

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF QUALITATIVE RESEARCH IN SPORT AND EXERCISE

England & Wales · Charity number 1183805

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-06-10

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL (AND PARTICULARLY AMONGST ACADEMICS) IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCE ASPECTS OF SPORT, EXERCISE AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND TO PROMOTE RESEARCH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN ALL ASPECTS OF THESE SUBJECTS AND TO PUBLISH THE USEFUL RESULTS.

Activities: The International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise (QRSE) is an organization devoted to promoting qualitative research in the sport and exercise sciences, advancing excellence in qualitative research and teaching and providing a forum for networking, knowledge sharing, collaboration, lobbying, and fostering supportive relationships and communities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training

Geography

- Australia
- Canada
- Denmark
- New Zealand
- Spain
- United States
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£9,249	£9,482	-	-
2023-12-31	£8,063	£1,075	-	-
2022-12-31	£26,642	£4,780	-	-
2021-12-31	£6,635	£688	-	-
2020-12-31	£11,515	£411	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Daniel Robert Frederick Martin		2025-01-01
Dr TONI LOUISE WILLIAMS PhD		2019-06-06
Professor BRETT MICHAEL SMITH PHD		2024-02-05

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International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position
Toni Williams	President
Aspasia Dania	Secretary
Daniel Martin	Treasurer

Advisors as part of the executive board during the financial year were:

Name	Position
Bonnie Pang	Membership Officer
Ella McLoughlin	Communications Officer
Francesca Cavallerio	Conference Officer
Bryan Clift	Election Officer

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Public benefit statement

In setting out objectives and planning of our activities, our Trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and regarding advancing education and training.

Achievements and performance

Since its launch on 6th December 2019, the International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise (QRSEsoc) has continued to grow in reach and influence. In 2024, our global community expanded across 19 countries, demonstrating a strong and sustained interest in our mission.

The year was marked by a strategic focus on delivering high-value activities for our members and the wider academic community. The cornerstone of our annual calendar was the 9th International Conference of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise (QRSE2024). Held from 30th July to 1st August 2024 at the University of Bath, the event was expertly co-chaired by Dr Bonnie Pang (University of Bath) and Dr Bryan Clift (North Carolina State University). The conference was a resounding success, attracting over 180 attendees—including students, early career researchers, established professors, and practitioners—who presented their latest work through symposia, oral presentations, and posters. This key event fostered significant collaboration and advanced knowledge in the field, and the investment in its success, as noted in our financial review, was a primary strategic objective for the year.

Alongside our main conference, we successfully ran a key Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) initiative. This programme was designed to remove financial barriers and promote wider participation in our conference. Through this initiative, we provided funding to individuals who may have otherwise been unable to attend, covering their conference fees, accommodation, and society membership. The positive reception to this support underscores our commitment to fostering a more inclusive, accessible, and representative academic community.

Overall, 2024 was a year of consolidation and impactful delivery. We invested in key infrastructure like our website and delivered high-quality, mission-focused events that have strengthened the society and positioned us for future growth.

Financial review

These accounts are for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024.

1. Financial Performance Overview

During the 2024 financial year, QRSEsoc recorded a small net deficit of £232.28, compared to a significant surplus of £6,988 in the previous year (2023).

This change is a direct result of the charity's planned strategic investments. Expenditure increased this year due to costs associated with the QRSE Conference and EDI Conference Grant. This demonstrates a year of investment into our main objectives, supporting our impact.

2. Financial Position at Year-End

Total incoming receipts for the period were £9,249.24 (2023: £8,063). Total resources expended were £9,481.52 (2023: £1,075).

The charity began the year with £46,827.40 and, after accounting for the small operational deficit, carried forward a final cash balance of £46,595.12 at the year-end (2023: £46,828). These funds are broken down as follows:

- Designated funds: £10,000 was designated for specific activities, including the QRSE conference and the QRSE EDI Conference Grant, directly supporting the charities main objectives.
- Unrestricted funds (General Reserves): £45,253.60. These funds are available to support the charity's core operational costs.


3. Reserves Policy

The trustees have reviewed the charity's level of unrestricted reserves, which stand at a healthy £45,253.60. The board considers this level to be more than sufficient for the current phase of the charity's operations, providing excellent financial stability. This secure position allows the charity to confidently plan for future activities and manage operational needs without financial risk.

4. Future Financial Outlook

The Board remains confident in the charity's strong financial position and strategic direction. The planned investments made in 2024 have strengthened our operational capacity. For the year ahead, our priority is to leverage this foundation to expand our charitable activities and to continue to manage our resources effectively to maximise our impact.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:

Signed: 

Name: Toni Williams (President)

Date: 14/10/2025

Signed: 

Name: Daniel Martin (Treasurer)

Date: 14/10/2025

International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Designated Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Receipts					
Paypal membership		6,869.24	-	6,869.24	7935
Paypal refund fee		-	-	-	23
QRSE Conference Donation		-	250.00	250.00	-
WIX membership		2,130.00	-	2,130.00	105
Total receipts		8,999.24	250.00	9,249.24	8063
Payments					
Paypal fees		192.10	-	192.10	242
Paypal refund		79.24	-	79.24	205
Website development fee		-	-	-	395
Website fee		242.4	-	242.4	230
QRSE Conference		-	684.48	684.48	-
QRSE EDI Grant		-	8,224.00	8,224.00	-
WIX fee		59.30	-	59.30	3
Total payments		573.04	8,908.48	9,481.52	1075
Net receipts / (payments)		8,426.20	-8,658.48	-232.28	6988
Cash fund balances brought forward		36,827.40	10,000	46,827.40	39840
Cash fund balances carried forward	(2)	45,253.60	1,341.52	46,595.12	46828

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Statements of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Current account	35,557.32	-	10000	45,557.32	46226
Paypal	999.24	-	-	999.24	563
WIX	38.56	-	-	38.56	39
Total cash funds	36595.12	-	10000	46595.12	46828

There are no other monetary assets or liabilities.

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees

Signed: 

Name: Toni Williams (President)

Date: 14/10/2025

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Notes to the accounts as at 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payment basis.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that the trustees have decided to set aside for a specific future purpose or project. Unlike restricted funds, this is an internal decision by the board and the designation can be changed or reversed by the trustees if the charity's plans change. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of designated funds is included in the notes to accounts below.

2 Designated funds

Fund name and purpose

QRSE conference fund: The QRSE conference fund is a designated budget used to support the conference every two years and is topped back up to £10,000 following conference expenditures. This fund will be used to support QRSE2026 next year.

In 2024 we spent £8224 on the EDI Conference Grant and £684.48 on the ECR Conference Award and Distinguished Scholar Award.

3 Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year.

4 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during this year.

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Public benefit statement

In setting out objectives and planning of our activities, our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular regarding advancing education and training.

Achievements and performance

QRSEsoc was launched on 6th December 2019. In 2023, we had 253 members from 19 countries (United Kingdom – 149, Australia – 11, Canada – 32, China – 1, Denmark – 3, Finland – 1, Germany – 4, Ireland – 7, Italy – 2, Japan – 1, Netherlands – 1, New Zealand – 2, Norway – 2, Philippines – 1, South Africa – 2, Spain – 8, Sweden – 2, Switzerland – 1, United States – 23).

There were a number of initiatives that ran in 2023. The first was a series of short videos ran by our Early Career Researchers. These videos featured a number of QRSE members discussing their top 5 qualitative research papers.

The second initiative was a series of online qualitative methods conversations with different experts. These conversations were in response to feedback from our conference QRSE2022 where members asked for more discussion of the use of different qualitative methods. We kicked off with Dr Anthony Papathomas and Dr Luisa Vargas (Loughborough University, UK) discussing Narrative Inquiry. We then had Dr Melissa Day and Dr Laura Martinelli (Chichester University, UK) discussing the novel written technique for data collection called 'A letter to my younger self.' We finished the series with Dr Andrea Bundon (University of British Columbia, Canada) and Dr Hester Hockin-Boyes (Durham University, UK) discussing Digital Methods. Each conversation was attended live by members and recorded as an updated resource for the education section of our website.

We also continued to release two book chapters from QRSEsoc member Dr Javier Montforte and his book 'Becoming a Qualitative Researcher'. These chapters were dedicated to impact and dissemination of qualitative research. This book is aimed at PhD candidates and early career researchers as Javier invites readers to enjoy, reflect on, and engage in critical dialogue on the qualitative research journey.

We ended the year with some exciting updates. For example, we launched the call for abstracts for our next biennial conference, the 9th International Conference of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise (QRSE2024) to be held at the University of Bath in July 2024. We also provided members

with information for the Executive Board election to be held in 2024 and updated our website to include membership payments through WIX.

Financial review

These accounts are for the period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023. QRSEsoc had incoming receipts of £8063. Resources expended were £1075. The balance brought forward was £6988. The final cash balance fund carried forward was £46828.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:

Signed: 

Name: Brett Smith (Chair)

Date: 13/10/2024

Signed: 

Name: Toni Williams (Treasurer)

Date: 13/10/2024

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Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023	2023	2023	2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Paypal membership		7935	-	7935	8580
Paypal refund fee		23	-	23	1
QRSE conference		-	-	-	18061
WIX membership		105	-	105	-
Total receipts		8063	-	8063	26642
Payments					
Paypal fees		242	-	242	239
Paypal refund		205	-	205	40
Website development fee		395	-	395	-
Website fee		230	-	230	230
Conference fees		-	-	-	4271
WIX fee		3	-	3	-
Total payments		1075	-	1075	4780
Net receipts / (payments)		6988	-	6988	21862
Cash fund balances brought forward		29840	10000	39840	17978
Cash fund balances carried forward	(2)	36828	10000	46828	39840

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Statements of assets and liabilities

as at 31 December 2023

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Current account	36226	10000	46226	31038
Paypal	563	-	563	8802
WIX	39	-	39	-
Total cash funds	36828	10000	46828	39840

There are no other monetary assets or liabilities.

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees

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2 Restricted funds

	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Balance c/f £
QRSE conference fund	10000	-	-	10000
	<u>10000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10000</u>

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Achievements and performance

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The flagship event of QRSEsoc is the international conference. The 7th International Conference of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise (QRSE2020) was due to be held in July at Durham University. Unfortunately, due to coronavirus, we had to postpone this event until 2022. In July 2022, Professor Cassie Phoenix and Dr Toni Williams from the Department of Sport and Exercise Sciences (DSES) at Durham University co-chaired the 8th International Conference for Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise (QRSE2022).

QRSE2022 ran over three days and involved a variety of events. These included warm-up webinars, a pre-conference workshop aimed at students and early career researchers, and a mentoring breakfast. A diverse range of keynote talks were provided by esteemed scholars. These included Professor Elizabeth Stokoe (Loughborough University) discussing conversation analysis, Professor Martin Roderick (Durham University) talking through his qualitative understating of professional sport, work and privilege in interpreting mental health, and Professor Kerry McGannon (Laurentian University and editor of the journal QRSEH) questioning meaning in qualitative research. Conference delegates also experienced some of Durham's historic landmarks with a poster event held in the Cloisters of Durham Cathedral and dinner in the Castle.

The conference was a huge success with over 200 abstracts from 17 countries including those as far away as Australia, Japan and South Africa, and comprised a virtual component for inclusivity. As one delegate reflected "QRSE2022 was one of the most inclusive, well-planned, and supportive conferences that I have ever attended. From the specifics in the conference handbook, all the way

through to the consideration of how everyone can feel a part of something at the conference. For once, I did not feel that an academic conference felt cliquy. A vibe that conferences can sometimes give off. You gave students the confidence to engage with experts and not feel like an imposter or out of turn for doing so.”

Financial review


These accounts are for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022. QRSEsoc had incoming receipts of £26,642. Resources expended were £4,780. The balance brought forward was £17,978. The final cash balance fund carried forward was £39,840.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:

Signed: 

Name: Brett Smith (Chair)

Date: 26/10/2023

Signed: 

Name: Toni Williams (Treasurer)

Date: 26/10/2023

International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise

Examiners' report for the year ended 31 December 2022

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

Signed: 

Name: Elizabeth Brooks, CGMA

Date: 29/10/2023

Elizabeth Brooks
Knoll Lodge Cottage
Upton Hill
Upton St Leonards
Gloucester
GL4 8DB

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Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Receipts					
Membership		8580	-	8580	6569
Paypal refund fee		1	-	1	66
QRSE conference		10290	7771	18061	-
Total receipts		18871	7771	26642	6635
Payments					
Paypal fees		239	-	239	178
Paypal refund		40	-	40	184
Domain name fee		-	-	-	96
Website fee		230	-	230	230
Conference fees		-	4271	4271	-
Total payments		509	4271	4780	688
Net receipts / (payments)		18362	3500	21862	5947
Cash fund balances brought forward		11478	6500	17978	12031
Cash fund balances carried forward	(2)	29840	10000	39840	17978

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Statements of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2022

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Current account	21038	10000	31038	17478
Paypal	8802	-	8802	500
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There are no other monetary assets or liabilities.

Approval of the accounts

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Routledge event fund	500	-	500	-
QRSE conference fund	6000	7771	3771	10000
	<u>6500</u>	<u>7771</u>	<u>4271</u>	<u>10000</u>

Fund name and purpose of restriction

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QRSE conference fund: The QRSE conference fund is a restricted budget used to support the conference every two years and is topped back up to £10,000 following conference expenditures.

3 Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year.

4 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during this year.

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International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise

Charity number 1183805

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International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2021

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

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Name	Position
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Charity number

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Principal address	Bankers
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Structure, governance and management

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Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The current trustees of the charity were founding members.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

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sport, sport coaching, sport pedagogy, leisure studies, sport management, sport policy, sport and exercise medicine, and others. We strive to:

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Public benefit statement

In setting out objectives and planning of our activities, our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular regarding advancing education and training.

Achievements and performance

QRSEsoc was launched on 6th December 2019. In the year 2021, we had 207 members from 21 countries (United Kingdom – 120, Australia – 6, Canada – 23, Cyprus – 1, Denmark – 6, Finland – 1, Germany – 4, Hong Kong – 1, Ireland – 5, Italy – 3, Netherlands – 1, New Zealand – 2, Norway – 2, Philippines – 1, Poland – 1, South Africa – 2, Spain – 4, Sweden – 2, Taiwan – 1, Turkey – 1, United States – 20). This was up an additional 38 members from 2020.

The flagship event of QRSEsoc is the international conference. The 7th International Conference of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise (QRSE2020) was due to be held in July at Durham University. We received over 200 abstracts to present at the conference and had attracted delegates worldwide. Unfortunately, due to coronavirus, we sadly had to postpone this event until 2022. In 2021, we supported the inaugural online conference QRSE2021.

From 6-9 April, the School of Psychology and Sport Sciences, in collaboration with Anglia Ruskin Qualitative Lab Student Society, hosted QRSE2021 for early career researchers (ERCs) and students. Dr Francesca Cavallerio, Senior Lecturer in Sport Psychology, chaired QRSE2021. It was attended by 210 delegates from the UK, Canada, US, Australia, New Zealand, Denmark, France, Spain, Sweden, Finland, and Indonesia. Despite the unexpected huge number of participants, the four-day event ran smoothly allowing the organising committee to run several parallel sessions. The variety of events organised was key to the success of the conference, with delegates highly praising its programme on Twitter.

The conference started the first two days with a series of “warm-up” events: a couple of sessions called “In conversation with”, during which first Professor Brett Smith, Durham University, then Dr. Shaunna Burke, University of Leeds, were interviewed live by members of the committee. On Wednesday 7th April, Dr Robert Townsend, University of Waikato, New Zealand presented the first ECR keynote on reflections on his career so far.

April 8th and 9th saw the “full-conference programme” starting with a daily ECR Keynote (Dr Emma Kavanagh, Bournemouth University, discussing abuse in sport, and Dr Noora Ronkainen, Jyväskylä University, Finland, talking about meaningful sport) and continuing with live Q&A sessions of the pre-recorded presentations. Eight “rooms” with 4-6 presentations in each room were created using Youtube playlists, to allow delegates to listen to hours of content in the week prior to the conference. Presentations were then discussed live during the conference and sparked engaging conversations amongst attendees, which are continuing on Twitter (#QualitativeConversation).

In high demand were also the “Coffee with the Expert” sessions, six bookable events that aimed for a “workshop feeling” and allowed discussion and practical applications to be developed in small groups. Poster sessions and “Expert keynotes” brought each day to a close, with world-leading experts Prof Emerita Carolyn Ellis (Florida State University, US) and Prof David Howe (Western University, Canada).

In 2021, we continued with our bimonthly journal clubs run by our QRSEsoc ECR team. These journal clubs were a huge success with members logging in from around the world to engage in critical discussion with our experts. We also continued to release a chapter every two months from QRSEsoc member Dr Javier Montforte and his book ‘Becoming a Qualitative Researcher’. This book is aimed at PhD candidates and early career researchers as Javier invites readers to enjoy, reflect on, and engage in critical dialogue on the qualitative research journey. Finally, we continued to update the education resource section on our website www.qrsesoc.com which was hugely helpful for members last year.

Another exciting initiative comes in the form of what might loosely be termed a ‘collaborative approach to societies’. We approached many sport and exercise societies from around the world. This included sport sociology societies like the North American Sociology of Sport Society, sport and exercise psychology societies such as FEPSAC and the International Society of Sport Psychology, more general societies including the European College of Sport Sciences, and National organisations like BASES and SCAPPS. We have met now on several occasions and enjoyed some useful conversations. We are looking to embark on some exciting ventures together. One of which is centred around social justice and a collective statement for action about equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in sport and physical activity. We have led and created new guidelines for the public and academics to support EDI at conferences and for journals. These are free and available to the public:

<https://sway.office.com/JmJDulEC4SDyL80y?ref=Link>

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This collective approach to EDI, a move to bring many different sport and exercise societies together, to share learning, and work together when appropriate, has never been done before. It is a first. We are proud to say that QRSEsoc initiated, leads, and chairs this work in line with our aim to foster supportive relationships and communities.

Financial review

These accounts are for the period 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021. QRSEsoc had incoming receipts of £6635. Resources expended were £688. The balance brought forward was £12031. The final cash balance fund carried forward was £17978.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:

Signed:



Name: Brett Smith (Chair)

Date: 05/09/2022

Signed: 

Name: Toni Williams (Treasurer)

Date: 05/09/2022

International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Receipts					
Donations	(2)	-	-	-	6000
Membership		6569	-	6569	5513
Paypal refund fee		66	-	66	1
Website error check		-	-	-	1
Total receipts		6635	-	6635	11515
Payments					
Paypal fees		178	-	178	137
Paypal refund		184	-	184	104
Website development		-	-	-	-
Domain name fee		96	-	96	19
Website fee		230	-	230	139
Accounts service		-	-	-	12
Total payments		688	-	688	411
Net receipts / (payments)		5947	-	5947	11104
Cash fund balances brought forward		5531	6500	12031	927
Cash fund balances carried forward	(3)	11478	6500	17978	12031

International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise

Statements of assets and liabilities

as at 31 December 2021

	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Current account	10978	6500	17478	9517
Paypal	500	-	500	2514
Total cash funds	11478	6500	17978	12031

There are no other monetary assets or liabilities.


Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees

Signed: 

Name: Brett Smith (Chair)

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International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise

Notes to the accounts as at 31 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payment basis.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of restricted funds is included in the notes to accounts below (2 & 3).

2 Grants and donations

	2021 Unrestricted	2021 Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Routledge (Informa UK Ltd.)	-	-	-	500
QRSE conference fund	-	-	-	6000
	-	-	-	6500

3 Restricted funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Balance c/f
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Routledge event fund	500	-	-	500
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Public benefit statement

In setting out objectives and planning of our activities, our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular regarding advancing education and training.

Achievements and performance

QRSEsoc was formerly launched on 6th December 2019. In the year 2020, we had 169 members from 19 countries (United Kingdom – 93, Australia – 7, Canada – 22, Chile – 1, Denmark – 2, Finland – 1, Germany – 3, Hong Kong – 1, Ireland – 5, Italy – 1, New Zealand – 4, Norway – 1, Philippines – 1, Poland – 1, South Africa – 1, Spain – 4, Sweden – 2, Turkey – 1, United States – 18).

The flagship event of QRSEsoc is the international conference. The 7th International Conference of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise (QRSE2020) was due to be held in July at Durham University. We received over 200 abstracts to present at the conference and had attracted delegates worldwide. Unfortunately, due to coronavirus, we sadly had to postpone this event. But the pandemic did not stop other activities.

We started a series of bimonthly journal clubs run by our early career research team. These journal clubs were a huge success with members logging in from around the world to engage in critical discussion with our experts.

We also released a chapter every two months from QRSE society member Dr Javier Montforte and his book 'Becoming a Qualitative Researcher'. This book is aimed at PhD candidates and early career researchers as Javier invites readers to enjoy, reflect on, and engage in critical dialogue on the qualitative research journey.

A new initiative to support members during the pandemic was an education resource section added to our website qrsesoc.com. Here, we added resources for teaching and research in multiple topics including qualitative meta-synthesis, story completion, ethics, data saturation, narrative analysis, new materialism, photo-elicitation, autoethnography, analysing exceptions, role of theory, open data and collecting data online through internet ethnography, twitter, skype and zoom. These resources were hugely helpful for members, and we will continue to update this library throughout the 2020-21 academic year.

Currently in progress is a podcast series dedicated to qualitative research. The audience we are aiming for is undergraduates and postgraduate students. What we hope to do is offer members who teach qualitative research a set of resources to help with their teaching. We think that might be particularly useful given the move for many to blended learning.

Another exciting initiative comes in the form of what might loosely be termed a 'collaborative approach to societies'. In April we approached many sport and exercise societies from around the world. This included sport sociology societies like the North American Sociology of Sport Society, sport and exercise psychology societies such as FEPSAC and the International Society of Sport Psychology, more general societies including the European College of Sport Sciences, and National organisations like BASES and SCAPPS. We have met now on several occasions and enjoyed some useful conversations. We are looking to embark on some exciting ventures together. One of which is centred around social justice and a collective statement for action about equality, diversity and inclusion in sport and physical activity.

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Financial review

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Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:

Signed: 

Name: Brett Smith (Chair)

Date: 25/10/2021

Signed: 

Name: Toni Williams (Treasurer)

Date: 25/10/2021

International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Restricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £	2019 <i>Total Funds</i>
Receipts					
Donations	(2)	-	6000	6000	500
Membership		5513	-	5513	1623
Paypal refund fee		1	-	1	2
Website error check		1	-	1	-
Total receipts		5515	6000	11515	2125
Payments					
Paypal fees		137	-	137	58
Paypal refund		104	-	104	65
Website development		-	-	-	1075
Domain name fee		19	-	19	-
Website fee		139	-	139	-
Accounts service		12	-	12	-
Total payments		411	-	411	1198
Net receipts / (payments)		5104	6000	11104	927
Cash fund balances brought forward		427	500	927	0
Cash fund balances carried forward	(3)	5531	6500	12031	927

International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise

Statements of assets and liabilities

as at 31 December 2020

	2020	2020	2020	2019
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Current account	3017	6500	9517	504
Paypal	2514	-	2514	423
Total cash funds	<u>5531</u>	<u>6500</u>	<u>12031</u>	<u>927</u>

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QRSE conference fund	-	6000	6000	-
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	-	6000	6000	500

3 Restricted funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£
Routledge event fund	500	-	0	500
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	500	6000	0	6500

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