

**THE MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS' UNION**
(Company limited by guarantee no. 11972527
registered charity no. 1183433)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Report and Accounts



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS For the year ended 30 June 2023

Board of Trustees	J Alogba	Appointed 1 July 2021
	A Arora	Appointed 1 July 2021
	A Calin	Appointed 1 July 2021
	T Gupta	Appointed 1 July 2021
	M Golec	Appointed 14 February 2022
	B Morrison	Appointed 30 November 2017
	O Oye-Somefun	Appointed 14 February 2022
	N Relan	Appointed 1 July 2020
	M Shah	Appointed 1 July 2021
	J Suryavanshi	Appointed 1 July 2021
	R Wilkinson	
Company Secretary	N A Smith	
Company reg. no.	11972527	
Charity reg. no.	1183433	
Registered office	Middlesex University Students' Union The Hendon London NW4 4BT	
Auditors	Knox Cropper LLP 65 Leadenhall Street London EC3A 2AD	

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The Board of Trustees, who are also directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Act, and trustees for Charity Law purposes, submit their combined directors' report and trustees' annual report and the financial statements of Middlesex University Students' Union for the year ended 30th June 2023. The Board of Trustees confirms that the annual report and financial statements of the Company comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Who we are

Middlesex University Students' Union (MDXSU) is an award winning independent charity in North London which supports, represents and improves the experience of the 16,000 studying at Middlesex University.

The Union's work involves campaigns on and off campus to support students to have a voice in shaping their experience both at course level and within their various communities.

MDXSU are committed to helping all students make the most of their time at Middlesex University. This includes delivering events, supporting over 70 student groups for those with shared interests and backgrounds; and enabling students to gain skills and build their employability through internships, leadership roles and development programmes.

Our strategic plan was launched in 2022 and sets out our purpose, ambitions and approach as a Students' Union. As an organisation, our purpose is to advance equity of opportunity and fairness of outcome for our students, promote citizenship for students within our University and redress the injustices which exist in society. In order to achieve our purpose as an organisation, we need to advance four key ambitions in our work: develop student leaders and leadership, create and support student networks, promote positive wellbeing and turn knowledge into social action. This work is supported by an inclusive and innovative approach, which includes: a governance system which empowers students to shape our priorities; a working culture which reflects our commitment to equity, citizenship and justice; an innovative brand which reflects our diverse student body; and a diverse range of partnerships with shared values who help us advance equity, citizenship and justice. MDXSU's full strategy can be found [here](#).

How we are run

MDXSU is led by a team of elected students who are voted into their roles by their fellow students at Middlesex University, and who work full-time to lead the Union and represent their peers.

Supporting the elected Student Officers is our permanent staff team, including 20 full-time staff and a number of part time student staff – as well as thousands of student volunteers.

All staff are encouraged to identify training opportunities and conferences; and are also invited to an annual all-staff residential and team away days to ensure they are equipped to fulfil their responsibilities. In addition, staff are entitled to volunteer and wellbeing days, flexible working and personal development opportunities.

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Structure

The Middlesex University Students' Union (the 'Union') is a students' union within the meaning of the Education Act 1994. The Union is devoted to promoting the education, interests and welfare of its Members, students at Middlesex University Students' Union. It is the recognised independent representative body of students at the University.

Until 30th August 2019, the entity was an unincorporated charity, recognised as a registered charity. From 31st August 2019 the charitable activities transferred from the unincorporated to the incorporated registered charity in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 – registration number 11972527.

Governance

MDXSU is democratically controlled by its members through an annual elections, to elect a team of student and non-student representatives who form the Union's Trustee Board. The membership of the Trustee Board is as follows:

- 5 Officer Trustees are elected in accordance with the Constitution
- Up to 4 student Trustees who are elected in accordance with the Constitution
- Up to 6 External Trustees who are appointed in accordance with the Constitution

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the management and administration of the Union including;

- The governance and strategy of the Union; and
- The overall legal, financial and staffing responsibilities of the Union

The Trustee Board delegates the day-to-day management of the Students' Union to the CEO. The CEO manages MDXSU by implementing the policy and strategy adopted within a budget approved by the Trustees.

Appointment of Trustees

The Students' Union elected the Officer Trustees and Student Trustees, whilst the External Trustees are appointed by the Appointments Committee provided that the appointment of each external trustee is approved by a majority vote of the Trustee Board.

Officer Trustees

Up to five Officer Trustees are elected by secret ballot by the Members of the Union at an election held in accordance with the Election Regulations. The Officer Trustees are elected to posts, set out in the Byelaws. The Officer Trustees remain in office for a term of one year between 1st July and 30 June. An Officer Trustee may be re-elected for a maximum further term of one year by the Members of the Union but for avoidance of doubt, an Officer Trustee's terms of office may be either consecutive or non-consecutive and the maximum total term that can be served as an Officer Trustee is twenty-four months. Each Officer Trustee must be a student or an Officer Trustee at the time of their election. An Officer Trustee becomes a Member of the Union on commencement of their appointment or re-appointment as an Officer Trustee. Such membership ceases when they cease to be an Officer Trustee.

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Student Trustees

Up to 4 Student Trustees are elected by a cross-campus ballot of the Members in accordance with the Byelaws. Student Trustees remain in office for two years or until they cease to be a student.

External Trustees

Up to 6 External Trustees shall be appointed by the Appointments Committee which is a sub-committee of the Trustee Board. External Trustees remain in office for a term of up to 4 years and may service for a maximum of two terms which may be either consecutive or non-consecutive.

Policy Making

Policy is set by the Trustees and the executive committee, by a Referendum or at the Annual General meeting.

The Officer Trustees work alongside the permanent Union staff to implement and carry out the strategy and policies set by the Trustee Board. The permanent staff team is managed by the CEO, who is directly accountable to the Trustee Board, for the Union's performance. The CEO works closely with the Officer Trustees to advise them in relation to policy, strategy and budget.

Staff Structure

The CEO role is head of the staff team which is split into Membership and Operations. Within these areas there are 5 departments, which are:

- Advice & Wellbeing
- Communications & Marketing
- Income & Partnerships
- Networks & Social Action
- Student Leadership

Each of these departments has a permanent manager with responsibility for delivering on the key targets and objectives in each of these areas.

The Union saw some staffing changes in January 2023 when our long term CEO departed for a new role. MDXSU was led by an internal Interim CEO for a period of 8 months, whilst the organisation recruited a new permanent CEO.

Funding

Middlesex University is the main funder of the Students' Union. The recurrent subvention from the main funder is agreed on an annual basis.

The Students' Union receives a small percentage of income from commercial activities. The commercial activities generate funds through media sales, sponsorship and occasional event-based activities.

Financial review

The Union's gross income for the year to 30th June 2023 was £1,482,648. This included the annual block grant from the University of £1,280,505, an estimated value of the serviced accommodation provided by

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the University of £52,250, an additional grant of £71,934, and restricted club and society income totalling £10,518.

Total expenditure on all activities was £1,240,576, meaning that the Union made a surplus for the year of £242,072 on ordinary activities. Following this, the Union had creditors due within one year of £229,603 to include £158,748 on pension costs on our past service deficit.

Total year end reserves are negative £1,790,213, comprised of £40,664 restricted funds, £251,233 unrestricted funds and negative designated funds of £2,082,111 representing the total SUSS pension liability.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe it is prudent to work towards achieving a reserves position of three months of salary costs. This provides some security for the Union financially and is considered a prudent minimum level. Based on forecasted salary expenditure of £884,504 for 2023/24, three months of salary costs would require the unrestricted reserves to stand at £221,126. The current level of reserves meet this target.

Pension Scheme Deficit

The Union participates in the Student Union Superannuation Scheme (SUSS), which is a defined benefit scheme whose membership consists of employees of students' unions throughout the country. With effect from 30th September 2011, SUSS closed to further benefit accrual and all participating unions are required to make annual deficit contributions which are expected to eliminate the deficit by 1st October 2035. The most recent valuation of SUSS at 30th June 2022 showed assets of £106.7 million and liabilities of £243.3 million, a funding deficit of 44%.

The accounts demonstrate the full impact of the pension's deficit provision under FRS102, which means the Union has to show provision for our proportion of the above funding deficit.

Future Plans

As an organisation, we are committed to continuously developing the Union for the benefit of our members. Our plans for the next year include:

- Developing an understanding of the most impactful aspects of University and SU life, and how these have an impact on continuation
- Building an influential data and insight function within the SU
- Developing opportunities for a diverse range of students to take part in
- Creating spaces for students to shape, lead and develop their University experience
- Developing a high performing culture within the staff team, through the creation of OKRs and organisational objectives

Risk management statement

Risk management is the responsibility of the Trustee Board. The senior managers of the Union have delegated authority for identifying the risks facing the organisation and reporting these to the Trustees as they arise in relation to items of business at the Board. In addition, the senior managers provide the information to enable the Trustees to undertake an annual review.

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The Trustee Board examines the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Union faces on an annual basis. The Trustees confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

How the year went (1st July 2022- 30th June 23)

The 2022-23 year was the first year post-COVID where MDXSU resumed full activity on campus, complimented with online activity when needed (such as training sessions or workshops). All staff worked on campus three days a week to ensure the organisation was offering a physical service to students at Middlesex University.

Throughout the year MDXSU focused on offering continued support for students impacted by the cost of living and returning to studies following the pandemic. This included offering a range of hybrid activity for students to engage with and working collaboratively with the University to ensure international students were supported on their arrival through community events. Students were also able to access support for period poverty and sexual health. The Union supported 596 students with academic issues (such as extenuating circumstances, academic integrity, appeals, complaints and academic misconduct), through the Advice Service. This is a yearly increase of 33.78% from the 2021-22 year, highlighting the importance of our Advice team.

There were several priority projects which were completed in 2022-23. The organisation ran a four week Welcome Programme in September and October 2022, focusing mostly on face to face activity. In total there were 43 events of which 35 were run by or on behalf of MDXSU's student groups. As a democratic and student-led organisation, an annual election is organised where students can elect representatives to act on the issues that affect their student experience at University. In February 2023, Student Officers, Student Trustees and Student Group Leaders were elected via secret ballot. The Union's election activity was promoted by on campus stalls where Union staff encouraged students to vote. There was a 18% increase in candidates running in the elections for Student Officers and Student Trustees and a 40% increase in voter turnout, compared to 2022. The final priority project was the end of year MDXSU Awards which celebrated students, student groups and student leaders. The Awards received a total of 533 submissions across 8 award categories, which winners announced at an in-person ceremony on campus.

Finally, the year was capped off with the delivery of a Strategy Symposium in June 2023. This event brought together our key stakeholders from across the Union, the University and the wider sector to reflect on our strategy, problem solve as a collective and identify areas we can improve in.

Key management pay

The salary for key management is decided by the Trustees taking into account the skills and experience required, the management responsibilities, the overall budget constraints and a view of what is appropriate as compared to similar roles in the sector.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees (who are also directors of Middlesex University Students' Union for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with

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the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- So far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- That Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Name: SAGAR JOSHI

Date: 27/3/24

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

We have audited the financial statements of The Middlesex University Students' Union (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 June 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2023 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement in the Trustees' Report, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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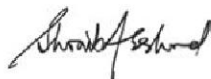
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- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2019), in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) applicable to smaller entities and the Companies Act 2006.
- We understood how the charitable company is complying with those frameworks via communication with those charged with governance, together with the review of the charity's documented policies and procedures. The charitable company is required to comply with both company law and charity law and, based on our knowledge of its activities, we identified that the legal requirement to accurately account for restricted funds was of key significance.
- The audit team, which is experienced in the audit of charities, considered the charity's susceptibility to material misstatement and how fraud may occur. Our considerations included the risk of management override and allocation of costs to charitable activities and restricted funds.
- Our approach was to check that the income from grants and donations were properly identified and accurately disclosed, that expenditure complied with the control procedures and was appropriately charged. We also reviewed the major journal adjustments along with unusual transactions and considered the identification and disclosure of related party transactions.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken, so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.



Shoaib Arshad (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of:

Knox Cropper LLP

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors

65 Leadenhall Street

London

EC3A 2AD

4 April 2024

Knox Cropper LLP Chartered Accountants is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	1,404,689	-	1,404,689	1,298,806
Charitable activities	5	35,871	10,518	46,389	34,992
Other trading activities	3	31,372	-	31,372	27,339
Investments	4	198	-	198	7
TOTAL		1,472,130	10,518	1,482,648	1,361,144
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities		1,230,139	10,437	1,240,576	1,219,903
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6	1,230,139	10,437	1,240,576	1,219,903
Net Income/Expenditure		241,991	81	242,072	141,241
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		241,991	81	242,072	141,241
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 JULY 2022		(2,072,869)	40,584	(2,032,285)	(2,173,526)
TOTAL FUNDS AT 30 JUNE 2023		£ (1,830,878)	£ 40,665	£ (1,790,213)	£ (2,032,285)

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BALANCE SHEET
As at 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	25,043	2,820
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		19,662	10,986
Debtors	11	86,390	52,928
Cash at bank and in hand		231,658	235,154
		<u>337,710</u>	<u>299,068</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12	(229,603)	(174,457)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>108,107</u>	<u>124,611</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		133,150	127,431
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after one year	13	(1,923,363)	(2,159,716)
TOTAL NET LIABILITIES		<u>£ (1,790,213)</u>	<u>£ (2,032,285)</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	15	(2,082,111)	(2,315,956)
General fund	15	251,233	243,087
		<u>(1,830,878)</u>	<u>(2,072,869)</u>
Restricted funds	15	40,665	40,584
		<u>£ (1,790,213)</u>	<u>£ (2,032,285)</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and section 1a of the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The financial statements were approved, and authorised for issue, by the Board of Trustees on 26/2/2024 and signed on their behalf by:-



SAGAR JOSHI, Trustees

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Surplus for the financial year	242,072	141,241
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	6,740	2,140
(Increase) in stocks	(8,676)	(2,983)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(33,462)	1,253
(Decrease) in creditors	(181,207)	(82,086)
Investment income	(198)	(7)
	<u>25,269</u>	<u>59,558</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of intangible fixed assets	(28,963)	(3,143)
Return on investment - interest receivable	198	7
	<u>(28,765)</u>	<u>(3,136)</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(3,496)</u>	<u>56,422</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July 2022	235,154	178,733
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2023	<u>£ 231,658</u>	<u>£ 235,155</u>

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Components of cash and cash equivalents

	At 1 July 2022	Cashflows	At 30 June 2023
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>£ 235,154</u>	<u>£ (3,496)</u>	<u>£ 231,658</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention. They have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2019), in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) applicable to smaller entities (under section 1a) and the Companies Act 2006. The presentational currency of the financial statements is Pound Sterling (£).

Going Concern

The charity has net liabilities of £1,790,213 (2022: £2,032,285) due to the recognition under Charities SORP (FRS102) of the net present value of the funding deficit on the SUSS pension recovery plan. Further information is detailed in note 14 of the accounts. This is a long term commitment which ends in 2037 and the trustees are confident that the annual payments towards this plan will be met out of income each year.

After making enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue its activities for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements as outlined in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities in the Annual Report.

Company status

The Middlesex University Students' Union is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity.

Fund accounting

Students' Union administers and accounts for a number of charitable funds, as follows:

Unrestricted Funds representing unspent income which may be used for any activity/purpose at the Trustees' own discretion;

Restricted funds raised and administered by the Union for specific purposes as determined by students, such as Club and Societies Accounts, as well as revenue received for purposes specified by the donor and also (if not material enough to require a separate column in the SoFA) any small capital grants received from the School.

Designated Funds for the eventual replacement of gym equipment which the Union anticipates needing to cover from its own funds and a development fund to support Union infrastructure improvements.

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Income

All income and capital resources are recognised in the accounts when the Students' Union is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty. The University grant of free serviced accommodation on the campus is accounted for as income and expenditure of the year at an estimated value to MDXSU by reference to the alternatives available on the commercial market.

Grants received are credited to income according to the period to which they relate and treated as unrestricted unless restrictions are specified by the provider relating to spending of that income, in which case they are treated as restricted.

Income from trading activities includes amounts received in exchange for supplying goods and services through the Union's bar, catering, gym and retail outlets, with amounts recognised based on the date of sale.

Club and societies' income includes membership and sponsorship which is treated as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities. Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT and comprises the direct and indirect costs of delivering public benefit. Governance costs are those incurred for compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, such as the annual audit, annual elections and training for sabbatical officers.

Other central overhead costs, as well as governance costs, are apportioned to charitable and other projects/activities on a usage basis, pro rata to the total costs of each project or activity undertaken.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Assets are not capitalised below £500 cost per item/set. Equipment, fixtures and fittings are included at cost. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write the cost of assets off over their estimated useful lives:-

Fixtures and Fittings	33% per annum on cost
Computer and Office Equipment	33% per annum on cost

Termination benefits

Termination benefits are accounted following a commitment by legislation, by contractual or other agreements with employees to make payments (or provide other benefits) to employees when the Union terminates their employment.

Leased assets

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged as expenditure on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of the cost or net realisable value.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial Instruments

The charity holds only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments include cash debtors and creditors. Debtors and creditors are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at fair value. Cash is cash at bank and in hand.

Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year. Contributions are at the rate of 3% for the employer and 3% for the employee. Pensions costs are charged in the period in which the salaries to which they relate are payable.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty are detailed in the above accounting policies, where applicable. The key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are that of the SUSS pension scheme deficit. A discount rate of 5.4% (2022: 2.6%) has been used in line with industry standards.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
University Block Grant	1,280,505	-	1,280,505	1,246,556
Other University Grants	124,184	-	124,184	52,250
	<u>£ 1,404,689</u>	<u>£ Nil</u>	<u>£ 1,404,689</u>	<u>£ 1,298,806</u>

Comparative donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
University Block Grant	1,246,556	-	1,246,556
Other University Grants	52,250	-	52,250
	<u>£ 1,298,806</u>	<u>£ Nil</u>	<u>£ 1,298,806</u>

3. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Marketing and sponsorship	29,459	-	29,459	22,228
Other income from activities	1,913	-	1,913	5,111
	<u>£ 31,372</u>	<u>£ Nil</u>	<u>£ 31,372</u>	<u>£ 27,339</u>

Comparative income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Marketing and sponsorship	22,228	-	22,228
Other income from activities	5,111	-	5,111
	<u>£ 27,339</u>	<u>£ Nil</u>	<u>£ 27,339</u>

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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Interest receivable from:				
Bank interest	198	-	198	7
	<u>£ 198</u>	<u>£ Nil</u>	<u>£ 198</u>	<u>£ 7</u>

Comparative investment income

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Interest receivable from:			
Bank interest	7	-	7
	<u>£ 7</u>	<u>£ Nil</u>	<u>£ 7</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Clubs and Societies	1,900	10,518	12,418	22,578
NUS Extra & Merchandising	33,971	-	33,971	12,414
	<u>£ 35,871</u>	<u>£ 10,518</u>	<u>£ 46,389</u>	<u>£ 34,992</u>

6. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff Costs £	Other direct costs £	Support costs £	Total 2023 £
Cost of charitable activities				
Student Representation	362,670	16,042	111,333	490,045
Advice & Welfare	217,567	675	66,786	285,028
Communication & Marketing	72,551	22,110	22,272	116,933
NUS Extra & Merchandising	27,174	26,645	8,341	62,160
Student Activities	108,783	18,414	33,393	160,590
Student Media	90,667	7,321	27,832	125,820
	<u>£ 879,412</u>	<u>£ 91,207</u>	<u>£ 269,957</u>	<u>£ 1,240,576</u>

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6. RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

Comparative resources expended

	Staff Costs	Other direct costs	Support costs	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>Cost of charitable activities</i>				
Student Representation	358,793	16,989	106,533	482,315
Advice & Welfare	215,241	615	63,907	279,763
Communication & Marketing	71,776	7,925	21,311	101,012
NUS Extra & Merchandising	26,883	25,376	7,982	60,241
Student Activities	107,621	32,213	31,953	171,787
Student Media	89,698	8,454	26,633	124,785
	<u>£ 870,012</u>	<u>£ 91,572</u>	<u>£ 258,319</u>	<u>£ 1,219,903</u>

Resources expended include:

	2023	2022
Auditors' remuneration:		
Audit fee	6,542	6,500
Depreciation - on owned assets	6,740	2,140

Details of staff costs are given in Note 8.

Details of Support costs is given in Note 7.

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Staffing related costs	95,069	49,435
Premises and office costs	100,261	154,143
Governance costs	2,698	2,081
Miscellaneous	19,903	17,867
Legal and professional	38,741	26,150
Depreciation	6,740	2,140
Auditors' audit fee	6,542	6,500
	<u>£ 269,954</u>	<u>£ 258,316</u>

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8. STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries (Full Time)	819,923	723,882
Wages and salaries (Part Time)	33,218	53,930
Social security costs	84,531	75,086
Pension costs - current services costs	17,525	17,115
	<u>955,197</u>	<u>870,012</u>
Pension costs - past services deficit	(75,785)	-
	<u>£ 879,412</u>	<u>£ 870,012</u>

	2023 Number	2022 Number
The average weekly number of employees, head-count, during the period was:		
Staff	28.8	24.6
	<u>28.8</u>	<u>24.6</u>

	2023 £	2022 £
The cost of key management was as follows:		
Sabbatical Officers	113,587	139,578
Senior management	194,013	201,656
	<u>£ 307,600</u>	<u>£ 341,234</u>
Number of Sabbatical Officers	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

One (2022 - one) employee received remuneration of more than £60,000
The accounts include termination payments totalling £nil (2022 - £nil).

The key management personnel of the Union are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Union, directly or indirectly, including any Trustee of the Charity. In addition to the Trustees, Key management personnel includes the Chief Executive, Head of Operations and Head of Membership.

9. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Sabbatical officers are paid as authorised in the Union's governing document, for the representation, campaigning and support work they undertake as distinct from their trustee responsibilities. This work included voicing student opinion with the University and local community, defending and extending the rights of students through petitions etc. and also organising and supporting student volunteers and service provision for them. Details are included in note 8.

No members of the Board of Trustees received reimbursement of expenses (2022 - £).

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixture and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 July 2022	57,996
Additions	28,963
At 30 June 2023	86,959
Depreciation	
At 1 July 2022	55,176
Charge for the year	6,740
At 30 June 2023	61,916
Net book value	
At 30 June 2023	£ 25,043
At 30 June 2022	£ 2,820

11. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	40,346	5,073
Due from Middlesex University	27,674	33,413
Prepayments	13,116	11,240
Other debtors	5,254	3,202
	£ 86,390	£ 52,928

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	37,819	2,800
Deferred income	20,250	3,750
Other creditors	2,177	2,099
VAT creditors	(48)	2,106
Pension costs - Past Service Deficit	158,748	156,240
Accruals	10,657	7,462
	£ 229,603	£ 174,457

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Pension costs - Past Service Deficit	1,923,363	2,159,716
	£ 1,923,363	£ 2,159,716

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14. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION SCHEME – SUSS

	2023 £	2022 £
Pension costs - Past Service Deficit		
Brought forward	2,315,956	2,389,561
Payments made	(156,240)	(148,800)
Unwinding of interest for the year	(153,390)	137,325
Adjustment to provisions	75,785	(62,130)
	<u>£ 2,082,111</u>	<u>£ 2,315,956</u>
 Analysis:		
Due within one year	158,748	156,240
Falling due after more than one year	1,923,363	2,159,716
	<u>£ 2,082,111</u>	<u>£ 2,315,956</u>

With effect from 30th September 2011 the Students Union Superannuation Scheme (SUSS) closed to further benefit accrual. All participating unions are required to make annual deficit contributions which are expected to eliminate the deficit by May 2037. The most recent valuation of SUSS at 30th June 2022 showed assets of £106.7 million and liabilities of £243.3 million, a funding deficit of 44%.

This is a long term commitment which ends in 2037 and the trustees are confident that the annual payments towards this plan will be met out of income each year.

15. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers and investment gains/(losses) £	Carried Forward £
Pension Fund Deficit	(2,315,956)	-	-	233,845	(2,082,111)
General Funds	243,087	1,472,130	(1,230,139)	(233,845)	251,233
Total unrestricted funds	<u>(2,072,869)</u>	<u>1,472,130</u>	<u>(1,230,139)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,830,878)</u>
Restricted funds					
Clubs and Societies	40,583	10,518	(10,437)	-	40,665
Total funds	<u>£ (2,032,285)</u>	<u>£ 1,482,648</u>	<u>£ (1,240,576)</u>	<u>£ Nil</u>	<u>£ (1,790,213)</u>

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Comparative statement of funds

	Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers and investment gains/(losses) £	Carried Forward £
Pension Fund Deficit	(2,389,561)	-	-	73,605	(2,315,956)
Subsidiary companies					
General Funds	180,275	1,338,875	(1,202,459)	(73,605)	243,087
Total unrestricted funds	<u>(2,209,286)</u>	<u>1,338,875</u>	<u>(1,202,459)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,072,869)</u>
Clubs and Societies	35,760	22,268	(17,444)	-	40,584
Total funds	<u>£ (2,173,526)</u>	<u>£ 1,361,143</u>	<u>£ (1,219,903)</u>	<u>£ Nil</u>	<u>£ (2,032,285)</u>

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16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Designated Funds	General Funds		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	25,043	-	25,043
Net current assets	(2,082,111)	2,149,553	40,665	108,107
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(1,923,363)	-	(1,923,363)
	<u>£ (2,082,111)</u>	<u>£ 251,233</u>	<u>£ 40,665</u>	<u>£ (1,790,213)</u>

Comparative analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Designated Funds	General Funds		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	2,820	-	2,820
Net current assets	(2,315,956)	2,399,984	40,583	124,610
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(2,159,716)	-	(2,159,716)
	<u>£ (2,315,956)</u>	<u>£ 243,087</u>	<u>£ 40,584</u>	<u>£ (2,032,286)</u>

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17 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	<i>Unrestricted Funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total Funds 2022 £</i>
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	1,298,805	-	1,298,805
Charitable activities	12,724	22,268	34,992
Other trading activities	27,339	-	27,339
Investments	7	-	7
TOTAL	1,338,875	22,268	1,361,143
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Charitable activities	1,202,459	17,444	1,219,903
Net Income/Expenditure	136,416	4,824	141,240
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	136,416	4,824	141,240
TOTAL FUNDS AT 30 JUNE 2021	(2,209,285)	35,760	(2,173,525)
TOTAL FUNDS AT 30 JUNE 2022	£ (2,072,869)	£ 40,584	£ (2,032,285)