

THE COLLÈGE DE FRANCE BRITISH FOUNDATION

a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

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Charity Registration Number 1186041

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023-2024 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31TH MARCH 2024

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report and accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)'.

Trustees

Ms Hortense de Mitry
Ms Emmanuelle Dotezac
Mr Nicolas Paulmier
Mr Laurent Haziza
Professor Serge Haroche

The above named individuals served as trustees from the inception of the charitable incorporated organisation.

Charity Registration Number: 1186041

Charity Office: 4 Pembroke Villas London London W8 6PG

Bankers: NatWest, 250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA

Purpose and activities

The charitable incorporated organisation came into being on 31 October 2019 to take on this work.

The charitable object of the charity is:

The advancement of education and the promotion of research for the public benefit by raising funds to support, develop and promote advanced research and training for researchers by Collège de France, facilitate the sharing of knowledge, develop research programs for Collège de France professors, fund doctoral and post-doctoral students and the acquisition of scientific equipment and support innovative projects for the transmission of knowledge to as wide an audience as practicable.

Statement on public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties. The objects and other information set out in this report demonstrate this in more detail.

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) – structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by its CIO Constitution and was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 31st October 2019.

The first charity trustees were appointed by its constitution. The subsequent trustees are appointed by the charity trustees subject to a minimum number of 2 with no maximum.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

The charity recognises that it has a responsibility to provide guidance and assist new trustees in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities, this is done in accordance with Charity Commission guidance. New trustees are given appropriate Charity Commission publications, as well as a copy of the constitution and any amendments to it and in future the latest copy of its report and accounts.

Activity

Consistent with its charitable purpose, the Trustees intend that the charity should raise private funds in order to:

- support advanced research and training for researchers by Collège de France,
- develop research programs for Collège de France professors,
- fund doctoral and post-doctoral students
- fund the acquisition of scientific equipment
- support innovative projects for the transmission of knowledge.

In 2023 and 2024, the Collège de France British Foundation has carried out actions to build loyalty among its donors through regular marketing and invitations to Collège de France events throughout the year. At the same time, the Foundation continued its fundraising campaign through face-to-face meetings. Finally, monthly newsletter keeps donors and potential donors informed about the scientific activity and research at Collège de France.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for the period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

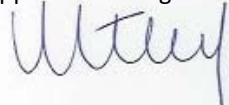
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the CIO's constitution.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

Approval

Approved and signed by:



Hortense de Mitry, Trustee

20 November 2024

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

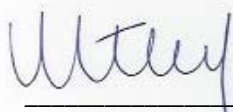
	Total Unrestricted Funds 31 Mar 2024 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2023 £
Income		
Gift collected from donors	4,914	38,794
Gift aid received	625	5000
Grant	0	32,698
Other	0	200
Total Income	5,539	76,692
Expenditure		
Fundraising expenses	1,949	8,864
Taxes	0	200
Total Expenditure	1,949	8,864
Net (expenditure)/income	3,590	67,828
Transfers between funds	—	—
Net Movement in Funds	3,590	67,828
Reconciliation of Funds		
Total funds brought forward	68,073	245
Total funds carried forward	71,663	68,073

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024 31 March £	2023 31 March £
Fixed Assets		
	—	—
Current Assets		
Cash at bank hand in hand	71,663	68,073
	71,663	68,073
Liabilities: amount falling due within one year	—	—
Net current assets	71,663	68,073
Net assets	71,663	68,703
Funds of the charity		
Unrestricted funds	71,663	68,703
Total funds	71,663	68,703

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these accounts.

Approved and signed by:



Hortense de Mitry
30 January 2025
Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

General Information / Legal status

The Collège de France British Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The trustees of the CIO are detailed in the Trustee's Annual Report.

The registered address is given on the first page of these financial statements.

The Foundation's principal activity is the collection of donations within the UK for the Collège de France in France.

Accounting policies

Accounting convention and standards

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Collège de France British Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Pledges received are not treated as income until they are honoured or the pledge becomes an irrevocable commitment to the CIO.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from the revaluation of investments to market value at the balance sheet date.

There were no gains or losses for the reporting period.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs incurred in directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

There was no expenditure in the reporting period.

Taxation

The Trust, being a charity, is not liable for income tax or corporation tax. Value Added Tax is not recoverable and is included in the relevant charges for administration expenses.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cast at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar bond.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Trustee's remuneration and expenses and related party transactions

Trustees received no emoluments or expense reimbursements in the period. There were no transactions with related parties.

Control

The charity is controlled by its trustees.