

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
Friends of the Women's Library**

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**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Chair:

As will be seen, this has been a busy year for the Friends, and I will happily begin by thanking all those who have made our activities possible. The members of the Executive Committee have offered continuous support and advice: Susan Pares, as Secretary, has kept our procedures up to the mark, as has Lorna Hawthorne, as Treasurer; and Lorna and Judith Bourne, our Membership Secretary, will be reporting separately on the development of a membership database which has already begun to improve our administrative efficiency.

Without Dr Gillian Murphy, LSE Library Curator for Citizenship and Equality, it is hard to imagine how either our Zoom or in-person events could materialise as they do - on time, in place and (for the in-person arrivals) very agreeably catered. The reward for doing so well is, of course, to be asked to go on doing well, and we sincerely hope to enjoy Gillian's academic and practical help for years to come. Thanks are also due to LSE's head of archives, Anna Towlson, together with Emma Pizarro, who have given invaluable help in the organisation of our Movement for the Ordination (M.O.W.) recording project, of which more below.

LSE's Librarian, Nicola Scally (formerly Wright), retired at the beginning of 2023 and received our warm thanks for the years of her support, and good wishes for the future. Nancy Graham and Beth Clark kept up communications with us during the 'interregnum'; Nicola's successor Niamh Tumelty, of Newnham College and Cambridge University Library, is now in post and we hope very much that she will be able to join us at some of our meetings before long.

Acquisitions

Our longstanding commitment to enhance TWL's collections and publicise their value to the research community has continued in a variety of ways. We have acquired items for the Library from the estimable Friend Elizabeth Crawford and other sources, and Friend Caroline Derry has throughout the year kept a sharp eye on auctioneers' sites, and has entered the bidding on our behalf. This year a musical theme has developed. Shortly after the 2022 AGM, we purchased the sheet music for 'The Suffragette Two-Step' (published 1913) and the lyrics of 'The purple white and green' (to be sung to the tune of 'The wearing of the green'). This inspired us to hold a New Year's musical party in LSE's Shaw Library, generously catered by LSE; proceedings were rounded off, of course, with a rousing rendition of Ethel Smyth's 'March of the Women'.

Greatly encouraged, in March 2023, we acquired more musical items, including 'That Ragtime Suffragette' and 'The Women's Marseillaise' - in due course to be circulated and studied for next year's party!

Our most recent purchase comprises 4 volumes from the library of Vera Jack Holmes; 'association' copies of (mainly pseudonymous) works by Holmes' friends and fellow suffrage campaigners such as 'Michael Field', signed and annotated by the members of this early feminist grouping.

We have, in addition, augmented TWL's online resources by funding the digitising of two journals of the Catholic women's movement, *The Catholic Suffragist* (1915-1918) and its successor publication *The Catholic Citizen* (1918-1966). More online materials are likely to feature on next year's list of acquisitions.

M.O.W. Recording Project

Ever since TWL's archives of the Movement for the Ordination of Women were deposited and catalogued, we have been wanting to record veterans' reminiscences of this campaign. A questionnaire was developed, and contacts were made, but Covid intervened. This year we have at last resumed the project. The interview group comprises Mandy Barrie, Lorna Hawthorne, Vivien Hughes, Rosemary Seton, Anne Summers and Carmen Mangion, to whom particular thanks for devising and managing our complex workflow. Accuracy and confidentiality are key values: agreements, following the ethical guidelines of the Oral History Society, are signed by both parties; transcriptions are made of each interview and sent to the interviewee for any editing thought necessary; recordings and agreed transcripts are deposited at TWL and deleted from private computers. Interviews conducted so far have been thoroughly enjoyable experiences on both sides, and the Friends' funds are more than sufficient for the requisite recording machines, transcription fees, and travel expenses.

Talks Programme

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Our talks programme continues to attract excellent speakers, and to reveal archival holdings and histories of female activism which deserve to be better known. Last year's AGM featured Catriona Beaumont on 'Bridging the Gap: locating intersections between the Women's Liberation Movement and historic women's groups in England, 1960s-1970s, via the LSE Women's Library archive'. Our thanks to her, and to all our speakers over this past academic year, where we have had a focus on individual and group biography. We heard from June Purvis on Christabel Pankhurst; Mary Honeyball on Edith Summerskill M.P.; Joanna Williams on the pioneer suffragist Lydia Becker; Lucy Rodgers on Pernel Strachey and others of the first Cambridge cohort of 'university women'; Sue Brown on the writer Julia Wedgwood; Mary Joannou on the suffragist and Labour activist Clara Rackham; Christine Wise on the artist and suffragist Bertha Newcombe; and Carmen Mangion on St Joan's Political Alliance - and What Catholic Suffragists Did Next.

These meetings have all been 'hybrid', i.e. Zoom and in-person. The technology has had its teething troubles, and we are pleased to learn that an upgraded version is to be installed for Room 01 in time for next autumn term's programme. But we do also hope for the pleasure of more of your in-person company!

Essay Prizes.

We inaugurated our musical afternoon in January with the presentation of the 2021-22 MSc Essay Prize to Vartika Rastogi. We look forward to hearing more about her research during our talks programme of 2023-24. At the time of writing, we have not yet received submissions of 3rd year dissertations and M.Sc. theses using TWL material; we hope to report on prizes in the autumn newsletter to the Friends.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Charity started the year with £63,082.89 in the bank, and ended the year with £100,984.69. Our expenditure for the year was £10,644.05 and our revenue £47,345.85, making the movement in funds an increase of £36,701.80. In March we received a legacy of £42,557.35 from Valerie Elizabeth Millman, and are most grateful to Freya Ellingham of Mind, who co-ordinated the responses from all the beneficiary charities from this estate. We are also awaiting a further legacy from the estate of Sally Billot, but the solicitors are, I believe, trying to locate all the beneficiaries before they can distribute the funds.

Our expenditure was £3,713 on donations to TWL, or services such as digitisation. We have spent £4,500 on the database and there is a balance of £1,500 to pay on completion. Costs of FoTWL meetings amounted to £268.45 plus the Essay Prize of £500. Finally, our administration costs were £462.60. We shall be looking for greater expenditure in 2023-24, and discussions are underway on how this can best benefit the Library.

Membership report

Membership numbers currently stand at 215. We have continued to gift membership to all our speakers over the past academic year.

Membership is in the process of being automated, which is part of our new database system.

In 2022-2023 we have continued to augment TWL holdings through purchase of rare items and digitization programmes, and members are sincerely thanked for their continued support. Any queries can be sent to Judith via the Friends email: friendsofthewomenslibrary@gmail.com

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FUTURE PLANS

By next year's AGM we shall, all being well, offer you a modified and improved website as well as a report on the completion of our recording project.

In the meantime, the Executive Committee wishes you all a restful and refreshing summer break.

Anne Summers, Chair; Susan Pares, Secretary; Lorna Hawthorne, Treasurer; Judith Bourne, Membership Secretary; Amanda Ariss; Catherine Clay; David Doughan; Mary Evans; Jean Gooding; Jane Grant; Mary Joannou; Anne Logan; Gill Sutherland.

Our Annual General Meeting took place as scheduled on 29 June 2023, and warmest thanks are due to the LSE Library staff who arranged beautiful accommodation, an excellent buffet, and a display of recent acquisitions for TWL.

No resolutions or motions had been received from the membership, and no requests for elections or co-options to the Executive Committee. All current members having formally indicated their willingness to remain in post, they will serve for 2023-24, and their names will be found on our website's 'Who We Are' page. All reports submitted to the AGM will shortly be found on the 'Formal Reports' page.

Our guest speaker, Dr Mari Takayanagi, Senior Archivist at the Parliamentary Archives, delivered a fascinating lecture on women - other than MPs - who worked in the Palace of Westminster, the subject of the newly published *Necessary Women: the Untold Story of Parliament's Working Women*, co-authored with Elizabeth Hallam Smith.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

277165

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on *14 May 2024* and signed on its behalf by:

Lorna Hawthorne

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L Hawthorne - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Friends of the Women's Library**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of the Women's Library

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Friends of the Women's Library (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 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 Trust 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.



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Date: 21/4/23

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		<u>47,346</u>	<u>5,888</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities		<u>10,644</u>	<u>8,940</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		36,702	(3,052)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>63,083</u>	<u>66,135</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>99,785</u></u>	<u><u>63,083</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		100,985	63,083
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(1,200)	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>99,785</u>	<u>63,083</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>99,785</u>	<u>63,083</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>99,785</u>	<u>63,083</u>
FUNDS	5		
Unrestricted funds		<u>99,785</u>	<u>63,083</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>99,785</u>	<u>63,083</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on
14/5/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Lorna Hawthorne

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L Hawthorne - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

During the financial year ended 31 March 2023 there were £1,500 of trustees' expenses reimbursed for expenses incurred, (2022 - £66).

3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	5,888
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Charitable Activities	8,940

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £ (3,052)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	66,135
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>63,083</u>

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £ 1,200	2022 £ -
Other creditors	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-</u>

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	63,083	36,702	99,785
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>63,083</u>	<u>36,702</u>	<u>99,785</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	47,346	(10,644)	36,702
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>47,346</u>	<u>(10,644)</u>	<u>36,702</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	66,135	(3,052)	63,083
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>66,135</u>	<u>(3,052)</u>	<u>63,083</u>

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5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,888	(8,940)	(3,052)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,888</u>	<u>(8,940)</u>	<u>(3,052)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	66,135	33,650	99,785
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>66,135</u>	<u>33,650</u>	<u>99,785</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	53,234	(19,584)	33,650
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>53,234</u>	<u>(19,584)</u>	<u>33,650</u>

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

