

## **Fuel Poverty Research Network**

**Registered Charity number: 1185345**

**Financial Statements for the period  
17 September 2019 to 28 February 2021**



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**Legal and administrative information**  
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**Registered Charity**

**number:** 1185345  
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**Trustees**

Dr Danielle Butler - Appointed 17 September 2019  
Prof Aimee Ambrose - Chair, appointed 17 September 2019  
Dr A Graeme Sherriff - Appointed 17 September 2019  
Dr Jennifer Brierley - Secretary, appointed 17 September 2019  
Dr Robert Marchand - Treasurer, appointed 17 September 2019  
William Baker - Appointed 17 September 2019  
Dr Trivess Moore - Appointed 23 April 2020  
Marilyn Smith - Appointed 23 April 2020

**Administrative address** 28 Walkley Crescent Road  
Sheffield  
S6 5BB

**Bankers** The Co-operative bank  
PO Box 101  
1 Ballon Street  
Manchester  
M60 4EP

**Independent examiner** Charlotte Phelps employee of  
Voluntary Action Rotherham  
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**Fuel Poverty Research Network**  
**Trustees' annual report**  
**for the period 17 September 2019 to 28 February 2021**

The trustees report on the first set of accounts to cover the period from 17 September 2019 to 28 February 2021.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

Fuel Poverty Research Network is a registered charity and was first registered with the Charity Commission on 17 September 2019. The charity has a Foundation Model Constitution as its governing document which was adopted 17 September 2019.

**Appointment of Trustees**

The maximum number of charity trustees is 10.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee is appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting.

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.

**Related Parties**

There are no related party transactions.

**Charitable Aims and Objectives**

The objects of FPRN, as set out in its constitution dated 17 September 2019, are as follows:

- a) To prevent or relieve fuel poverty, for the public benefit, through undertaking promoting and supporting research into factors that contribute to fuel poverty and ways to mitigate these factors, and publishing the results.
- b) To advance the education of the public, for the public benefit, on the subject of fuel poverty through promoting public awareness of fuel poverty and its consequences (in particular, but not exclusively, its impact on health, poverty and the environment) and encouraging dialogue between researchers, practitioners, charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve fuel poverty anywhere in the world.

In this constitution 'fuel poverty' means the inability to afford or access adequate energy services.

**Main Activities Undertaken for Public Benefit**

The main activities of the charity, having regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, are as follows:

- Organising and delivering events to increase understanding and awareness of fuel poverty, focusing on research and practice in this field.
- Supporting an online network of researchers, practitioners and policymakers, in order to strengthen links between research, practice and policy in respect of fuel poverty.
- Supporting and promoting research activity related to fuel poverty, through making grants to support relevant research.

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**Summary of Achievements 2021**

The main activities during the period of this report were as follows:

- Delivering a conference titled Fuel Poverty in Wales, held at Cardiff University 25-26 November 2019, involving 40 participants. Income and expenditure for this event was handled by Salford University and therefore do not appear in FPRN's accounts.
- Growth of the FPRN Jiscmail network to approx. 200 members, UK and international. The network is managed by FPRN trustees at no cost.
- Securing a grant of £58,419 from Eaga Charitable Trust, for a two-year grant programme (EPEC) offering grants and bursaries to Early Career Researchers in the field of fuel poverty.  
An independent consultant was appointed from September 2020 to manage the project. A call for research proposals for the first round of EPEC grants was issued in November 2020, with a closing date of January 2021. This attracted over 40 applications from an international spread of early career researchers working on projects related to fuel poverty.
- Planning and delivering an international conference – Making Decarbonisation Fair – in conjunction with ENGAGER, supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology), and with Portugal-based partners DECO and CENSE. This online conference took place 1-4 March 2021, attracting over 400 participants.

FPRN was constituted in September 2019 with six inaugural trustees. A further two trustees were appointed in 2020 to strengthen the committee and reflect the international scope of the charity's activities.

Trustees met monthly during the period of this report, either in person or online, as allowed in the constitution.

**Future Plans**

- Awarding and supporting the first round of EPEC grants and launching the second round in November 2021.
- Securing funding to extend and develop grant programmes to support fuel poverty researchers.
- Further growth of the online network and raising the profile of FPRN through social media.
- Developing a long-term strategy for the organisation.

**Reserves Policy**

The charity does not hold any reserves at this time due to income of restricted grants which is redistributed. Some work is completed on a consultancy basis, however there are no employed staff.

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report:

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Signed: 

Date: 10/12/21

Name and position:

JENNY BRIERLEY  
SECRETARY/ TRUSTEE 3

**Independent examiners report to the trustees of  
Fuel Poverty Research Network  
for the period 17 September 2019 to 28 February 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Fuel Poverty Research Network (the charity) for the period 17 September 2019 to 28 February 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of FPRN accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiners 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: 

Date: 13/12/2021

Charlotte Phelps  
Community Accountancy  
Voluntary Action Rotherham Ltd  
The Spectrum, Coke Hill  
Rotherham  
S60 2HX

**Fuel Poverty Research Network**  
**Receipts and Payments**  
**for the period 17 September 2019 to 28 February 2021**

		<b>2021 Restricted £</b>	<b>2021 Total</b>
<b>Incoming resources</b>			
Grants & contracts	<b>2</b>	58,419	58,419
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>58,419</u>	<u>58,419</u>
 <b>Resources expended</b>			
<b>Cost of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects</b>			
Consultancy fees		1,239	1,239
Grants		157	157
Miscellaneous expenses		35	35
 <b>Total expended resources</b>		<u>1,431</u>	<u>1,431</u>
 <b>Net income/(deficit) for the year</b>		56,988	56,988
Funds brought forward		-	-
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<b>3</b>	<u>56,988</u>	<u>56,988</u>

**Fuel Poverty Research Network**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
for the period 17 September 2019 to 28 February 2021

	<b>2021</b>
<b>Monetary assets</b>	<b>£</b>
Current account	56,988
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>	<u><u>56,988</u></u>
<b>Represented by funds</b>	
Restricted Funds	56,988
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u><u>56,988</u></u>
<b>Non-Monetary assets and liabilities</b>	
	<b>2021</b>
<b>Creditors</b>	<b>£</b>
Accountancy Fee	(495)
<b>Total Non-Monetary Assets/Liabilities</b>	<u><u>(495)</u></u>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: Jenny Brierley Date: 10/12/21

Name and position:

JENNY BRIERLEY  
SECRETARY/TRUSTEE



**Fuel Poverty Research Network**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**for the period 17 September 2019 to 28 February 2021**

**1 Receipts and payments accounts**

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year.

In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

**Fund Accounting**

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding. Restricted funds will arise from grants and donations given to the charity for specific purposes.

**2 Grants and donations**

	<b>Restricted fund £</b>	<b>Total 2021 £</b>
Eaga Charitable Trust	58,419	58,419
	<b>58,419</b>	<b>58,419</b>

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**3 Restricted funds**

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Eaga Charitable Trust	-	58,419	1,431	-	56,988
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,419</b>	<b>1,431</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,988</b>

**4 Trustee payments, benefits and expenses**

No trustee received any remuneration or expenses during the year.

**5 Independent examination and accountancy services**

During the period, the cost of the independent examination and accountancy services was £495.