

Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 December 2023

1 Introduction

JAST was formed as a charitable trust in 2021 and registered with the Charity Commission in September 2021, with a financial year running from 1 January to 31 December. This report covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023.

2. Objectives/Aims and Activities of the Charity

2.1 The charitable aims of JAST are unchanged and remain two-fold:

- (1) To promote the provision of training in the environmentally friendly adaption and rehabilitation of housing and other properties to give buildings which are ecologically sound and energy efficient.
- (2) To support the access of young people in West Yorkshire in these courses (especially young people between the ages of 16 and 25 in Postcode areas LS10 and LS11) and enable them to complete apprenticeships using these skills.

2.2 The main practical activities of JAST over this reporting period have continued to be:

- Financial support to the Leeds College of Building (LCB) for the employment of by the College of a Zero Carbon Construction Skills Project Coordinator to teach LCB students "Green Skills";
- Developing further contacts with external individuals and/or organisations working in the same field, building up a supportive network locally, regionally and nationally.

2.3 Development of curriculum materials

The JAST funded Zero Carbon Construction Skills Project Coordinator has continued to develop teaching materials for LCB students the College. In particular material has been developed for students in later years of their courses, especially where the students have already had contact with first year's course materials. The course materials continue to deal with the Zero-Carbon & Sustainability agenda, dovetailing into other material taught across the College, and building on the material presented in the first year of the project. New material was prepared in time for the start of the Autumn term, and continued successfully throughout the academic year.

The material generated to date has been made available to other Colleges who teach building skills. Work is continuing with other colleges in the West Yorkshire region and with the appropriate officials in the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (The WY Mayor's office) to encourage its use across the County.

3. Future Work

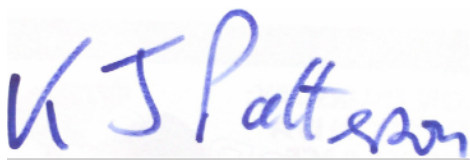
In addition to the continuing curriculum development within the College of Building, the Trust is now looking to extend its community work in LS10 and LS11, and has already organised and participated in local public and business meetings. This will be a significant aim in 2024 and 2025.

The Trustees' aim continues to be to inform and engage with the community, particularly in the more socially disadvantaged parts of the city and county, to achieve JAST's charitable objectives. The long term goal is to enable the community and individuals within the community, to take effective measures to make the buildings in which they live and work suitable for the increasingly extreme weather conditions caused by Climate Change.

JAST and LCB will continue to liaise with the WY Mayor's Office and other FE Colleges in WY, to encourage the use of the teaching materials we have made (and will continue to make) freely available to other building studies students and Colleges.

The projects we hoped to have been involved in to give practical training opportunities in "Green" skills to LCB students did not come to fruition in 2023. They remain part of our aims for 2024 and 2025. We continue to look for ways to build relationships with others working in the same field as JAST, particularly on retrofitting older buildings to make them "fit for the future".

JAST is gaining local profile and recognition regionally and nationally as a contributor to the future skills agenda.



Chair of the Trustee Board
21 September 2024

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Governance

The JAST Trustees, who were in place for the whole of 2023, were:

Sir John Battle - Treasurer
Baroness Judith Blake
Dr Jackie Coates - Secretary
Dr Geoff Driver
Sir Frank McLoughlin
Dr Ken Patterson - Chair

The Trustees met frequently as a group during 2023, usually at 6-weekly intervals. The majority of meetings were fully attended.

Baroness Blake was a Trustee throughout 2023 but resigned in 2024 when she was appointed to a government position in the House of Lords.

JAST Statement of Accounts 1 January - 31 December 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS			
RECEIPTS		2023	2022
Opening Balance (brought forward)		25,805.78	74,946
Donations - Note 1		65,000.00	
payment into account			5000
Bank charges refunds		146.00	
Total receipts		90,951.78	79,946
PAYMENTS			
JAST Marketing - logo, banners		1231.00	5000
Salary payments of JAST Project Coordinator		6,489.30	45,748.27
LCB event sponsorship		307.80	3080
Bank Charges (@£18 per quarter)		72.00	72
Repayment of £5000, arising from bank error		5,000.00	
Fees for banking, contested		146.00	
Total Payments		13246.10	54,140.22
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		77,705.68	25,805.78
Current Assets (at 31 December)			
Current Account		77,705.68	25,805.78
Other		0	0
Liabilities 2023			
Payment of £23k to LCB for salary - cashed in 2024		23,000	
Repayment of £5000, arising from bank error			5,000
Net Assets/(Liabilities)		54,705.68	20,805.78
Notes			
1. JAST income continues to be by generous donation from one of its Trustees..			

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Independent Examiner's Report

to the trustees of the **Joseph Aspdin Skills Trust, Registered Charity No. 1195750**

I'm reporting on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 202³~~2~~, which are set out herewith. *D.S.*

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the independent examiner.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 an audit is not required for this year, but that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement.

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 explanation 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.

As a result of my examination I have found no matter

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the following requirements have not been met:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed *D.S. Salinger*

Date *22/8/24*

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