

THE JOHN MACLEOD CHARITABLE TRUST
CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NO: 1192113

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

for the year ended

31 January 2025

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Registered Address	c/o Gina Parker 30-32 Lombard Street London EC3V 9BQ	
Trustees	J.J. MacLeod N.D. Patel H.G.F. MacLeod	Chair (Appointed 2 November 2024)
Bankers	Weatherbys Private Bank 22 Sackville Street Mayfair London W1S 3DN	
Independent Examiner	Jeffrey Altman & Company Wayman House 141 Wickham Road Shirley Croydon Surrey CR0 8TE	

THE JOHN MACLEOD CHARITABLE TRUST
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
For the year ended 31 January 2025

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Governance and Management

The Scheme - The John MacLeod Charitable Trust was established by a deed dated 18 January 2020. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission, registered number 229268 on 2 November 2020.

Trustees - The Charity is administered by Trustees and their powers are determined by the declaration of trust dated 18 January 2020.

The Trust Deed states that there must be at least two trustees and at least two or one-third of the trustees (whichever is the higher) must be present at any meeting to be quorate. The trustees must not be under the age of 18 years and not be disqualified from office under the provisions of the Deed.

The trustees must meet at least twice a year at which they should look to appoint the income and at their discretion all or part of the capital of the charity in furtherance of the objects.

In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. They will receive a copy of the Trust Deed and any amendments made to it along with a copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts.

If a vacancy occurs the trustees must note the fact in the minutes of their next meeting. Any eligible trustee may be re-appointed. If the number of trustees falls below the quorum, none of the powers or discretions conferred by the deed or by law on the trustees shall be exercisable by the remaining trustees except the power to appoint new trustees.

Risk Management - The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the management of its investments and finances, and are satisfied that the systems in place sufficiently manage its exposure to those risks.

Objectives and Activities

Objects - The general object of the Trustees is to apply the income of the Charity in order to advance such charitable purposes (according to the law of England and Wales) as the trustees see fit from time to time. The Deed does not allow the Trustees to apply the property of the charity for purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and/or section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The Trustees consider that the objectives and activities of the Charity are in accordance with the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Area of Benefit - This is defined within the Trust Deed as being throughout England and Wales. Grants may be made to individuals and organisations which are either registered Charities or Voluntary Bodies.

Summary of Main Achievements and Events

The objects of Medecins Sans Frontiere (UK) are to relieve and promote the relief of sickness and to provide medical aid to the injured and to protect and preserve good health by the provision of medical supplies, personnel and procedures calculated to overcome disease, injury or malnutrition in any part of the world in accordance with the principles espoused by the international Council of Medecins Sans Frontieres in October 1990.

Medecins Sans Frontiere (UK) is also known as Doctors Without Borders and is registered in England and Wales with the Charity Commission number 1026588. The trustees have agreed to grant £200,000 (2024:£160,000) to this charity during the period.

Action Against Hunger UK is a global humanitarian organisation that aims to stop world hunger. They work with children under 5 and their parents and communities in 55 countries including the UK. Their aim is to prevent and treat malnutrition in children under 5. Shockingly 45 percent of all child associated deaths world-wide are still related to hunger! Every day 2000 children die from hunger related causes. Complex issues like poverty, gender inequality, climate change, conflict, global economy crisis, pandemics and poor education contribute to food insecurity around the world.

Action Against Hunger is registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales, registration number 1047501. The charity objects are to provide increased resources to support projects that address acute malnutrition and respond to humanitarian crises. They also aim to increase the impact and quality of responses to acute malnutrition and food crises by improving accountability, coverage and sustainability and influence donors' and practitioners' policies and programmes on the responses to and prevention of food crises and malnutrition.

The charity granted a payment to The Robin MacLeod Charitable Trust which is a related charity with trustees who are related to close relatives of the trustees of this charity, or are trustees of both. The charity was registered within the Charity Commission of England and Wales, registration number 1192118.

The charity made a grant of £88,938 (2024:£198) to the charitable trust which has general charitable objectives. The trustees will consider awarding grants to registered charities and where appropriate individuals can then demonstrate that support is required and will be used in the most effective way to benefit others. The trust focuses on advancement of health, poverty, refugees, homelessness and animal welfare.

Financial Review

The Charitable Trust was funded by an Endowment. The remaining balance on Endowment funds being £2,952,715.

Unrestricted Funds currently amount to £612,437, which is available for distribution to worthwhile causes when suitable applications are received and funds are available.

The level of Free Reserves is £3,565,152 at 31 January, 2025.

A Grant Making policy has been adopted by the charity which helps guide the Trustees to such applications which meet the charitable requirements and offers the Trustees and Applicants guidance for both grant giving and applications therefor.

Reserves Policy – The Trustees aim in pursuing their objects, is to distribute by way of grants the whole of the Charity's incoming resources available for the purpose within a reasonable time span after such resources are received. The Trustees see no need to have a reserves policy as such. Any balances available at a point in time are due to the cut off and awaiting confirmation of levels available.

Investments – Investment of the Charity's endowment funds is under the direct control of the Trustees. The current investments loans at a high commercial rate and are made to entities which are considered to be safe for both the return of funds and the relevant interest being charged. The returns available from this policy are currently over and above a 'spread' of investment plan and therefore considered to be beneficial to the beneficiaries.

Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and believe that the objects of the trust and the activities undertaken support this public benefit.

The trustees consider that the full details of the public benefit have been displayed within the review of activities and the future development planned.

Gift Aid

Post year end HMRC have disputed the validity of the ongoing Gift Aid Claim due the fact that they felt there was a conflict on interest in the Gift Aid claim. Therefore as a result, the Trustees of the Charity took it upon themselves, as a show of good governance, to file a serious incident report reporting upon this lack of management over the conflict of interest on 11 October 2024 with the Charities Commission. The Charities Commission has reviewed the facts of the case and subsequently closed the claim. As a result, the gift aid debtor of £815,487 has been written back in the accounts for the year to 31st January 2025.

Independent Examiner

A resolution to re-appoint Ms. M.D. Altman F.C.A. as independent examiner for the ensuring year will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES



J.J. MacLeod
Chair

Dated: 19 November 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
THE JOHN MACLEOD CHARITABLE TRUST**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 January 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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; or
- (3) the accounts do 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.
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for 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).

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.



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Date:

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BALANCE SHEET

At 31 January 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	4	-	3,645,232
		-	3,645,232
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		3,563,210	2,094
Gift Aid claims		-	815,487
Other taxes and social security		4,342	4,342
		3,567,552	821,923
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals and deferred income	5	2,400	1,100
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		3,565,152	820,823
		3,565,152	4,466,055
CAPITAL FUNDS			
Endowment	6	2,952,715	2,952,715
INCOME FUNDS			
Unrestricted		612,437	1,513,340
NET LIABILITIES		£ 3,565,152	4,466,055

The financial statements on pages 7-12 were approved by the Trustees on 11 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


J.J. MacLeod
Chair

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 January 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	2024 Total £
INCOME					
Gift Aid claimed		-	-	-	115
Grants and donations		50	-	50	450
Income from investments	2	225,484	-	225,484	319,804
TOTAL INCOME		<u>225,534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225,534</u>	<u>320,369</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities					
Grants payable	3	290,332	-	290,332	160,698
Support costs					
IT and software costs		212	-	212	196
Legal and professional fees		17,531	-	17,531	125
Writing back of gift aid previously provided for	11	815,487	-	815,487	-
Independent examiner's fees		2,875	-	2,875	1,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>1,126,437</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,126,437</u>	<u>162,119</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(900,903)	-	(900,903)	158,250
Fund balances as at					
1 February 2024		<u>1,513,340</u>	<u>2,952,715</u>	<u>4,466,055</u>	<u>4,307,805</u>
31 January 2025		<u>612,437</u>	<u>2,952,715</u>	<u>3,565,152</u>	<u>4,466,055</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 January 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the Charity.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds 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.

Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the Charity, principally investments and freehold land. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments or freehold land form part of the endowment funds.

(c) Income recognition

All income resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the Charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Investment income is recognised in the accounts when the amount can be measured reliably and the Charity's right to receive payment is established.

Grants receivable are recognised in the SoFA at fair value when all conditions for receipt have been satisfied, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Deferred grant income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS102).

(d) Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is accounted for gross on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities expenditure include all resources applied by the Charity in undertaking its charitable objectives as opposed to support costs. They are the resources expended in handling applications for relief and administering grants approved by the Trustees.

Support costs are those that assist the work of the Charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs and governance costs.

Donations receivable are allocated on the basis of the donors' wishes. If a specific purpose is determined then a restricted fund is established for that purpose.

Grants payable are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they have been approved by the Trustees and all conditions for payment have been satisfied.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

(e) Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. An losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(f) Investments

Investments are shown at their fair value at the balance sheet date (see note 4). Any movement in their fair value is recognised in the SoFA.

(g) Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements, which is sufficient with the level of reserves of the Charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. Investment Income	2025	2024
	£	£
Loan Interest	216,017	319,804
Bank Deposit Interest received	9,467	-
	<u>225,484</u>	<u>319,804</u>
	2025	2024
	£	£
3. Grants payable in furtherance of the Charity's Objects		
Medecins Sans Frontieres (UK)/Doctors Without Borders	200,000	160,000
NSPCC	250	-
Action Against Hunger UK	-	500
The Robin MacLeod Charitable Trust	88,938	198
Other small donations	1,144	-
	<u>290,332</u>	<u>160,698</u>

4. Investments

	Market Value at 01/02/2024	Additions	Disposal Proceeds	Movement in Value	Market value at 31/01/25
	£	£	£	£	£
Loans					
LiveStrata Ltd	2,609,131	145,915	(2,755,046)	-	-
Loan to Private Individual	1,036,101	70,101	(1,106,202)	-	-
Year ended 31 January 2025	<u>3,645,232</u>	<u>216,016</u>	<u>(3,861,248)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Year ended 31 January 2024	<u>3,488,427</u>	<u>319,805</u>	<u>(163,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,645,232</u>

During the year both loans were repaid in full. The Livestrata Ltd loan is a 48 month loan at 9% fixed rate rolling interest, repayable by 2 August 2024. The Loan to the Private individual is a 48 month loan, at an interest rate of 10%, rolling interest.

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5. Accruals and Deferred Income	2025	2024
	£	£
Accrued expenses	<u>2,400</u>	<u>1,100</u>
6. Endowment Fund	2025	2024
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Investments	-	2,846,700
Cash at Bank	<u>2,952,715</u>	<u>106,015</u>
	<u>2,952,715</u>	<u>2,952,715</u>

7. Trustees Remuneration, Expenses and Control

During the period no remuneration or expenses were paid to any of the Trustees. The Charity is controlled by the Trustees as a body. No individual Trustee has control over the Charity.

8. Related Party Transactions

John MacLeod, Chair of the trustees set up the charitable foundation with an initial Endowment of £3,260,699 plus the related gift aid claim.

The trustees have made a loan to LiveStrata Ltd, a company which Mr John MacLeod is the sole director and shareholder. No beneficial terms have been offered and Mr MacLeod was excluded from any relevant meetings at which the loan was discussed and terms agreed.

The Robin MacLeod Charitable Trust is a related charity with related, immediate family trustees to those of this charity.

9. Transfers

The provisions of the Trust Deed allow the trustees to make suitable distributions out of capital when circumstances require.

10. Fund comparatives

	Year to 31 January 2024	
	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
	£	£
INCOME		
Gift Aid claimed	115	-
Grants and donations	450	-
Income from investments	<u>319,804</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>320,369</u>	<u>-</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable Activities		
Grants payable	160,698	-
Support Costs		
IT and software costs	196	-
Legal and professional fees	125	-
Independent Examiners fees	<u>1,100</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>162,119</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME	158,250	-
Transfers between funds	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>158,250</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances as at		
1 February 2023	<u>1,355,090</u>	<u>2,952,577</u>
31 January 2024	<u>1,513,340</u>	<u>2,952,577</u>

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11. Post Balance Sheet Events

Post year end HMRC have disputed the validity of the ongoing Gift Aid Claim due the fact that they felt there was a conflict on interest in the Gift Aid claim. Therefore as a result, the Charity took it upon themselves, as a show of good governance, to report this lack of management of the conflict of interest to the Charities Commission. The Charities Commission has reviewed the facts of the case and subsequently closed the claim. As a result, the gift aid debtor of £815,487 has been written back in the accounts for the year to 31st January 2025.