

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

Charity number 1183805

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2021**

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## **Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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

<https://sway.office.com/lAq795VB5KRqmUbl?ref=Link>

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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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

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## Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations	(2)	-	-	-	6000
Membership		6569	-	6569	5513
Paypal refund fee		66	-	66	1
Website error check		-	-	-	1
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>6635</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6635</b>	<b>11515</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
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
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>688</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>411</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		<b>5947</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5947</b>	<b>11104</b>
<b>Cash fund balances brought forward</b>		<b>5531</b>	<b>6500</b>	<b>12031</b>	<b>927</b>
<b>Cash fund balances carried forward</b>	(3)	<b>11478</b>	<b>6500</b>	<b>17978</b>	<b>12031</b>

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## Statements of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2021

	2021 Unrestricted	2021 Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Current account	10978	6500	<b>17478</b>	9517
Paypal	500	-	<b>500</b>	2514
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>11478</b>	<b>6500</b>	<b>17978</b>	<b>12031</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: 05/09/2022

Signed: 

Name: Toni Williams (Treasurer)

Date: 05/09/2022

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## 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
	£	£	£	£
Routledge event fund	500	-	-	500
QRSE conference fund	6000	-	-	6000
	6500	-	-	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.