

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 288538

Details

Other names	DEUTSCHER SOZIALAUSSCHUSS GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL, DEUTSCHER SOZIALAUSSUSS, GERMAN ADVICE CENTRE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1984-01-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	35 Craven Terrace London W2 3EL
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Activities

Objects: (A) TO RELIEVE POVERTY AMONGST PERSONS PREDOMINANTLY OF GERMAN ORIGIN WHO ARE IN NECESSITOUS CIRCUMSTANCES BY THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SUCH PERSONS AND BY SUCH OTHER MEANS AS SHALL FURTHER THE SAID OBJECT. (B) TO RELIEVE THE AGED, PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR ELDERLY PERSONS PREDOMINANTLY OF GERMAN ORIGIN WHO HAVE NEED THEREOF BY REASON OF THEIR AGE OR SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: The German Welfare Council offers independent help and advice free of charge for people predominantly of German origin or connections with personal and social problems. This help is provided by a bilingual social worker with a wide experience of statutory and voluntary provisions for social care in both Germany and the UK.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£120,830	£131,144	-	-
2023-12-31	£231,168	£127,078	-	-
2022-12-31	£120,000	£114,610	-	-
2021-12-31	£88,564	£98,861	-	-
2020-12-31	£86,073	£92,306	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
UDO FRANK BAUER	Chair	2017-06-15
Anna Haase		2022-01-31
Antje Palmer		2024-01-01
Bettina Friedrich		2025-06-17
JULIAN RHYS		2013-06-17
VERENA GRONEWOLD		

Linked charities

- REGINA GLASER MEMORIAL TRUST (288538-1)

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Unaudited Financial Statements
for the year ended
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V Gronewold
J Rhys
A Blum

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J Rhys

HONORARY SECRETARY

V Gronewold

OFFICE MANAGER

Doreen Scording

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TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELEVANT PERSONS

The names of the Trustees and other relevant persons who have held office during the year are listed on page 1. Trustees are appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted by the Executive Committee for approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees have a term of office of three years and re-election is permissible.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The result for the year is shown on page 5 and the position at the end of the year is shown on page 6.

**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
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Trustees' Report (continued)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In the reporting year of 2024, we were very grateful for our fellow charity, the Ladies Committee For Home Missions, to give us a quite substantial donation. They have closed down their charity but felt that the remaining sum would be best placed with the German Welfare Council as we aligned closest with their objectives. Our trustees have decided to invest the sum and created a new children's grant, that is mostly paid to families of German origin who do not receive child benefit. In 2024 we have been able to make grants worth £3660.

We would also like to thank The Schroder 1905 Trust (formerly known as the KW II Fund) for their most generous ongoing financial support towards the German Welfare Council and their generous grants for our clients. This support and continuing funding is vital for our future. Likewise, the German YMCA gives our work essential backing through the provision of our offices and space to meet our clients.

I must not forget our members, trustees, and the many others who have supported the GWC throughout the year, financially or by the gift of time. Their support, too, is vital for us, so we can employ our Social Worker Doreen Scording. She has kept the service running smoothly for many years now and we are very happy to have her. Thank you to all! We can look ahead to the future with confidence.

On behalf of the Trustees



U BAUER
Chairman
16th June 2025

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met ; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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16 June 2025



**GERMAN WELFARE
COUNCIL**

(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £
INCOME FROM						
Other donations	3,559	13,200	16,759	113,323	17,150	130,473
KWII	57,250	45,000	102,250	60,000	40,000	100,000
Subscriptions	815	-	815	695	-	695
Bank interest received	1,006	-	1,006	-	-	-
Total income	62,630	58,200	120,830	174,018	57,150	231,168
EXPENDITURE ON						
Accountancy	2,788	-	2,788	2,788	-	2,788
Salaries	53,689	-	53,689	52,416	-	52,416
Pension	4,383	-	4,383	3,643	-	3,643
Sundries	26	-	26	92	-	92
Telephone, printing, postage and stationery - administrative	651	-	651	2,628	-	2,628
Bank charges	444	65	509	326	-	326
Computer running	150	-	150	40	-	40
Rent, rates, service charges and insurance	2,288	-	2,288	1,618	-	1,618
Travel and subsistence	382	-	382	284	-	284
Staff training and seminars	135	-	135	344	-	344
Legal and professional	1,654	-	1,654	1,746	-	1,746
Computer equipment depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cultural activities - Charitable	1,536	-	1,536	171	-	171
Donations on behalf of KWII	-	48,093	48,093	-	42,082	42,082
Other donations	-	14,860	14,860	-	18,900	18,900
Total expenditure	68,126	63,018	131,144	66,096	60,982	127,078
Net income/(expenditure)	(5,496)	(4,818)	(10,314)	107,922	(3,832)	104,090
Total funds at 31 December 2023	197,260	48,656	245,916	89,338	52,488	141,826
Total funds at 31 December 2024	191,764	43,838	235,602	197,260	48,656	245,916

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts

**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

Balance sheet at 31 December 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1		-		-
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	2	232		219	
Cash in hand	3	34		520	
Cash with bankers	4	238,739		247,677	
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		239,005		248,416	
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Current liabilities					
Creditors	5	3,403		2,500	
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		3,403		2,500	
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Net current assets			235,602		245,916
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			235,602		245,916
			=====		=====
Represented by:					
Funds					
Unrestricted			191,764		197,260
Restricted			43,838		48,656
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Balance at 31 December			235,602		245,916
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Chairman

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16th June 2025

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**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
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Accounting policies for the year ended 31 December 2024

BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ASSESSMENT OF GOING CONCERN

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

INCOME RECOGNITION

Income is derived from subscriptions, donations and investment income. All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty or receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income received can be measured reliably.

Investment income is accounted for on the payment date for grants and donations, and for deposit and building society interest on the date it is credited by the bankers and building society.

EXPENDITURE RECOGNITION

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 settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is accounted for under the accruals concept.

Grants are accrued for at the time the trustees authorise them.

Since 1 January 2002, certain relevant expenditure has been apportioned between charitable and administrative expenses. This has been applied in relation to staff salaries and expenses; and telephone, printing, postage and stationery. In addition, travelling expenses and cultural activities are now accounted for as charitable expenditure.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less estimated residual values, of all fixed assets, over their expected lives. It is calculated at the following rates:-

Computer equipment - 33 1/3% per annum on straight line basis

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PENSIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. Contributions payable are charged to the unrestricted funds of the charity in the statement of financial activities in the period they are payable. The charity contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 9. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
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Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Computer Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Cost</i>	£	£
At 1 January 2024	9,157	9,157
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
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At 31 December 2024	9,157	9,157
	=====	=====
<i>Depreciation</i>		
At 1 January 2024	9,157	9,157
Charge for year	-	-
Depreciation on disposals	-	-
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At 31 December 2024	9,157	9,157
	=====	=====
<i>Net Book Value</i>		
At 31 December 2024	-	-
	=====	=====
At 31 December 2023	-	-
	=====	=====

2 DEBTORS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Other debtors	219	209

3 CASH IN HAND

	£	£
Petty cash 'GWC' account (unrestricted)	4	427
Petty cash 'B' account (restricted)	30	93
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	34	520
	=====	=====

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4 CASH WITH BANKERS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
HSBC plc 'A' account (unrestricted)	86,458	195,887
HSBC plc 'B' account (restricted)	33,477	46,242
HSBC Saver account	101,006	-
Metrobank 'B' account (restricted)	8,693	683
Metrobank 'C' account (unrestricted)	9,105	4,865
	<u>238,739</u>	<u>247,677</u>

5 CREDITORS

	£	£
Accruals	2,500	2,500
Other creditors	903	-
	<u>3,403</u>	<u>2,500</u>

6 FUNDS

The restricted fund is represented by grants and donations received for specific charitable expenditure.

7 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

The independent examiner's remuneration constituted an independent examination fee of £2,500 (2023: £2,500).

8 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2023: £nil). None of the trustees were paid expenses during the year (2023: £nil).

There were no related party transactions during the year (2023: £nil)

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9 EMPLOYEES

	£	£
Salaries and wages	52,688	51,890
Social security costs	1,001	526
Other pension costs	4,383	3,643
	<u>58,072</u>	<u>56,059</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2023: 1) with all employee time involved in providing either support to the governance of the charity or support services to charitable activities.

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2023: £nil).

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U Bauer	V Gronewold
B Von Alten (resigned 31 December 2023)	J Rhys
A Haase	A Blum
A Palmer	

CHAIRMAN

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Trustees' Report (continued)

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Barbara von Alten has left the committee to work for a charity overseas. We are grateful for all the work she has put into our meetings over the years and wish her the best of luck in her new calling. In her place we welcome Antje Palmer into the number of trustees. She knows our work well as she has worked as a social worker for us some time ago.

On behalf of the Trustees



U BAUER
Chairman

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14 May 2024

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £
INCOME FROM						
Other donations	113,323	17,150	130,473	2,240	18,370	20,610
KWII	60,000	40,000	100,000	50,000	49,000	99,000
Subscriptions	695	-	695	390	-	390
Bank interest received	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	174,018	57,150	231,168	52,630	67,370	120,000
EXPENDITURE ON						
Accountancy	2,788	-	2,788	2,288	-	2,288
Salaries	52,416	-	52,416	47,949	-	47,949
Pension	3,643	-	3,643	3,657	-	3,657
Sundries	92	-	92	67	-	67
Telephone, printing, postage and stationery - administrative	2,628	-	2,628	1,682	-	1,682
Bank charges	326	-	326	224	-	224
Computer running	40	-	40	120	-	120
Rent, rates, service charges and insurance	1,618	-	1,618	1,472	-	1,472
Travel and subsistence	284	-	284	319	-	319
Staff training and seminars	344	-	344	213	-	213
Legal and professional	1,746	-	1,746	1,843	-	1,843
Computer equipment depreciation	-	-	-	204	-	204
Cultural activities - Charitable	171	-	171	255	-	255
Donations on behalf of KWII	-	42,082	42,082	-	37,747	37,747
Other donations	-	18,900	18,900	-	16,570	16,570
Total expenditure	66,096	60,982	127,078	60,293	54,317	114,610
Net income/(expenditure)	107,922	(3,832)	104,090	(7,663)	13,053	5,390
Total funds at 31 December 2022	89,338	52,488	141,826	97,001	39,435	136,436
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Balance sheet at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1		-		-
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	2	219		209	
Cash in hand	3	520		620	
Cash with bankers	4	247,677		142,997	
		-----		-----	
		248,416		143,829	
		-----		-----	
Current liabilities					
Creditors	5	2,500		2,000	
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		2,500		2,000	
		-----		-----	
Net current assets			245,916		141,826
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Represented by:					
Funds					
Unrestricted			197,260		89,338
Restricted			48,656		52,488
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The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

INCOME RECOGNITION

Income is derived from subscriptions, donations and investment income. All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty or receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income received can be measured reliably.

Investment income is accounted for on the payment date for grants and donations, and for deposit and building society interest on the date it is credited by the bankers and building society.

EXPENDITURE RECOGNITION

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 settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is accounted for under the accruals concept.

Grants are accrued for at the time the trustees authorise them.

Since 1 January 2002, certain relevant expenditure has been apportioned between charitable and administrative expenses. This has been applied in relation to staff salaries and expenses; and telephone, printing, postage and stationery. In addition, travelling expenses and cultural activities are now accounted for as charitable expenditure.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less estimated residual values, of all fixed assets, over their expected lives. It is calculated at the following rates:-

Computer equipment - 33 1/3% per annum on straight line basis

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Accounting policies for the year ended 31 December 2023

PENSIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. Contributions payable are charged to the unrestricted funds of the charity in the statement of financial activities in the period they are payable. The charity contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 9. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Computer Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Cost</i>	£	£
At 1 January 2023	9,157	9,157
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
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At 31 December 2023	9,157	9,157
	=====	=====
<i>Depreciation</i>		
At 1 January 2023	9,157	9,157
Charge for year	-	-
Depreciation on disposals	-	-
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At 31 December 2023	9,157	9,157
	=====	=====
<i>Net Book Value</i>		
At 31 December 2023	-	-
	=====	=====
At 31 December 2022	-	-
	=====	=====

2 DEBTORS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Other debtors	219	209

3 CASH IN HAND

	£	£
Petty cash 'GWC' account (unrestricted)	427	277
Petty cash 'B' account (restricted)	93	343
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	520	620
	=====	=====

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

4 CASH WITH BANKERS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
HSBC plc 'A' account (unrestricted)	195,887	92,385
HSBC plc 'B' account (restricted)	46,242	50,612
Metrobank 'B' account (restricted)	683	-
Metrobank 'C' account (unrestricted)	4,865	-
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	247,677	142,997
	=====	=====

5 CREDITORS

	£	£
Accruals	2,500	2,000
Other creditors	-	-
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	2,500	2,000
	=====	=====

6 FUNDS

The restricted fund is represented by grants and donations received for specific charitable expenditure.

7 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

The independent examiner's remuneration constituted an independent examination fee of £2,500 (2022: £2,000).

8 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2022: £nil). None of the trustees were paid expenses during the year (2022: £nil).

There were no related party transactions during the year (2022: £nil)

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

9 EMPLOYEES

	£	£
Salaries and wages	51,890	47,626
Social security costs	526	323
Other pension costs	3,643	3,657
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	56,059	51,606
	=====	=====

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2022: 1) with all employee time involved in providing either support to the governance of the charity or support services to charitable activities.

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2022: £nil).

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 288538

Accounts

**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

Unaudited Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 December 2022

Charity No: 288538

**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

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GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Trustees and Officers

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J Rhys
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**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
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Trustees' Report

The Trustees submit their report for the year ended 31 December 2022.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

The objectives of the charity are:

- (A) To relieve poverty amongst persons predominantly of German origin who are in necessitous circumstances by the provisions of financial assistance to such persons and by such other means as shall further the said object.
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CONSTITUTION

The Trust was created by deed on 23 January 1984 and is an unincorporated charity (Registered Charity No. 288538).

The address of its principal office is:

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TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELEVANT PERSONS

The names of the Trustees and other relevant persons who have held office during the year are listed on page 1. Trustees are appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted by the Executive Committee for approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees have a term of office of three years and re-election is permissible.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The result for the year is shown on page 5 and the position at the end of the year is shown on page 6.

**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

Trustees' Report (continued)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

After the work of the GWC had been marked by Covid and surrounding rules and regulations in recent years, we have had a much more normal year again in 2022. That meant back to business as usual with home visits, consultations and lots of phone calls and emails. We have been able to keep our reserves stable and this helps our organisation against fluctuations in future funding.

We thank the KWII Fund for their generous and ongoing support of £50,000 in 2022, and the donations for 2023 already made. Everyone involved in the GWC, members, trustees and staff, ask me to express their gratitude for this support as without it we would almost certainly have to cease operations within a short time. This would result not only in the loss of support and advice for our members and others in need, it would also result in the loss of a unique knowledge-base of the interconnecting social rights and benefits in Europe, England and Germany. I would also like to thank the many others who have supported the GWC throughout the year, financially or by the gift of time, not least the German YMCA who provides us with the office free of charge.

We can see the impact of the Cost of Living Crisis in grant applications and this issue will undoubtedly be with us for a while. Our thanks go to Social Worker Doreen Scording who keeps on dealing most professionally with all that is thrown at her.

On behalf of the Trustees



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Chairman 13 October 2023

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL (Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

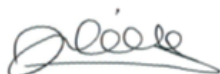
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met ; or
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**GERMAN WELFARE
COUNCIL**

(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £
INCOME FROM						
Other donations	2,240	18,370	20,610	12,864	10,070	22,934
KWII	50,000	49,000	99,000	50,000	15,000	65,000
Subscriptions	390	-	390	630	-	630
Bank interest received	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	<u>52,630</u>	<u>67,370</u>	<u>120,000</u>	<u>63,494</u>	<u>25,070</u>	<u>88,564</u>
EXPENDITURE ON						
Accountancy	2,288	-	2,288	2,288	-	2,288
Salaries	47,949	-	47,949	42,306	-	42,306
Pension	3,657	-	3,657	3,845	-	3,845
Sundries	67	-	67	81	-	81
Telephone, printing, postage and stationery - administrative	1,682	-	1,682	2,233	-	2,233
Bank charges	224	-	224	268	-	268
Computer running	120	-	120	120	-	120
Rent, rates, service charges and insurance	1,472	-	1,472	1,364	-	1,364
Travel and subsistence	319	-	319	346	-	346
Staff training and seminars	213	-	213	726	-	726
Legal and professional	1,843	-	1,843	1,774	-	1,774
Computer equipment depreciation	204	-	204	406	-	406
Cultural activities - Charitable	255	-	255	-	-	-
Donations on behalf of KWII	-	37,747	37,747	-	35,734	35,734
Other donations	-	16,570	16,570	-	7,370	7,370
Total expenditure	<u>60,293</u>	<u>54,317</u>	<u>114,610</u>	<u>55,757</u>	<u>43,104</u>	<u>98,861</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	(7,663)	13,053	5,390	7,737	(18,034)	(10,297)
Total funds at 31 December 2021	97,001	39,435	136,436	89,264	57,469	146,733
Total funds at 31 December 2022	<u>89,338</u>	<u>52,488</u>	<u>141,826</u>	<u>97,001</u>	<u>39,435</u>	<u>136,436</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Balance sheet at 31 December 2022

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1		-		205
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	2	209		225	
Cash in hand	3	620		842	
Cash with bankers	4	142,997		137,164	
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		143,826		138,231	
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Current liabilities					
Creditors	5	2,000		2,000	
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		2,000		2,000	
		-----		-----	
Net current assets			141,826		136,231
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			141,826		136,436
			=====		=====
Represented by:					
Funds					
Unrestricted			89,338		97,001
Restricted			52,488		39,435
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Balance at 31 December			141,826		136,436
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Chairman

13 October 2023

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**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

Accounting policies for the year ended 31 December 2022

BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ASSESSMENT OF GOING CONCERN

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

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INCOME RECOGNITION

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DEPRECIATION

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Computer equipment - 33 1/3% per annum on straight line basis

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
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Accounting policies for the year ended 31 December 2022

PENSIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. Contributions payable are charged to the unrestricted funds of the charity in the statement of financial activities in the period they are payable. The charity contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 9. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Computer Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Cost</i>	£	£
At 1 January 2022	9,157	9,157
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
	-----	-----
At 31 December 2022	9,157	9,157
	=====	=====
<i>Depreciation</i>		
At 1 January 2022	8,952	8,952
Charge for year	205	205
Depreciation on disposals	-	-
	-----	-----
At 31 December 2022	9,157	9,157
	=====	=====
<i>Net Book Value</i>		
At 31 December 2022	-	-
	=====	=====
At 31 December 2021	205	205
	=====	=====

2 DEBTORS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Other debtors	209	225

3 CASH IN HAND

	£	£
Petty cash 'GWC' account (unrestricted)	277	379
Petty cash 'B' account (restricted)	343	463
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	620	842
	=====	=====

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

4 CASH WITH BANKERS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
HSBC plc 'A' account (unrestricted)	92,385	97,805
HSBC plc 'B' account (restricted)	50,612	37,574
HSBC plc 'D' account (unrestricted)	-	1,785
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	142,997	137,164
	=====	=====

5 CREDITORS

	£	£
Accruals	2,000	2,000
Other creditors	-	-
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	2,000	2,000
	=====	=====

6 FUNDS

The restricted fund is represented by grants and donations received for specific charitable expenditure.

7 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

The independent examiner's remuneration constituted an independent examination fee of £2,000 (2021: £2,000).

8 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2021: £nil). None of the trustees were paid expenses during the year (2021: £nil).

There were no related party transactions during the year (2021: £nil)

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

9 EMPLOYEES

	£	£
Salaries and wages	47,626	42,122
Social security costs	323	184
Other pension costs	3,657	3,845
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	51,606	46,151
	=====	=====

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2021: 1) with all employee time involved in providing either support to the governance of the charity or support services to charitable activities.

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2021: £nil).

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL

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Accounts

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
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for the year ended
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**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
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**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

Trustees and Officers

TRUSTEES

Mr U Maynard (resigned 27 January 2022)
Mr U Bauer
Mrs B Von Alten
Mrs A Haase

Miss V Gronewold
Mr J Rhys
Mr A Blum

CHAIRMAN

Mr U Bauer

VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr U Maynard

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Mr J Rhys

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OFFICE MANAGER

Ms Doreen Scording

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**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
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Trustees' Report

The Trustees submit their report for the year ended 31 December 2021.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

The objectives of the charity are:

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CONSTITUTION

The Trust was created by deed on 23 January 1984 and is an unincorporated charity (Registered Charity No. 288538).

The address of its principal office is:

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TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELEVANT PERSONS

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REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

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**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

Trustees' Report (continued)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The last year was still very much under the influence of the pandemic, lockdowns and restrictions. Nevertheless, the German Welfare Council kept working throughout the time with phone and internet and thus supported our clients despite occasional obstacles.

When you look at the figures in this report, you will see that we are still in a healthy financial position, thanks to the support of the Charities administered by the Kaiser Wilhelm II Fund, the rent-free office from the German YMCA and donations from members and supporters like the German Churches in London and many others. Many thanks to all of them!

I would also like to thank the volunteers and members of the Committee for giving their time and dedication and last, not least Mrs Scording for a challenging year well done!

A special thank you has to go to our Vice Chairman and Human Resources specialist Uwe Maynard, who has helped us steer the GWC through many storms for some decades. He resigned from the board this January and we owe him a great debt. Thank you and we wish you all the best!

On behalf of the Trustees



MR U BAUER

Chairman

...16 June 2022

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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**GERMAN WELFARE
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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted 2020 £	Restricted 2020 £	Total 2020 £
INCOME FROM						
Other donations	12,864	10,070	22,934	1,866	8,920	10,786
KWII	50,000	15,000	65,000	50,000	25,000	75,000
German YMCA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions	630	-	630	285	-	285
Bank interest received	-	-	-	2	-	2
Total income	63,494	25,070	88,564	52,153	33,920	86,073
EXPENDITURE ON						
Accountancy	2,288	-	2,288	2,288	-	2,288
Salaries	42,306	-	42,306	42,299	-	42,299
Pension	3,845	-	3,845	3,184	-	3,184
Sundries	81	-	81	-	-	-
Telephone, printing, postage and stationery - administrative	2,233	-	2,233	1,934	-	1,934
Bank charges	268	-	268	218	-	218
Computer running	120	-	120	182	-	182
Rent, rates, service charges and insurance	1,364	-	1,364	403	-	403
Travel and subsistence	346	-	346	239	-	239
Staff training and seminars	726	-	726	338	-	338
Legal and professional	1,774	-	1,774	1,831	-	1,831
Computer equipment depreciation	406	-	406	594	-	594
Cultural activities - Charitable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations on behalf of KWII	-	35,734	35,734	-	29,821	29,821
Other donations	-	7,370	7,370	-	8,975	8,975
Total expenditure	55,757	43,104	98,861	53,510	38,796	92,306
Net income/(expenditure)	7,737	(18,034)	(10,297)	(1,357)	(4,876)	(6,233)
Total funds at 31 December 2020	89,264	57,469	146,733	90,621	62,345	152,966
Total funds at 31 December 2021	97,001	39,435	136,436	89,264	57,469	146,733

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**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

Balance sheet at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets	1		205		611
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	2	225		1,362	
Cash in hand	3	842		748	
Cash with bankers	4	137,164		157,316	
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		138,231		159,426	
Current liabilities					
Creditors	5	2,000		13,304	
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		2,000		13,304	
Net current assets			136,231		146,122
			-----		-----
			136,436		146,733
			=====		=====
Represented by:					
Funds					
Unrestricted			97,001		89,264
Restricted			39,435		57,469
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Balance at 31 December 2021			136,436		146,733
			=====		=====



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Chairman

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**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

Accounting policies for the year ended 31 December 2021

BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ASSESSMENT OF GOING CONCERN

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

INCOME RECOGNITION

Income is derived from subscriptions, donations and investment income. All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty or receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income received can be measured reliably.

Investment income is accounted for on the payment date for grants and donations, and for deposit and building society interest on the date it is credited by the bankers and building society.

EXPENDITURE RECOGNITION

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 settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is accounted for under the accruals concept.

Grants are accrued for at the time the trustees authorise them.

Since 1 January 2002, certain relevant expenditure has been apportioned between charitable and administrative expenses. This has been applied in relation to staff salaries and expenses; and telephone, printing, postage and stationery. In addition, travelling expenses and cultural activities are now accounted for as charitable expenditure.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less estimated residual values, of all fixed assets, over their expected lives. It is calculated at the following rates:-

Computer equipment - 33 1/3% per annum on straight line basis

**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

Accounting policies for the year ended 31 December 2021

PENSIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. Contributions payable are charged to the unrestricted funds of the charity in the statement of financial activities in the period they are payable. The charity contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 9. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Computer Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Cost</i>	£	£
At 1 January 2021	9,157	9,157
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
	-----	-----
At 31 December 2021	<u>9,157</u>	<u>9,157</u>
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<i>Depreciation</i>		
At 1 January 2021	8,546	8,546
Charge for year	406	406
Depreciation on disposals	-	-
	-----	-----
At 31 December 2021	<u>8,952</u>	<u>8,952</u>
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<i>Net Book Value</i>		
At 31 December 2021	<u>205</u>	<u>205</u>
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At 31 December 2020	<u>611</u>	<u>611</u>
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2 DEBTORS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
Other debtors	225	1,362

3 CASH IN HAND

	£	£
Petty cash 'GWC' account (unrestricted)	379	436
Petty cash 'B' account (restricted)	463	312
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	<u>842</u>	<u>748</u>
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GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

4 CASH WITH BANKERS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
HSBC plc 'A' account (unrestricted)	97,805	99,645
HSBC plc 'B' account (restricted)	37,574	55,886
HSBC plc 'D' account (unrestricted)	1,785	1,785
	<u>137,164</u>	<u>157,316</u>

5 CREDITORS

	£	£
Accruals	2,000	5,318
Other creditors	-	7,986
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>13,304</u>

6 FUNDS

The restricted fund is represented by grants and donations received for specific charitable expenditure.

7 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

The independent examiner's remuneration constituted an independent examination fee of £2,000 (2020: £2,000).

8 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2020: £nil). None of the trustees were paid expenses during the year (2020: £nil).

There were no related party transactions during the year (2020: £nil)

**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

9 EMPLOYEES

	£	£
Salaries and wages	42,122	41,321
Social security costs	184	978
Other pension costs	3,845	3,184
	<u>46,151</u>	<u>45,483</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2020: 1) with all employee time involved in providing either support to the governance of the charity or support services to charitable activities.

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2020: £nil).

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 288538

Accounts

**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

Unaudited Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 December 2020

Charity No: 288538

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

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**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

Trustees and Officers

TRUSTEES

Mr U Maynard	Miss V Gronewold
Mr U Bauer	Mr J Rhys
Mrs B Von Alten	Mr A Blum
Mrs A Haase (co-opted 31 January 2020)	

CHAIRMAN

Mr U Bauer

VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr U Maynard

HONORARY TREASURER

Mr J Rhys

HONORARY SECRETARY

Mrs B Von Alten

OFFICE MANAGER

Ms Doreen Scording

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

288538 (England and Wales)

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London W2 3EL

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GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Trustees' Report

The Trustees submit their report for the year ended 31 December 2020.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

The objectives of the charity are:

- (A) To relieve poverty amongst persons predominantly of German origin who are in necessitous circumstances by the provisions of financial assistance to such persons and by such other means as shall further the said object.
- (B) To relieve the aged, particularly through the provision of recreational facilities for elderly persons predominantly of German origin who have need thereof by reason of their age or economic circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

CONSTITUTION

The Trust was created by deed on 23 January 1984 and is an unincorporated charity (Registered Charity No. 288538).

The address of its principal office is:

35 Craven Terrace
London W2 3EL

TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELEVANT PERSONS

The names of the Trustees and other relevant persons who have held office during the year are listed on page 1. Trustees are appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted by the Executive Committee for approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees have a term of office of three years and re-election is permissible.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The result for the year is shown on page 5 and the position at the end of the year is shown on page 6.

**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

Trustees' Report (continued)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2020 was a year like no other before. This did of course affect the German Welfare Council.

On the one hand Brexit became a reality and many people came for advice on the changes or reassurance in their situation. On the other hand the pandemic took hold and the office had to be closed for long periods due to lockdown. Mrs Scording was able to continue the work from home, as she had been doing anyway most days of the week for some years. But for many members who cannot use a computer it was difficult to handle. They relied on face to face meetings which were offered at the first possible opportunity thanks to the great personal dedication and commitment of Mrs Scording.

Not only did the clients suffer from the exceptional circumstances, also the supporters. Many members could not pay their membership fee or donations they might otherwise have given. This is painfully true for one of our biggest donors, the German YMCA. With the end of tourism as we knew it, their income dwindled and they could not make any monetary contribution at all. They still provide the office rent free. Luckily the Kaiser Wilhelm II. Fund was able and so generous to plug the gap, so our books could balance once again.

As I write this, the country seems to slowly open up again. Thanks to all our supporters we can look confidently at 2021 that we can continue to serve our clients well. Many thanks to all involved, members, donors, volunteers and Mrs Scording!

On behalf of the Trustees



18 August 2021

MR U BAUER
Chairman

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)**

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met ; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



18 August 2021

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**GERMAN WELFARE
COUNCIL**

(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted 2020 £	Restricted 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted 2019 £	Restricted 2019 £	Total 2019 £
INCOME FROM						
Other donations	1,866	8,920	10,786	3,949	16,770	20,719
KWII	50,000	25,000	75,000	40,590	30,000	70,590
German YMCA	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
Subscriptions	285	-	285	1,010	-	1,010
Bank interest received	2	-	2	5	-	5
Total income	52,153	33,920	86,073	55,554	46,770	102,324
EXPENDITURE ON						
Accountancy	2,288	-	2,288	2,288	-	2,288
Salaries	42,299	-	42,299	38,325	-	38,325
Pension	3,184	-	3,184	2,578	-	2,578
Sundries	-	-	-	28	-	28
Telephone, printing, postage and stationery - administrative	1,934	-	1,934	1,910	-	1,910
Bank charges	218	-	218	262	-	262
Computer running	182	-	182	120	-	120
Rent, rates, service charges and insurance	403	-	403	403	-	403
Travel and subsistence	239	-	239	478	-	478
Staff training and seminars	338	-	338	45	-	45
Legal and professional	1,831	-	1,831	3,230	-	3,230
Computer equipment depreciation	594	-	594	390	-	390
Cultural activities - Charitable	-	-	-	-	-	-
KWII donations	-	29,821	29,821	-	22,915	22,915
Other donations	-	8,975	8,975	-	14,870	14,870
Total expenditure	53,510	38,796	92,306	50,057	37,785	87,842
Net income/(expenditure)	(1,357)	(4,876)	(6,233)	5,497	8,985	14,482
Total funds at 31 December 2019	90,621	10,946	101,567	85,124	1,961	87,085
Total funds at 31 December 2020	89,264	6,070	95,334	90,621	10,946	101,567

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GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Balance sheet at 31 December 2020

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1		611		1,205
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	2	1,362		1,362	
Cash in hand	3	748		1,014	
Cash with bankers	4	157,316		162,689	
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		159,426		165,065	
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Current liabilities					
Welfare funds not yet expended		51,399		51,399	
Creditors	5	13,304		13,304	
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		64,703		64,703	
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Net current assets			94,723		100,362
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			95,334		101,567
			=====		=====
Represented by:					
Funds					
Unrestricted			89,264		90,621
Restricted			6,070		10,946
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Balance at 31 December 2020			95,334		101,567
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18 August 2021

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Chairman

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GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
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**GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
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Accounting policies for the year ended 31 December 2020

PENSIONS

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GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Computer Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Cost</i>	£	£
At 1 January 2020	9,157	9,157
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
	-----	-----
At 31 December 2020	9,157	9,157
	=====	=====
<i>Depreciation</i>		
At 1 January 2020	7,952	7,952
Charge for year	594	594
Depreciation on disposals	-	-
	-----	-----
At 31 December 2020	8,546	8,546
	=====	=====
<i>Net Book Value</i>		
At 31 December 2020	611	611
	=====	=====
At 31 December 2019	1,205	1,205
	=====	=====

2 DEBTORS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
Other debtors	1,362	1,362

3 CASH IN HAND

	£	£
Petty cash 'GWC' account	436	714
Petty cash 'B' account	312	300
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	748	1,014
	=====	=====

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

4 CASH WITH BANKERS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
HSBC plc 'A' account	99,645	100,040
HSBC plc 'B' account	55,886	60,865
HSBC plc 'D' account	1,785	1,784
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	157,316	162,689
	=====	=====

5 CREDITORS

	£	£
Accruals	5,318	5,318
Other creditors	7,986	7,986
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	13,304	13,304
	=====	=====

6 FUNDS

The restricted fund is represented by grants and donations received for specific charitable expenditure.

7 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

The independent examiner's remuneration constituted an independent examination fee of £2,000 (2019: £2,000).

8 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2019: £nil). None of the trustees were paid expenses during the year (2019: £nil).

There were no related party transactions during the year (2019: £nil)

GERMAN WELFARE COUNCIL
(Deutscher Sozialausschuss/Deutsche Sozialberatungsstelle)

Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

9 EMPLOYEES

	£	£
Salaries and wages	41,321	37,650
Social security costs	978	675
Other pension costs	3,184	2,578
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	45,483	40,903
	=====	=====

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2019: 1) with all employee time involved in providing either support to the governance of the charity or support services to charitable activities.

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2019: £nil).