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Edge Foundation

Report and financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

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Registered office	Sayer Vincent, 110 Golden Lane, London, EC1Y 0TG																										
Operational address	Westminster Kingsway College, 211 Grays Inn Rd, London, WC1X 8RA																										
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Auditors	<p>Sayer Vincent LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors Invicta House 108–114 Golden Lane London EC1Y 0TL</p>																										

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association, and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

1 Purpose, aims, objectives and activities

As set out in the Foundation's memorandum and articles of association, Edge's purpose is to promote, develop and encourage the advancement of education. The Trustees have agreed to concentrate on the paths people take from secondary education and Further Education through Higher Education to the world of work, focusing on how to make all aspects of education more relevant.

The Edge Foundation believes all young people should have the opportunity to achieve their potential by 'Making Education Relevant'.

We believe in high quality professional education and training, a broad and balanced curriculum, interactive and engaging real-world learning and rich relationships between education and employers. In 2020, the Board approved a five-year strategic plan and updated the strapline of the organisation to 'Making Education Relevant'. In doing so, they set out the following vision for the organisation:

Making education relevant for:

- all – promoting greater equity in our society
- the real world – making sure that learning is engaging and exciting
- employability – ensuring that all young people are ready for work
- communities – tailoring solutions to the different nations, regions and places around the UK
- the future – preparing young people for our changing world and economy

2 Strategic report

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's Aims and Objectives, and when planning its future activities all activities are undertaken for the purpose of furthering the Foundation's charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Research Review Group

Edge chairs a Research Review Group which brings together leading academics and researchers, research commissioners and policymakers. It aims to improve the overall quality and effectiveness of research in this area by providing an overview of the work being done to identify cold and warm

spots, whilst minimising overlap and promoting collaboration. The group has been recognised as an example of good practice by the research community.

This year, Edge has further increased the strength of the group and continued to build on its success by leading a series of more specific research groups, including those on skills shortages in the UK economy, European vocational education research, innovation in Higher Education, and education in an island context.

Find out more about the full range of networks at <http://www.edge.co.uk/research-policy/networks>.

Supporting Emerging Researchers

Edge brings together a network of more than 40 Emerging Researchers (who are undertaking or have recently finished their PhD) working in the areas covered by the charity's interests. It provides networking and peer support opportunities including a termly Network meeting as well as support to help these researchers present their work at conferences.

This year Edge built further on this group by working collaboratively with several of the students on small pieces of relevant research work as both a developmental opportunity and a contribution to the wider research base.

Find out more about the support for emerging researchers at <https://www.edge.co.uk/research/research-networks/emerging-researchers-network/>

Primary Research

Edge has further developed its own expertise and in-house capacity for independent primary research on projects that further the charity's Aims, often working with partners who share similar objectives.

This year, we completed several pieces of primary research, including:

- An analysis of Master Craftsperson qualifications across four European countries – commissioned by Skills Development Scotland - <https://www.edge.co.uk/research/projects/research-reports/master-craftsperson-qualifications-across-four-european-countries-austria-germany-slovenia-and-sweden/>.
- Two reports jointly with Sheffield Hallam University looking at different aspects of Degree Apprenticeships (mentoring and social mobility) - <https://www.edge.co.uk/research/projects/research-reports/what-makes-an-effective-work-based-mentor-in-allied-health-professions-perceptions-and-expectations/> and <https://www.edge.co.uk/research/projects/research-reports/widening-participation-and-degree-apprenticeships/>.

- An analysis of Ofsted's inspection of Further Education and skills provision - <https://www.edge.co.uk/research/projects/research-reports/ofsted-inspection-in-the-general-further-education-and-skills-sector-in-england/>.
- Research bringing together student perspectives and views on T-Levels - <https://www.edge.co.uk/research/projects/research-reports/student-voices-what-are-students-saying-about-their-experiences-of-t-levels/>.

We have continued the successful partnership with KCL funded by the Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) for the four-year longitudinal study 'Young Futures, Young Lives' that will look at how young people make post-16 transitions.

Find out more about this research project at <https://www.ylyf.co.uk/>

We have also begun work in partnership with the University of Bath looking back at the Raising of the Participation Age and its impact on young people's participation. This is funded by the Nuffield Foundation.

External Research

Edge works with associate researchers in a number of respected University Departments and research organisations to support them in undertaking high quality research that takes forward the charity's aims and improve practice in the sector.

We have deliberately shifted in recent years to undertaking more of our own primary and collaborative research, but still commission specific pieces where we can use others' expertise or take the opportunity to develop the research capacity of the sector.

We commissioned a piece from AELP and IER Warwick on Functional Skills – *Making It Count, Spelling It Out* which was published this year: <https://www.edge.co.uk/research/projects/research-reports/spelling-it-out-making-it-count/>. We also commissioned an external evaluation of our Edge Future Learning work in the North East of England which was also published: <https://www.edge.co.uk/research/projects/research-reports/edge-future-learning-lessons-learned/>.

Skills Shortages in the UK Economy

Edge continued to publish biannual bulletins on the current state of the UK economy and the future of the labour market which are widely read and used in the sector.

- Bulletin 14 – <https://www.edge.co.uk/research/skills-shortages/skills-shortages-uk-economy/skills-shortages-bulletin-14/>
- Bulletin 15 – <https://www.edge.co.uk/research/skills-shortages/skills-shortages-uk-economy/skills-shortages-bulletin-15/>

We also publish and keep up to date a short summary of the key messages from across this series which we know is of particular use to busy policymakers and practitioners –

<https://www.edge.co.uk/research/projects/skills-shortages-uk-economy/Skills-Shortages-Bulletin-Summary/>.

We also keep updated a Skills Shortages Publications Library to bring together all of the primary material in this area for the ease of researchers and policy colleagues –

<https://www.edge.co.uk/research/skills-shortages/skills-shortages-publication-library/>.

This theme has been particularly relevant with the creation of the new Skills England body and we began discussions with them about how best we can connect and support their work on skills shortages given our track record in this area.

Debating the First Principles of English Vocational Education

Edge continued to lead a series of debates in partnership with KCL to discuss the fundamental principles of education philosophy in the context of the English vocational education system.

This year we held a day of debate at Birmingham Metropolitan College and published a report of the key contributions and discussions:

<https://www.edge.co.uk/research/projects/principles-english-vocational-education/principles-of-english-vocational-education-volume-6/>

We are in the process of planning two further debates looking at the use of technology in vocational education for 2025.

Policy Network

Building on the success of our various research networks, in 2021 we founded our Edge policy network, which grew again in 2024 to almost 200 members who lead policy development in charities, think tanks, awarding organisations and others with an interest in vocational education policy making.

The group meets 5-6 times a year to discuss and debate policy ideas or to hear from senior government officials.

Policy History

In 2024 we built on our expertise in the area of understanding and sharing policy history on vocational education and employer engagement. We see this as a very important part of improving policy making by ensuring that new policy is based on lessons learned from previous examples and avoids pitfalls from past policies.

In order to support this we have commissioned and developed a wide series of reports looking at the chronology of policy changes in different areas and diving down to look in detail at individual policies from the past – what worked well and what lessons can be learned from them for future work.

The learning from the past library is available here: <https://www.edge.co.uk/research/learning-from-the-past/>.

Policy Reports

We published two key policy reports in 2024:

- *Advancing British Standards?* Shared polling results and analysis relating to the proposed Advanced British Standard and the principles that underpinned this approach - <https://www.edge.co.uk/policy/reports/advancing-british-standards-exploring-public-attitudes-towards-a-baccalaureate-style-16-18-education-system/>.
- *Flex Without Compromise* looked at the new government's proposed changes to the Apprenticeship levy providing analysis options and advice on how this could best be implemented - <https://www.edge.co.uk/policy/reports/flex-without-compromise/>

Four Nations Policy Work

Edge champions greater connection and joint work between the four nations of the UK and the Crown Dependencies around the UK (e.g. Isle of Man, Channel Islands).

The charity co-founded and sponsors the College Alliance, run by the Association of Colleges, which brings together College Principals and senior FE policymakers from all four nations of the UK regularly to discuss the future of the sector.

Edge also works directly with government agencies in all four nations to provide independent support and facilitation to enhance their work. In 2024 we published *A Short Guide to FE and Skills Across the Four Nations* to help compare and contrast the approaches taken by each of the four governments - <https://www.edge.co.uk/policy/our-work-across-the-four-nations/>.

Responses to Consultations and Select Committees

During the year, the Edge Foundation provided detailed and constructive responses to public consultations by both the government and Select Committees of both Houses. The full list of policy responses is at <https://www.edge.co.uk/policy/policy-responses/>.

Deeper Learning

Building on our partnerships with leading school and college models around the world, in 2022, the Edge Foundation founded Deeper Learning UK, to draw together all of the organisations (Multi-Academy Trusts, College Groups and other voluntary sector organisations) practicing or

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championing the new approaches to pedagogy that we have been encouraging, in particular project based learning and real world learning.

The group has grown in strength and numbers to over 70 in 2024. We organised the annual face to face event at School 360 in London as well as a wide range of other visits and online events and practitioner networks.

We continued to build a new area of the website to provide free learning and training materials to schools and colleges looking to develop and use new forms of more engaging pedagogy to support their students' learning.

Bringing our work to life

In 2024 the comms team delivered a programme of engaging content and events. From commissioning poems and videos to running events and webinars, our content was accessible and varied.

Main activities of 2024



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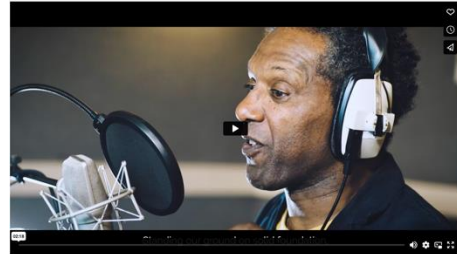
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Videos

Extended project qualifications



The World is my Canvas- Lemn Sissay



Partnering with SRHE



Showcase Steiner Academy Hereford



Recording & streaming important discussions



Animated headlines of research



Exploring research with partners



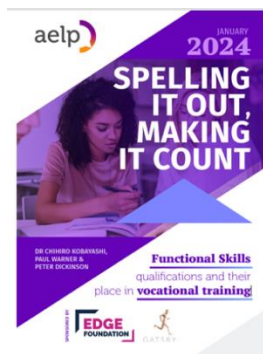
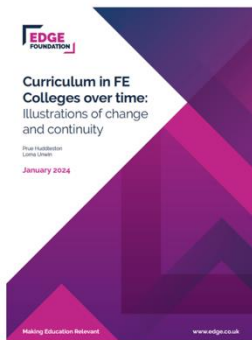
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Celebrating 20 Years of Edge

We celebrated the 20th anniversary of Edge with a number of reflective and forward-looking activities throughout the year. We looked back at our history and the impact our work has made over the years and shared this work across our channels. Details can be found [here](#).

Reports published in 2024

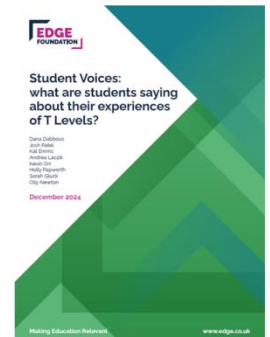


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Reports published in 2024 (Continued)



Education Comms Network (ECN)

In 2024 the Education Comms Network (founded and led by Edge) hosted a meeting and conference with contributions from PR Week Editor, Danny Rogers, Education Editor, Press Association Eleanor Busby and TES Editor, Jon Severs. The membership has grown to over 100 professionals many of whom regularly attend meetings and events. Theme of meetings touched on politics and current affairs, the elements of a successful campaign and how to get education stories covered in the media.



Edge Youth Network

In 2024 the leadership of the Edge Youth Network was transferred to Ashoka UK. In its new home the network will expand it's focus from education to take on a wider changemaking position. Find out more [here](#).

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CDN College Awards



Edge sponsored the Innovation Award at last week's 25th anniversary [CDN](#) College Awards, presented by [Amy Irons](#) in Glasgow and our own Sorah Gluck presented it to [West College Scotland](#). Congratulations to them, [Glasgow Clyde College](#) and [West Lothian College](#) who were excellent runners-up.

Beacon Awards



Education Partnership North East were announced as winners of the The Edge Award for Excellence in Real World Learning at the 2024 AoC Beacon Awards

Design and Technology Association



Edge supported the Designed for Life podcast throughout 2024. Throughout the year, sixteen episodes of the podcast were released reaching over 31,000 streams. The podcast consists of a series of informal conversations with people from across the worlds of education, industry and design.

Learning & Work



Edge sponsored the breakfast session at the Employment & Skills Convention in Birmingham. The event brought together politicians, policy makers, practitioners and researchers to explore the route to better jobs, skilled workers and prosperous communities.

3 Plans for the future

The Edge Foundation will continue to position itself as the leading organisation promoting innovative models of education to prepare people for their future careers, from primary school right through to lifelong learning. The direction of Edge over the next year is contained within the strategy document which expires in 2025. A review of the strategic plan will take place in advance of its expiration. 2024 saw our new Chair take up position at the Board Meeting on the 31st May 2024.

With this in mind, Edge wishes to focus on providing constructive solutions that redefine the debate. This will evolve over the coming year, but until the new strategy is crystallised, we will focus on:

- Developing and expanding our work on Deeper Learning UK to provide instant free access to practitioners to a wide range of pedagogy training materials and to create a broad and active community of organisations championing and sharing this practice.
- Leading high-quality primary, joint and commissioned research work, continuing to build a strong reputation for research and evidence in the vocational education space.
- Continue to lead effective policy development and campaigning including on broadening the school curriculum, multimodal assessment, apprenticeships, BTECs, T-Levels and associated vocational qualifications.

Edge also aims to continue to play a central coordinating and convening role, bringing together a range of organisations and partners to support technical and professional education. This will include:

- Chairing the Research Review Group and other specific research groups to provide a forum to share plans and results of research on technical and professional education.
- Continuing to coordinate a program of support for early career researchers to train the next generation of academics in this field.

- Continuing to develop our UK and international deeper learning networks to share practice and champion this approach.
- Building and continuing to strengthen our successful policy and communications networks.

4 Financial review

Total income for the year was £0.7m (2023: £0.69m), the majority of which is investment income of £0.62m. Resources expended during the year were £2.1m (2023: £2.11m), which resulted in net outgoing resources before investment disposals or revaluations of £1.4m (2023: £1.42m). After an increase in the value of investments of £1.2m (2023: £0.35m increase) the result was a deficit of £0.2m (2023 deficit: £1.08m). Net assets at 31 December 2024 were £20.3m (2023: £20.5m) including £10.2m (2023: £9.04m) held as long-term investments.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Board has identified the major risks facing the charity, and the Finance Committee reviews these in detail to ensure that these risks are managed. Such issues are reported to the Board and the Board reviews the risk register on an annual basis.

The principal risks are:

- Edge may have an insufficiently clear purpose, mission and direction. This risk is mitigated by the Trustees developing a clear strategy in conjunction with the Senior Management. The Senior Management is then responsible for implementing. If deemed necessary, additional Trustee meetings are held specifically to review and/or revise strategy. Strategy is reviewed on an annual basis as part of the annual budgeting process.
- Change of Government Policy. This risk is mitigated by Edge having regular contact with MPs from all parties, ensuring all Edge events are free from any political party bias and all political parties are able access information on Edge activities.
- Association with a failed project may cause damage to Edge's reputation. To mitigate this risk, an assessment process is carried out by senior staff prior to any new project being funded. Major risks are highlighted to the Board of Trustees prior to approval of the project. Projects are closely monitored by senior staff and any emerging issues are reported to the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees consider the company's status as a going concern, including its financial security, the adequacy of its reserves and the robustness of future financial forecasts. Edge Foundation has undertaken a re-appraisal of expenditure across a number of areas and made conservative future budget projections. There is a reasonable level of confidence attached to the current projections, which do not threaten the solvency of Edge Foundation or its status as a going concern. Current resources provide the company with sufficient financial strength to withstand a significant downturn within the coming twelve months, while income and expenditure remain carefully controlled.

Prior to a new project being undertaken, an assessment process is carried out by Senior Management to identify any potential risks to the charity. Any significant risks are highlighted to the Board as appropriate prior to approval of the project.

Reserves policy and going concern

At 31 December 2024 the reserves of Edge are £20.3m (2023 £20.49m). The charity's reserves are required to provide sufficient income to cover the budgeted annual expenditure. Edge does not have any other significant sources of income and is therefore reliant on the reserves to generate sufficient return for its ongoing operations. The Board approves expenditure of the reserves to increase the effectiveness of the charity over the medium term. For 2025 it has approved £1.97m of expenditure.

Investment policy and performance

The charity's investment policy during 2024 maintained a target return of 3% to 4% per annum while preserving the capital value of the fund, adjusted for inflation.

Throughout the year, the charity continued its strategy of balancing market investments and cash reserves, responding to economic uncertainty and interest rate trends. The portfolio valuation as of 31st December 2024 stood at £10.19m, reflecting an investment gain of £1,211k during the year.

Given ongoing market volatility, the charity maintained a cautious investment approach, keeping approximately £11m in cash reserves throughout 2024. By carefully managing fixed-term deposits, the charity earned £457k in interest income, capitalising on high interest rates while protecting against equity market fluctuations.

Global and domestic events impacted financial markets in 2024, including geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and Ukraine, US interest rate cuts boosting investor confidence, UK government changes causing short-term uncertainty, and China's economic slowdown affecting global trade and emerging markets.

At year-end, £10.19m of investments remain, positioning the charity to benefit from potential market recovery in 2025. As part of a strategic review, the Finance and Audit Committee initiated a tender process to evaluate investment management providers. Following this review, the decision was made to transition to a new investment house, ensuring alignment with the charity's long-term financial strategy.

The Finance Committee will continue to assess market conditions and adjust the investment approach accordingly to maximise returns while safeguarding capital.

Fund Raising policy

The Trustees are aware of their obligations under the Charities Act to report the charity's fundraising policy. We occasionally engage with statutory funders, trusts and foundations in order

to raise our income but do not engage in public fundraising or use commercial fundraisers. There have been no instances of complaints or non-compliance with any code.

5 Structure, management and governance

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 10 December 1982 and registered as a charity on 4 May 1983. The company was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in Note 7 to the accounts.

Appointment of Trustees

A nominations committee set up by the Board helps to ensure that new Trustees are selected by establishing that their skills complement those of the existing members, thereby guaranteeing that the membership reflects all the activities of the charity. Members are elected to the Board by a majority vote of the members present at the Board meeting.

Trustee induction and training

To ensure effective performance, new members are provided with information to inform them of the governance of the charity, the current and future activities of the charity, the financial status of the charity and details of other Board members and key staff.

Related parties and relationships with other organisations

See Note 22 for details of related parties and connected organisations.

Remuneration policy for key management personnel

The Trustees consider the Board of Trustees and the Chief Executive as comprising the key management team of the charity. No Trustees receive any remuneration. The remuneration of the Chief Executive is reviewed annually during an appraisal by the Chairman. A bonus is considered as part of that process and requires Board approval. The Board also approves the annual cost of living pay rises for all staff. Remuneration is, when necessary, benchmarked initially with similar organisations to ensure fair and in line with general remuneration levels for similar roles.

Statement of responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees (who are also directors of Edge Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report including the strategic report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming

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resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31 December 2023 was 9 (2022: 8). The Trustees are members of the charity, but this entitles them only to voting rights. The Trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Auditor

Following a tender process, Sayer Vincent LLP were re-appointed as the charitable company's auditors during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

The Trustees' annual report, which includes the strategic report, has been approved by the Trustees on 15 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Elaine Lilley
Chair

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Edge Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its result for the year then ended
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on Edge Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- The information given in the trustees' annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- The trustees' annual report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' annual report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- Adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- Certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- The trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' annual report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities set out in the trustees' annual report, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are set out below.

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We enquired of management and the finance committee, which included obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the charitable company's policies and procedures relating to:
 - Identifying, evaluating, and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
 - The internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We inspected the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

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- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charitable company operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a material effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the charitable company from our professional and sector experience.
- We communicated applicable laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.
- We reviewed any reports made to regulators.
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested these to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and tested significant transactions that are unusual or those outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission, or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Jonathan Orchard (Senior statutory auditor)

Date: 22 July 2025

for and on behalf of Sayer Vincent LLP, Statutory Auditor
110 Golden Lane, LONDON, EC1Y 0TL

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000	2024 Total £'000	Unrestricted £'000	Restricted £'000	2023 Total £'000
Income from:							
Charitable activities	2	13	64	77	20	51	71
Investments	3	620	–	620	554	–	554
Other income		6	–	6	66	–	66
Total income		639	64	703	640	51	691
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	4	53	–	53	63	–	63
Charitable activities:							
Research	4	1,154	12	1,166	1,217	18	1,235
Promotion and PR	4	276	–	276	258	–	258
Public Affairs	4	141	–	141	92	–	92
Education	4	414	52	466	432	33	465
Total expenditure		2,038	64	2,102	2,062	51	2,113
Net expenditure before net losses on investments		(1,399)	–	(1,399)	(1,422)	–	(1,422)
(Losses) / Gains on investments	12	1,210	–	1,210	347	–	347
Net expenditure for the year and movement in funds		(189)	–	(189)	(1,075)	–	(1,075)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		20,488		20,488	21,563		21,563
Total funds carried forward		20,299	–	20,299	20,488		20,488

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in Note 17 to the financial statements.

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Balance sheet

Company no. 1686164

As at 31 December 2024

	Note	£'000	2024 £'000	£'000	2023 £'000
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	10		2		83
Intangible assets	11		14		31
Investments	12		10,194		9,038
			<u>10,210</u>		<u>9,152</u>
Current assets:					
Debtors	13	66		159	
Short Term Deposits		1,000		10,983	
Cash at bank and in hand		9,167		416	
		<u>10,233</u>		<u>11,558</u>	
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	144		222	
				<u></u>	
Net current assets			<u>10,089</u>		<u>11,336</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>20,299</u>		<u>20,488</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	16		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Total net assets			<u><u>20,299</u></u>		<u><u>20,488</u></u>
The funds of the charity:	17				
Unrestricted income funds:					
Revaluation reserve			1,063		(147)
General funds			19,236		20,635
			<u>20,299</u>		<u>20,488</u>
Total charity funds			<u><u>20,299</u></u>		<u><u>20,488</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 15 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Elaine Lilley
Chair

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (used in) operating activities	19	(1,852)	(1,971)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		620	554
Purchase of fixed assets		(1)	(3)
Disposal of fixed assets		–	–
Purchase of intangible fixed assets		–	(16)
Capital drawdown from investments		1	3,498
Net cash provided by investing activities		620	4,033
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(1,232)	2,062
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		11,399	9,337
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		10,167	11,399

1 Accounting policies

a) Statutory information

Edge Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The registered office address is Westminster Kingsway College, 211 Grays Inn Rd, London, WC1X 8RA.

b) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

c) Public benefit entity

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

d) Going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have concluded that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Trustees do not consider that there are any key judgements that the charitable company has made which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The Trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

e) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

f) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

g) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Funds are mainly generated from the long term investment fund.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

h) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds relate to the fees we are charged for the management on our investment portfolios.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services, exhibitions and other educational activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading

1 Accounting policies (continued)

h) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT (continued)

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

i) Allocation of support costs

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. However, the cost of overall direction and administration of each activity, comprising the salary and overhead costs of the central function, is apportioned on the following basis which are an estimate, based on staff time, of the amount attributable to each activity.

Where information about the aims, objectives and projects of the charity is provided to potential beneficiaries, the costs associated with this publicity are allocated to charitable expenditure.

Where such information about the aims, objectives and projects of the charity is also provided to potential donors, activity costs are apportioned between fundraising and charitable activities on the basis of area of literature occupied by each activity.

● Promotion and PR	11%
● Public Affairs	9%
● Education	13%
● Research	60%
● Support costs	7%
● Governance costs	1%

j) Operating leases

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

k) Depreciation and amortisation

Tangible fixed assets:

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500. Depreciation costs are allocated to activities on the basis of the use of the related assets in those activities. Assets are reviewed for impairment if circumstances indicate their carrying value may exceed their net realisable value and value in use.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

● Computer equipment	2 years
● Furniture and fittings	5 years
● Leasehold improvements	Over the length of the lease

Intangible assets:

Intangible assets are capitalised at cost and amortised to write off the cost over the estimated useful life.

● Website costs	between 3 to 5 years
● CRM costs	between 3 to 5 years

Website and CRM costs have been capitalised within intangible assets as they can be identified with a specific project anticipated to produce future benefits. Once brought into use they will be amortised on the straight line basis over the anticipated life of the benefits arising from the completed project.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

l) Listed investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. Any change in fair value will be recognised in the statement of financial activities and any excess of fair value over the historic cost of the investments will be shown as a fair value reserve in the balance sheet. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading "Net gains/(losses) on investments" in the statement of financial activities. The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

m) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

n) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

o) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

p) Grants Payable

Grants payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

q) Pensions

All pension schemes are defined contribution schemes and the costs are therefore accounted for in full as they are incurred on a monthly basis.

2 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted £000's	Restricted £000's	2024 Total £000's	2023 Total £000's
University of Bath	–	52	52	19
King's College London	–	12	12	18
Youth Futures Foundation Limited	8	–	8	11
Welsh Government	5	–	5	10
Big Education Trust	–	–	–	7
Skills Development Scotland	–	–	–	4
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	–	–	–	1
Other Consultancy	–	–	–	1
	13	64	77	71
Other income	6	–	6	66
	19	64	83	137

3 Income from investments

	2024 Total Unrestricted £000's	2023 Total Unrestricted £000's
Income from long term investments	163	238
Interest on cash at bank	457	316
	620	554

4a Analysis of expenditure

	Cost of raising funds £'000	Charitable activities					Governance costs £'000	Support costs £'000	2024 Total £'000	2023 Total £'000
		Research & Policy £'000	Promotion and PR £'000	Partnerships and Projects £'000	Education £'000					
Staff costs	–	576	105	87	122	10	63		963	946
Research	–	206	–	–	–	–	–		206	189
Policy	–	23	–	–	–	–	–		23	50
Next Generation Learning	–	–	–	–	141	–	–		141	164
Other grants and sponsorship	–	–	–	–	126	–	–		126	109
Communications	–	–	91	–	–	–	–		91	66
Edge Events	–	–	14	–	–	–	–		14	–
Other employee costs	–	48	9	7	11	–	5		80	67
Premises and office costs	–	86	16	13	18	1	9		143	243
Administration and IT costs	–	157	28	24	33	3	17		262	216
Investment Management fees	53	–	–	–	–	–	–		53	63
	53	1,096	263	131	451	14	94		2,102	2,113
overheads / salary allocation		60%	11%	9%	13%	1%	7%			
Support costs	–	61	11	9	13	–	(94)		–	–
Governance costs	–	9	2	1	2	(14)	–		–	–
Total expenditure 2024	53	1,166	276	141	466	–	–		2,102	
Total expenditure 2023	63	1,235	258	92	465	–	–			2,113

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4b Analysis of expenditure (prior year)

	Cost of raising funds £'000	Charitable activities					Support costs £'000	2023 £'000
		Research & Policy £'000	Promotion and PR £'000	Partnerships and Projects £'000	Education £'000	Governance costs £'000		
Staff costs	–	600	115	55	115	9	52	947
Research	–	189	–	–	–	–	–	189
Policy	–	50	–	–	–	–	–	50
Grant Fund Monitoring	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Edge Grant Fund	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
AOC Beacon Awards	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Next Generation Learning	–	–	–	–	164	–	–	164
Other grants and sponsorship	–	–	–	–	109	–	–	109
Edge Events	–	–	66	–	–	–	–	66
Other employee costs	–	42	8	4	9	–	4	67
Premises and office costs	–	154	30	14	30	2	13	243
Administration and IT costs	–	137	26	13	26	2	12	216
Investment Management fees	63	–	–	–	–	–	–	63
	63	1,172	245	86	453	13	81	2,113
Support costs	–	55	11	5	10	–	(81)	–
Governance costs	–	8	2	1	2	(13)	–	–
Total expenditure 2023	63	1,235	258	92	465	–	–	2,113

5 Grant making

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
AOC Charity	37	15
Enabling Enterprise	20	13
Youth Employment UK	18	–
The Design and Technology Association	16	16
Ashoka UK	10	–
Big Education Trust	3	57
University of Essex	3	–
College Development Network	1	–
St Georges House Trust	–	3
Steam Co	–	5
At the end of the year	108	109

Grants are made to further Edge's mission and to support the strategic objectives of the charity. All grants are paid to institutions and none to individuals

6 Net outgoing resources for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Depreciation	82	21
Amortisation	17	29
Operating lease rentals:		
Property	104	136
Auditors' remuneration (excluding VAT):		
Audit	11	11

7 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Staff costs were as follows:

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Salaries and wages	808	793
Social security costs	90	86
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	47	48
Other forms of employee benefits	16	19
Other third parties and secondments	2	-
	963	946

The following number of employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs and national insurance contributions) during the year between:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
£60,000 – £69,999	3	1
£100,000 – £109,999	-	1
£110,000 – £119,999	1	-
£160,000 – £169,999	1	1

The total employee benefits including pension contributions and employer's NI contributions of the key management personnel were £326,765.59 (2023: £302,909).

The charity Trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2023: £nil). No charity Trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023: £nil).

Trustees' expenses represents the payment or reimbursement of travel and subsistence costs totalling £4,872 (2023: £1,750) incurred by 5 (2023: 3) members relating to attendance at meetings of the Trustees.

8 Staff numbers

The average number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Research	9	9
Promotion and PR	2	2
Public Affairs	1	1
Education	2	2
Support	1	1
	15	15

9 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements £'000	Fixtures and fittings £'000	IT equipment £'000	Total £'000
Cost				
At the start of the year	142	21	68	231
Additions in year	–	–	2	2
Disposals	(142)	–	(1)	(143)
At the end of the year	–	21	69	90
Depreciation				
At the start of the year	64	21	63	148
Charge for the year	78	–	4	82
Disposals	(142)	–	–	(142)
At the end of the year	–	21	67	88
Net book value				
At the end of the year	–	–	2	2
At the start of the year	78	–	5	83

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

11 Intangible fixed assets

	Website costs £'000	CRM costs £'000	Total £'000
Cost			
At the start of the year	55	37	92
Additions in year	–	–	–
At the end of the year	55	37	92
Amortisation			
At the start of the year	48	13	61
Charge for the year	5	12	17
At the end of the year	53	25	78
Net book value			
At the end of the year	2	12	14
At the start of the year	7	24	31

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

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12 Listed investments

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Fair value at the start of the year	9,031	12,243
Additions at cost	46	54
Disposal proceeds	(93)	(3,613)
Net gains on change in fair value	1,210	347
	<u>10,194</u>	<u>9,031</u>
Cash held by investment broker pending reinvestment	–	7
Fair value at the end of the year	<u>10,194</u>	<u>9,038</u>
Historic cost at the end of the year	<u>9,204</u>	<u>9,185</u>
Investments comprise:		
	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Listed investments	10,194	9,031
Cash	–	7
	<u>10,194</u>	<u>9,038</u>

13 Debtors

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Trade debtors	–	33
Accrued income	19	20
Prepayments	47	106
	<u>66</u>	<u>159</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Dilapidations Provision under 1 Year	–	59
Trade creditors	9	69
Taxation and social security	39	33
Other creditors	15	27
Accruals	81	34
	<u>144</u>	<u>222</u>

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15a Movements in funds – current year

	At the start of the year £'000	Income & gains £'000	Expenditure & losses £'000	Transfers £'000	At the end of the year £'000
Restricted funds:					
University of Bath	–	52	(52)	–	–
King's College London	–	12	(12)	–	–
Total restricted funds	–	64	(64)	–	–
Unrestricted funds:					
Revaluation reserve	(147)	1,210	–	–	1,063
General funds	20,635	639	(2,038)	–	19,236
	20,488	1,849	(2,038)	–	20,299
Total funds	20,488	1,913	(2,102)	–	20,299

Purposes of restricted funds

Kings College London funding supported the Young Lives Young Futures longitudinal research project looking at how young people aged 14–18 make transitions.

University of Bath funding is from a research project funded by the Nuffield Foundation in which Edge supported the University of Bath to examine the impact of the raising of the participation age to 18 in 2015. The report will be published in July 2025

15b Movements in funds – prior year

	At the start of the year £'000	Income & gains £'000	Expenditure & losses £'000	Transfers £'000	At the end of the year £'000
Restricted funds:					
King's College London	–	18	(18)	–	–
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	–	10	(10)	–	–
Big Education Trust	–	19	(19)	–	–
Welsh Government	–	4	(4)	–	–
Total Restricted funds	–	51	(51)	–	–
Unrestricted funds:					
Revaluation reserve	(553)	–	347	59	(147)
General funds	22,116	640	(2,062)	(59)	20,635
	21,563	640	(1,715)	–	20,488
	21,563	691	(1,766)	–	20,488

16a Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £'000	Unrestricted funds £'000	Total funds £'000
Investments	–	10,194	10,194
Tangible fixed assets	–	2	2
Intangible fixed assets	–	14	14
Net current assets	–	10,089	10,089
	–	20,300	20,300

16b Analysis of net assets between funds – prior year

	Restricted £'000	Unrestricted £'000	Total funds £'000
Investments	–	9,038	9,038
Tangible fixed assets	–	83	83
Intangible fixed assets	–	31	31
Net current assets	–	11,336	11,336
	–	20,488	20,488

17 Reconciliation of net income / (expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(189)	(1,075)
Depreciation charges	82	21
Amortisation charges	17	29
Investment fees	53	63
Gains on investments	(1,210)	(347)
Dividends, interest and rent from investments	(620)	(554)
Increase / (Decrease) in debtors	93	(39)
Decrease in creditors	(78)	(69)
Net cash (used in) operating activities	(1,852)	(1,971)

18 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	At 1 January 2024 £'000	Cash flows £'000	Other changes £'000	At 31 December 2024 £'000
Cash at bank and in hand	415	8,750	–	9,165
Total cash and cash equivalents	415	8,750	–	9,165

19 Operating lease commitments

The charity's total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases is as follows for each of the following periods

	Property		Equipment	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Less than one year	5	122	-	-
	5	122	-	-

20 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

21 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £1.