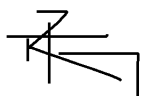
Trustees

H J Castle (resigned 19.4.23)
P J H Taylor (resigned 19.4.23)
Dr A Zawawi (resigned 19.4.23)
Ms C O'Sullivan
Ms S Webster (resigned 19.4.23)
T Ramsey (appointed 19.4.23)
P Franek (appointed 18.1.23)
Ms S Tariq (appointed 19.4.23)
H Edmondson (appointed 19.4.23)

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



T Ramsey - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PARALLEL HISTORIES

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Parallel Histories

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parallel Histories (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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12 December 2023

PARALLEL HISTORIES

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		2,194	-	2,194	26,888
Charitable activities					
Digital Debating		30,491	34,363	64,854	21,835
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers		-	-	-	60,833
Other trading activities	2	53,112	-	53,112	22,246
Total		<u>85,797</u>	<u>34,363</u>	<u>120,160</u>	<u>131,802</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Digital Debating		83,443	28,394	111,837	42,419
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers		-	7,025	7,025	44,801
Other		1,378	11,018	12,396	6,371
Total		<u>84,821</u>	<u>46,437</u>	<u>131,258</u>	<u>93,591</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		976	(12,074)	(11,098)	38,211
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		54,017	29,748	83,765	45,554
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>54,993</u></u>	<u><u>17,674</u></u>	<u><u>72,667</u></u>	<u><u>83,765</u></u>

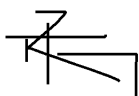
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PARALLEL HISTORIES

**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	5,950	-	5,950	10,250
Cash at bank		<u>56,395</u>	<u>17,674</u>	<u>74,069</u>	<u>75,841</u>
		62,345	17,674	80,019	86,091
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(7,352)	-	(7,352)	(2,326)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>54,993</u>	<u>17,674</u>	<u>72,667</u>	<u>83,765</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>54,993</u>	<u>17,674</u>	<u>72,667</u>	83,765
NET ASSETS		<u><u>54,993</u></u>	<u><u>17,674</u></u>	<u><u>72,667</u></u>	<u><u>83,765</u></u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	7			<u>54,993</u>	54,017
Restricted funds				<u>17,674</u>	29,748
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>72,667</u></u>	<u><u>83,765</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



T Ramsey - Trustee

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PARALLEL HISTORIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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Basis of preparing the financial statements

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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.

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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 tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Fees	53,112	22,246
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

PARALLEL HISTORIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	26,888	-	26,888
Charitable activities			
Digital Debating	-	21,835	21,835
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	-	60,833	60,833
Other trading activities	22,246	-	22,246
Total	<u>49,134</u>	<u>82,668</u>	<u>131,802</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Digital Debating	22,379	20,040	42,419
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	11,307	33,494	44,801
Other	3,767	2,604	6,371
Total	<u>37,453</u>	<u>56,138</u>	<u>93,591</u>
NET INCOME	11,681	26,530	38,211
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	42,336	3,218	45,554
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>54,017</u></u>	<u><u>29,748</u></u>	<u><u>83,765</u></u>

PARALLEL HISTORIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		31.3.23	31.3.22
		£	£
Trade debtors		<u>5,950</u>	<u>10,250</u>
6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		31.3.23	31.3.22
		£	£
Other creditors		<u>7,352</u>	<u>2,326</u>
7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
		Net	
	At 1.4.22	movement	At
	£	in funds	31.3.23
		£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	54,017	976	54,993
Restricted funds			
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	17,110	(17,110)	-
Digital debating	12,638	5,036	17,674
	<u>29,748</u>	<u>(12,074)</u>	<u>17,674</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>83,765</u>	<u>(11,098)</u>	<u>72,667</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	85,797	(84,821)	976
Restricted funds			
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	-	(17,110)	(17,110)
Digital debating	34,363	(29,327)	5,036
	<u>34,363</u>	<u>(46,437)</u>	<u>(12,074)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>120,160</u>	<u>(131,258)</u>	<u>(11,098)</u>

PARALLEL HISTORIES

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	42,336	11,681	54,017
Restricted funds			
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	-	17,110	17,110
Digital debating	3,218	9,420	12,638
	<u>3,218</u>	<u>26,530</u>	<u>29,748</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>45,554</u></u>	<u><u>38,211</u></u>	<u><u>83,765</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	49,134	(37,453)	11,681
Restricted funds			
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	53,208	(36,098)	17,110
Digital debating	21,835	(12,415)	9,420
Employment and training of an intern	7,625	(7,625)	-
	<u>82,668</u>	<u>(56,138)</u>	<u>26,530</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>131,802</u></u>	<u><u>(93,591)</u></u>	<u><u>38,211</u></u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	2,194	26,888
Other trading activities		
Fees	53,112	22,246
Charitable activities		
Grants	64,854	82,668
Total incoming resources	120,160	131,802
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	105,673	65,602
Pensions	2,646	1,793
Telephone	32	-
Sundries	125	38
Teacher fellowship	4,125	5,450
IT and software	1,471	1,674
Consultancy	3,643	12,663
	117,715	87,220
Other		
IT and software	-	159
Books and research	355	480
Conferences and travel	11,991	947
Website development	-	3,664
Subscriptions	50	46
	12,396	5,296
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	327	317
Postage and stationery	75	36
	402	353
Finance		
Bank charges	265	142
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	480	580
Total resources expended	131,258	93,591
Net (expenditure)/income	(11,098)	38,211

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PARALLEL HISTORIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1174481

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1174481

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
FOR
PARALLEL HISTORIES**

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PARALLEL HISTORIES

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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PARALLEL HISTORIES
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. 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

To advance the education of young people in controversial history topics by means of researching and creating free educational materials including interactive videos and distributing these to teachers.

Significant activities

Parallel Histories is a UK educational charity, founded in 2017, to improve the life chances of disadvantaged young people through innovation in humanities teaching. We empower teachers to teach controversial history by providing training, educational resources, and online debating for young people. Through these three main activities, we work with over 275 secondary schools across the UK.

The charity is reliant on a network of teachers in secondary schools who use Parallel Histories materials and teaching methods in their classrooms.

Public benefit

The main activities undertaken for public benefit are the research, creation and distribution of free educational materials in the form of interactive videos, providing teacher training and running inter school debating.

The trustees take action to monitor and ensure that the charity acts to further these objectives in all its activities.

PARALLEL HISTORIES

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

This has been another year of disruption in schools because of Covid but this has not hindered or limited our growth. The shift towards online or hybrid teaching has been sustained as teachers and students have learned the benefits of a blended live and online approach and acquired the technical wherewithal to make it easier. This shift has created increased demand for our products and services. At the end of this reporting year, we work with 307 schools which is up from 160 on April 1st, 2021.

We have received a donations and grants of £121,521 representing an increase of nearly 70% on the previous year. We have been trialling charging for some of our products and services and fees now account for 10% of our income.

We have continued to build our public profile: we received press coverage in the Times Educational Supplement (TES), The Guardian, The Glasgow Evening Times, and The Jewish Chronicle. Website users passed 50,000, which is up from 32,000 last year.

In terms of product development: we have added new programmes to both our Irish and our Israel Palestine schemes of work, and we have launched a new series on Famous Leaders, starting with Churchill.

The inter-school debating launched last year has expanded. We now have 59 schools in the debating programme which is up from 28 schools last year. All but one of the schools who took part in a debate have come back for a second, third or fourth debate. We have had plenty of interest from schools outside the UK who want to take part, and this has allowed us to help fill the gap left when overseas school trips and exchanges were cancelled by connecting schools together online. We have run debates between schools in the UK and Ireland, France, Denmark, Canada, Saudi Arabia, and Greece. To mark the centenary of partition in Ireland we have run debates between catholic and protestant schools in Northern Ireland and between these schools and schools in England and the Republic of Ireland.

We continue to run weekly CPD for teachers and this has grown in popularity. CPD for teachers in June and have continued to run regular sessions. By the end of this reporting year, we had trained over 300 teachers which is up from 155 teachers last year. In addition, we have delivered training to several PGCE courses including Moray House, Edinburgh University and Edge Hill University.

In terms of partnerships with other organisations, we have worked with PWC in a programme that brings together their staff volunteers to act as mentors to school students. We are also part of the Deloitte Digital Connect programme and this is giving us access to their expert advice on a range of issues including digital security. This advice is helping us make our products, services and organisation more robust.

Most importantly we have entered into partnership with Pearson Publishing to create new dual narrative educational resources for their GCSE and iGCSE product. This is a significant endorsement of our approach. We retain copyright and a final say on text.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity in its formative years and with the position of the reserves at the end of March 2022.

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which the trustees believe appropriate after considering the future commitments of the charity and the likely administrative costs of the charity in the coming year.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PARALLEL HISTORIES**

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6 June 2022

PARALLEL HISTORIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		26,888	-	26,888	14,590
Charitable activities					
Digital Debating		-	21,835	21,835	20,805
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers		-	60,833	60,833	25,000
Other trading activities	2	22,246	-	22,246	9,751
Total		49,134	82,668	131,802	70,146
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Digital Debating		22,379	20,040	42,419	17,588
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers		11,307	33,494	44,801	25,103
Other		3,767	2,604	6,371	9,520
Total		37,453	56,138	93,591	52,211
NET INCOME		11,681	26,530	38,211	17,935
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		42,336	3,218	45,554	27,619
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		54,017	29,748	83,765	45,554

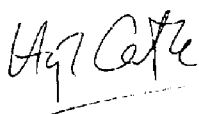
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PARALLEL HISTORIES

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	10,250	-	10,250	-
Cash at bank		46,093	29,748	75,841	45,554
		<u>56,343</u>	<u>29,748</u>	<u>86,091</u>	<u>45,554</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(2,326)	-	(2,326)	-
		<u>54,017</u>	<u>29,748</u>	<u>83,765</u>	<u>45,554</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>54,017</u>	<u>29,748</u>	<u>83,765</u>	<u>45,554</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>54,017</u>	<u>29,748</u>	<u>83,765</u>	<u>45,554</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>54,017</u>	<u>29,748</u>	<u>83,765</u>	<u>45,554</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	7			54,017	42,336
Restricted funds				29,748	3,218
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>83,765</u>	<u>45,554</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 6 June 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



H J Castle - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

PARALLEL HISTORIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Fees	<u>22,246</u>	<u>9,751</u>

PARALLEL HISTORIES

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	14,590	-	14,590
Charitable activities			
Digital Debating	-	20,805	20,805
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	25,000	-	25,000
Other trading activities	9,751	-	9,751
Total	49,341	20,805	70,146
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Digital Debating	-	17,588	17,588
Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	25,103	-	25,103
Other	9,521	(1)	9,520
Total	34,624	17,587	52,211
NET INCOME	14,717	3,218	17,935
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	27,619	-	27,619
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	42,336	3,218	45,554

PARALLEL HISTORIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

5.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	31.3.22	31.3.21
		£	£
	Trade debtors	<u>10,250</u>	<u>-</u>
6.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	31.3.22	31.3.21
		£	£
	Other creditors	<u>2,326</u>	<u>-</u>
7.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		
		Net	
		movement	At
	At 1.4.21	in funds	31.3.22
	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds		
	General fund	42,336	11,681
	Restricted funds		
	Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	-	17,110
	Digital debating	<u>3,218</u>	<u>9,420</u>
		<u>3,218</u>	<u>29,748</u>
	TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,554</u>	<u>83,765</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds		
	General fund	49,134	(37,453)
	Restricted funds		
	Enhancing the digital capabilities of teachers	53,208	(36,098)
	Digital debating	21,835	(12,415)
	Employment and training of an intern	<u>7,625</u>	<u>(7,625)</u>
		<u>82,668</u>	<u>(56,138)</u>
	TOTAL FUNDS	<u>131,802</u>	<u>(93,591)</u>

PARALLEL HISTORIES

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	27,619	14,717	42,336
Restricted funds			
Digital debating	-	3,218	3,218
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>27,619</u>	<u>17,935</u>	<u>45,554</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	49,341	(34,624)	14,717
Restricted funds			
Digital debating	20,805	(17,587)	3,218
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>70,146</u>	<u>(52,211)</u>	<u>17,935</u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

PARALLEL HISTORIES

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	26,888	14,590
Other trading activities		
Fees	22,246	9,751
Charitable activities		
Grants	82,668	45,805
Total incoming resources	131,802	70,146
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	65,602	27,948
Pensions	1,793	1,118
Sundries	38	240
Teacher fellowship	5,450	1,250
IT and software	1,674	173
Researchers	-	5,962
Consultancy	12,663	6,000
	87,220	42,691
Other		
IT and software	159	1,324
Books and research	480	66
Conferences and travel	947	54
Website development	3,664	-
Subscriptions	46	66
Erasmus project	-	7,406
	5,296	8,916
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	317	317
Postage and stationery	36	-
	353	317
Finance		
Bank charges	142	187
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	580	100

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PARALLEL HISTORIES

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Total resources expended	<u>93,591</u>	<u>52,211</u>
Net income	<u>38,211</u>	<u>17,935</u>

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PARALLEL HISTORIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1174481

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	04	2020	To	31	03	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Parallel Histories
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1174481
Charity's principal address	West Winds
	Westbourne Road
	Lancaster
	Postcode LA1 5EF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Hugh Castle	Chair		
2	Patrick Taylor			
3	Abdalkarim Zawawi			
4	Marie José Hunter		Up to August 2020	
5	Clare O Sullivan		From September 2020	
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20				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointment

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the education of young people in controversial history topics by means of researching and creating free educational materials including interactive videos and distributing these to teachers
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities undertaken for public benefit are the research, creation and distribution of free educational materials in the form of interactive videos.

The Trustees take action to monitor and ensure that the charity acts to further these objectives in all its activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The charity is reliant on a network of teachers in secondary schools who use Parallel Histories materials teaching method in their classrooms.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During this year we have been largely insulated from the negative effects of Covid and school closure as our products and services are largely online.

We continued to develop new video product, developed a digital debating programme, raised awareness of the Charity, and added new schools to the network.

We received an income of £70,146 from a mixture of donations, grants and fees for our charitable services. This represents an increase of £14,696 on the previous year.

We have continued to build our public profile: we received press coverage in the Guardian, the Belfast Telegraph, Irish Times and BBC radio and TV news as well as local newspapers. Website users passed 32,000, up from 14000 last year.

In terms of product development, we continued to focus our efforts on shorter debate videos, added 'chapters' to our Scottish product and created the first two programmes for our Northern Irish product. We developed a new online interschool debating programme which we launched when schools closed in the spring. During this year we ran debates involving over 400 students from 28 schools.

We launched online CPD for teachers in June and have continued to run regular sessions. By the end of the year, we had trained 155 teachers from 101 schools.

The schools using our products and services this year has greatly increased from 28 to over 160 and our geographical reach across the UK is now much more even. We have run a number of interschool debates connecting schools in the UK with schools in other countries.

We continued to work with partners like Solutions not Sides and the Balfour Project and deliver training modules through the PTI. In addition, we have partnered with a veterans' charity called Forward Assist to offer debate training which brings together students from our schools with former service women.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity in its first period and with the position of the reserves at the end of the period. It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which the trustees believe appropriate after considering the future commitments of the charity and the likely administrative costs of the charity in the coming year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Hugh Castle

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

15/07/2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Parallel Histories	No (if any) 1174481
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 4/1/2020	To	Period end date 3/31/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donations	14,590	-	-	14,590
Grants	25,000	20,805	-	45,805
Fees for charitable services	4,072	-	-	4,072
Other	5,679	-	-	5,679
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	49,341	20,805	-	70,146
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	49,341	20,805	-	70,146
A3 Payments				
Salaries and wages	23,952	17,075	-	41,027
Administration, printing and web licences	1,490	172	-	1,662
London conference	-	-	-	-
Other	7,932	340	-	8,272
Teacher Fellowship	1,250	-	-	1,250
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	34,624	17,587	-	52,211
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	34,624	17,587	-	52,211
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,717	3,218	-	17,935
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,619	-	-	27,619
Cash funds this year end	42,336	3,218	-	45,554

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		42,336	3,218
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	42,336	3,218
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;"> </div>	Print Name <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;"> Hugh Castle, Chair of Trustees </div>
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**Last year
to the nearest £**

50,100
-
5,350
-
-
-
-
-
55,450

-
-
-

55,450

22,334
2,494
2,697
2,041
-
-
-
-
-
29,566

-
-

29,566

25,884
-
1,735
27,619



Endowment funds

to nearest £

-
-
-
-

OK

Endowment funds

to nearest £

-
-
-
-
-
-

Current value (optional)

-
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-

Current value (optional)

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When due (optional)

Date of approval

7/15/2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Parallel Histories

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1174481

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2020.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention, other than that disclosed below, in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Elizabeth Bateman

Date:

13/07/2021

Name:

Elizabeth Bateman

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)

Address:

1 Greenwood Crescent, Bolton-le-Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire.

LA5 8BE

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.