

GLOBAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH SOCIETY OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

England & Wales · Charity number 1197581

Details

Other names GERSO

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-01-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS THE PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF GOOD HEALTH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY ADVANCING EDUCATION (PARTICULARLY AMONGST OPHTHALMOLOGISTS) IN THE SCIENCE AND PRACTICE OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

Activities: Global Education & Research Society of Ophthalmology is a registered charity number 1197581 and uses the working name GERSO and exists to pursue the charity's objects that are the preservation and promotion of good health for the public benefit by advancing education (particularly amongst Ophthalmologists) in the science and practice of ophthalmology.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2024-10-30		£0	£12,041	-	-
2023-10-30		£0	£17,767	-	-
2022-10-30		£84,847	£52,270	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SUNIL SHAH FRCOphth	Chair	2020-09-07
Maged Nessim FRCSE		2020-09-07

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3. Financial Review

3.1 Financial Activity and Financial Position

The Charity’s only source of funding was the donation of the predecessor business having the same name.

The Receipts & Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities can be found on pages 5 and 6 respectively. The Charity’s cash reserves decreased by £12,041 (2023: decreased by £17,767) during the year to £2,769 (2023: £14,810).

3.2 Reserves Policy


The Trustees have considered the level of resources they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity’s needs. This is based on the charity’s size and the level of commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure.

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5. Approval

The report of the Trustees was approved by the Trustees on 16 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Maged Nessim
Trustee

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Receipts & Payments Account For the year ended 30 October 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts from:	2						
Donations		-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts		0	0	0	0	0	0
Payments on:	3						
Raising funds		3,244	-	3,244	7,059	-	7,059
Charitable activities		8,797	-	8,797	10,708	-	10,708
Total payments		12,041	0	12,041	17,767	0	17,767
Net receipts		(12,041)	0	(12,041)	(17,767)	0	(17,767)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(12,041)	0	(12,041)	(17,767)	0	(17,767)
Total funds brought forward		14,810	-	14,810	32,577	-	32,577
Total funds carried forward		2,769	0	2,769	14,810	0	14,810

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities As at 30 October 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Assets						
Tangible Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	2,769	-	2,769	14,810	-	14,810
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,810</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,810</u>
Liabilities						
Accountancy	(1,000)	-	(1,000)	(1,000)	-	(1,000)
Independent examination	(300)	-	(300)	(300)	-	(300)
Total Assets Less Liabilities	<u>(1,300)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,300)</u>	<u>13,510</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,510</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donation from GERSO (predecessor business)	-	-	-	-

3. Payments

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Raising funds:				
Social Media Marketing	3,244	-	3,244	7,059
Charitable Activities				
Webinars	7,357	-	7,357	5,175
Provision of Office & Support	1,440	-	1,440	5,533
Governance	-	-	-	-
	12,041	0	12,041	17,767

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Receipts from:	2						
Donations		-	-	-	84,847	-	84,847
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts		0	0	0	84,847	0	84,847
Payments on:	3						
Raising funds		7,059	-	7,059	7,500	-	7,500
Charitable activities		10,708	-	10,708	44,770	-	44,770
Total payments		17,767	0	17,767	52,270	0	52,270
Net receipts		(17,767)	0	(17,767)	32,577	0	32,577
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(17,767)	0	(17,767)	32,577	0	32,577
Total funds brought forward		32,577	-	32,577	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		14,810	0	14,810	32,577	0	32,577

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities As at 30 October 2023

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Assets						
Tangible Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash At Bank And In Hand	14,810	-	14,810	32,577	-	32,577
	<u>14,810</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,810</u>	<u>32,577</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>32,577</u>
Liabilities						
Accountancy	(1,000)	-	(1,000)	(1,000)	-	(1,000)
Independent examination	(300)	-	(300)	(300)	-	(300)
	<u>(1,300)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,300)</u>	<u>(1,300)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,300)</u>
Total Assets Less Liabilities	<u>13,510</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,510</u>	<u>31,277</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31,277</u>

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Donation from GERSO (predecessor business)	-	-	-	88,217

3. Payments

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Raising funds:				
Social Media Marketing	7,059	-	7,059	7,500
Charitable Activities				
Webinars	5,175	-	5,175	9,390
Provision of Office & Support	5,533	-	5,533	21,856
Governance	-	-	-	13,524
	17,767	0	17,767	52,270

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Global Education & Research Society of Ophthalmology (GERSO)

I report on the financial statements of Global Education & Research Society of Ophthalmology (GERSO) for the period ended 30 October 2022, set out on pages 5 to 7.

This report is made solely to the Charity Trustees in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act). My independent examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by the law, I do not accept responsibility to anyone other than the Trust and the Trustees for my independent examination, for this report, or the opinions I have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Charity Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this (under section 144(2) of the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Direction given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act); and
- To 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 Commissioners. 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 Charity Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Christine Cheung Poston

12 September 2025

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Receipts from:	2			
Donations		84,847	-	84,847
Charitable activities		-	-	-
Total receipts		84,847	0	84,847
Payments on:	3			
Raising funds		7,500	-	7,500
Charitable activities		44,770	-	44,770
Total payments		52,270	0	52,270
Net receipts		32,577	0	32,577
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-
Net movement in funds		32,577	0	32,577
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		32,577	0	32,577

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities As at 30 October 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Assets				
Tangible Assets		-	-	-
Debtors		-	-	-
Cash At Bank And In Hand		32,577	-	32,577
		<u>32,577</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>32,577</u>
Liabilities				
Accountancy		(1,000)	-	(1,000)
Independent examination		(300)	-	(300)
		<u>(1,300)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,300)</u>
Total Assets Less Liabilities		<u>31,277</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31,277</u>

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Raising funds:			
Social Media Marketing	7,500	-	7,500
Charitable Activities			
Webinars	9,390	-	9,390
Provision of Office & Support	21,856	-	21,856
Governance	13,524	-	13,524
	52,270	0	52,270