

Curiosity Sussex  
(A registered CIO)

Report and Financial Statements  
Year ending 30 April 2022

Charity number 1185269

## **Report of the trustees for the year ending 30 April 2022**

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the consolidated financial statements of the CIO for the year ending 30 April 2022 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Trustee's Report and Accounts for the Charity Commission.

### **Chair's Report**

As the region has adjusted to living with Covid-19, people's priorities have been redirected from STEM engagement. Having run limited activities in previous years our volunteer base has reduced. This alongside community and public reduced appetite for STEM-based events, we paused activities for this year.

Instead, the focus has been on building relationships with potential partners and contributors. I am pleased that we build some strong foundations for future activities.

I would like to thank our supporters, volunteers, trustees and the public for their support in making our work possible.

Dr Stephen Wilkins  
Chair

## **Our Purpose**

The objects of the CIO are:

For the public benefit, promote learning for pleasure by people of all ages across Sussex in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including but not limited to:

- a. Produce live events that enable diverse audiences across Sussex to participate in informal STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) learning;
- b. Enable and promote local STEM events, through online promotion and logistical support;
- c. Invite local people to contribute their knowledge and interests, celebrating and exploring their curiosity while fostering understanding between people from diverse backgrounds.

## **Our Activities & Projects**

### **Partner engagement**

The Trustees spent time building relationships with potential partners. This includes interested volunteers, events spaces and collaborative partners. These engagements will help to deliver future activities by the CIO.

## **Financial Review**

The CIO ended its first financial period with a positive balance. No new sources of funding were required, with principle expenses being on website maintenance.

## **Reference and administrative details**

Charity number:1185269

Principal Office: 53 Christie Avenue, Ringmer, BN8 5JT

### **Trustees**

Dr S Wilkins (appointed 11 September 2019) (Chair)

Dr K Petherick (appointed 11 September 2019)

Ms J Currie (appointed 11 September 2019)

Mr P Goodman (appointed 11 September 2019)

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Governing Document**

Curiosity Sussex is a CIO governed by its Constitution dated 11 September 2019. It is registered with the Charity Commission.

### **Appointment of trustees**

There has been no turnover of trustees since the formation of the charity.

### **Trustee induction and training**

There has not been a requirement to hold a trustee induction since the charity's formation, as there has been no turnover of trustees.

### **Organisation**

The board of four trustees administers the charity. The board meets at least quarterly, with sub-committees covering individual activities/events. The board has a Chair of trustees who coordinates the board and charity operations.

### **Related parties**

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity with a contracted company must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. In the current year no such related party transactions were reported.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have a risk management strategy which is focussed on individual activity/event risks

### **Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

By order of the trustees  
Dr S Wilkins (Chair)  
10 February 2023

**Curiosity Sussex**  
**Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(including income and expenditure account)**  
**for year ending 30 April 2022**

	Note	Total Funds, £
<b>Funds carried forward</b>		<b>£2,771.81</b>
<b>Income</b>		<b>£0</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>£0</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Web CS-Wix	<b>2 Jun 21</b>	£453.32
Gandi NET	<b>19 Jan 22</b>	£8.87
Gandi NET	<b>19 Jan 22</b>	£8.87
Web CS-Wix	<b>7 Feb 22</b>	£122.40
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>£593.46</b>
<b>TOTAL funds carried forwards</b>		<b>£2,178.35</b>

Signed S Wilkins

Name STEPHEN WILKINS, Chair of trustees on behalf of the trustees

Approved by the trustees on 10 February 2023