

POLISH STUDIES FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1188129

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-02-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE TO ADVANCE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN, AND SUPPORT THE ACADEMIC STUDY OF THE HISTORY, LITERATURE LANGUAGE, POLITICS, ECONOMY, LAW, SOCIETY, RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY AND CULTURE OF POLAND, AND OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST RELATING TO POLAND AND ITS HISTORICAL REGION.

Activities: The objectives of the charity are to advance education of the public in, and support the academic study of, the history, literature, language, politics, economy, law, society, religion, philosophy and culture of Poland, and other areas of interest relating to Poland and its historical region.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31		£0	£689	-
2023-12-31	£4,200	£25,400	-	-
2022-12-31	£24,983	£25,352	-	-
2021-12-31	£38,889	£8,177	-	-
2020-12-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Professor Norman Davies	Chair	2020-02-24
Christian Richard Stefan Davies		2021-03-22
Dr Stanley Bill		2020-02-24
Professor Ania Zalewska		2021-03-22
Ranjit Edward Majumdar		2020-02-24

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 01 January 2024

To Period end date 31 December 2024

Charity name: Polish Studies Foundation

Charity registration number: 1188129

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the Charity are to advance education of the public in, and support the academic study of, the history, literature, language, religion, philosophy, and culture of Poland.
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Polish Studies Foundation was not active over the period of this annual return.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Grant-making policy has not been developed due to no grant making in the year being reported.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
		N/A

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The foundation was dormant in the period being reported
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No fundraising was made in the period being reported
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A

Other		
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The foundation is still not at the level required to implement the range of activities detailed in its strategy.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The foundation held £8,000+ in funds at the end of year 2024. Due to no activities in 2024, an official reserves policy hasn't been implemented.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Cash in the bank account of £8,000 +
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The £8,000 held at the end of 2024 will protect the foundation from insolvency, although it is considered to cease activity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	N/A
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	There are three key risks. The first is not having sufficient funds to implement our mission. The second is ensuring we find the right Project Director / Manager to lead the foundation in its day-to-day activities. The third is ensuring integrity and effectiveness in future grant-making as this requires policies and oversight and processes that still need to be delivered
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
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	Para 1.25	Trustee selection has been based on hand-picking key influencers in the field of Polish Studies as well as key non-academic board members to offer an independent and practical perspective.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Polish Studies Foundation
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1188129

Charity's principal address	Farrer & Co 65-66 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3LH

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	Professor Norman Davies			
2	Ranjit Edward Majumdar			
3	Dr Stanley Bill			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ranjit Majumdar	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	

Date	21 October 2025
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

POLISH STUDIES FOUNDATION

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	-	-	-	-	4,200
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	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	4,200
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	4,200
A3 Payments					
Grant to Polish Studies Group	-	-	-	-	1,000
Consulting Fees	-	-	-	-	4,320
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-	3
Bookkeeping Fees	200	-	-	200	594
Salaries and HMRC Liabilities	-	-	-	-	11,662
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	649
Marketing Materials Design and Print	-	-	-	-	2,425
Meetings/Entertainment	-	-	-	-	91
Travel	-	-	-	-	804
Subscriptions	489	-	-	489	221
Events	-	-	-	-	3,630
Sub total	689	-	-	689	25,400
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	689	-	-	689	25,400
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 689	-	-	- 689	- 21,200
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,143	-	-	9,143	30,343
Cash funds this year end	8,454	-	-	8,454	9,143

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	8,454	-	-
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		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,454	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

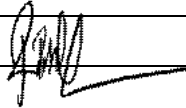
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Ranjit Edward Majumdar	21 October 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 01 January 2023
To Period end date 31 December 2023

Charity name: Polish Studies Foundation

Charity registration number: 1188129

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the Charity are to advance education of the public in, and support the academic study of, the history, literature, language, religion, philosophy, and culture of Poland.
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The main purpose of the foundation is to make grants to individuals and institutions for the promotion of Polish Studies at UK universities. This includes grants to students, student societies, relevant university departments and individual academics. The foundation also serves as a convening space
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	This has been taken into account.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers		
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	The charity was able to continue its grant making and its overall contribution to raising awareness about Polish Studies to improve and broaden the overall debate particularly as it related to the war in Ukraine.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	By year end the foundation held £9143 in its account with no significant outgoings or incoming funds.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The foundation has never grown enough to have a reserves policy but there is an informal agreement that we should keep the reserves at £8000+ during the incubation period
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£8000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The foundation is stable financially, but any new activity it is limited by lack of new funds and consideration is being given to closing down it down. The current reserves would comfortably cover any exiting or new liabilities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

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Additional information (optional)

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Reference and Administrative details

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ranjit Majumdar	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	31/10/2024	



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2023


To

31/12/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	4,200	-	-	4,200	24,983
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,200	-	-	4,200	24,983
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,200	-	-	4,200	24,983
A3 Payments					
Grant to Polish Studies Group	-	1,000	-	1,000	750
Consulting Fees	4,320	-	-	4,320	7,560
Bank Fees	3	-	-	3	-
Bookkeeping Fees	594	-	-	594	362
Salaries and HMRC Liabilities	11,663	-	-	11,663	5,253
Professional Fees	649	-	-	649	10,458
Marketing Materials Design and Print	2,425	-	-	2,425	-
Meetings/Entertainment	91	-	-	91	-
Travel	805	-	-	805	660
Subscriptions	221	-	-	221	9
Events	3,631	-	-	3,631	300
Sub total	24,400	1,000	-	25,400	25,352
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,400	1,000	-	25,400	25,352
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 20,200	- 1,000	-	- 21,200	- 369
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,343	-	-	30,343	30,712
Cash funds this year end	10,143	- 1,000	-	9,143	30,343

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	9,143	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	9,143	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
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			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Ranjit Edward Majumdar	31/10/2024	

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 01 January 2022
To Period end date 31 December 2022

Charity name: Polish Studies Foundation

Charity registration number: 1188129

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the Charity are to advance education of the public in, and support the academic study of, the history, literature, language, religion, philosophy, and culture of Poland.
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Polish Studies Foundation was active over the period of this annual return period, although due to lack of resources its activities were limited.</p> <p>Activities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Developed and published a three-year strategy for the organization.- Developed and updated our communications materials including our website and social media.- Grants to undergraduate students in degrees related to Polish studies, to travel to Poland to engage in activities relevant to their learning / research.- Grantmaking to support academic associations in Polish studies.- Active conversation with the Polish Cultural Institute to co-develop an open online course about Polish history.- Continued engagement with current and prospective donors, including organizing of a dinner / lecture for potential donors in London.- Appointed a short-term Project Manager / Development Manager for three days a week from Q4 to drive fundraising and project development.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Grant-making has been very nascent, limited and also at a low level. As grant-making develops as a key strategy, a full policy will be developed.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	N/A
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Although activity has been limited, important foundations have been put in place to strengthen the academic study and public awareness of modern Poland. The geostrategic importance of Poland and the relevance of the foundation's work has been underscored by its pivotal role in the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>The foundation was at an early stage in 2022 and although we were happy with the modest number of activities we have delivered and are planning, proper target setting and enhancing activities will depend on finances and resources.</p>
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>Although the opportunities for funding and the overall fundraising pipeline is encouraging, we had not yet reached the critical mass of funds we needed to make a longer-term appointment of a Project Manager. In terms of fundraising, we did not quite reach the level we wanted in 2022</p>
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Other</p>		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The foundation was in a healthy financial position with £30,000+ in funds at year end, but still not at the level we require to implement the range of activities detailed in our strategy. Nonetheless the funds were sufficient to help drive a pivotal stage of growth.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As the foundation is still in its early stages, we do not have an official reserves policy. However across 2022 we ensured that we retained a minimum of £10,000 in the bank account of unearmarked / reserve funds.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Minimum of £10,000 in cash in the bank account of unearmarked funds.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The £10,000 buffer will protect the foundation from insolvency, but the organisation is not yet a going concern in terms of its objects, mission and purposes.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Individuals predominantly giving £1000+
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>There are three key risks. The first is not having sufficient funds to implement our mission.</p> <p>The second is ensuring we find the right Project Director / Manager to lead the foundation in its day-to-day activities.</p> <p>The third is ensuring integrity and effectiveness in future grant-making as</p>

		this requires policies and oversight and processes that still need to be delivered
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation
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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Polish Studies Foundation
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1188129

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ranjit Majumdar	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	31/10/2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

POLISH STUDIES FOUNDATION

1188129

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2022

To

31/12/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	24,983	-	-	24,983	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	24,983	-	-	24,983	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	24,983	-	-	24,983	-
A3 Payments					
Grant to Polish Studies Group	-	750	-	750	-
Consulting Fees	7,560	-	-	7,560	-
Bookkeeping Fees	362	-	-	362	-
Salaries and HMRC Liabilities	5,253	-	-	5,253	-
Professional Fees	10,458	-	-	10,458	-
Travel Bursaries	660	-	-	660	-
Subscriptions	9	-	-	9	-
Events	300	-	-	300	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	24,602	750	-	25,352	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,602	750	-	25,352	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	381	- 750	-	- 369	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,712	-	-	30,712	-
Cash funds this year end	31,093	- 750	-	30,343	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	30,343	-	-
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		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	30,343	-	-
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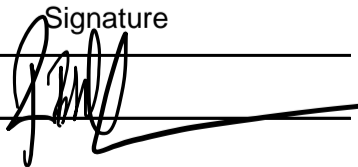
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature 	Print Name Ranjit Edward Majumdar	Date of approval 31/10/2023
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POLISH STUDIES FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1188129

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 01 January 2021
To Period end date 31 December 2021

Charity name: Polish Studies Foundation

Charity registration number: 1188129

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the Charity are to advance education of the public in, and support the academic study of, the history, literature, language, religion, philosophy, and culture of Poland.
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
	Para 1.38	N/A

Contribution made by volunteers		
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p>The charity began active operations in the second half of 2021 and so the main achievements still reflect an organisation in a soft launch phase.</p> <p>The main work was in building awareness and developing activities and grant-making relevant to its mission.</p> <p>These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of an institutional strategy for the foundation. • An academic grant to the Polish Studies Group, an influential collective of UK-based academics. • Travel grants to UK undergraduate students keen to travel to Poland to assist with their research and interests. • Participation in a major online lecture series with the US-based, Kosciuszko Foundation to large audiences. • Development of the external presence of the foundation through the website and on social media.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The foundation was solvent but had not yet raised enough funds to appoint a part-time (60%) project manager on an initial 12-month contract which was a key objective.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	N/A
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£30,712
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	N/A
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
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	Para 1.25	Trustee selection has been based on hand-picking key influencers in the field of Polish Studies as well as key non-academic board members to offer an independent and practical perspective.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Polish Studies Foundation
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1188129

Charity's principal address	Farrer & Co 65-66 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3LH

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	Norman Davies			
2	Ranjit Majumdar			
3	Stanley Bill			
4	Christian Davies		Appointed 22 March 2021	
5	Ania Zalewska		Appointed 22 March 2021	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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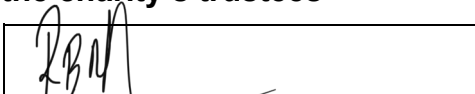
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ranjit Majumdar	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	18 October 2022	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

POLISH STUDIES FOUNDATION

1188129

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Jan-21	To	31-Dec-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	38,889	-	-	38,889	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	38,889	-	-	38,889	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	38,889	-	-	38,889	-
A3 Payments					
Accounting	50	-	-	50	-
Marketing	100	-	-	100	-
Consulting Fees	7,650	-	-	7,650	-
Repairs and Maintenance	225	-	-	225	-
Bank Charges	152	-	-	152	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,177	-	-	8,177	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,177	-	-	8,177	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	30,712	-	-	30,712	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	30,712	-	-	30,712	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

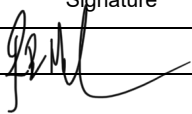
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Ranjit Majumdar	18-Oct-22



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Polish Studies Foundation

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1188129

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's 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
examiner's statement**

The charity's gross income hasn't exceeded £250,000.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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:

20/10/2022

Name:

Jolanta Rozpond

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

23 Mayfair Gardens

N17 7LP

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A

POLISH STUDIES FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1188129

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date **24 February 2020**

To Period end date **31 December 2020**

Charity name: **Polish Studies Foundation**

Charity registration number: **1188129**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the Charity are to advance education of the public in, and support the academic study of, the history, literature, language, religion, philosophy and culture of Poland.
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Polish Studies Foundation was not formally active over the period of this annual return period, although the Trustees were involved in putting in place some of the foundations that has allowed the organization to begin activity in Q4 2021, having received its first funds in April of this year. This preparatory work has involved interacting with potential donors, scoping out future activity and making informal contact with prospective partners and other stakeholders.</p> <p>The foundation would probably have launched in Q4 2020 were it not for the onset of COVID-19. A pivotal meeting with a group of major donors, planned for the end of March 2020, in Warsaw, was postponed, due to the emerging pandemic. From this meeting we expected to secure short-term funds to support the appointment of a project manager, but COVID-19 forestalled those plans.</p> <p>Nonetheless, over the period of the pandemic, the Trustees met virtually regularly and exchanged communications which have allowed it to proceed with its proposed mission in 2021; moreover, there is a strong conviction that this mission is more important now than ever.</p> <p>The charity's main purpose is to (i) Make grants to individuals and organisation to strengthen the academic foundation for</p>

		<p>Polish Studies. (ii) To develop new programming and to create services to help coordinate and resource the field of Polish Studies. (iii) Provide Advocacy to promote Polish Studies.</p> <p>Although the interest in historical and modern Poland may seem like a niche subject, we are growingly convinced of the breadth and depth of the interest in the country among a wide group of interested stakeholders, At the same time, academic activities, research and teaching are seriously underfunded and too many initiatives that would benefit from a collaborative approach operate in silos and never fulfil their potential.</p> <p>The pandemic has slowed down the implementation of our mission, but the initial period of the charity's existence was not wasted and the additional preparation time it inadvertently allowed, may prove to be valuable to fulfilling our vision in the medium and long-term</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	N/A
Other		N/A

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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Charity was dormant.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	N/A
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	N/A
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
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	Para 1.25	Trustee selection has been based on hand-picking key influencers in the field of Polish Studies as well as key non-academic board members to offer an independent and practical perspective.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Polish Studies Foundation
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1188129

Charity's principal address	Farrer & Co 65-66 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3LH

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	Norman Davies			
2	Ranjit Majumdar			
3	Stanley Bill			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ranjit Majumdar	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	22 October 2021	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

POLISH STUDIES FOUNDATION

1188129

Dormant - Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	24-Feb-20	To	30-Dec-20
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

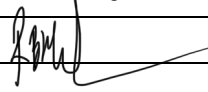
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Ranjit Majumdar	20-Oct-21