

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
FOR
THE WOLLSTONECRAFT SOCIETY

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 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

The purpose of the charity is to carry Mary Wollstonecraft's legacy of human rights, equality and justice into young people's lives. This is to be achieved by supporting the advancement of:

- Education
- Citizenship
- Community development
- Arts, culture and heritage in places associated with Mary Wollstonecraft
- Religious and racial harmony
- Equality and diversity

Significant activities

This year was particularly important to us as we received a generous donation of £30,000, with the promise of further funding to allow us to plan for the employment of our first employee to take Mary Wollstonecraft's legacy forward. At the start of the year, we continued working with schools to become Wollstonecraft schools and encouraging the use of the comic illustrating the life of Mary Wollstonecraft within local education authorities and individual primary schools. The middle of the year was spent determining how to continue this work and how we might increase Mary Wollstonecraft's legacy. The donation received allowed us to spend the end of the year assessing the best way to use it, deciding upon the recruitment of a development worker. After taking the time to work out what this role was and the best way to recruit our programme development manager, who started employment in June 2024.

This year we held our third annual Mary Wollstonecraft lecture, again working with the London School of Economics (LSE). We were delighted that it could be both in person and online. We were fascinated and invigorated by Angela Saini's exploration of The Patriarchs.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

We have ended 2023 with reserves of £42,299. These are primarily held for the employment of our programme development manager who in turn is focussed on carrying Mary Wollstonecraft's legacy of human rights and equality into the lives of children and young people. We envisage further fundraising will be required as different activities within this remit come to fruition. As a small, volunteer lead charity we had few outgoings in 2023 and in-depth consideration of staff costs for 2024 onwards means our existence remains unthreatened by ongoing economic pressures.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust.

The Wollstonecraft Society is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation run by volunteers. Our five Trustees (as at 31 December 2023) are supported by additional volunteers with the skills we require to meet our objects and from June 2024 by our programme development manager.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1181867

Principal address

277a Upper Street
London
N1 2TZ

Trustees

S Gulamhusein
D Robinson
B Rowlatt
C Utley

Independent Examiner

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.16 Sep 2024

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

Catherine Utley

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Ms C Utley - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE WOLLSTONECRAFT SOCIETY**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Wollstonecraft Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Wollstonecraft Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 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:

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.

Cornfield Accountants Limited

Shaun Muller
FCCA ACA
Cornfield Accountants Limited
Chartered Accountants
5 Cornfield Terrace
Eastbourne
East Sussex
BN21 4NN 16 Sep 2024

Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies		31,350	413
Investment income	2	<u>513</u>	<u>63</u>
Total		<u>31,863</u>	<u>476</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Development, launch and delivery of educational materials		2,149	7,771
Other		<u>1,280</u>	<u>1,277</u>
Total		<u>3,429</u>	<u>9,048</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		28,434	(8,572)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>13,865</u>	<u>22,437</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>42,299</u>	<u>13,865</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS	Notes		
Debtors	4	-	-
Cash at bank		<u>42,785</u>	<u>14,725</u>
		42,785	14,725
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(486)	(860)
		<u>42,299</u>	<u>13,865</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>42,299</u>	<u>13,865</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>42,299</u>	<u>13,865</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>42,299</u>	<u>13,865</u>
FUNDS	6		
Unrestricted funds		<u>42,299</u>	<u>13,865</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>299</u>	<u>365</u>

16 Sep 2024

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

Catherine Utley

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C Utley - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties that cast doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	513	63
Gift aid interest	-	-
	<u>64</u>	<u>3</u>

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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

During the year, three (2022: one) Trustees' were reimbursed for travel to schools to speak about Mary Wollstonecraft, and the printing and postage of certificates and comics about Mary Wollstonecraft. This expenditure was incurred wholly, exclusively and necessarily in the performance of their duties as Trustees.

4. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	-	-

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	486	360

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	13,865	28,434	42,299
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>13,865</u>	<u>28,434</u>	<u>42,299</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,863	(3,429)	28,434
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>31,863</u>	<u>(3,429)</u>	<u>28,434</u>

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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	22,437	(8,572)	13,865
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>22,437</u>	<u>(8,572)</u>	<u>13,865</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	476	(9,048)	(8,572)
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>476</u>	<u>(9,048)</u>	<u>(8,572)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	22,437	19,862	42,299
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>22,437</u>	<u>19,862</u>	<u>42,299</u>

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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,339	(12,477)	19,862
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>32,339</u>	<u>(12,477)</u>	<u>19,862</u>

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	202 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	31,350	413
Gift aid	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	31,350	413
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	513	63
Gift aid interest	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>513</u>	<u>63</u>
Total incoming resources	31,863	476
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Charitable activities	2,149	7,771
Support costs		
Management		
Accountancy	612	360
Admin costs	<u>-</u>	<u>484</u>
	612	844
Finance		
Bank charges	60	81
Governance costs		
Computer running costs	<u>608</u>	<u>352</u>
Total resources expended	<u>3,429</u>	<u>1,277</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>28,434</u>	<u>(8,572)</u>

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