

International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise

Charity number 1183805

Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2024

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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

Charity number

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

Principal address	Bankers
23 Bishopton Place	Lloyds Bank
RIPON	15 Blackheath Village
North Yorkshire	Blackheath
HG4 2DT	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 objectives

The objectives 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 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

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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

Signed: 

Name: Daniel Martin (Treasurer)

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.