

# JOSEPH ROTBLAT MEMORIAL TRUST

## Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2020

### Charity name and number

Joseph Rotblat Memorial Trust: registered charity number 297539

### Correspondence address

Joseph Rotblat Memorial Trust, Ground Floor Flat, 63A Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3BJ

### Trustees

Dr Richard Guthrie (Chair)

Mark Ingram (Treasurer)

Professor John Finney FInstP, FRSC

Lord Rees of Ludlow OM, FRS

Scarlett MccGwire

Dr Tom Milne

Professor Andrew Haines (resigned as Trustee in July 2020)

### Part-time Staff Member

Andrew Gibson

### Advisors

Bank: Barclays Bank, St. John's Wood and Swiss Cottage Branch, PO Box 2764, London NW3 6JD

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trust was established on 6 August 1987 following a meeting of the British Pugwash Group at which it was decided to set up a fund for charitable purposes. Resulting from this meeting, the initial trustees were appointed and the Trust Deed accepted. The trustees have been replaced as necessary by invitation by the existing board. In 2020, the Trust changed its name to the Joseph Rotblat Memorial Trust (JRMT), however its structure, governance, management and objectives remain the same.

The chair of trustees is responsible for the induction of any new trustee. They are informed of their responsibilities and the administrative procedures, given a copy of the Trust Deed, and acquainted with the history and ethos of the charity. A new trustee would receive copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts.

The Trustees have the power to administer all Trust monies as they see fit to advance the objectives of the charity, including powers to raise funds and make investments. They have the power to delegate day-to-day management of the charity to a committee, provided the committee keeps the trustees fully advised and budgets are agreed. Trustees have the power to devise or amend regulations concerning the business of the Trustees.

They have the power to undertake or finance research projects; to organise and hold meetings, lectures, discussions, study groups or conferences in the UK or abroad involving scientists and other qualified persons; to carry out research projects, write papers, articles, books and publications of all kinds provided the material is sold at cost; and to employ and pay staff and administration costs arising from this. During 2020, the Trust had one part-time employee.

The main area of risk to which the charity is exposed is that of being unable to raise sufficient funds for its work and to maintain its office. To offset this risk, a sum of money has been set aside that forms an income generating designated fund (the interest from which goes towards the running costs of the charity), which would act as a buffer were the charity to get into financial difficulty. See section 3 for further information.

## 1 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The objectives, as stated in the Trust Deed, are to promote the advancement of education of the public to enhance their knowledge and understanding of national and international security issues and related scientific, technical, economic and sociological matters; and to enable British scientists, scholars and other professionals to participate in national and international conferences and meetings on these issues. It exists also to promote study and research into these issues and to make public the findings.

## 2 MAIN AREAS OF WORK IN 2020

The main areas of work comprise educating the public in matters of public interest; encouraging increased scientific rigour in policy making, in particular on matters relating to international security and energy generation and use; exploring and raising awareness of ethical issues in science; and providing education programmes for young people in these areas.

The following activities took place in 2020:

### Student/Young Pugwash (SYP) UK

The Joseph Rotblat Memorial Trust (JRMT) supported the work of SYP UK, which was primarily funded by a grant (administered by JRMT) from the Network for Social Change.

Highlights for SYP UK in 2020, included:

- SYP UK launched a new group at University of Oxford, led by Physics students Runbei Cheng and Amelia Adcroft. Its first event was a talk on 'The Russell-Einstein Manifesto: Its Origins and Legacy', given by JRMT's Prof. John Finney.
- In March, SYP UK hosted its Annual Conference - titled 'Warwick Technology & Peace Conference' - which brought together over 50 participants, including young researchers, practitioners, campaigners and students.
- Over the summer, SYP UK organised a series of webinars on issues in global politics, arms control and ethics. Guest speakers included Dr Tong Zhao (Carnegie-Tsinghua Center for Global Policy, Beijing), Sahil Shah (European Leadership Network) and Laura Nolan (formerly of Google).
- In September, SYP UK organised a media training day for young scientists wanting to hone their interviewee skills. The session was delivered by the Media Trust and involved practice TV and radio interviews.
- In November, SYP UK hosted a well-attended webinar series about ethics in science and technology. Sessions covered responsibility in open-source nuclear research, science and indigenous peoples, and digital technology ethics.

In December, SYP UK appointed Emily Enright (a student at KCL) to develop its Project on Ethical Science, a new initiative to help scientists, engineers and mathematicians engage in public debates about the social impacts of science and technology. This work is funded by a grant from the Marmot Charitable Trust, administered by JRMT.

### Climate Change and Nuclear Weapons

In 2020, JRMT supported a British Pugwash Group research project exploring the potential impacts of climate change on the UK's nuclear weapons infrastructure. This work is funded by a grant (administered by JRMT), which was provided by Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation.

The project team have recruited a freelance researcher to conduct the research and expect to publish a report in mid-2021.

### Changing our name

In 2020, the British Pugwash Trust changed its name to Joseph Rotblat Memorial Trust (JRMT), to both honour the memory of our co-founder (Sir Joseph Rotblat) and clarify our independence from the British Pugwash Group (a non-charitable membership organisation). Sir Joseph Rotblat, the nuclear physicist and peace advocate, was one of our original trustees. Rotblat donated his share of the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize to the Trust, which has henceforth sought to maintain its capital but also provide grants in support of education, research and to help scientists attend international conferences relating to international peace and security.

The trustees were considering various activities to announce and mark the change but the ongoing pandemic has been a source of disruption. Nonetheless, a new webpage has been created about JRMT and we will continue to consider the implications of the change. We also hope that the change may have a beneficial effect in terms of encouraging donations from those who met or were inspired by Sir Rotblat.

### British Pugwash Group

In early 2020, the Trust awarded a grant to the British Pugwash Group (BPG) to support its charitable work in raising awareness of international security and science issues, public education, and supporting scientists and others to attend national and international conferences and events. Examples of such work in 2020 included BPG organising or facilitating its members involvement in public events, which were (due to the pandemic situation) held online. These included the British Pugwash Lecture at the Hay Festival (guest speaker was Jim Al-Khalili on 'The World According to Physics'), the BPG Chairman spoke at events on 'Post-

COVID Multilateral Cooperation' and 'Future of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: A View from Russia and Europe', and BPG's post-AGM public lecture, which was on 'The challenges of UK radioactive waste disposal'.

JRMT trustees are mindful of the guidance titled 'Grant funding an organisation that isn't a charity', published by the Charity Commission.

### **3 FINANCIAL REVIEW, INVESTMENT POLICY AND RESERVES**

The Trust generated a cash surplus of £31,962 for the year, although £24,801 related to designated funds that are budgeted to be spent over the following 12 months.

The Trust's Investment Policy requires an amount to be transferred from the General Fund to the Designated income generating Nobel Fund to maintain the real value of the Nobel Fund. The amount transferred this year was £3,115. The Nobel Fund is designated to ensure the Trust generated sufficient investment income each year to pay for the core costs of the Trust's work. Investments are managed for the Trust by CCLA and are held in their Ethical Investment Fund and their Fixed Interest Fund.

### **4 FUTURE PLANS**

The Trustees intend to continue to support similar work in prosecuting its objectives, and to manage effectively its endowment.



Dr Richard Guthrie, Chair of BPT

Date 7.6.21

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS

### Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts

#### Report to the Trustees of the Joseph Rotblat Memorial Trust

(formerly the British Pugwash Trust)

Charity No 297539.

On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

Set out on pages 5 – 7.

**Responsibilities and basis of report** I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

*K. Douglas*

Date:

11/6/2021

Name:

Katrina Douglas

Address:

Chapel House, The Cross, Nympsfield, GL10 3TU

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	-	35,236		35,236	1,445
Donations and Gift Aid	6,060	-		6,060	2,170
Investment income	16,684	-		16,684	16,456
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>22,744</b>	<b>35,236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,980</b>	<b>20,071</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>					
Liquidation of investments					
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Total receipts</b>					
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Core / office costs	15,583	8,161		23,743	19,311
Governance costs	-	-		0	324
Small meetings	-	50		50	30
Conferences	-	441		441	474
ISODARCO	-	248		-248	1,004
COMEST	-	-		0	1,172
Hypersonic weapons report	-	-		0	1,004
Europugwash meeting Bristol	-	-		0	1,732
Strategy day	-	-		0	29
MOD briefing	-	-		0	94
Nottingham Ethical Science conf	-	-		0	493
Media training event	-	-		0	895
KC Nuclear Ban Treaty mtg	-	-		0	89
Puwash Doha	-	313		-313	
SYP media support fund	-	1,597		1,597	
Ethical science project	-	748		748	
Trident vulnerabilities project	-	-		0	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>15,583</b>	<b>10,435</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,018</b>	<b>26,651</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b>					
Investments purchased					
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>15,583</b>	<b>10,435</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,018</b>	<b>26,651</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>7,162</b>	<b>24,801</b>		<b>31,962</b>	<b>- 6,580</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>- 2,002</b>		<b>-</b>	
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>10,113</b>	<b>5,576</b>		<b>15,690</b>	<b>22,248</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>19,277</b>	<b>28,375</b>		<b>47,652</b>	<b>15,668</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank and in hand	19,277	28,375	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>19,277</b>	<b>28,375</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Gift Aid claim	123	75	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	CCLA Ethical Investment fund	Unrestricted	-	391,193
	CCLA Fixed interest fund	Unrestricted		161,390
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	M. Ingram	MARK INGRAM	19/5/21	
	R. Guthrie	RICHARD GUTHRIE	7/6/21	

<b>Notes to the accounts</b>							
<b>1. Accounting policies</b>							
The financial statements of the British Pugwash Trust have been prepared using the Receipts and Payments basis.							
<b>2. Non-monetary resources</b>							
British Pugwash has the use of premises in London on which no rent is paid.							
These premises are used to store an extensive library / archive, as well as for meetings and administrative work.							
<b>3. Transactions with related parties</b>							
The British Pugwash Group is constituted as a separate organisation which the British Pugwash Trust supports.							
During this year members of the British Pugwash Group donated £ 3,321 to BPT							
These BPG funds are held in a designated reserve for the charitable purposes of the British Pugwash Group							
<b>4. Remuneration or expenses paid to trustees</b>							
Trustee expenses claims totalled £ 848							
These relate to travel expenses to attend Pugwash events and/or meetings, or office maintenance / redecoration costs							
<b>5. Details of movements on funds</b>							
At market values							
	Balance brought forward	Receipts, A1	Payments	Transfers	Gain on investments	Increase in other assets / (decrease) in other liabilities	Balance carried forward
		A1	A3	A5			
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>							
General fund	50,277	19,423	-8,128	-13,072	28,402	-1,815	75,087
Nobel fund (designated)	482,849			3,115			485,963
BPG fund (designated)	2,861	3,321	-7,455	11,959	0	246	10,933
Total unrestricted funds	535,986	22,744	-15,583	2,002	28,402	-1,569	571,983
<b>Restricted funds</b>							
SYP	5,577	18,700	-9,687	-1,001	0	75	13,663
Trident climate vulnerabilities	0	9,036	0	-667	0	0	8,369
SYP-Ethical Science Project		7,500	-748	-334			6,418
Total restricted funds	5,577	35,236	-10,435	-2,002	0	75	28,450
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>541,563</b>	<b>57,980</b>	<b>-26,018</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,402</b>	<b>-1,494</b>	<b>600,434</b>