

Polish Organisation for Learning Assistance and Culture (POLAC)
(Registered charity, number 1199204)
Financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2024

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Polish Organisation for Learning Assistance and Culture (POLAC)
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 30 June 2024

Full name Polish Organisation for Learning Assistance and Culture

Other names by which the charity is known POLAC

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1199204

Principal address

Holy Family RC Primary School, Netherton Road, Worksop, S80 2SF

Trustees

Malgorzata Soltys, Chair

Malgorzata Jasinska

Anna Gasior

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 07/06/2022.

The Polish Organisation for Learning Assistance and Culture is governed by a board of trustees, all of whom serve on a voluntary basis. The board provide oversight and guidance to the charity's operations. Trustees are appointed by Board of Trustees during AGM.

Objectives and activities

To develop the capacity and skills of socially and economically disadvantaged communities, including members of the Polish Community, within Bassetlaw and the surrounding areas, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Polish Organisation for Learning Assistance and Culture (POLAC) is a registered charity committed to promoting Polish culture and history, advancing education, providing services and promoting social inclusion. We are dedicated to positively impacting the local community living in Bassetlaw, in particular, but not exclusive to members of the Polish community.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

On September 3rd, 2023, the trustees officially integrated the Polish Saturday School into the structure of the Polish Organisation for Learning Assistance and Culture. The school holds classes every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in classrooms rented from Holy Family RC Primary School.

The Polish Saturday School offers lessons in the Polish language, as well as elements of history, geography, mathematics, culture, and traditions. It serves children of Polish heritage, as well as those who are interested in learning the language and exploring Polish culture. In addition to classroom learning, the school organises educational trips and activities that support pupils' overall development alongside their mainstream education.

The school also hosts a variety of events and festivals for students, their families, and the wider community. All events are free and open to the public.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

The Polish School participated in the Multicultural Picnic organised by the Bassetlaw Multicultural Organisation. The event aimed to celebrate cultural diversity through music, dance, and international cuisine. As part of the programme, children from the school's dance group, POLAC, performed the traditional Polish folk dance Krakowiak, showcasing an important aspect of Polish cultural heritage. The school also contributed to the event by providing animal handling sessions and a variety of craft activities, which were open to all attendees and well-received by participants of all ages.

In addition, the organisation arranged a cultural trip to Edinburgh. The primary objective of the visit was to explore historical connections between Scotland and Poland, with particular emphasis on Edinburgh's significance in this shared history.

Financial review

Two primary sources of income continued to be a subscription to Saturday School and external grants.

The charity's policy on reserves

POLAC's reserves are maintained at reasonable levels in order to provide sufficient buffer should the charity see a sudden decrease in donations or decrease the number of fee paying students at Polish Saturday School.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed Malgorzata Soltys
Malgorzata Soltys, Chair

Date 01/06/25

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Polish Organisation for Learning Assistance and Culture (POLAC)
for the year ended 30 June 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Polish Organisation for Learning Assistance and Culture (the charity) for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

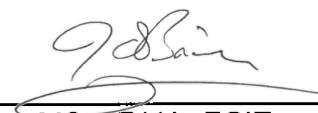
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed  Date 16/06/2025
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

Polish Organisation for Learning Assistance and Culture (POLAC)
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 30 June 2024

2023			Unrestricted	Restricted	2024
Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Total
Funds			£	£	Funds
£					£
	Receipts				
-	Donations	2	150	-	150
1147	Fundraising		-	-	-
-	Grants	2	-	25902	25902
23785	School fees		17241	-	17241
-	Sundry receipts		287	-	287
<u>24932</u>	Total receipts		<u>17678</u>	<u>25902</u>	<u>43580</u>
	Payments				
5853	Educational resources		3807	-	3807
-	Equipment		848	9386	10234
177	Insurance		182	-	182
119	IT & website costs		1094	-	1094
-	Office & postage costs		303	-	303
-	Printing		327	-	327
-	Professional fees		90	-	90
2470	Rent		2660	-	2660
9055	Salaries		5383	6697	12080
617	Subscriptions & memberships		327	-	327
4166	Trips & events		1457	9819	11276
<u>22457</u>	Total payments		<u>16478</u>	<u>25902</u>	<u>42380</u>
2475	Net receipts/(payments)		1200	-	1200
-	Cash funds at start of this period		2475	-	2475
<u>2475</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>3675</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3675</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 30 June 2024

2023		2024
£		£
	Cash assets	
1412	Bank accounts	2525
1063	Cash in hand	1150
<u>2475</u>		<u>3675</u>
	Other monetary assets	
-	Prepayments - insurance	22
<u>-</u>		<u>22</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use	
	Interactive whiteboard, purchased 19/12/23 for £2288	
	Eleven laptops, purchased 20/12/23, each £699	
	General equipment.	
	Liabilities	
-	Creditors - Independent examination fee	588
<u>-</u>		<u>588</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Anna Gąsior Date 01.06.25
 Anna Gąsior, Trustee

Polish Organisation for Learning Assistance and Culture (POLAC)
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 30 June 2024

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	£
Stowarzyszenie Wspólnota Polska	12367
Fundacja Wolność i Demokracja	13535
Sundry donations	150
	<u>26052</u>

3. Funds analysis

	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
School fund	-	25902	(25902)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>25902</u>	<u>(25902)</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	2475	17678	(16478)	3675
	<u>2475</u>	<u>17678</u>	<u>(16478)</u>	<u>3675</u>

4. Trustees' remuneration

During this period, a total of £1,680 was paid to Anna Gąsior for her role as Head teacher of the Polish Saturday School. Margożata Soltys also received £200 for her work organising and coordinating the Christmas event for children and their parents.

5. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period.

6. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.