

**DICKRAN AND SETA OUZOUNIAN
EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

**Financial Statements for the year ended
31 December 2024**

DICKRAN AND SETA OUZOUNIAN EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Officers and Advisers

Governing Document:	Trust Deed
Charity Registration No:	1195178 England & Wales.
Main Office:	Dickran and Seta Ouzounian Educational Trust PO Box 7628 London W1A 3YZ
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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

The object of the Trust is the advancement of education in the UK of needy Armenian students from anywhere in the world including the furtherance of studies in music and the arts. To fulfil the Trust's objectives, the Trustees offer grants to needy students of Armenian origin studying in the UK.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The grants made during the year have benefited the public in the further education of Armenian students studying in the UK.

Achievements in year (including financial review)

During the period, the Trustees awarded £78,725 to 17 students. One student deferred their grant to the following year (-£1k), another withdrew their claim to their grant (-£6k) and a third student requested an increase due to unforeseen circumstances, which was duly granted (+£4k). Consequently, the actual value of scholarship grants disbursed during the period was £75,725 to 15 students (2023: £71k to 13 students) studying at various universities in the UK. Only 2 of the 15 beneficiaries were existing renewal applicants while the remaining 13 were new. Individual grants ranged from £1,000 to £10,000 per student.

The Trust's income consists solely of dividends and capital growth of the investment portfolio with minor contributions from interest on bank deposits. The sale of securities during the year led to an overall capital gain of less than £14k, compared to a loss of over £22k during the prior year. Besides a small portion of cash in the Trust's bank account, the asset portfolio represents the vast majority of the capital, or Trust Fund. Taking into account all income, gains and expenditure, the Trust Fund grew just under 3.9% to £2.82 million (2023: £2.71 million) during the year. During the course of the year, the Trustees questioned Rathbones, the investment managers, on the reasons for the continuing poor performance of the asset portfolio, and what could be done to improve things. The response was not encouraging because financial markets remain volatile and unpredictable in the short term but the Trustees were assured that the composition of the portfolio is constantly reviewed and adjusted to achieve the optimum yield possible within the framework of the Trust's risk profile.

Following a transfer of funds from the Expendable Endowment, agreed by the Trustees, the Unrestricted Fund began the period at zero and ended £17k in the red (2023: £13k in the red). While it was hoped that the outlook would improve, this outcome was not wholly unexpected. The Trustees are committed to supporting existing beneficiary students by renewing their grants until the completion of their degree course, and have once again agreed to transfer the necessary funds from the Expendable Endowment to the Unrestricted Fund.

Overall, there has been improvement in the Trust's finances compared with the prior year.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by a Trust Deed in settlement declared by the late Dick Haig and Seta Ouzounian on 24th November 1998. The Trust is an unincorporated association administered by two Trustees and one administrator as named on the officers and advisors page. Both the Trustees serve on a voluntary basis and receive no expenses. No staff are currently employed by the Trust. The self-employed administrator is paid.

Investment Policy

The Trustees of the Charity have wide powers to invest the monies of the Charity as they think fit. They are advised on investment matters by Westminster Wealth Management LLP, who are led by the Trustees' guidance on requirements and risk. The Trust's investment portfolio is professionally managed by Rathbones Investment Management. The current portfolio is invested widely in terms of asset class, asset manager and security and on a global basis.

The Charity seeks to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk. It adopts a total return approach to investment, generating the investment return from income and capital gains or losses. It is expected that if in any one year the total return is insufficient to meet the budgeted grant-making expenditure, in the long term the real value of the Charity will still be maintained. To allow for volatility of capital values, the Trustees permit the manager to maintain at least one year's worth of budgeted grant in cash or lower risk liquid investments.

Reserves Policy

In terms of Charity Law, the Trust Fund is an expendable endowment. The trustees therefore have a duty to spend the income reserves generated from the Trust Fund within a reasonable time of receipt. However, scholarships to new beneficiaries are awarded on the basis that a student will be supported for each year of their degree course, subject to certain conditions being met. Therefore, in any particular year, financial conditions permitting, the trustees will aim to maintain sufficient funds in the reserves to compensate for a potential drop in income in the years subsequent to each new award.

The Trust Fund consists solely of the original capital and capital gains/losses. Investment income is held in the Unrestricted Funds. In the long term, the Trustees will aim to keep charitable spending in line with net income, although they do have the power to spend the capital of the fund on charitable purposes if they so determine. The Trustees are aware that it will be difficult to fulfil the long-term aim in the short term, due to ongoing market volatility and the generally uncertain economic climate.

Risk Review

The Trustees have identified and assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operation and finances of the Charity. They are satisfied that the Charity's exposure to these risks is at an acceptable level.

The Trustees are able to tolerate volatility of the capital value of the Charity, as long as the Charity is able to meet its short-term grant-making commitments through either income or liquid capital assets. With the backdrop of ongoing war in Europe and conflict in the Middle East, the markets have remained volatile.

Going Concern

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to be operational for the foreseeable future. For this reason they will adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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Future Plans

The Trust intends to continue its central policy of distributing all income received to eligible beneficiaries in the form of grants in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed.

Responsibilities of Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (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. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and applicable law). Under charity law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 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, as amended by the Charities Act 2022, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Charity's trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on

12/9/2025

and signed on behalf of the Board



B P Gulbenkian
Trustee - Chairperson

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dickran and Seta Ouzounian Educational Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 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.



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Date:

12/19/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds Period 2023 £	Endowment Funds Period 2023 £	Total Funds Period 2023 £
Income and endowments from:							
Investment income	2	70,112	-	70,112	69,283	-	69,283
Other		123	-	123	5	-	5
Total income		70,235	-	70,235	69,288	-	69,288
Expenditure on:							
Cost of raising funds	3	-	27,264	27,264	-	25,531	25,531
Charitable activities	4, 5	87,471	-	87,471	82,370	-	82,370
Total expenditure		87,471	27,264	114,735	82,370	25,531	107,901
Net income/ (expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		(17,236)	(27,264)	(44,500)	(13,082)	(25,531)	(38,613)
Net gain/(losses) on investments							
Realised gains/(loss) on investments		-	13,626	13,626	-	(22,305)	(22,305)
Unrealised gains/ (loss) on investments	6	-	138,262	138,262	-	92,524	92,524
Net income/ (expenditure)		(17,236)	124,624	107,388	(13,082)	44,688	31,606
Transfers between funds	11	17,236	(17,236)	-	13,082	(13,082)	-
Net movement in funds		-	107,388	107,388	-	31,606	31,606
Balance brought forward at 31 Dec 2023		-	2,708,386	2,708,386	-	2,676,780	2,676,780
Balance carried forward at 31 Dec 2024	12, 13	-	2,815,774	2,815,774	-	2,708,386	2,708,386

Continuing operations

None of the Trust's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current period.

Total recognised gains and losses

The Trust has no recognised gains or losses other than the gains or losses for the current period.

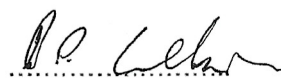
The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	31.12.2024 £	31.12.2023 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	6	2,810,330	2,705,193
		<u>2,810,330</u>	<u>2,705,193</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank		15,655	38,807
Debtors	7	1,016	198
		<u>16,671</u>	<u>39,005</u>
Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year	8	11,227	35,812
Net current assets		<u>5,444</u>	<u>3,193</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,815,774</u>	<u>2,708,386</u>
Represented by:			
Endowment funds	12,13	2,815,774	2,708,386
Unrestricted funds	12,13	-	-
Total Funds		<u>2,815,774</u>	<u>2,708,386</u>

Approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 12/9/2025 and signed on its behalf.



B P Gulbenkian
Trustee - Chairperson

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022. Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement under 'Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows' as permitted by FRS 102 on the grounds that the Trust qualifies as a small entity.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources

Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the monetary value of income can be measured reliably.

(c) Investment income

Income from investments is included in the statement of financial activities in the year in which it is receivable.

(d) Cost of raising funds

The cost of generating funds consists of investment management and certain legal and professional fees charged on an accruals basis including VAT.

(e) Charitable activities

The expenditure on charitable activities includes grants made, governance costs and support costs. Included within this category are costs associated with the independent examination, and costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(f) Grants

Applications for grants are considered by the Trustees. They are accounted for on an accruals basis where the third party has a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Priority is given by the Trustees to undergraduate students but students pursuing other qualifications in the field of music and the arts are also considered.

(g) Fixed asset investments

Investments are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

(h) Foreign Currency

Foreign currency transactions are translated into sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All exchange differences are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities

(i) Funds

Unrestricted funds are those general funds received and utilised in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Funds where the capital is held to generate income for charitable purposes are accounted for as endowment funds. The terms of the endowment allow the capital of the fund to be spent on the furtherance of the charity's purposes if the trustees so determine, the fund is therefore accounted for as an expendable endowment.

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(j) **Taxation policy**

The charity is a registered charity and is exempt from income, corporation tax and capital gains tax where the income and gains are used for charitable purposes.

2. Investment income

	Unrestricted Fund 31.12.2024 £	Endowment Fund 31.12.2024 £	Total Funds 31.12.2024 £	Unrestricted Fund 31.12.2023 £	Endowment Fund 31.12.2023 £	Total Funds 31.12.2023 £
UK equities	17,702	-	17,702	19,574	-	19,574
UK fixed interest securities	13,644	-	13,644	11,081	-	11,081
UK alternatives	10,835	-	10,835	9,961	-	9,961
Overseas equities	24,634	-	24,634	25,157	-	25,157
Overseas fixed interest securities	1,282	-	1,282	1,592	-	1,592
Interest on cash deposits	2,015	-	2,015	1,918	-	1,918
	<u>70,112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,112</u>	<u>69,283</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,283</u>

3. Cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted Fund 31.12.2024 £	Endowment Fund 31.12.2024 £	Total Funds 31.12.2024 £	Unrestricted Fund 31.12.2023 £	Endowment Fund 31.12.2023 £	Total Funds 31.12.2023 £
Investment management costs	-	20,237	20,237	-	18,951	18,951
Financial advisor fees	-	7,027	7,027	-	6,580	6,580
	<u>-</u>	<u>27,264</u>	<u>27,264</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,531</u>	<u>25,531</u>

4. Grants

	Unrestricted Fund 31.12.2024 £	Endowment Fund 31.12.2024 £	Total Funds 31.12.2024 £	Unrestricted Fund 31.12.2023 £	Endowment Fund 31.12.2023 £	Total Funds 31.12.2023 £
University scholarships	75,725	-	75,725	71,000	-	71,000
	<u>75,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,725</u>	<u>71,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,000</u>

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5. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Fund 31.12.2024	Endowment Fund 31.12.2024	Total Funds 31.12.2024	Unrestricted Fund 31.12.2023	Endowment Fund 31.12.2023	Total Funds 31.12.2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants (Note 4)	75,725	-	75,725	71,000	-	71,000
Admin and accountancy	8,750	-	8,500	8,500	-	8,500
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Independent Examiner	2,412	-	2,412	2,340	-	2,340
Office expense	584	-	584	530	-	530
	<u>87,471</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,471</u>	<u>82,370</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,370</u>

6. Fixed assets investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Market value at 1 January 2024	2,705,193	2,660,493
Additions	875,313	755,034
Disposals (at opening market value)	(922,090)	(725,734)
Net unrealised (loss)/gain	138,262	92,524
Net movement of cash held within portfolio	13,652	(77,124)
Market value at 31 December 2024	<u>2,810,330</u>	<u>2,705,193</u>
Historical cost at 31 December 2024	<u>2,661,793</u>	<u>2,725,318</u>

Investments at market value	UK £	Overseas £	Total 2024 £	UK £	Overseas £	Total 2023 £
Equities	471,375	1,663,227	2,134,602	571,619	1,309,477	1,881,096
Fixed interest securities	270,888	51,625	322,513	278,839	100,480	379,319
Alternatives	280,594	-	280,594	385,814	-	385,814
Cash held within investment portfolio	72,616	-	72,616	58,964	-	58,964
Total	<u>1,095,473</u>	<u>1,714,852</u>	<u>2,810,325</u>	<u>1,295,236</u>	<u>1,409,957</u>	<u>2,705,193</u>

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Material investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Amazon Com Inc	92,834	35,756
Alphabet Inc	75,575	71,226
Microsoft Corp	67,311	50,147
Treasury 3.5% Bonds	59,864	59,914
Treasury 4.25% Bonds	57,315	-
Mastercard Inc	56,761	36,803
S&P Global Inc	55,672	29,373
Treasury 4.5% Bonds	51,923	26,444
Rathbones Greenbank Bond	51,625	51,490
Meta Platforms Inc	51,426	47,202

7. Debtors	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	1,016	198
	<u>1,016</u>	<u>198</u>

8. Creditors and Accruals	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	11,227	35,812
	<u>11,227</u>	<u>35,812</u>

9. Transactions with Trustees and connected persons

The Trustees serve on a voluntary basis and receive no remuneration or benefits. No trustee expenses were incurred by the Charity. The day-to-day running of the Trust is contracted to a self-employed administrator who is paid. The Charity does not have any employees.

10. Employees	2024 £	2023 £
The average monthly number of employees during the year was:	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

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11. Fund Transfers

During the period the trustees exercised their power to convert £17,236 (2023: £13,082) from the expendable endowment fund to income to be spent on the furtherance of the charity's purposes.

12. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Funds	Balance at 1.1.2024 £	Share of Net Income £	Grants Paid £	Transfers £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31.12.24 £
Expendable Endowment	2,708,386	(27,264)	-	(17,236)	151,888	2,815,774
Unrestricted Fund	-	58,489	(75,725)	17,236	-	-
Total Funds	2,708,386	31,225	(75,725)	-	151,888	2,815,774

The expendable endowment was established in 2021 by the bequest from the late Dickran and Seta Ouzounian creating the capital fund of the Dickran and Seta Ouzounian Educational Trust. The Trustees have the power to spend the capital of the fund on the furtherance of the charity's purposes.

13. Analysis of Funds by Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Assets	-	2,827,001	2,827,001	-	2,744,198	2,744,198
Liabilities	-	(11,227)	(11,227)	-	(35,812)	(35,812)
	-	2,815,774	2,815,774	-	2,708,386	2,708,386