

Charity Number 1192329

Year to 31 March 2025

Report and Financial Statements

The Wikimedia Foundation

Reference and administrative information

Trustees

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Principal Office: 7 Canton Terrace, Jesmond Road West, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4PD

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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On accounts for the year ended

Set out on pages

31 MARCH 2025
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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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 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 exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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 2006 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 ensure a proper understanding of the accounts to be examined.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

27 May

Date:

20.6.25

Name:

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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ACMA

Charity Commission for England
 100 Brook Street
 London W1B 3LY

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

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

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