

SKYWARD

England & Wales · Charity number 1199059

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-05-24

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

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Activities

Objects: I. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECTS OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS AND IN THE FIELD OF AEROSPACE.II. TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN ENGLAND AND THE UK, BY ORGANISING EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES, AND BY PROMOTING CAREERS IN THE FIELD OF AEROSPACE AS A MEANS OF: ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

Activities: Skyward provides immersive educational experiences and facilities centred around the aerospace industry. It takes its beneficiaries on a journey of discovery whilst providing immersive, educational, and emotive experiences and facilities. The charities content is curriculum rich and real world relevant, aiming to break down social and exclusivity barriers in the process.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£993	£993	-	-
2023-12-31	£93	£93	-	-
2022-12-31	£3,270	£3,270	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dawn Marianne Stokes		2022-05-24
Philip Samuel Davies		2022-05-24
RICHARD ADAM GRIFFIN		2022-05-24

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Trustees' Report & Accounts

for the year 01/01/24 to 31/12/24

"Aviation is proof that given the will, we have the capacity to achieve the impossible"

Eddie Rickenbacker



Introducing Skyward

Skyward was registered as a charity in May 2022; thus this is the trustees' third report. The charity was created to advance the education of the public – in particular our young people – in the STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and to create a resource for young people across the UK that will deliver innovative educational activities and experiences, thus stimulating interest in - and promoting careers in - our aero-space industries.

The project is ambitious, and we have been working in 2024 and into 2025 to garner the support we need. Our plans to provide an immersive educational experience centred on the aerospace industry are progressing, albeit more slowly than we would like.

Ultimately, however, we will take young visitors on a journey of discovery providing immersive, educational, and emotive experiences, highlighting the magical world of flight - along with the vast array of careers available - by exploring the industry and its future.

We will utilise the sessions to ignite a passion for aerospace by creating exciting, inspiring, and thought-provoking activities such as outreach workshops both in-person and remotely, aircraft visits, and events in a setting that is cutting edge and utilises the latest technologies to offer a highly digital advanced learning platform.

Our vision is to create a community that is anchored around our experiences and facilities and connected by a sophisticated and engaging learning platform that users can use to expand their knowledge and engage further.

The bedrock of each centre will be a world-class interactive learning space built inside a retired but complete commercial airliner, where student visitors can explore, discover and investigate in a 'hands-on' immersive way.



Charity details

Charity Trustees:

Capt. Richard Griffin
Mrs Dawn Stokes
Mr Sam Davies

There were no changes to the board in this reporting period

Charity Address:

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Website

www.skyward.org.uk

Governance

The charity is constituted as a CIO with charity number 1199059. The trustees affirm that they have applied due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Expenditure this year was financed entirely by donations from trustees.



Report for the period

Progress during this third year of the charity's existence has again been slower than we anticipated, due primarily to the need to negotiate carefully with Bournemouth International Airport (BIA) and others regarding the provision of space for the charity's first donated aircraft.

However, despite this, positive interaction with industry continues to be the theme and the trustees strongly believe the demand and industry appetite exists for this venture.

Our biggest step forward though has undoubtedly been the securing of our first aircraft, a donated retired Boeing 737. The aircraft, which is currently parked at BIA, needs to be moved to a permanent home in order that we can start conversion work. The donated aircraft is a massive tangible step for us and demonstrates the reality of the project and its potential once fully funded.

We have made progress in other areas too, with more research, the creation of a full business plan, and engagement with industry representatives, politicians, local authorities, and prospective funders. A "launch" event – based on the now solid foundation provided by the actual aircraft - is planned for late 2025.

The charity's website has been developed further and is now more engaging and includes more information for prospective stakeholders.

Our focus in the coming months is on funding; we recognise that we have come as far as is realistic without the essential financial backing to relocate and convert the Boeing.

Trustees remain optimistic whilst pragmatic, accepting that it is unlikely that we will be in a position to welcome visitors until mid 2026.

All three trustees remained in post throughout this reporting period.

Richard Griffin

Founder & Trustee

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Statement of financial activities for the period ending 31 December 2024

	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Restricted	2024 total	2023 total
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations	993	0	993	93
EXPENDITURE				
Charitable activities	43	0	43	43
Cost of generating funds	0	0	0	0
Governance	950	0	950	50
Total Expenditure	993	0	993	93
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	0	0	0	0
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	0	0	0	0
Total funds carried forward	0	0	0	0

Balance sheet at 31 December 2024

CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash at bank and in hand	£ 0
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	£ 0
NET ASSETS	£ 0
Represented by:	
Unrestricted funds	£ 0
Restricted funds	£ 0

These financial statements are
approved by the board on
31 August 2024

Richard Griffin

Trustee

Notes to the financial statements

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity are prepared on a cash basis for this period. The only cash flows this year were funded by trustees' donations, as follows:

Internet domain renewal	£ 43.17
Preparation of annual report	£ 50.00
Development of business plan (consultancy)	£ 900.00
Total	£ 993.17

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once received (cash basis).

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as paid (cash basis).

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular purposes.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

None in this period.

Salary and pension costs

None in this period.

Trustees' remuneration and benefits

None in this period.

Trustees' expenses

None claimed in this period.

Related party disclosures

None in this period.

Reserves policy

The charity has not yet accumulated reserves.

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for the year 01/01/23 to 31/12/23

"Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return"

Leonardo da Vinci

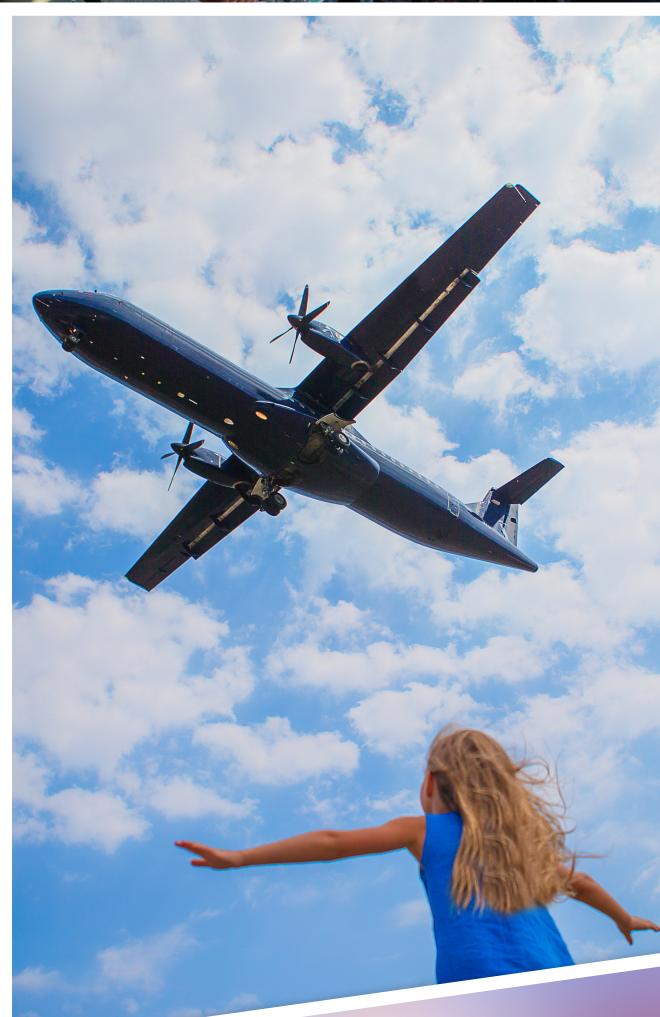
Introducing Skyward

Skyward was registered as a charity in May 2022; thus this is the trustees' second annual report. The charity was created with two core aims; to advance the education of the public – in particular our young people – in the STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and to act create and deliver a resource for young people across the UK that will delivering innovative educational activities and experiences, promoting careers in aero-space industries.

We are still young and developing, but we intend to achieve these objectives by providing immersive educational experiences centred on the aerospace industry. We will take our visitors on a journey of discovery providing immersive, educational, and emotive experiences, highlighting the magical world of flight along with the vast array of careers available by exploring the industry's past, present, and future.

We will utilise the sessions to ignite a passion for aerospace by creating exciting, inspiring, and thought-provoking activities such as outreach workshops both in-person and remotely, aircraft visits, and events in a setting that is cutting edge and utilises the latest technologies to offer a highly digital advanced learning platform.

Our vision is to create a community that is anchored around our experiences and facilities. We will achieve this by operating a number of facilities across the country. Our experiences and centres will be connected by a sophisticated and engaging learning platform that users can use to expand their knowledge, engage with further activities and connect with our community partners. The bedrock of each centre will be a world-class interactive learning space built inside a retired but complete commercial airliner, where student visitors can explore, discover and investigate in a 'hands-on' immersive way.



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Website

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Governance

The charity is constituted as a CIO with charity number 12096776.

The trustees affirm that they have applied due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The small expenditures this year were financed by donations from trustees.

Report for the period

Progress during the second year of the charity's existence has been slower than ideal, largely due to continuing discussions with relevant stakeholders regarding the charity's first site and facilities.

The planned facilities are unique in nature and as such are requiring multiple discussions and negotiations too secure. However, despite this, positive interaction with industry continues to be the theme and the trustees strongly believe the demand and, importantly, industry appetite exists for this venture.

During the later stages of 2023, a unique opportunity arose which could provide the perfect base for our first facility, including the use of existing classroom and office facilities at a location in Bournemouth. This building sits adjacent to a former aircraft apron which would provide space to house and host aircraft.

Unfortunately these two sites, whilst adjacent to one another, are split between two different leases and thus discussion and negotiation is required between two parties leading to additional complexity. We expressed interest in engaging with both parties and, since year end, negotiations have started and will continue throughout 2024.

During this time, there will also be discussions regarding initial funding to enable the charity to formally enter a lease agreement on the site.

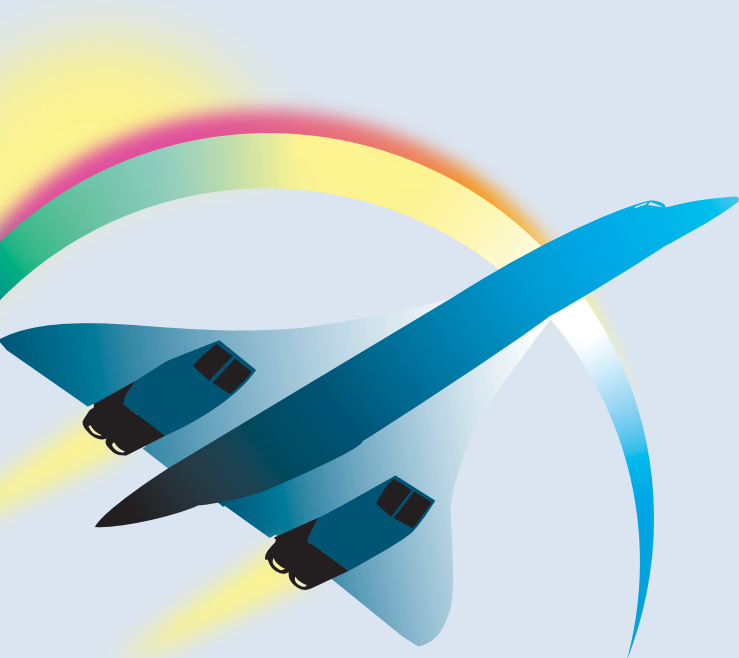
We have made progress opening our primary bank account and other administrative matters, and preparation of a full business case for prospective funders is being planned.

The trustees are highly optimistic that significant ground can be made in 2024, but it is pragmatic to accept that with progress thus far quite slow that a full launch is unlikely before 2025.

All three trustees remained in post throughout this reporting period.

Richard Griffin

Founder & Trustee
31 August 2024



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Statement of financial activities for the period ending 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME			
Donations	93	0	93
EXPENDITURE			
<i>Charitable activities</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>43</i>
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Governance</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>50</i>
Total Expenditure	93	0	93
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	0	0	0
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	0	0	0
Total funds carried forward	0	0	0

Balance sheet at 31 December 2023

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash at bank and in hand £ 0

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Current liabilities £ 0

NET ASSETS

£ 0

Represented by:

Unrestricted funds £ 0

Restricted funds £ 0

These financial statements are approved
by the board on 31 August 2024

Richard Griffin

Trustee

Notes to the financial statements

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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Preparation of annual report	£50.00
Total	£93.17

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

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

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

None in this period.

Salary and pension costs

None in this period.

Trustees' remuneration and benefits

None in this period.

Trustees' expenses

None claimed in this period.

Related party disclosures

None in this period.

Reserves policy

The charity has not yet accumulated reserves.

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Trustees' Report & Accounts

for the period 24/5/22 (inception) to 31/12/22

Introducing Skyward

Skyward is a new charity, it was registered in May 2022; thus this is the trustees' first annual report.

Skyward has been formed as a CIO with two very core aims:

I. To advance the education of the public in the subjects of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and in the field of aerospace.

II. To act as a resource for children and young people in England and the UK, by organising educational activities and experiences, and by promoting careers in the field of aerospace as a means of: advancing in life and helping children and young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.

We endeavour to do this by providing immersive educational experiences centred around the aerospace industry.

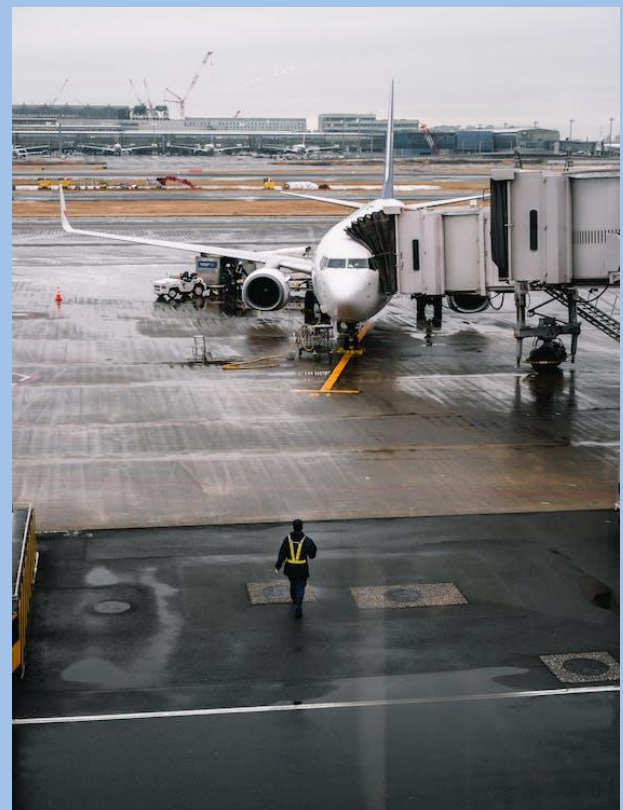
Skyward aims to take our visitors on a journey of discovery providing immersive, educational, and emotive experiences, highlighting the magical world of flight along with the vast array of careers available by exploring the past, present, and future.

We intend to utilise the sessions to ignite a passion for aerospace by creating exciting, inspiring, and thought-provoking activities such as outreach workshops both in-person and remotely via digital platforms, aircraft visits, events and workshops at public events such as air shows, STEM fairs and other specialist events and stand-alone events in a setting that is cutting edge and utilising the latest technologies to offer a highly digital advanced learning platform.

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facilities. We will achieve this by operating a number of facilities across the country. Our experiences and centres will be connected by a sophisticated and engaging learning platform that users can use to expand their knowledge, engage with further activities and connect with our community partners. The bedrock of each centre will be a world-class interactive learning space where visitors can explore, discover and investigate in a 'hands-on' immersive way.

Our content will be curriculum rich and 'real world' relevant. We will challenge the norm and stand out from the crowd, performing outside of the box whilst breaking down social and exclusivity barriers and opening minds in order to reach for the skies



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Report for the period

This is the first year of the charities legal formation. A small cohort of individuals has spent the last year or so following the Covid-19 pandemic assessing the need for a charity such as ours whilst also using the opportunity to network with a number of core aero-industry professionals and providers in addition to educators and potential beneficiaries.

Our discussions demonstrated that a need does exist and that a proposition such as Skyward would be seen as a valuable and engaging asset to assist in inspiring the next generation of aviation professionals as well as other STEM sectors. The offshoot of this also being to further develop our beneficiaries to advance in life.

As a result of the above, the decision was formally made to legally incorporate the organisation as a charity and CIO was elected as the chosen structure for the charity to function.

A further two trustees were invited to join the initial board and these individuals have been chosen on the basis of their expertise and background. They have agreed to sit for a 2

and 3 year term before presenting themselves for re-election should they wish to do so. An application was submitted to the Charity Commission in early 2022 and formation officially took place in May 2022 when the Commission accepted our application and constitution. Following registration we were delighted to receive our charity number.



Following this milestone achievement, the Trustees met to discuss next actions and these include to continue discussions with interested stakeholders and to investigate potential methods of fundraising. As of yet we are still very much in the infancy of the charities formation and as such no further actions have been taken to the end of the financial year.

Our plans for 2023 are to formally open a bank account, hold additional trustees meetings, develop policies, and to further progress our plans to raise capital in support of officially launching the charity to the general public and potential beneficiaries. The expectation is that this will take place towards the end of 2023 or in early 2024.

This time will also be used to continue discussions with interested businesses who may be keen to support our launch, charitable objectives and provide financial support along with the donation of our first asset which will be used as the centrepiece of the first facility.

Richard Griffin

Founder & Trustee
31 December 2022

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Statement of financial activities for the period ending 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME			
Donations	3,270	0	3,270
EXPENDITURE			
Charitable activities	2,760	0	2,760
Cost of generating funds	0	0	0
Governance	510	0	510
Total Expenditure	3,270	0	3,270
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	0	0	0
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	0	0	0
Total funds carried forward	0	0	0

Balance sheet at 31 December 2022

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CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	£ 0
NET ASSETS	£ 0
Represented by:	
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Salary and pension costs

None in this opening period.

Trustees' remuneration and benefits

None in this opening period.

Trustees' expenses

None in this opening period.

Related party disclosures

None in this opening period.

Reserves policy

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