Charity Registration No. 1192517

Company Registration No. 12674667 (England and Wales)

FOUNDATION FOR THE HISTORY OF TOTALITARIANISM LTD

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Professor H W DeBurgh	(Appointed 24 June 2020)
	Professor A A Szczerbiak	(Appointed 16 June 2020)
	Mgr P Rendek	(Appointed 27 October 2020)
	R C Moorhouse	(Appointed 24 June 2020)
	Dr N V Murray	(Appointed 24 June 2020)
	Mr. J G Bartholomew	(Appointed 16 June 2020)
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Company number	12674667	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects are to provide information and education about the history of totalitarianism, particularly in the 20th century. It aims to encourage study and research in a variety of ways including the creation of an annual history essay prize on a different subject each year.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Our main achievement has been to create a successful new history essay competition for sixth formers. In the first academic year, 2020-21, 370 students registered and 107 submitted essays.

This means more young students are learning about the history of totalitarianism and are being encouraged to read beyond the scope of the syllabus.

Financial review

The charity’s financial position remains relatively strong. Funding has been secured that will allow us to continue to hold the essay prize for another three years. Additional funding will continue to be sought in order to expand the scope of our operations, to include events and exhibitions.

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month’s expenditure. The Trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity’s current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves or more has been maintained throughout the period.

We hold reserves in order to cover our staff expenses and to ensure that we can continue to hold the essay prize and other events in the medium to long-term – ensuring that we do not live ‘hand to mouth’ in terms of funding.

The Trustees has assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Professor H W DeBurgh	(Appointed 24 June 2020)
Professor A A Szczerbiak	(Appointed 16 June 2020)
Mgr P Rendek	(Appointed 27 October 2020)
R C Moorhouse	(Appointed 24 June 2020)
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Mr. J G Bartholomew	(Appointed 16 June 2020)

Trustees are recruited by developing a wide circle of acquaintances who have knowledge and interest in aspects of the the history of totalitarianism. A diverse cross-section of this group is then invited to become trustees.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr. J G Bartholomew
Trustee
Dated: 13 July 2022

FOUNDATION FOR THE HISTORY OF TOTALITARIANISM LTD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FOUNDATION FOR THE HISTORY OF TOTALITARIANISM LTD

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Foundation for the History of Totalitarianism Ltd (the Charity) for the period ended 30 June 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or

4 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Ian Lansdown ACA
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United Kingdom

Dated: 13 July 2022

FOUNDATION FOR THE HISTORY OF TOTALITARIANISM LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	**3**	117,425	17,000	134,425
Investments	**4**	31	-	31
Total income		117,456	17,000	134,456
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	**5**	14,872	5,000	19,872
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		102,584	12,000	114,584
Fund balances at 16 June 2020		-	-	-
Fund balances at 30 June 2021		102,584	12,000	114,584

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£
Fixed assets			
Heritage assets	**8**		25,974
Current assets			
Debtors	**9**	3,128	
Cash at bank and in hand		88,154	
		91,282	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**10**	(2,672)	
Net current assets			88,610
Total assets less current liabilities			114,584
Income funds			
Restricted funds	**11**		12,000
Unrestricted funds			102,584
			114,584

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the period ended 30 June 2021.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 13 July 2022

Mr. J G Bartholomew
Trustee

Company Registration No. 12674667

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Foundation for the History of Totalitarianism Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 30 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2M 7DT, United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised in the period in which a liability is incurred and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that category.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.8 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	117,425	17,000	134,425
Donations and gifts			
The Nigel Vinson Charitable Trust	90,000	5,000	95,000
The Street Foundation	-	10,000	10,000
The de Laszlo Founation	-	2,000	2,000
Moynitrust	20,000	-	20,000
Viscount M W Ridley	7,000	-	7,000
Other	425	-	425
	117,425	17,000	134,425

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds
	2021
	£
Interest receivable	31

5 Charitable activities

	2021 £
Staff costs	7,991
Carriage inwards and import duty	5,000
Computer running costs	269
Professional subscriptions	82
Legal and professional fees	2,100
Accountancy	1,800
Bookkeeping	120
Bank charges	298
Insurance	284
Printing and stationery	835
Advertising	983
Sundry expenses	110
	19,872
	19,872
Analysis by fund	
Unrestricted funds	14,872
Restricted funds	5,000
	19,872

6 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the period.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the period was:

	2021 Number
	2

Employment costs	2021 £
Wages and salaries	7,991

8 Heritage assets

	£
At 16 June 2020	-
Purchases	25,974
At 30 June 2021	25,974

9 Debtors

	2021
Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**
Other debtors	3,128

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021
	£
Other taxation and social security	739
Accruals and deferred income	1,933
	2,672

11 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		
	Incoming resources	Balance at 16 June 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 30 June 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
KGB equipment fund	-	-	12,000	-	12,000
Donation towards legal fees	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
	-	-	17,000	(5,000)	12,000

The KGB equipment fund represents income received from donors specifically to purchase KGB equipment.

The donation in respect of legal fees was received to cover the costs of registering the Charity.

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 30 June 2021 are represented by:			
Heritage assets	13,974	12,000	25,974
Current assets/(liabilities)	88,610	-	88,610
	102,584	12,000	114,584

13 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the period.