

The AUC Foundation

Annual report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Charity registration number: 1192888

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Reference and administrative information

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Trustees	M S Gabr H Rachid S Shenouda
Chair	M S Gabr
Charity registered number	1192888
Registered office	Bates Wells Braithwaite Thames Exchange 10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1BE
Bankers	National Bank of Egypt House 8-9 Stratton Street London W1J 8LF

Trustees' report

For the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees present their annual report along with the financial statements of The AUC Foundation ('Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 6 and comply with The Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland' ('FRS 102'), effective from accounting periods commencing 1 January 2015 or later".

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure

The AUC Foundation ('the Charity') is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), not having share capital and was incorporated on 21 December 2020. It operates in accordance with a Governing Document adopted on 21 December 2020. If the Charity is wound up, the members have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

Organisation and management

The Trustees make the key decisions about the conduct of the charity. The Trustees give their time voluntarily and do not receive any remuneration for their services to the charity.

The Trustees are considered the key management personnel of the Charity.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Trustees have complete control of the Charity in relation to the application of funds. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Charity's governing document. All decision-making of the Charity is made in accordance with the Charity's conflicts of interest policy.

Trustees

The Trustees of the Charity during the year ended 31 December 2024 and up to the date of approval of this report were:

M S Gabr
H Rachid
S Shenouda

Trustees' report (continued)

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Policies and objectives

The principal objective of the Charity is the advancement of education about the heritage and culture of the Arab world.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees of the Charity have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have taken reasonable steps to ensure that this guidance has been considered in the activities undertaken by the Charity to deliver its charitable purposes.

The Charity delivers a benefit to the public through the pursuance of its principal object, the advancement of education and learning and in particular, the provision of facilities for education at suitable establishments and the award of scholarships, maintenance allowance, or grants for students.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Charity is looking for different opportunities to support its mission. We currently have one gift agreement worth \$475,000 which will be received over the period of five years in equal amounts of \$95,000 from 2022 to 2026. This fund will be used for The Charity restricted purpose for granting scholarship.

The Charity held one meeting with board of trustees during the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

The results for the year are shown in the statement of the financial activities on page 5. During the year, the Charity received donations and other income totalling of £19,627 (2023: £64,444). The cost of raising funds was £Nil (2023: £Nil) and amount spent on charitable activities totalled to £102,231 (2023: £53,174) which brought total expenditure for the year to £102,231 (2023: £53,174). The result for the year ended 31 December 2024 was a deficit of £82,604 (2023: surplus £11,270).

The balance of the unrestricted reserves as at 31 December 2024 was deficit of £10,143 (2023-surplus of £9,537) and restricted reserves totalled £248,772 (2023: £311,696).

Reserves policy

The level of reserves is monitored and reviewed by the Trustees at least annually. The Trustees believe that the Charity should target to hold unrestricted financial reserves equivalent to a minimum of four month's operating costs.

As at 31 December 2024 the Charity's unrestricted reserves were Deficit of £10,143 (2023-surplus of £9,537). The Charity received incoming resources shortly after the year end to bring this fund in line with the level set out by the trustees.

Trustees' report (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for the year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in "Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of recommended practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102,
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation,

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulation 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. They are also responsible for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



M. S. Gabr
Trustee

Date:

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:				
Donations	3	-	19,573	19,573
Other income	4	-	54	54
Total income		-	19,627	19,627
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(62,924)	(39,307)	(102,231)
Total expenditure		(62,924)	(39,307)	(102,231)
Net income and net movements in funds		(62,924)	(19,680)	(82,604)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		311,696	9,537	321,233
Total funds carried forward		248,772	(10,143)	238,629

All activities relate to continuing operations.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the above statement of financial activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 December 2023 (comparative period)

	Note	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:				
Donations	3	5,000	59,403	64,403
Other income	4	-	41	41
Total income		5,000	59,444	64,444
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	15,056	(68,230)	(53,174)
Total expenditure		15,056	(68,230)	(53,174)
Net income and net movements in funds		20,056	(8,786)	11,270
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		291,640	18,323	309,963
Total funds carried forward		311,696	9,537	321,233

All activities relate to continuing operations.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the above statement of financial activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Statement of financial position

As at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank		120,759	105,952
Debtors: amounts within one year	8	588	373
		121,347	106,325
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(55,989)	(21,288)
Net current assets		65,358	85,037
Debtors: amounts more than one year	9	173,271	236,196
Net assets		238,629	321,233
Charity Funds			
Unrestricted funds		(10,143)	9,537
Restricted funds	12	248,772	311,696
Total funds		238,629	321,233

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



M.S. Gabr
Trustee

Date:

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. General information

The AUC Foundation ('the Charity') is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), not having share capital and is incorporated in England and Wales. The Charity registration number is 1192888. Its registered office and principal place of business is Bates Wells Braithwaite, Thames Exchange, 10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared for the year ended 31 December 2024 with comparative information presented for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or in the notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102))", 'The financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ('FRS' 102)' and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity constitutes as public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the company's accounting policies.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.3 Assessment of going concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these accounts. The Trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of at least one year from the date of approval of these accounts.

The Trustees of the Charity have concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees are of the opinion that the Charity will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

2.4 Cash flow statement

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the Charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to produce such a statement under Accounting and Reporting by charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that income will be received. Where income relates to future periods, this income will be deferred. Grants and donations received for the general purposes of the charitable company are included as unrestricted funds; grants and donations for activities restricted by the wishes of the donor are taken to restricted funds.

2.6 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is included in the accounts on an accruals basis and included attributable VAT, which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure is allocated to the particular activity on a direct basis or by allocation based on the level of direct expenditure relating to that activity.

2.7 Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provisions for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

2.8 Cash at bank

Cash at bank represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisitions.

2.9 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

2.10 Taxation

The AUC Foundation is a registered Charity and therefore is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

2.11 Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as specified by the donor. Expenditure which meets their criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted general funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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2.12 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Pounds sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into Pounds sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

3. Donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2024	Unrestricted funds 2024	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£
Gift Aid received	-	19,573	19,573
Total	-	19,573	19,573

	Restricted Funds 2023	Unrestricted funds 2023	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£
Donations	-	400	400
Donation income in kind	-	59,003	59,003
Unwinding of discount related to donation	5,000	-	5,000
Total	5,000	59,403	64,403

Included in donation income in kind are donated services from The American University of Cairo totalling £ Nil (2023: £59,003) in respect of insurance and legal & professional fees paid on the Charity's behalf and the detail of which is in note 13 Related party transaction.

4. Other income

	Restricted funds 2024	Unrestricted funds 2024	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£
Interest income	-	54	54
Total	-	54	54

	Restricted funds 2023	Unrestricted funds 2023	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£
Interest income	-	41	41
Total	-	41	41

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5. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Charitable activities			
Insurance	-	574	574
Bank Charges		20	20
Unwinding of discount related to donation	64,877	-	64,877
Exchange rate difference	(1,953)	-	(1,953)
Governance costs			
Legal and professional fees	-	33,451	33,451
Accountancy fees	-	5,262	5,262
	<u>62,924</u>	<u>39,307</u>	<u>102,231</u>
	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Charitable activities			
Insurance	-	1,157	1,157
Exchange rate difference	(15,056)	-	(15,056)
Governance costs			
Legal and professional fee	-	57,473	57,473
Accountancy fees	-	4,800	4,800
Independent examination fees	-	4,800	4,800
	<u>(15,056)</u>	<u>68,230</u>	<u>53,174</u>

The Charity has not employed any staff directly.

6. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Accountancy fees	5,262	4,800
Independent examination fees	-	4,800
	<u>5,262</u>	<u>9,600</u>

7. Trustees' remuneration

No Trustees received any emoluments for their services as Trustees during the year.
No Trustees were reimbursed for any expenses during the year.

8. Debtors: amounts due within than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	588	373
	<u>588</u>	<u>373</u>

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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9. Debtors: amounts due after more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	173,271	236,196
	<u>173,271</u>	<u>236,196</u>

In 2022, the Charity received a grant commitment to receive an amount of \$95,000 per annum from 2022 to 2026 inclusive. An asset was recognised, discounted to present value using a discount rate of 7% per annum.

The notional interest is debited to the statement of financial activities as the discount is "unwound".

10. Creditors: amounts due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Creditors	6,180	-
Accruals	5,160	21,288
Other Loans	44,649	-
	<u>55,989</u>	<u>21,288</u>

11. Allocation of net assets between funds

The allocation of net assets between funds as at 31 December 2024 are represented by:

	Restricted funds 2024	Unrestricted funds 2024	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£
Current assets	75,500	45,846	121,346
Non-current assets	173,272	-	173,272
Current liabilities	-	(55,989)	(55,989)
Total net assets	<u>248,772</u>	<u>(10,143)</u>	<u>238,629</u>

The allocation of net assets between funds as at 31 December 2023 are represented by:

	Restricted funds 2023	Unrestricted funds 2023	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£
Current assets	75,500	30,825	106,325
Non-current assets	236,196	-	236,196
Current liabilities	-	(21,288)	(21,288)
Total net assets	<u>311,696</u>	<u>9,537</u>	<u>321,233</u>

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12. Restricted funds

	Opening funds 2024	Income 2024	Expenditure 2024	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Scholarship	311,696	-	62,924	248,772
Total net assets	311,696	-	62,924	248,772

The specified purpose for which the above funds are utilised are:

To support one undergraduate Egyptian student from Upper Egypt, who demonstrates academic merit and financial need.

13. Related party transactions

The American University of Cairo paid for expenses of the Charity totalling £44,649 during the year (2023: £59,003). The corresponding expenditure is recognized within charitable activities. M S Gabr, a trustee of the charity, is also a trustee of The American University of Cairo. At the year end the amount due to this related party was £44,649 (2023: £Nil).