

TRUST FOR DEAF STUDIES

England & Wales · Charity number 289302

Details

Other names	DEAF STUDIES TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1984-06-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF DEAF PEOPLE AND THEIR LANGUAGE AND COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM (A) RESEARCH INTO THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THIS DISABILITY AND THE DISSEMINATION OF THE USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH; (B) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE EDUCATION OF DEAF PEOPLE AND THE TRAINING OF THOSE CONCERNED WITH DEAF PEOPLE'S WELFARE.

Activities: Research into Deaf issues.

Classification

- **How:** Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£55,430	£20,102	-	-
2024-03-31	£41,346	£32,985	-	-
2023-03-31	£35,775	£17,299	-	-
2022-03-31	£18,333	£16,741	-	-
2021-03-31	£34,561	£36,174	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AMY GIBBS		2017-07-12
ARCHIBALD CLARK DENMARK		2017-01-19
Heather Ann PENDER		2017-01-19
Hilary Sutherland		2013-02-11
MICHAEL GULLIVER		2017-01-19

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Accounts

Charity no. 289302

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2025

FARQUHAR PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
Chartered Certified Accountants, 151 Whiteladies Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 2RA

**The Trust for Deaf Studies
Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2025**

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The Trust for Deaf Studies Trustees' Annual Report Year Ended 31st March 2025

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Trustees and Officers

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

Dr H Sutherland
M Gulliver
A C Denmark
H A Pender

Secretary J Kyle

Independent examiner R. Bourke ACCA
of Farquhar Partnership Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants, 151 Whiteladies Road, Clifton,
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Trustees' Annual Report (continued)
Year Ended 31st March 2025

Achievements and performance

Although we have passed through the main Covid period, we can see major negative changes in the deaf community. Deaf clubs closed down, personal contact was vastly reduced, gatherings were limited. Deaf community life has not recovered. Significantly gaps have appeared with older groups of sign language users having limited contact with young people. Increase in use of social media has increased among young people and potentially is taking the place of personal interaction. We recognised this nearly two years ago and were able to obtain a grant from the National Lottery to investigate the current status in Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and in Bristol. The project was due to begin in February 2023 but staff changes and management at Gloucestershire Deaf Association who were project leaders, meant a huge delay in activity. DST carried out pilot interviews between November 2023 and January 2024, but further delays have pushed the project completion into 2025.

We began a project to catalogue and analyse the extensive archive material we hold for the deaf school, deaf club, the University's Centre for Deaf Studies and DST itself. However, the resignation of the key researcher has put this project on hold until a replacement is found. We continue to provide the three-week full time training for 2nd year University medic students (in 2 blocks in September and October). This includes on-site immersive language teaching and lectures with the use of specially created files for interactive self-teaching. The outcomes were excellent and the students' reports have been excellent.

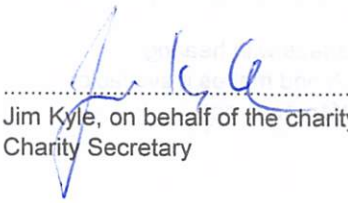
The Deaf Schools athletics programme ran weekly up to the Deaf Schools Athletics event in July. Over 50 children (from six to fifteen years old took part and deaf assistants made it feel like a deaf-focused event). We plan to continue this programme annually.

Initial work with Bath University to produce new 3-D medical materials through motion capture was not completely successful. As the technology has moved on further we are continuing to develop in this area.

Financial review

The financial situation is monitored regularly and at the year end by the trustees. The charity's free reserves are represented by the unrestricted funds. The trustees believe the organisation's free reserves should be approximately three months unrestricted expenditure, which equates to £4,000. At the year end the charity's free reserves were £35,151.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.


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Jim Kyle, on behalf of the charity's trustees
Charity Secretary


.....2025

**The Trust for Deaf Studies
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Trust for Deaf Studies
Year Ended 31st March 2025
Charity no. 289302**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 set out on pages 4 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

1. 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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. 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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16th December, 2025
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R. Bourke ACCA
of Farquhar Partnership Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants, 151 Whiteladies Road, Clifton,
Bristol, BS8 2RA

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Incoming Resources					
From generating funds:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	-	55,200	55,200	41,266
Other income	3	230	-	230	80
Total incoming resources		230	55,200	55,430	41,346
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	4	3,491	15,891	19,382	32,265
Governance costs	4	720	-	720	720
Total resources expended		4,211	15,891	20,102	32,985
Net income/(expenditure)		(3,981)	39,309	35,328	8,361
Transfers between funds	10,11	(1,195)	1,195	-	-
Net movement in funds		(5,176)	40,504	35,328	8,361
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		40,327	54,292	94,619	86,258
Total funds carried forward		35,151	94,796	129,947	94,619


The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and as a result a statement of recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

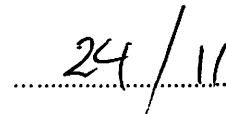
All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

**The Trust for Deaf Studies
Balance Sheet
Year Ended 31st March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	6	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	7	130,497	94,619
Net current assets		130,497	94,619
Creditors and accruals	8	550	-
Total assets less current liabilities		129,947	94,619
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted income funds	9	94,796	54,292
Unrestricted income funds	10	35,151	40,327
Total funds		129,947	94,619

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Trustee

 2025

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2025

1. Basis of preparation

These 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 accounts 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 and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

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

2. Accounting policies

RECONCILIATION WITH PREVIOUS GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

The policies applied under the entity's previous accounting framework are not materially different to FRS 102 and have not impacted on funds of the Charity or financial activities.

INCOME

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

Legacies

Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Donated services and facilities

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.

Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

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Year Ended 31st March 2025**

2. EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Value added tax

Resources expended include attributable VAT which can not be recovered.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and valued at cost.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

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Year Ended 31st March 2025

3. Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations and legacies				
Donations and gifts	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities				
Assessment & reports	-	-	-	-
Grants receivable				
Family	-	-	-	-
Short Courses Medical Students	-	55,200	55,200	38,250
Deaf Heritage	-	-	-	-
Deaf Schools Athletics	-	-	-	-
Dementia Awareness	-	-	-	-
Deaf Covid Aftermath	-	-	-	3,016
National Lottery Community Fund for DeafStation	-	-	-	-
	-	55,200	55,200	41,266
Other income				
Other income	230	-	230	80
	230	-	230	80
Total Income	230	55,200	55,430	41,346

4. Analysis of expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities				
Staff costs	-	11,063	11,063	13,089
Consultancy	-	1,325	1,325	3,090
Rent, rates and service charges	2,492	-	2,492	3,836
Insurance	-	-	-	299
Motor and travel	-	-	-	-
Room hire and course expenses	50	2,434	2,484	7,340
Accountancy	586	-	586	726
Telephone	-	-	-	-
Office expenses	83	227	310	3,383
Interpreting fees	280	842	1,122	502
Gifts and entertaining	-	-	-	-
Sundry	-	-	-	-
	3,491	15,891	19,382	32,265
Governance and support costs				
Independent Examiner's fees	720	-	720	720
	720	-	720	720
Total Expenditure	4,211	15,891	20,102	32,985

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5. Staff Costs					2025	2024
					£	£
Wages and salaries and employers NIC					-	-
Subcontractors					11,063	13,089
					<u>11,063</u>	<u>13,089</u>
No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.						
					no.	no.
Average number of employees in the year involved with:						
Charitable Activities					<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
6. Debtors and prepayments						
Charitable Debtors					-	-
Prepayments					-	-
					<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
7. Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank of Scotland					<u>130,497</u>	<u>94,619</u>
8. Creditors and accruals						
Accrual - Bookkeeping					550	-
					<u>550</u>	<u>-</u>
9. Restricted income funds						
	Balance	Incoming	Outgoing			Balance
	01.04.24	resources	resources	Transfers		31.03.25
	£	£	£	£		£
Family Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
Short Courses Medical Students	60,243	55,200	(14,104)	-	-	101,339
Deaf Heritage	(3,542)	-	(227)	-	-	(3,769)
Deaf Schools Athletics	(1,699)	-	(235)	-	-	(1,934)
Dementia Awareness	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deaf Covid Aftermath	(512)	-	(1,325)	1,195	-	(642)
National Lottery Community Fund for DeafStation	(198)	-	-	-	-	(198)
	<u>54,292</u>	<u>55,200</u>	<u>(15,891)</u>	<u>1,195</u>		<u>94,796</u>
Bank interest		-	-	-		
		<u>55,200</u>		<u>1,195</u>		
10. Unrestricted income funds						
General funds	<u>40,327</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>(4,211)</u>	<u>(1,195)</u>		<u>35,151</u>

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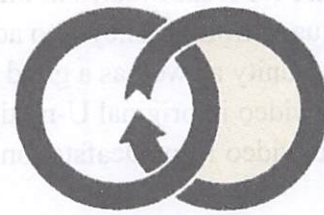
11. Transfers between funds

Transfers between funds represent the movement of net resources in line with conditions relating to the respective grants received.

12. Transactions with related parties		2025	2024
		£	£
Name of trustee or related party	Legal authority		
H Sutherland, Trustee			
Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	-	-
M Gulliver, Trustee			
Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	-	4,173
A C Denmark, Trustee			
Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	237	-
H A Pender, Trustee			
Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	50	303

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Chair Report

One of our major projects has finally been completed, albeit with much less data than anticipated, due to a prolonged period of inactivity that was beyond our control. The year 2024 and early 2025 have continued to be challenging for our key members, due to various reasons—illness in some cases and a shortage of trustees in others. We hope these issues will be less significant later in 2025 and into 2026.

As a result of providing yet another three-week training programme for medical students, the Trust remains in a healthy financial position. However, we need to begin investing, as it will otherwise be difficult to apply for grants.

The Trust is now 41 years old. With the current Board and new trustees, we hope to bring in fresh ideas to keep the Trust active. We need people with a strong commitment to research, especially in relation to a changing deaf community where ‘Deaf in Covid Aftermath’ was the project which tried to examine this. However, there is a growing threat that AI-based BSL translations may create more confusion—particularly in short or urgent messages—instead of serving as an asset.

We continue to try to keep Deaf Heritage work going, as it is vital to share the wealth of resources we have at DST. This relies on support from deaf colleagues.

Jim will be able to share more in his secretary’s report. As usual, I would like to thank Jim Kyle, our Secretary, Esther, our Treasurer, and the Trustees for their continuing efforts. I would also like to mention Michelle, Sarah, Jenny, and Steve, who taught on the medical course this year. Thanks also to other contributors in teaching and research.

Clark Denmark, Chair, 2025

Secretary’s Report

Deaf Studies Trust is now in its 41st year of operation. We have accumulated a huge array of data on a wide range of topics.

There are archives of the Trust itself and its projects; but also historical material going back to the first deaf school in Bristol in the 1840s and the setting up of the Bristol deaf club in



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1884. We collected and stored a great deal of research and teaching material from the Centre for Deaf Studies in the University from 1977 to 2017. There is work on sign language from infancy into adulthood, work on health and wellbeing, analysis of the deaf community as well as a good deal of collaborative work with international partners. We have video in original U-matic format, through VHS to digital tapes with more recent new direct video from Deafstation. Phew!

We now have the responsibility to digitise, classify, analyse and make available this rich resource for the deaf community. Obviously, this is not going to happen overnight and requires planning and then, funding. It will rely on support from deaf colleagues and in the historical material, insights from the older members of the community. There is, however, some urgency as the deaf community has changed.

The Trust has had a quieter year due to some health complications, but we are hopeful that the Trust's financial position and an expanding Trustee engagement, will push the trust forward into 2026.

Special thanks as always to Esther Drewe who manages our finances and to our Chair, Clark Denmark who shares his enormous experience in all matters to do with the deaf community.

Jim Kyle, Secretary

Deaf in the Covid Aftermath

This project was funded by the National Lottery. It was part of a larger plan which could not be achieved in the end for several reasons which were outside of our control. There were to be three phases starting in early 2023:

(1) **Deaf in the Aftermath** We wanted to collect experiences of individual deaf people aged 20 to 80 years considering age/gender/location/family status/ethnic group and employment characteristics. However, due to changes of staff at GDA who were the lead on the project, there were delays and behind schedule. The final report in 2025 was less than we had planned.

There were to be further phases

(2) **Deaf Community Renewal:**

Establishment of actions to have an impact on the deaf community; on influencers in the community; and on services to be offered

(3) **Deaf Community Empowerment**

This was to support and renew community passing responsibility to deaf people.

The Deaf in the Covid Aftermath (DCA) project was first conceived – 5 years ago. The project was designed to be of vital importance to the service organisations (Gloucestershire Deaf Association and Centre for Deaf People in Bristol). The purpose of the project was to determine the state of the Deaf community prior to Covid, during Covid and now post-Covid. In reality, many of the changes pre-date the DCA project and actually the research work should have been conducted almost 10 years earlier.

Very simply, the Deaf Community does not exist in the same way as before and the sign language at the centre of the community has been put at risk by the factors of health care, interventions, educational changes and in society as a whole.

Positives include the passing of the BSL Act and responsibilities of Government departments; the acceptance and almost promotion of BSL in the media; the creation of an alternative focus for deaf young people in raves and gatherings on a national scale.

The negatives have been in health care (cochlear implantation from infancy, closing of schools for deaf, and centres for adult deaf people, which has removed adult role models and experienced BSL users. The deaf BSL using community has been shrinking. Other factors have been the increase in technologies allowing people to meet visually online and reducing the need to physically congregate. Research on language has advanced with the status of BSL but it is also reflecting the decline in BSL use.

There is a need for the Deaf Studies Trust to adapt to this changing environment.

Deaf Schools Athletics July 2024 at YOSC Supported By Deaf Studies Trust

This was the fourth annual deaf schools competition. As far as we can tell this is the only deaf schools athletics event in England. There were 60 participants from Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire, Bristol and Wiltshire. They range in age from 7 years to 14 years. As far as can be determined, none of them are registered with an athletics club - which is indicative of the lack of provision and support. They attended with teachers, interpreters and parents. The events ranged from 30m sprints, obstacle course and vortex throws for the youngest to 100m, 400m, Long Jump, High Jump and Javelin for the older group.

Thanks to the participation of officials from Yate AC and Bristol and West AC, These performances were then linked to the England Athletics PB Awards – the mainstream classification for the standard events. With limited prior training or involvement in club athletics, there were several outstanding performances. We had 19 bronze level, 14 silver, 4 gold and one platinum and one elite.

“Dealing with Deaf” - Second Year Medical Students in Bristol

This continues to be a rewarding and effective programme. Twenty students from the University of Bristol Medical School were provided with an immersive course of three weeks duration. By the end of the programme students can carry out a consultation with a deaf patient in BSL. Student reports at the end of the programme are wholly positive and many want to learn more BSL.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the Year to 31st March 2025

The financial situation in outline (31st March 2025) is as follows:

Balance in the bank of £129k. Last year's balance was £94k.

Income over the year has been from the course for Medical students learning about deaf health and communication in October (£55k). Looking forward, the Trust has plans to work on future activities – We started the Deaf in the Covid Aftermath project in conjunction with GDA and CfD Bristol, but this has been terminated early in March 2025, for reasons beyond our control..

Medic student training has again take place in Sept – Oct 2024.

We have continuing overheads of rent, accounting and website costs amounting around £6k per annum. We do not have any pension liabilities and we contract as necessary for different activities.

The Trust is in a good financial position at this time.

Esther Drewe April 2025

The Deaf Studies Trust continues to move forward in its work. It succeeds with low overhead margins and does not seek to generate large profits on its work.

The Deaf Studies Trust strives continuously to make Deaf people's lives more valued and understood by the society at large.



Chair: Clark Denmark



Secretary:
Jim Kyle



Treasurer:
Esther Drewe



Trustee: Hilary
Sutherland

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Achievements and performance

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We began a project to catalogue and analyse the extensive archive material we hold for the deaf school, deaf club, the University's Centre for Deaf Studies and DST itself. However, the resignation of the key researcher has put this project on hold until a replacement is found. We continue to provide the three-week full time training for 2nd year University medic students (in 2 blocks in September and October). This includes on-site immersive language teaching and lectures with the use of specially created files for interactive self-teaching. The outcomes were excellent and the students' reports have been excellent.

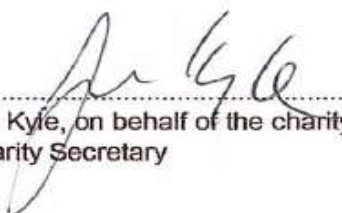
The Deaf Schools athletics programme ran weekly up to the Deaf Schools Athletics event in July. Over 50 children (from six to fifteen years old took part and deaf assistants made it feel like a deaf-focused event). We plan to continue this programme annually.

Initial work with Bath University to produce new 3-D medical materials through motion capture was not completely successful. As the technology has moved on further we are continuing to develop in this area.

Financial review

The financial situation is monitored regularly and at the year end by the trustees. The charity's free reserves are represented by the unrestricted funds. The trustees believe the organisation's free reserves should be approximately three months unrestricted expenditure, which equates to £4,000. At the year end the charity's free reserves were £40,327.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.


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Jim Kyle, on behalf of the charity's trustees
Charity Secretary

6/01/2024
....., 2024

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Trust for Deaf Studies
Year Ended 31st March 2024
Charity no. 289302

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 set out on pages 4 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

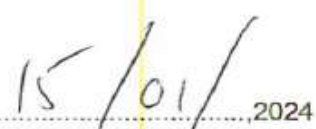
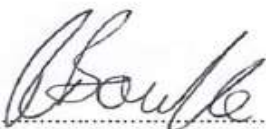
Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

1. 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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



R. Bourke ACCA
of Farquhar Partnership Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants, 151 Whiteladies Road, Clifton,
Bristol, BS8 2RA

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming Resources					
From generating funds:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	-	41,266	41,266	34,200
Other income	3	80	-	80	1,575
Total incoming resources		80	41,266	41,346	35,775
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	4	6,379	25,886	32,265	16,579
Governance costs	4	720	-	720	720
Total resources expended		7,099	25,886	32,985	17,299
Net income/(expenditure)		(7,019)	15,380	8,361	18,476
Transfers between funds	10,11	142	(142)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(6,877)	15,238	8,361	18,476
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		47,204	39,054	86,258	67,782
Total funds carried forward		40,327	54,292	94,619	86,258

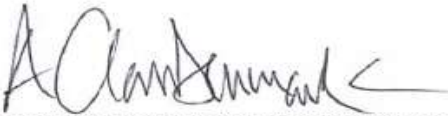
The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and as a result a statement of recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.


All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

**The Trust for Deaf Studies
Balance Sheet
Year Ended 31st March 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	6	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	7	94,619	86,258
Net current assets		<u>94,619</u>	<u>86,258</u>
Creditors and accruals	8	-	-
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>94,619</u>	<u>86,258</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted income funds	9	54,292	39,054
Unrestricted income funds	10	40,327	47,204
Total funds		<u>94,619</u>	<u>86,258</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


.....
Trustee


....., 2024

The Trust for Deaf Studies

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31st March 2024

1. **Basis of preparation**

These 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 accounts 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 and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

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

2. **Accounting policies**

RECONCILIATION WITH PREVIOUS GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

The policies applied under the entity's previous accounting framework are not materially different to FRS 102 and have not impacted on funds of the Charity or financial activities.

INCOME

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

Legacies

Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Donated services and facilities

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.

Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2024

2. **EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Value added tax

Resources expended include attributable VAT which can not be recovered.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and valued at cost.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
Year Ended 31st March 2024

3. **Analysis of income**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations and legacies				
Donations and gifts	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities				
Assessment & reports	-	-	-	-
Grants receivable				
Family	-	-	-	-
Short Courses Medical Students	-	38,250	38,250	34,200
Deaf Heritage	-	-	-	-
Deaf Schools Athletics	-	-	-	-
Dementia Awareness	-	-	-	-
Deaf Covid Aftermath	-	3,016	3,016	-
National Lottery Community Fund for DeafStation	-	-	-	-
	-	41,266	41,266	34,200
Other income				
Other income	80	-	80	1,575
	80	-	80	1,575
Total Income	80	41,266	41,346	35,775

4. **Analysis of expenditure**

Expenditure on charitable activities				
Staff costs	-	13,089	13,089	11,699
Consultancy	-	3,090	3,090	610
Rent, rates and service charges	3,836	-	3,836	1,821
Insurance	299	-	299	277
Motor and travel	-	-	-	-
Room hire and course expenses	518	6,822	7,340	373
Accountancy	726	-	726	342
Telephone	-	-	-	-
Office expenses	868	2,515	3,383	730
Interpreting fees	132	370	502	727
Gifts and entertaining	-	-	-	-
Sundry	-	-	-	-
	6,379	25,886	32,265	16,579
Governance and support costs				
Independent Examiner's fees	720	-	720	720
	720	-	720	720
Total Expenditure	7,099	25,886	32,985	17,299

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
Year Ended 31st March 2024

5. Staff Costs	2024	2023			
	£	£			
Wages and salaries and employers NIC	-	-			
Subcontractors	13,089	11,699			
	<u>13,089</u>	<u>11,699</u>			
No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.					
	no.	no.			
Average number of employees in the year involved with:					
Charitable Activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>			
6. Debtors and prepayments					
Charitable Debtors	-	-			
Prepayments	-	-			
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>			
7. Cash at bank and in hand					
Bank of Scotland	<u>94,619</u>	<u>86,258</u>			
8. Creditors and accruals					
National Lottery Community Fund for DeafStation	-	-			
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>			
9. Restricted income funds					
	Balance	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance
	01.04.23	resources	resources	£	31.03.24
	£	£	£	£	£
Family Project	141	-	-	(141)	-
Short Courses Medical Students	39,785	38,250	(17,792)	-	60,243
Deaf Heritage	-	-	(3,542)	-	(3,542)
Deaf Schools Athletics	(675)	-	(1,024)	-	(1,699)
Dementia Awareness	1	-	-	(1)	-
Deaf Covid Aftermath	-	3,016	(3,528)	-	(512)
National Lottery Community Fund for DeafStation	(198)	-	-	-	(198)
	<u>39,054</u>	<u>41,266</u>	<u>(25,886)</u>	<u>(142)</u>	<u>54,292</u>
Bank interest		-		-	
		<u>41,266</u>		<u>(142)</u>	
10. Unrestricted income funds					
General funds	<u>47,204</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>(7,099)</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>40,327</u>

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year Ended 31st March 2024

11. Transfers between funds

Transfers between funds represent the movement of net resources in line with conditions relating to the respective grants received.

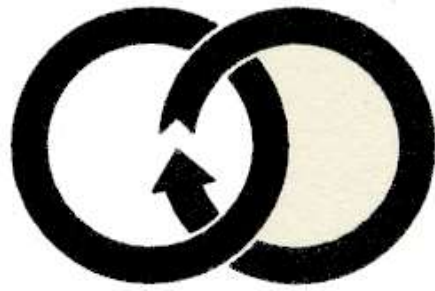
12. Transactions with related parties		2024	2023
		£	£
Name of trustee or related party	Legal authority		
H Sutherland, Trustee Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	-	25
M Gulliver, Trustee Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	4,173	-
A C Denmark, Trustee Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	-	72
H A Pender, Trustee Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	303	413



30 October 2024

**Annual Review
2023-2024**

The Trust for Deaf Studies



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Chair Report

This is my eighth report as Chair of the Trust. Following Covid has lessened our effectiveness an one of our major projects has almost been at a standstill.

The years 2023 and 2024 have been difficult due to illness affecting key members of the Trust. We hope this will be less of an issue in 2025.

As a result of the provision of a three-week training programme for medic students, the Trust is in healthy state financially – now, if we apply for grants, the funders will suggest we can do it ourselves. We need to start to invest.



As you know, the Trust is now 40 years old, and the current Board are beginning to step back and we hope to bring in new ideas and new people to run the Trust. We need people with research experience.

In the last year we had 2 active projects: Deaf in Covid Aftermath (with CfD and GDA) and Deaf Heritage. Unfortunately those researchers involved have had other work and have not been able to take this forward. It is still an important and Jim will explain more in his comments.

One project which continues to be active in June and July is the training of deaf schools kids in athletics and the Deaf Schools competition – linked into a partnership grant with Yate AC. This includes work on health and wellbeing

However, we have to consider whether the deaf community has changed and needs a completely different approach.... to think about the future of BSL in 10-20 years time.

We will discuss these points in the second part of the meeting.

As usual, I would like to thank Jim Kyle, our secretary, Esther, our Treasurer and to the Trustees for their continuing efforts. Heather Pender who worked in Yoga and Mike Gulliver who contributed to the Medic course and also started on Heritage.

Thanks to other contributors in teaching and research.

Clark Denmark, Chair, 2024

Secretary's Report

Deaf Studies Trust just passed its 40th year of data collection on a wide range of topics - most significant in has been the focus on the deaf community itself and the health and well-being of that community.

This was an easier topic in 1984 when we started (the deaf community was defined by BSL based in the social gathering at deaf clubs), things have changed. After newborn screening programmes and cochlear implants, most deaf children attend hearing mainstream schools and there are very few deaf clubs. We have to understand this change for deaf people.



We had planned to work on the history of deaf people (starting with the Bristol area over the last 200 years). But illness and other factors meant that the project has not developed in the way we hoped. We intend to return to it in 2025

The Trust will continue to work on issues for deaf children and adults and with the agencies who support.

Special thanks as always to Esther Drewe who manages our finances and to our Chair, Clark Denmark who shares his enormous experience in all matters to do with the deaf community.

Jim Kyle, Secretary

More information on current projects

Deaf in the Covid Aftermath

During the pandemic, people were not allowed to congregate (deaf clubs closed down), they had to keep their distance whenever they did meet and people wore masks (making lip-reading impossible and affecting sign language). We should be past that by now but the deaf community has not been returned to its previous state.

Our Lottery-funded project with the Gloucestershire Deaf Association and the Centre for Deaf People, the Deaf Studies Trust has been affected by problems at GDA and has been delayed by a year. The project aimed to interview 120 deaf people aged 20 to 80 years old to map their daily lives, to assess the importance of BSL. A much reduced version is now to finish by March 2025. We will discuss this in more details in the open session.

Deaf Yoga

As part of the DST agenda to intervene to support deaf people's health and well-being, we offered a ten week yoga class. The purpose was to offer deaf participants, a signing approach to yoga exercises. Numbers were small and a different venue helped a little.

Deaf Schools Athletics Competition again in 2023



Partnering with the Yate Athletics Club Adaptative Athletics group, we organised and ran a full-day athletics competition for 65 deaf young people. Aged from 6 years to 15 years they came from Deaf Schools, and mainstream schools and some attended singly with their parents. The competition was arranged at Yate Outdoor Sports Complex which has all the regular facilities for track and field events.

Perhaps unknown to most people, is that there is no deaf participation in Para-Athletics (long story ... dating back to the 1920s and it is very hard for deaf children to join regular athletics clubs due to differing communication needs.

“Dealing with Deaf” - Second Year Medical Students in the University of Bristol

This continues to be a rewarding and effective programme. Students from the University of Bristol Medial School are provided with an immersive course of three weeks duration. This is located at the Vassall Centre with a full day programme of BSL and background lectures based on research work.

We use the techniques developed in the European funded Language Skills project, and materials for self-teaching (homework) where the student matches their own signing to that of the doctor (or the patient).



By the end of the programme students can carry out a consultation with a deaf patient in BSL. Student reports at the end of the programme are wholly positive and many want to learn more BSL.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the Year to 31st March 2023.

The financial situation in outline (31st March 2024) is as follows:

Balance in the bank of £95k. Last year's balance was £86k.

Income over the year has been from the course for Medical students learning about deaf health and communication in October (£38k).

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Looking forward, the Trust has plans to work on future activities – We have started the Deaf un the Covid Aftermath project in conjunction with GDA and CfD Bristol.

Medic student training will again take place in Sept – Oct, and continue with the Health & Sports, and this work should generate future projects and thereby, repay any financial investments made. We expect to receive nearly £50k for the medic training in 2024.

We have continuing overheads of rent, accounting and website costs amounting around £5k per annum. We do not have any pension liabilities and we contract as necessary for different activities.

The Trust is in a good financial position at this time.

Esther Drewe

April 2024

The Deaf Studies Trust continues to move forward in its work. It succeeds with low overhead margins and does not seek to generate large profits on its work.

The Deaf Studies Trust strives continuously to make Deaf people’s lives more valued and understood by the society at large.



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Secretary:
Jim Kyle



Treasurer:
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Trustee: Hilary
Sutherland



Trustee:
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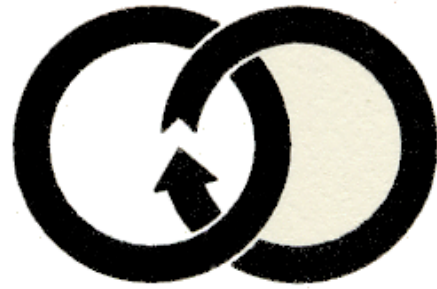
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Chair Report

This is my sixth report as Chair of the Trust. All our Trustee discussions continued to be held on Zoom and Facetime. The impact on the deaf community has not lessened and we are still in uncertain times in regard to deaf community and preservation of deaf culture.



There is greater visibility for British Sign Language in the media and public agencies are more likely to offer BSL interpreting. However, there seems to be a widening gap between young people and the older adults. Where attendance at deaf clubs is more difficult and the inclusion that occurred in the past through deaf club activities, may not be reaching young deaf who are more and more likely to be educated in mainstream schools. The sense of ownership of a deaf space as in a club with a heritage has been affected.

The prevalence of cochlear implants changes the expectations of families and for the young people. The concept of deafhood now resides in two communities – BSL users and those who need cochlear enhancements to function in a hearing world.

We have begun a Lottery funded project with Gloucestershire Deaf Association and the Bristol Centre for Deaf people to interview a targeted sample of deaf people but this is in a very early stage.

As usual, I would like to thank Jim Kyle, our secretary, to Esther, our Treasurer and to the Trustees for their continuing efforts. Heather Pender took a sabbatical, but she has been offering a Yoga course for deaf adults.

Clark Denmark, Chair, 2023

Secretary's Report

Deaf Studies Trust is now entering its 40th year of activity. In that time, we have contributed to or led, over 50 distinct projects and collected research data on a wide range of topics. Perhaps most significant in recent times has been the focus on the deaf community itself and the health and well-being of that community.



While this was an easier topic in 1984 when we started (as the deaf community was defined by its use of BSL and its interactions at deaf clubs throughout the country), things have changed. A much greater percentage of deaf children now attend hearing mainstream schools with varying amounts of interaction with other deaf people and limited interaction in BSL. Understanding this changing experience of life among deaf people has become a priority.

We are still determined to document and promote the history of deaf people (starting with the Bristol area in the last 200 years). We have collected a great deal of materials – old texts, diaries, photos, artefacts and videos. This is a medium-term programme and we will need additional funding.

The Trust will continue to work closely with deaf children and adults and with agencies who support.

Special thanks as always to Esther Drewe who manages our finances and to our Chair, Clark Denmark who shares his enormous experience in all matters to do with the deaf community.

Jim Kyle, Secretary

Deaf in the Covid Aftermath

While in theory, the UK has recovered from Covid, many people continue to suffer from loss and ill-health. However, the impact on the deaf community was enormous during the pandemic but almost certainly continues to affect the way in which deaf people can lead their lives. During the pandemic. People were not allowed to congregate (deaf clubs closed down), they had to keep their distance whenever they did meet (so no deaf hugs) and worst of all members of society were meant to wear masks (making lip-reading impossible and seriously upsetting sign language interaction). It is true that these restrictions eased but it appears that the deaf community has not been returned to its previous state. More use has been made of social media and person to person contact happens more often online than in traditional deaf clubs.

In a new cooperation, in a Lottery-funded project with the Gloucestershire Deaf Association and the Centre for Deaf People, the Deaf Studies Trust aims to find out about deaf people's lives now and also to try to project their needs and aspirations over the next five to ten years. The project aims to interview 120 deaf people aged 20 to 80 years old to map their daily lives, to assess the importance of BSL and to analyse the changes which will become more obvious as the older residential deaf-school-educated deaf people are replaced by mainstream young people. The project began in February and will run into 2024.

Deaf Schools Athletics Competition again in 2023

Partnering with the Yate Athletics Club Adaptative Athletics group, we organised and ran a full-day athletics competition for 65 deaf young people. Aged from 6 years to 15 years they came from Deaf Schools, and mainstream schools and some attended singly with their parents. We provided activities from the quad-kids programme for younger participants as well as from standard England Athletics events – Long Jump, High Jump, Javelin, and sprinting. We adjusted the events to



suit age and ability. All participants wore numbers, distances were measured, and times were taken in all the races. Results were collated and returned to school and to all those taking part. The competition was arranged at Yate Outdoor Sports Complex which has all the regular facilities for track and field events.

Leading up to the competition day we provided weekly training for participants from the deaf schools – in preparation for the main day. On the England Athletics 9-point scale of progress, some of the performances could be rated at bronze, silver and gold and two were even at the elite level. There are potential competitive athletes in the group.

Perhaps unknown is that there is no deaf participation in Para-Athletics (long story dating back to the 1920s and it is very hard for deaf children to join regular athletics clubs due to differing communication needs. For most of the participants this was a rare opportunity to be on a track, to wear competition numbers and to have their events managed and timed by qualified England Athletics Officials.

The event was a great success and is to be repeated in 2023. For the Deaf Studies Trust there has to be uniqueness in the initiative also the collection of data on the interaction of the deaf participants. Given the post-covid period, the participating levels are very important and in terms of research, they can be monitored from year to year.

Deaf Yoga

As part of the DST agenda to intervene to support deaf people's health and well-being, we offered a ten week yoga class at the Vassall Centre. The purpose was to offer deaf participants, a signing approach to yoga exercises. Initially successful and well attended, there was a gradual drop off as we realised that the timing and the location were not ideal for participants. We are now seeking a different approach perhaps linking it with other activities which will occupy a longer session period.

As a result of our earlier research work on deaf people's access to health, DST remains committed to investigating the most effective way to support deaf health and physical wellbeing – Yoga is just one

aspect of this. The other strand of our approach is to train student-doctors in BSL and in deaf awareness.

“Dealing with Deaf”

Training of Second Year Medical Students in the University of Bristol

This continues to be a rewarding and effective programme. Students from the University of Bristol Medical School are provided with an immersive course of three weeks duration. In 2022, this was located at the Vassall Centre with a full day programme of BSL and background lectures based on research work.



We continue to use the techniques developed in the Language Skills project, augmented by materials for self-teaching (homework) where the student matches their own signing to that of the doctor (or the patient).

Interestingly the course also allows the students to practise remote video consultations with a deaf patient and with an interpreter online. This has become a more common form of interaction during the pandemic when on-site consultation has been considerably reduced.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the Year to 31st March 2023

The financial situation in outline (31st March 2023) is as follows:

Balance in the bank of £86k. Last year's balance was £68k.

Income over the year has been from the course for Medical students learning about deaf health and communication in October (£34k).

Looking forward, the Trust has plans to work on future activities – We have started the Deaf aftermath of Covid project in conjunction with GDA and CfD Bristol.

Medic student training will again take place in Sept – Oct, and continue with the Health & Sports, and Dementia Awareness and this work should generate future projects and thereby, repay any financial investments made. We expect to receive nearly £30k for the medic training in 2023.

We have continuing overheads of rent, accounting and website costs amounting around £3.5k per annum. We do not have any pension liabilities and we contract as necessary for different activities.

The Trust is in a good financial position at this time.

Esther Drewe

September 2023

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The Trust for Deaf Studies
Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2023

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**The Trust for Deaf Studies
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The Trust for Deaf Studies Trustees' Annual Report Year Ended 31st March 2023

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The Trust for Deaf Studies
Trustees' Annual Report (continued)
Year Ended 31st March 2023

Achievements and performance

From April 2022 to March 2023, although we have passed through the Covid period, our office in the Vassall Centre remains under-used. Partner meetings have been mainly through the use of Zoom. We requested an additional room and a move of the DST office in order to house the archive material but for various administrative reasons at the Vassall Centre, the move has not taken place. This has significantly delayed the start of our archive deaf history project. We hope to begin later in 2023.

We have been able again to offer the three-week full time training for 2nd year medic students (this time in 2 blocks in September and October). We used a programme of on-site teaching and lectures but linked into the use of Zoom for self-teaching. The outcomes were excellent and the students gave very positive reports on their progress. We have accumulated significant database of video materials for doctor-patient interaction which we plan to move towards a 3D format (see below).

The Deaf schools athletics programme re-started in June and ran weekly up to the Deaf Athletics event. This event used the format of quad kids (run-jump-throw) for the younger participants and the mainstream England Athletics programme for older participants. Over 50 children took part and deaf assistants made it feel like a deaf-focused event.

After a long period of proposal writing and submission to the Lottery, we were able to begin work in January. The aim was to interview 120 deaf people about their experiences in covid and how the deaf community is today. We predict a major shift in the activities of deaf people since the early 2000s.

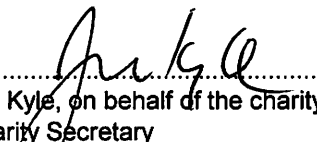
One of the Trustees, Heather Pender ran a weekly yoga class for deaf people... which was successful but numbers of participants were less than expected. We are looking for a different format.

A new opportunity arose in conjunction with Bath University to produce new medical materials through motion capture – this may offer us 3-D video to use for student self-teaching. Initial pilot work was not completely successful but we are due to go back for further trials.

Financial review

The financial situation is monitored regularly and at the year end by the trustees. The charity's free reserves are represented by the unrestricted funds. The trustees believe the organisation's free reserves should be approximately three months unrestricted expenditure, which equates to £2,000. At the year end the charity's free reserves were £47,204.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.


.....
Jim Kyle, on behalf of the charity's trustees
Charity Secretary


.....
6th December 2023

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Trust for Deaf Studies
Year Ended 31st March 2023
Charity no. 289302

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023 set out on pages 4 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

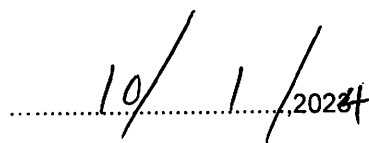
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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

1. 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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. 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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of Farquhar Partnership Limited
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The Trust for Deaf Studies
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31st March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming Resources					
From generating funds:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	-	34,200	34,200	18,333
Other income	3	1,575	-	1,575	-
Total incoming resources		1,575	34,200	35,775	18,333
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	4	4,193	12,386	16,579	16,021
Governance costs	4	720	-	720	720
Total resources expended		4,913	12,386	17,299	16,741
Net income/(expenditure)		(3,338)	21,814	18,476	1,592
Transfers between funds	10,11	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(3,338)	21,814	18,476	1,592
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		50,542	17,240	67,782	66,190
Total funds carried forward		47,204	39,054	86,258	67,782

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and as a result a statement of recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Balance Sheet
Year Ended 31st March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	6	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	7	86,258	69,065
Net current assets		<u>86,258</u>	<u>69,065</u>
Creditors and accruals	8	-	1,283
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>86,258</u>	<u>67,782</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted income funds	9	39,054	17,240
Unrestricted income funds	10	47,204	50,542
Total funds		<u>86,258</u>	<u>67,782</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Trustee

MIKE GULLIVER

6/12/

2023

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2023

1. Basis of preparation

These 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 accounts 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 and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

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

2. Accounting policies

RECONCILIATION WITH PREVIOUS GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

The policies applied under the entity's previous accounting framework are not materially different to FRS 102 and have not impacted on funds of the Charity or financial activities.

INCOME

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

Legacies

Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Donated services and facilities

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.

Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

**The Trust for Deaf Studies
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2023**

2. EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Value added tax

Resources expended include attributable VAT which can not be recovered.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and valued at cost.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
Year Ended 31st March 2023

3. Analysis of income	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations and legacies				
Donations and gifts	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities				
Assessment & reports	-	-	-	-
Grants receivable				
Family	-	-	-	-
Short Courses Medical Students	-	34,200	34,200	21,600
Language Skills (repayment-2022)	-	-	-	(6,757)
Sports & Health	-	-	-	3,490
Dementia Awareness	-	-	-	-
BITS Deaf Awareness	-	-	-	-
Future Bright	-	-	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund for DeafStation	-	-	-	-
	-	34,200	34,200	18,333
Other income				
Other income	1,575	-	1,575	-
	1,575	-	1,575	-
Total Income	1,575	34,200	35,775	18,333
4. Analysis of expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Staff costs	-	11,699	11,699	3,873
Consultancy	610	-	610	8,029
Rent, rates and service charges	1,821	-	1,821	2,042
Insurance	277	-	277	261
Motor and travel	-	-	-	(738)
Room hire and course expenses	373	-	373	-
Accountancy	270	72	342	556
Telephone	-	-	-	-
Office expenses	730	-	730	1,488
Interpreting fees	112	615	727	510
Gifts and entertaining	-	-	-	-
Sundry	-	-	-	-
	4,193	12,386	16,579	16,021
Governance and support costs				
Independent Examiner's fees	720	-	720	720
	720	-	720	720
Total Expenditure	4,913	12,386	17,299	16,741

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
Year Ended 31st March 2023

5. Staff Costs					2023	2022
					£	£
Wages and salaries and employers NIC					-	-
Subcontractors					11,699	3,873
					<u>11,699</u>	<u>3,873</u>
No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.						
					no.	no.
Average number of employees in the year involved with:						
Charitable Activities					<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
6. Debtors and prepayments						
Charitable Debtors					-	-
Prepayments					-	-
					<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
7. Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank of Scotland					<u>86,258</u>	<u>69,065</u>
8. Creditors and accruals						
National Lottery Community Fund for DeafStation					-	1,283
					<u>-</u>	<u>1,283</u>
9. Restricted income funds						
	Balance	Incoming	Outgoing		Balance	
	01.04.22	resources	resources	Transfers	31.03.23	
	£	£	£	£	£	
Family Project	141	-	-	-	141	
Short Courses Medical Students	16,068	34,200	(10,483)	-	39,785	
Sports & Health	1,228	-	(1,903)	-	(675)	
Dementia Awareness	1	-	-	-	1	
National Lottery Community Fund for DeafStation	(198)	-	-	-	(198)	
	<u>17,240</u>	<u>34,200</u>	<u>(12,386)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,054</u>	
Bank interest		-	-	-		
		<u>34,200</u>		<u>-</u>		
10. Unrestricted income funds						
General funds	<u>50,542</u>	<u>1,575</u>	<u>(4,913)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,204</u>	

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Year Ended 31st March 2023

11. Transfers between funds

Transfers between funds represent the movement of net resources in line with conditions relating to the respective grants received.

12. Transactions with related parties		2023	2022
		£	£
Name of trustee or related party	Legal authority		
H Sutherland, Trustee Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	25	-
M Gulliver, Trustee Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	-	-
A C Denmark, Trustee Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	72	1,098
H A Pender, Trustee Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	413	40
A Gibbs, Trustee Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	-	-

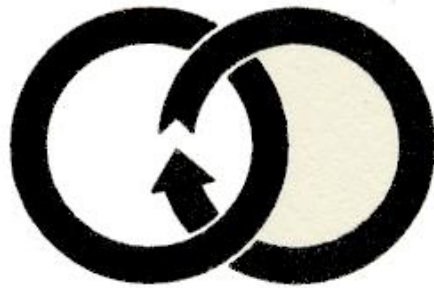
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Chair Report

This is my fourth report as Chair of the Trust. It was the year of the pandemic. It was the year when we could not meet on-site, when all our Trustee discussions were held on Zoom and Facetime. It was a bad year for the deaf community. Some of this appeared in my last report and our concerns are even more heightened now by the loss of deaf club meetings and even of the deaf clubs themselves. As well as all other social events where the deaf community meets, be it a cafe, pub or a social gathering. The very nature of the progression from deaf schools to deaf youth activities to deaf community and older life has been disrupted. Everywhere we look, we see deaf life as being more isolated, more marginalised, less community engaged and less empowered.



The fiasco where daily briefings were a struggle because the English Government refused to have an onsite interpreter in BSL ... on the ridiculous grounds that there was no space at Downing Street, while both the Scottish and Welsh Governments managed this without a problem. The interpretation which had to be delivered remotely from a different studio in London, was hampered by lack of advance information and by the obscure personal style of the senior Ministers. And not all briefings/announcements were interpreted.

At the start of May 2020, the Trust set up a daily news service on DeafStation – all in BSL and all delivered by a team of deaf news signers. This multi-platform initiative meant that the over 2,000 registered users could watch and search the Covid, national and international news every weekday morning. Even with over 1,500 news stories in BSL, the deaf community was only partially served and still well behind the hearing community in the depth and extent of information. We had a 6-month Community Fund award for the service. Deaf people got Covid and went to hospital where face masks were mandatory and as a result the communication between doctor and patient was almost impossible. The only bright spot was that deaf people could more easily communicate in BSL through the window in care homes.

All on-site activities of the Trust had to be postponed and will mostly occur in 2021-2022, that is if we manage to become free of Covid.

I would just like to thank Jim Kyle, our secretary, to Esther, our Treasurer and to the other Trustees for their efforts in a very challenging time.

Clark Denmark, Chair, 2021

Secretary's Report

Although at the time of writing these comments, we are supposedly released from the lockdown and from restrictions on socialising, we are not much further forward in analysing the impact of Covid on the deaf community's everyday life. There is an urgent need for research with deaf community members and with service providers. Mask wearing and social distancing has certainly created a major disturbance as deaf interaction relies on facial expression and also on physical touching. For nearly 18 months, the famous "deaf hug" has not been allowed. There is some suggestion that we can undertake the research in 2022 needed to determine the status of the community (our last national study was around 2000).



Although the trustees have not met on-site in the last year, the work of the Trust has continued and is described in the following pages.

Our priorities remain the same as in the last year – everything has simply been paused by 18 months: dealing with dementia, working with families with deaf members and in increasing opportunities for activity for deaf children and adults – right through to training and competitions in athletics. There is also a commitment to research, develop and promote Deaf history and to utilise the extensive database of sign language materials which we hold. We are planning carry out at least a pilot study on deaf health to follow up on the oerk in 2012-14. When we reach the end of the tunnel of the corona virus, the Trust will be ready to move on with these aims.

Special thanks as always to Esther Drewe who manages our finances and to our Chair, Clark Denmark who shares his enormous experience in all matters to do with the deaf community.

Jim Kyle, Secretary

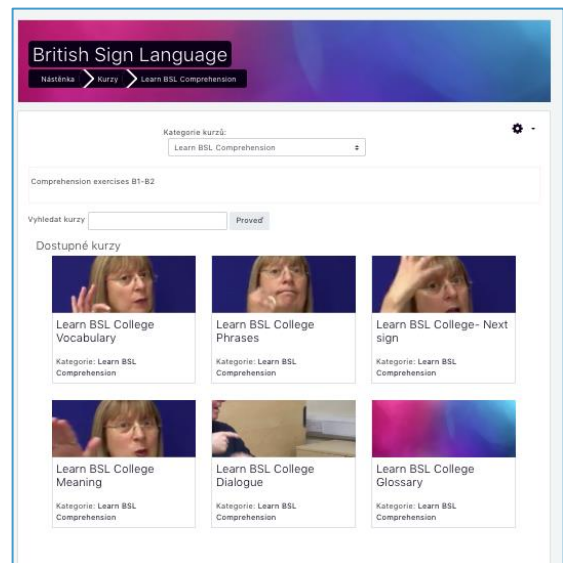
Language Skills Project (Erasmus+, 2017 to 2020)

The major R&D collaborative project continued to the end of 2020 (although as usual with EU projects, administrative activities have continued until March. The fact that we were unable to provide a summer school in the summer of 2020, meant the project was underspent and we think that the managing team had to return an amount to the Czech national ERASMUS+ body.

The Language Skills project was a cooperation with partners in Czech Republic (coordinator), in Hungary, in Austria and also with UCLAN in Preston in the UK.

DST supported the preparation of an online English course for deaf people designed by the Czech partners and a set of accompanying teachers' resources (developed by UCLAN). DST had two main tasks (a) the organisation and delivery of a summer school in Bristol for deaf college students in June-July 2019 and 2020 and in parallel, for teachers of English a week-long seminar on approaches to teaching English to deaf students in each of the partners' countries; and (b) the creation of a BSL online course, suitable for deaf people who are users of a non-BSL sign language.

This course was aimed at deaf students who were likely to study in English potentially in contact with other deaf BSL users. We made considerable progress in preparing self-teaching materials online. However, the breakthrough came with the advanced use of Zoom where we were able to provide BSL video backgrounds which students were then able to set up on their own computer and could then simultaneously record themselves in copying signs and in taking part in dialogue.



Student self-records on left side then matches to the model

In regard to the online BSL course, progress had



originally been slower than expected, partly as a result of materials and curriculum, prepared in one country being supplied to a partner (without BSL) in another country where the course was to be mounted. The result was that the specification from DST could not be met exactly. However, over the last few months (paradoxically) because of the extensive use of Zoom for our DST work, we realised the productive self-teaching component of the BSL course could be achieved as well as the receptive aspect.

Our projects on Dementia and on Families with deaf members and Active sports have all been postponed into 2021 and 2022.

Training of Medical Students in University of Bristol

This continues to be a rewarding and effective programme. Students from the university are provided with an immersive course of three weeks duration. This is delivered remotely and this format has been very successful. Using the techniques developed in the Language Skills project, we are able to provide live remote BSL sessions with small groups and also the materials for self-teaching where the student matches their own signing to that of the doctor (or the patient).



Interestingly the course also allows the students to practise remote video consultations with a deaf patient and an interpreter online. This has become a more common form of interaction during the pandemic when on-site consultation has been considerable reduced.

Finance Report

The Statement of Financial Activities for the Year to 31st March 2021

The financial situation in outline (31st March 2021) is as follows:

Balance in the bank of £66k. Last year's balance was £67.8k.

Income over the year has been from the Medic course in October (£18k) and from the Community Fund for DeafStation £15k).

Expenditure has been less than planned because of the Covid restrictions.

However. The EU Language Project was completed in December. We had to repay around 7K euros because we had no summer school and were unable to travel to the final project meetings.

Looking forward, the Trust has plans to work on future activities – DeafStation has continued and there are priorities in Medic training, Health & Sports, and Dementia Awareness and the work should generate future projects and thereby, repay any financial investments made. We are due to receive £20k for the medic training in 2021-2.

We have continuing overheads of rent, accounting and website costs amounting around £5k per annum. We do not have any pension liabilities and we contract as necessary for different activities.

The Trust is in a good financial position at this time.

Esther Drewe

September 2021

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The Trust for Deaf Studies
Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*
Year Ended 31st March 2021

Achievements and performance

The period from April 2020 to March 2021 has been one of the most difficult periods for direct action and research. The pandemic and the resultant lockdowns meant that our presence in the office of the Trust was periodic and cursory. All meaningful work has been carried out at a distance. Nevertheless, there have been notable achievements.

The ERASMUS+ Language Skills project with partners in the Czech Republic, Poland and Austria was completed at the end of 2020 (with an extension of 4 months). The second summer school planned for Bristol in July 2020 had to be cancelled due to travel restrictions and although there were partner meetings online until November, the final outcomes of the project were reduced. Nevertheless, a full innovative online self-teaching programme in British Sign Language was delivered and is available through the designated servers in Brno.

We learned a great deal from this research and development work and the techniques have now been applied to our training programme for medical students. Our planned six-week programme for 3rd year students had to be cancelled due to University policies but the year 2 three-week programme was delivered completely from a distance with a full timetable of live and self-teaching sessions. The feedback from the participants and the contributors was wholly positive and the programme is now being replicated for future groups. The programme prepares doctors for live consultations with deaf people using British Sign language.

From May 2020, the Trust set up a daily sign language news service providing nearly 1,000 stories about Covid, national and international news. The service was provided every weekday morning to over 2,000 registered Facebook users and created a searchable archive online based on the text-scripts and the signed videos and delivered through a bespoke website. It is a unique service.

Our grant-funded work with families, dementia and sports has been carried over into 2021 and will be described in our next annual report.

Financial review

The financial situation is monitored regularly and at the year end by the trustees. The charity's free reserves are represented by the unrestricted funds. The trustees believe the organisation's free reserves should be approximately three months unrestricted expenditure, which equates to £2,000. At the year end the charity's free reserves were £36,359.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

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Jim Kyle, on behalf of the charity's trustees
Charity Secretary

30th September 2021
Date

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Trust for Deaf Studies
Year Ended 31st March 2021
Charity no. 289302

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021 set out on pages 4 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

1. 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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. 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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30th September 2021
Date

C. A. Farquhar FCCA
of Farquhar Partnership Limited
Chartered Accountants, 151 Whiteladies Road, Clifton,
Bristol, BS8 2RA

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31st March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Incoming Resources					
From generating funds:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	-	34,561	34,561	25,325
Other income	3	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		-	34,561	34,561	25,325
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	4	3,896	31,558	35,454	28,563
Governance costs	4	720	-	720	660
Total resources expended		4,616	31,558	36,174	29,223
Net income/(expenditure)		(4,616)	3,003	(1,613)	(3,898)
Transfers between funds	10,11	23,005	(23,005)	-	-
Net movement in funds		18,389	(20,002)	(1,613)	(3,898)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		17,970	49,833	67,803	71,701
Total funds carried forward		36,359	29,831	66,190	67,803

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and as a result a statement of recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

**The Trust for Deaf Studies
Balance Sheet
Year Ended 31st March 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	6	-	526
Cash at bank and in hand	7	74,657	101,506
Net current assets		<u>74,657</u>	<u>102,032</u>
Creditors and accruals	8	8,467	34,229
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>66,190</u>	<u>67,803</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted income funds	9	29,831	49,833
Unrestricted income funds	10	36,359	17,970
Total funds		<u>66,190</u>	<u>67,803</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Trustee

30th September 2021
Date

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2021

1. **Basis of preparation**

These 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 accounts 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 and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

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

2. **Accounting policies**

RECONCILIATION WITH PREVIOUS GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

The policies applied under the entity's previous accounting framework are not materially different to FRS 102 and have not impacted on funds of the Charity or financial activities.

INCOME

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

Legacies

Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Donated services and facilities

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.

Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2021

2. **EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Value added tax

Resources expended include attributable VAT which can not be recovered.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and valued at cost.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
Year Ended 31st March 2021

3. Analysis of income	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations and legacies				
Donations and gifts	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities				
Assessment & reports	-	-	-	727
Grants receivable				
Family	-	-	-	-
Short Courses Medical Students	-	18,000	18,000	19,800
Language Skills	-	1,261	1,261	3,777
Sports & Health	-	-	-	124
Dementia Awareness	-	-	-	306
BITS Deaf Awareness	-	(80)	(80)	145
Future Bright	-	-	-	446
National Lottery Community Fund for DeafStation	-	15,380	15,380	-
	-	34,561	34,561	25,325
Other income				
Other income	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total Income	-	34,561	34,561	25,325
4. Analysis of expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Staff costs	-	24,815	24,815	9,594
Consultancy	-	49	49	2,975
Rent, rates and service charges	2,679	-	2,679	1,795
Insurance	240	-	240	227
Motor and travel	-	3,838	3,838	5,929
Room hire and course expenses	32	-	32	1,815
Accountancy	480	-	480	714
Telephone	143	-	143	422
Office expenses	1,169	-	1,169	261
Interpreting fees	-	2,009	2,009	4,488
Admin fees	(847)	847	-	-
Gifts and entertaining	-	-	-	343
Sundry	-	-	-	-
	3,896	31,558	35,454	28,563
Governance and support costs				
Independent Examiner's fees	720	-	720	660
	720	-	720	660
Total Expenditure	4,616	31,558	36,174	29,223

The Trust for Deaf Studies
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
Year Ended 31st March 2021

5. Paid employees	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries and employers NIC	7,250	9,481
Subcontractors	17,565	113
	<u>24,815</u>	<u>9,594</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

	no.	no.
Average number of employees in the year involved with: Charitable Activities	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

6. Debtors and prepayments		
BITS Deaf Awareness	-	80
Future Bright	-	446
	<u>-</u>	<u>526</u>

7. Cash at bank and in hand		
Bank of Scotland	<u>74,657</u>	<u>101,506</u>

8. Creditors and accruals		
Family Project	-	36
Short Courses Medical Students	3,239	-
Language Skills	-	359
Sports & Health	-	144
Bristol City Council	-	33,690
National Lottery Community Fund for DeafStation	5,228	-
	<u>8,467</u>	<u>34,229</u>

9. Restricted income funds	Balance	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance
	01.04.20	resources	resources	£	31.03.21
	£	£	£	£	£
Family Project	141	-	-	-	141
Short Courses Medical Students	33,219	18,000	(8,450)	(23,000)	19,769
Language Skills	17,062	1,261	(11,785)	-	6,538
Sports & Health	(587)	-	-	-	(587)
Dementia Awareness	(187)	-	-	-	(187)
BITS Deaf Awareness	85	(80)	-	(5)	-
Future Bright	100	-	(50)	-	50
National Lottery Community Fund for DeafStation	-	15,380	(11,273)	-	4,107
	<u>49,833</u>	<u>34,561</u>	<u>(31,558)</u>	<u>(23,005)</u>	<u>29,831</u>
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>34,561</u>		<u>(23,005)</u>	

10. Unrestricted income funds					
General funds	<u>17,970</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,616)</u>	<u>23,005</u>	<u>36,359</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year Ended 31st March 2021

11. Transfers between funds

Transfers between funds represent the movement of net resources in line with conditions relating to the respective grants received.

12. Transactions with related parties		2021	2020
		£	£
Name of trustee or related party	Legal authority		
H Sutherland, Trustee Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	-	245
M Gulliver, Trustee Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	3,899	1,789
C Denmark, Trustee Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	2,050	1,733
H A Pender, Trustee Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	-	31
A Gibbs, Trustee Teaching, lecturing, consultancy and expenses	Trust Deed	-	-