

# **International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise**

Charity number 1183805

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2020**

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## **Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2020**

### **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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Brett Smith	Chair
Toni Williams	Treasurer
Shaunna Burke	Secretary

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Fiona Moola	Membership Officer
Andrea Bundon	Communications Officer
Meghan McDonough	Conference Officer
Ted Butryn	Election Officer

### **Charity number**

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 1183805 on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

<b>Principal address</b>	<b>Bankers</b>
7 Cross Valley Court	Lloyds Bank
Nevilles Cross	15 Blackheath Village
Durham	Blackheath
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### **Structure, governance and management**

The charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) is governed by a constitution adopted on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

### **Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The current trustees of the charity were founding members.

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **The charity's objects**

The objects of the International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise (QRSEsoc) are 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 thereof.

QRSEsoc was established to provide both an international home solely dedicated to qualitative research and a forum that brings together researchers from different disciplines. It is open to all methods, methodologies, traditions, epistemologies, ontologies, and empirical work that fall under the umbrella of qualitative research. QRSEsoc is also multidisciplinary by bringing together researchers interested in qualitative research from the disciplines of sport and exercise psychology, sociology of

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

- Promote qualitative research in the sport and exercise sciences
- Advance excellence in qualitative research and teaching
- Provide a forum for networking, knowledge sharing, collaboration, lobbying, and fostering supportive relationships and communities

### **The charity's main activities**

QRSEsoc provides education and training through a biennial conference, workshops, webinars and podcasts. Members have access to additional benefits including education resources, PhD theses and an expert directory to facilitate collaboration and sharing of knowledge through our website ([www.qrsesoc.com](http://www.qrsesoc.com)). They also have access to book chapters written by members and virtual topic focused meetings. Members are also working with the public to produce expert position statements that will support best practice. This includes an expert statement on the possibilities of making qualitative research data ethically open to the public. We also provide expert advice to the individual public, organisations, and charities.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

Such a collective approach, 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. QRSEsoc had incoming receipts of £11515. Resources expended were £411. The balance brought forward was £927. The final cash balance fund carried forward was £12031.

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

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## 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>
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations	(2)	-	6000	6000	500
Membership		5513	-	5513	1623
Paypal refund fee		1	-	1	2
Website error check		1	-	1	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>5515</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>11515</b>	<b>2125</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
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	-
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>411</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>1198</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		<b>5104</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>11104</b>	<b>927</b>
<b>Cash fund balances brought forward</b>		<b>427</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cash fund balances carried forward</b>	(3)	<b>5531</b>	<b>6500</b>	<b>12031</b>	<b>927</b>

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## Statements of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2020

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

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)

Date: 25/10/2021

Signed: 

Name: Toni Williams (Treasurer)

Date: 25/10/2021

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## Notes to the accounts as at 31 December 2020

### 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

	2020 Unrestricted	2020 Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
Routledge (Informa UK Ltd.)	-	-	-	500
QRSE conference fund	-	6000	6000	-
	-	6000	6000	500

### 3 Restricted funds

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

#### Fund name and purpose of restriction

Routledge event fund: This donation from Routledge was to be used to sponsor an event at the QRSE2020 conference. As this conference was cancelled due to the pandemic, this money will be used to sponsor an event at the QRSE2022 conference to be held at Durham University in July 2022.

QRSE conference fund: The QRSE conference fund was passed from QRSE2018 held by the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada to Durham University, UK for QRSE2020. This transaction occurred before QRSEsoc was established and the conference became the flagship event of QRSEsoc. Due to the cancellation of the QRSE2020 conference, this money will be used to support the QRSE2022 conference to be held at Durham University in July 2022.

### 4 Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year.

### 5 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during this year.