

International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise

Charity number 1183805

Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2022

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2022

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
Brett Smith	Chair
Toni Williams	Treasurer
Shaunna Burke	Secretary

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

Name	Position
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 10th June 2019.

Principal address	Bankers
7 Cross Valley Court	Lloyds Bank
Nevilles Cross	15 Blackheath Village
Durham	Blackheath
DH1 4GD	London SE3 9LH

Structure, governance and management

The charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) is governed by a constitution adopted on 6th 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). 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, such as Disability Rights UK.

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 2022, we had 274 members from 24 countries (United Kingdom – 164, Australia – 10, Canada – 32, Chile – 1, China – 2, Cyprus – 1, Denmark – 4, Finland – 1, Germany – 4, Ireland – 7, Italy – 2, Japan – 1, Netherlands – 1, New Zealand – 4, Norway – 2, Philippines – 1, Poland – 1, South Africa – 2, Spain – 8, Sweden – 2, Switzerland – 1, Taiwan – 1, United States – 22). This was up an additional 67 members from 2021.

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 cliquey. 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

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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

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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
Total cash funds	29840	10000	39840	17978

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: 26/10/2023

Signed: 

Name: Toni Williams (Treasurer)

Date: 26/10/2023

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Notes to the accounts as at 31 December 2022

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).

2 Restricted funds

	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Balance c/f £
Routledge event fund	500	-	500	-
QRSE conference fund	6000	7771	3771	10000
	6500	7771	4271	10000

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 was used to sponsor an event at the QRSE2022 conference held at Durham University in July 2022.

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.