

Charity registration number 1198423 (England and Wales)

THE CLUSTER FOR RESEARCH INTO COACHING
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

THE CLUSTER FOR RESEARCH INTO COACHING

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Professor Robyn Jones	
	Dr Anna Stodter	
	Professor Donald Vinson	
	Dr Charles Corsby	
Senior Management	Jon Cowell	
Charity registration	England and Wales	1198423
Principal address	19 Sovereign Chase Staunton Gloucester GL19 3NW	
Independent examiner	Stuart Mayfield BA ACA Mayfield & Co 2 Merus Court Meridian Business Park Leicester LE19 1RJ	

THE CLUSTER FOR RESEARCH INTO COACHING

CONTENTS

	Page
Trustees report	1 - 4
Independent examiner's report	5
Statement of financial activities	6
Balance sheet	7
Notes to the financial statements	8 - 12

THE CLUSTER FOR RESEARCH INTO COACHING

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025.

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 Charitable Incorporated Organisation's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

Objectives and activities

The Cluster for Research into Coaching (CRiC) aims to promote, support and conduct research for the benefit of sport coaches, National Governing Bodies, non-Governmental Organisations, sport coaching scholars, students and other related practitioners. CRiC runs in-person and virtual conferences, research seminars and other events to support these aims.

Public benefit

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

Activities

Within the reporting period, the charity planned and delivered the three-day 6th International Coaching Conference at Northumbria University in June 2024 called "imaginative intersections between critical coaching scholarship and practice." to raise the profile of and further understand the importance of critical research on topics relevant to sport coaching.

In addition to the Rising Star Keynote address delivered by Dr Anna Stodter (Leeds Beckett University), Professor Lars Tore Ronglan of the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences, Oslo delivered the Bill Taylor Memorial Keynote address.

After the success of the CRiC Bitesize webinar, "Becoming a post coach scholar", delivered in May 2024 by Dr Sara Campbell (University of Denver), Dr Allison Jeffery (Cape Breton University) and Dr Joseph Mills (University of Denver), CRiC Bitesize invited Dr M Millistedt (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brasil), to lead a webinar entitled: "Start to think systemically on coach development: the potential of workplace as a learning organisation" in June 2024.

In 2023/24, the CRiC Research Fund had supported the research of three part funded researchers who all successfully presented at the Northumbria conference. Based on this success, the CRiC Executive Committee increased the funding allocation for 2025/26 to £3,000.

The Sports Coaching Review, CRiC's official affiliated academic journal released a Legacy of CRiC special issue (Volume 13, Issue 2) containing 12 papers mostly authored by PGR (Postgraduate researchers) and ECR (Early Career researchers) with an editorial authored by Dr Charlie Corsby and Dr Edward Hall.

CRiC collaborated with Norges idrettshøgskole, Oslo in preparation for the 7th International Coaching Conference to take place in June 2025. In the process, the Conference Officer, Dr Edward Hall, created invitations to tender and memorandums of agreement documents in readiness for CRiC 2026 and CRiC 2028.

The purpose and objectives of the charity are considered and delivered by the Trustees with careful regard to the needs of the target audience and based on the Charity Commission guidance.

The CRiC Executive committee meet monthly to ensure that the charity continues to review and meet its obligations. Additionally, sub-groups of suitably skilled board members meet independently as required to plan and deliver the wide range of additional CRiC activities, reporting back to the Executive committee.

THE CLUSTER FOR RESEARCH INTO COACHING

TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

Grant making policy

Grants for research were allocated following thorough review by the Trustees in accordance with guidance prepared to meet the charity objectives.

Application for research grants are reviewed by an executive panel and graded according to pre-determined criteria.

Final recommendations are made by Trustee, Dr Charlie Corsby and presented for final approval by the Executive committee.

Volunteers

The CRiC trustees and executive committee are all volunteers. Each member of the team fulfils a wide range of duties commensurate with their skills and special interests and are committed to supporting this charity in its aims and objectives for the benefit of sport coach academics and practitioners.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

The 6th International Coaching Conference took place at Northumbria University, Ellison Pl, Newcastle upon Tyne over three days. The event was attended by 85 delegates from 54 academic institutions from 4 continents. 70% of the delegates were Postgraduate researchers or Early Career researchers.

The conference programme included:

- Up to 45 oral presentations of cutting-edge research from scholars based around the globe.
- Symposia including the Coaching History Special Interest Group and a panel discussion focussed on funded/partnership research.
- Poster presentations, infographics, trade fair and networking opportunities.
- A special presentation from editorial board members at Sports Coaching Review to demystify the publication process.
- A Post-Graduate/Early-Career researcher forum.
- CRiC Annual General Meeting.
- Sport Coaching Review researcher recognition awards.

Successfully planned and delivered the CRiC three-day conference. Feedback from the conference participants was highly positive regarding both the conference format and the content of the sessions.

Successful delivery of CRiC Bitesize webinars as per detailed above. 68% of webinar participants considered themselves to be post-graduate researchers or early career researchers.

CRiC membership increased from 80 to 128 from late 2023 to midway through the reporting period, 59 of which are students and 28 are based outside of the UK highlighting an improved international reach.

Creation and delivery of Early career researcher and PhD CRiC support network with 50 students signed up for webinars.

A CRiC funded academic writing retreat was held at The Birks, Duddon Valley Cumbria. Allowing attendees both the space for independent work as well as networking and collaborative writing.

Constructive feedback by attendees provided ample reassurance to repeat this opportunity.

Focus was placed in expanding the CRiC social media platforms from the website and X to now also feature on Linked In with 42 unique visitors reported soon after launch (an increase of 43.8%) and 83 search appearances (an increase of 112.8%).

THE CLUSTER FOR RESEARCH INTO COACHING

TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

Financial review

At the close of this reporting period, the charity bank balance was £29,787 in credit. This money is held across two bank accounts.

This is a substantial increase in income. However, this is mostly due to the high receipts taken in advance of the 7th International Coaching Conference held after the year-end.

Much of the above money is earmarked to support the 2025 CRiC conference by providing deposits for facilities, travel expenses for key-note speakers as well as forming a fund for the allocation of research grants

Going concern

In its third year, the charity refined the operation of its Executive committee and successfully delivered on its objectives.

The charity remains in a secure position both operationally and financially to embark upon a fourth year.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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 consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The amounts of reserves held not earmarked for future designated spend was £4,000.

Principal funding sources

The charity primarily draws its income from membership fees and the sale of conference tickets.

Major risks

No immediate risks have been identified by the charity.

CRiC monitors the activities of its nearest competitor, ICCE (International council for coaching excellence), and endeavours to provide an alternate, more critical viewpoint and thereby not conflict with ICCE activities.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

The governing document is a Trust deed dated 29 March 2022.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Professor Robyn Jones

Dr Anna Stodter

Professor Donald Vinson

Dr Charles Corsby

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed by the Executive Board from members of the executive for a three-year period, although all Executive Board positions are reviewed annually at the AGM.

None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the entity.

THE CLUSTER FOR RESEARCH INTO COACHING

TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

In accordance with its new status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the CRiC Trustees moved the prime bank account to one that was appropriate for a CIO and appointed an independent examiner to review the annual accounts and reporting.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Professor Robyn Jones

Professor Robyn Jones

Trustee

4 February 2026

THE CLUSTER FOR RESEARCH INTO COACHING

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CLUSTER FOR RESEARCH INTO COACHING

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Cluster for Research into Coaching (the Charitable Incorporated Organisation) for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 Charitable Incorporated Organisation as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Stuart Mayfield

Stuart Mayfield BA ACA

Mayfield & Co

2 Merus Court
Meridian Business Park
Leicester
LE19 1RJ

4 February 2026

THE CLUSTER FOR RESEARCH INTO COACHING

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	4,475	3,352
Charitable activities	4	35,161	3,919
Total income		39,636	7,271
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	16,440	5,399
Total expenditure		16,440	5,399
Net income and movement in funds		23,196	1,872
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 6 April 2024		6,591	4,719
Fund balances at 5 April 2025		29,787	6,591

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

THE CLUSTER FOR RESEARCH INTO COACHING

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		29,787		6,591	
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Net current assets			29,787		6,591
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
The funds of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation					
Unrestricted funds	11		29,787		6,591
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
			29,787		6,591
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 4 February 2026



Professor Donald Vinson
Trustee

THE CLUSTER FOR RESEARCH INTO COACHING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Cluster for Research into Coaching is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), having been granted charitable status on the 29 March 2022.

The Cluster for Research into Coaching (CRiC) aims to promote, support and conduct research for the benefit of sport coaches, National Governing Bodies, non-Governmental Organisations, sport coaching scholars, students and other related practitioners. CRiC runs in-person and virtual conferences, research seminars and other events to support these aims.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The Charitable Incorporated Organisation is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. 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 Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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 or grantors 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 Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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.

THE CLUSTER FOR RESEARCH INTO COACHING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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 Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

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.

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 Charitable Incorporated Organisation's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

THE CLUSTER FOR RESEARCH INTO COACHING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.7 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 Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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 Charitable Incorporated Organisation'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 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Membership fees	4,475	3,352

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Charitable activities		
Symposium income	35,161	3,919

THE CLUSTER FOR RESEARCH INTO COACHING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted fund 2025 £	Unrestricted fund 2024 £
Direct costs		
Symposium charges	13,799	3,585
Refunds	-	27
Website design and associated costs	400	629
Bank charges	769	158
Insurance	256	-
Research group residential costs	707	-
Sundry expenses	173	-
Travel and accommodation	336	-
	<u>16,440</u>	<u>4,399</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	-	1,000
	<u>16,440</u>	<u>5,399</u>
	<u><u>16,440</u></u>	<u><u>5,399</u></u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	16,440	5,399
	<u><u>16,440</u></u>	<u><u>5,399</u></u>

6 Grants payable

	Unrestricted fund 2025 £	Unrestricted fund 2024 £
Grants to individuals	-	1,000
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,000</u></u>

No grants were made to individuals during the year ended 5 April 2025 (2024: three grants totalling £1,000).

7 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	-	-
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

8 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charitable Incorporated Organisation during the year.

THE CLUSTER FOR RESEARCH INTO COACHING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Total	-	-

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

Remuneration of key management personnel

No remuneration was paid to key management personnel, who are unpaid volunteer members.

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 April 2025 £
General funds	6,591	39,636	(16,440)	29,787
Previous year:	At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 April 2024 £
General funds	4,719	7,271	(5,399)	6,591

12 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).