

International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise

Charity number 1183805

Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2023

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2023

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 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 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total 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 Unrestricted	2023 Restricted	2023 Total	2022 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

Signed: 

Name: Brett Smith (Chair)

Date: 13/10/2024

Signed: 

Name: Toni Williams (Treasurer)

Date: 13/10/2024

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Notes to the accounts as at 31 December 2023

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 £
QRSE conference fund	10000	-	-	10000
	10000	-	-	10000

Fund name and purpose of restriction

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. This fund will be used to support QRSE2024 next year.

3 Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year.

4 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during this year.