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Company number: CE018465

FRIENDS OF ESRA IN ISRAEL

Annual Report and Accounts

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees: Richard Stein (Chair)
Stephen Samuel (Treasurer)
Roger Adelman
Adam Davis
Peter Young

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Trustees' Annual Report for Year to 31 March 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year to 31 March 2025. Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the charity's constitution and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Friends of ESRA in Israel is governed by a Trust Deed and constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and is registered with the Charity Commission as charity number 1184809. The company is governed by its Constitution.

Organisational Structure

The rules for Trustee selection are presented in detail in the Trust Deed, however the main points are:

- (a) There must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee
- (b) There is no maximum number of charity trustees that may be appointed to the CIO.

First charity trustees

The first charity trustees are Richard Stein, Stephen Samuel, and Roger Adelman. Charity trustees are appointed for the terms set out below.

Appointment of charity trustees

- (1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
- (2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

To provide such financial or material assistance to support the charitable work of ESRA Israel, as the trustees shall from time to time determine with particular preference for support of projects which relieve the charitable needs of children and young people.

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Fund raising activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

The main activities during the year continued to be the raising of funds from the general public through fundraising activities. Additionally, education events took place to promote the work of ESRA to the wider public.

Policy on grant making

The Trustees have agreed a policy to make grants to ESRA in Israel on a twice-yearly basis: once in the Autumn and once in the Spring subject to an acceptable form of application and not limited to twice a year if appropriate.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole

*"The Trustees and the Committee have continued to raise funds from donors across the UK for the registered Israeli Charity **ESRA – English Speaking Residents Association** (Charity Registration No: 580037455). The **Student Build a Community Project** ("the Project") is currently the main beneficiary of semi-annual grants from the Charity, and funding is also made available to promote the **English Tutoring Program** ("the Program").*

The income, generated in the UK from donations, has contributed to easing the pressure on the Project resulting from the political situation in Israel. Despite extreme difficulties, the Project continues to act in cooperation with local municipalities to provide housing accommodation for university students in disadvantaged neighborhoods in return for those students mentoring local schoolchildren. This process also enables the students to learn leadership skills and take a lead in local community affairs while obtaining their qualifications from institutes of higher learning.

Regarding the Program, there has been a successful drive in the UK to recruit suitable volunteers to act as online tutors in English for Israeli schoolchildren from all sectors of society - Jewish (Secular & Religious), Arab, Bedouin, etc. Additionally, the program provides an opportunity for teachers of English in Israel, for a short time each week, to talk, in person, to native English speakers, which they are often unable to do. Israeli teachers themselves can include this as part of their "in-service" training. The number of UK volunteer tutors has continued to grow, and there have been meetings held in the UK presenting opportunities for them to meet and exchange their experiences.

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Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

The charity held reserves of £3,722 on 31 March 2025.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

The reserves contain a small operating sum however the majority is awarded as a grant on receipt of a successful application by ESRA in Israel during any given financial period.

Amount of reserves held

The charity held reserves of £3,722 on 31 March 2025.

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)

The charity raises funds from the general public, generally through fundraising events and digital direct appeal campaigns.

Donations are given in lieu of a fee to guest speakers from ESRA Israel who educate community groups on the work of ESRA.

Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors:

Signature:

Full Name:

Position:

Date:


Stephen Samuel

Trustee

27/7/25

Report of the independent examiner to the trustees of Friends of ESRA in Israel

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company 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 Company are not required to be audited for this year 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 2011 ("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 which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.



Jonathan Levy
ACCA
14 July 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the period starting 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£
Income (Note 3)				
Donations and legacies	56,973	-	56,973	91,955
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-
Total Income	56,973	-	56,973	91,955
Expenditure (Note 4)				
Charitable activities	86,000	-	86,000	58,351
Other	1,111	-	1,111	9,151
Total Expenditure	87,111	-	87,111	67,502
Net income/(expenditure)	(30,138)	-	(30,138)	24,453
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	33,860	-	33,860	9,407
Total funds carried forward	3,722	-	3,722	33,860

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Total this year	Total last year
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 7)	4,382	34,520
Total current assets	4,382	34,520
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 6)	(660)	(660)
Total net current assets	3,722	33,860
Funds of the Charity (Note 8)		
Unrestricted funds	3,722	33,860
Restricted income funds	-	-
Total funds	3,722	33,860

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

Signature:

Full Name:

Richard Stein

Position:

Trustee

Date:

21/7/25

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Notes to the accounts for the period starting 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Note 1

Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts present a true and fair view and no changes have been made to the accounting policies adopted.

No changes to the accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

Note 2

Accounting Policies

Income

Income is recognised and included in the statement of financial activities when:

- the charity is entitled to the income;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the income; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

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The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date

Assets

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short-term cash commitments as they fall due.

They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.

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Note 3

Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	56,973	-	56,973	91,955
Charitable activities:				
Function				
Book Sponsorship				
Total Income	56,973	-	56,973	91,955

Note 4

Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£
Donations to charity	86,000	-	86,000	58,351
Other	1,111	-	1,111	9,151
Total Expenditure	87,111	-	87,111	67,502

Analysis of Expenditure on charitable activities

Activity	Grant Funding of Activities	Total this year	Grant Funding of Activities	Total last year
	£	£	£	£
Activity 1	86,000	86,000	58,351	58,351
Total	86,000	86,000	58,351	58,351

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Note 5

Details of certain types of expenditure

5.1 Fees for examination of accounts

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	660	600

Note 6

Creditors and accruals

6.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year	Last Year	This year	Last year
Accruals and deferred income	660	660	-	-
Total	660	660	-	-

6.2 Deferred income

Movement in deferred income account

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Balance at start of the reporting period	660	1,090
Amounts added in current period	660	660
Amounts released to income from previous periods	660	1,090
Balance at the end of the reporting period	660	660

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Note 7

Cash at bank and in hand

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	4,382	34,520
Other		
Total	4,382	34,520

Note 8

Charity Funds

8.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Fund name	Type	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balance b/f	Income	Expenditure	Fund balance c/f
			£	£	£	£
General Fund	Unrestricted	General Fund	33,860	56,973	87,111	3,722
Total funds as per balance sheet			33,860	56,973	87,111	3,722