

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/2024 Period start date To 31/12/2024 Period end date

Charity name: Jaleh Esfahani Cultural Foundation

Charity registration number: 1187620

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<p>To advance public education and participation in, and appreciation of, Iranian/Persian culture, language, history, music, poetry, film and theatre, etc., by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">I. Organising public performanceII. Educational workshops and talksIII. Promoting the study and research of Iranian and Persian arts and literature and to make the results of these studies and research accessible to the general publicIV. The provision of grants for related projects
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	<p>During 2024 we have organised a variety of events and workshops on Persian poetry, literature, novel, music, film and culture including:</p> <p>1- The 15th Annual Poetry Prize for young (under the age of 30) Persian Poets, with origins from Afghanistan, Iran and Tajikistan and the diaspora as well as Persian poets from other countries, was held. Over 130 took part, 17 were short listed and recognised. Cash prizes were given to five young poets who recited their poems at the Festival's Final event on Sunday 8th December 2024 at SOAS University of London with over 250 participants.</p> <p>2- Organised 10 monthly poetry in-person workshops, for the benefit of Persian Speaking people in the UK and online on Facebook, by well-known poets from Afghanistan, Iran and Tajikistan. More than 1000 attended in person and live online many thousands viewed the videos online after the events.</p> <p>4- Eight in person and Online talks and discussions and critics on recent novels and literary works were held online with more than 2000 people attending live and hundreds more viewing the proceedings of each event after the events.</p> <p>5- 10 Workshops on Story Reading and creative writing of short stories, were held each with average number of 14 participants each, benefiting mainly young people.</p> <p>6- Two tribute events held for pioneering Novelists and poets.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	<p>The trustees can confirm that they had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefits.</p>

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.	In line with our objectives (i), (ii) and (iii) our work benefited the Persian Speaking people, in particular young people, engaging with their mother tongue culture in England. It is estimated that more than 9000 people have benefited by taking part in our events and many more viewing the material online after the events.
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Financial Review

Receipts (in £)

Trustees' regular donations	1,753
Other donors	3,260
Books and Tickets	1,109
Misc. & Return of deposits	1,765
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	£ 7887

Payments (in £)

Venue	1,266
Zoom Sub-Webinar	156
Events Food/Drink	1,227
Musicians/Coaches/Lecturers	500
Website Domain-Maintenance	368
Trophies/Frames/Decorations	429
Monetary Poetry Prizes	1,358
Printing/Artwork/etc.	273
Volunteers	205
Photography/Videos	-
Donations/Grants	-
Misc. (Postage, Delivery, Sundries, Other)	216
Total	£ 5,998
Surplus/Deficit	£ 1,889
Cash funds last year end	£ 1,113
Cash funds this year end	£ 3,002
Bank Balance	£ 4,858
Liabilities*	£ 1,856

*Description of liabilities: These are expenditures made by the trustees on behalf of the charity to be reimbursed to them. No personal expenditure is paid to the trustees.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document	The charity has a constitution (last amended on 1/4/2019) as its governing document.
How is the charity constituted?	The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) with its principal office in England.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Founding members continue serving the charity. When necessary new trustees are co-opted by the trustees in accordance with the constitution. No new trustee has been co-opted in this period.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Jaleh Esfahani Cultural Foundation
Other name the charity uses	Aka Bonyad Jaleh Esfahani
Registered charity number	1187620
Charity's principal address	15 Chancellor's Wharf, Crisp Road, London W6 9RT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Saba Ansari			
2	Bijan Badi	Treasurer / Account Signatory		
3	Mehrdad Badi			
4	Hydeh Nafarieh			
5	Foroutan Parand	Chair		
6	Iraj Sattari	Account signatory		
7	Rouhangiz Shiranipour	Account Signatory		
8	Morassa Stansfield			

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

F Parand

B Badi

Full name(s)

Foroutan Parand

Bijan Badi

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Treasurer

Date

24/10/2025