

# THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY

England & Wales · Charity number 313834

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [00205110](#)

**Registered** 1963-10-07

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 3.1 THE OBJECT IS TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECT OF PHILOSOPHY BY: 3.1.1 ORGANISING AND PROMOTING THE TEACHING, DISCUSSION; AND RESEARCH IN THE SUBJECT OF PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES; 3.1.2 PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE STUDY OF PHILOSOPHY AND ANY SUBJECT COGNATE OR ALLIED TO THE STUDY OF PHILOSOPHY; 3.1.3 ARRANGING LECTURES, CLASS TEACHING, SEMINARS, PUBLIC MEETINGS, CONFERENCES AND DISCUSSIONS; 3.1.4 ESTABLISHING, CONTROLLING, MANAGING AND CARRYING ON COLLEGES, HALLS, SCHOOLS, LECTURE ROOMS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY AND RESEARCH; 3.1.5 ESTABLISHING AND AWARDED PROFESSORSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, LECTURESHIPS, READERSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, EXHIBITIONS, PRIZES, GRANTING CERTIFICATES AND CONDUCTING EXAMINATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH PHILOSOPHICAL SUBJECTS. 3.1.6 PROMOTING AND UNDERTAKING SUCH OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH PROMOTE THE OBJECT AND WHICH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION DETERMINE.

**Activities:** We are devoted to creating, sharing and enabling philosophical thinking. We empower the curious of all ages and backgrounds to think about fundamental questions. We encourage a better understanding of our world and our place in it.. We look to actively support this work through grant giving programmes and a series of public lectures across the UK, encouraging positive access for many.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets     | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| 2025-07-31 | £469,318 | £565,447    | -          | -         |
| 2024-07-31 | £576,113 | £554,728    | £1,633,417 | 2         |
| 2023-07-31 | £494,996 | £515,155    | -          | -         |
| 2022-07-31 | £449,289 | £524,931    | -          | -         |
| 2021-07-31 | £470,737 | £389,211    | -          | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                           | Role | Appointed  |
|--------------------------------|------|------------|
| DR Sarah Sawyer                |      | 2016-12-13 |
| Dr Constantinos Sandis         |      | 2020-12-11 |
| Dr David Edmonds               |      | 2022-12-21 |
| Dr James Wilson                |      | 2022-12-21 |
| Dr Lea Cecile Salje            |      | 2021-03-29 |
| Dr Rachel Wiseman              |      | 2019-05-21 |
| Dr SARAH BETH LORD             |      | 2020-12-11 |
| Professor Ben Andrew Colburn   |      | 2020-12-11 |
| Professor Hallvard Lillehammer |      | 2023-07-13 |
| Professor Lucy O'Brien         |      | 2018-12-14 |
| Professor Susan James          |      | 2023-07-13 |

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# Accounts

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# The Royal Institute of Philosophy

## Annual Report & Accounts 2024-2025

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# Charitable Company Information

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| President   | Professor Jo Wolff  |   |
| Chair of the Council  | Professor Lucy O'Brien  |   |
| Members of the Executive Committee, who are also the trustees under charity law and directors under company law | Professor Ben Colburn<br>Professor David Edmonds<br>Professor John Haldane<br>Professor Susan James<br>Professor Hallvard Lillehammer<br>Professor Beth Lord<br>Professor Lucy O'Brien<br>Dr Lea Salje<br>Professor Constantine Sandis<br>Professor Sarah Sawyer<br>Professor James Wilson<br>Dr. Rachael Wiseman | Resigned July 2025                          |
| Managing Director & Secretary   | Melanie Nightingale   |   |
| Joint Editors of Philosophy   | Professor Maria Alvarez<br>Professor Bill Brewer  |   |
| Academic Director   | Professor Edward Harcourt   |   |
| Editor of Think   | Dr. Stephen Law   |   |
| Finance Director  | Rebecca Davis, CPFA<br>Brett Nicholls, CA (NZ)  | Resigned March 2025<br>Appointed April 2025 |
| Solicitors  | Blake Morgan LLP<br>Seacourt Tower, West Way,<br>Oxford OX2 0FB   |   |
| Bankers   | HSBC, 16 King Street, London WC2E 8JF   |   |
| Registered Office   | 7 Bell Yard, London, WC2A 2JR<br>Telephone: 020 7664 4851   |   |
| Registered Charity Number   | 313834  |   |
| Registered Company Number   | 205110 (A Company Limited by Guarantee)   |   |
| Independent Examiner  | KM Chartered Accountants<br>1st Floor, Block C<br>The Wharf<br>Manchester Road<br>Burnley<br>Lancashire<br>BB11 1JG   |   |

# Trustees' Annual Report

## Real Philosophy. For *Everyone*.

“Doing philosophy equips people with life skills – how to listen to others, how to make a case, how to change one’s perspective, how to reason, how to defend one’s view, how to acknowledge what one does not know or understand. Philosophy teaches skills integral to cultivating social values and conduct... It changes people’s minds.”

**Lucy O’Brien, Chair of the Board of Trustees**

The Royal Institute of Philosophy (TRIP) was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 6th April 1925 and it is governed by its memorandum and articles. The Royal Institute was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in England and Wales on 7th October 1963.

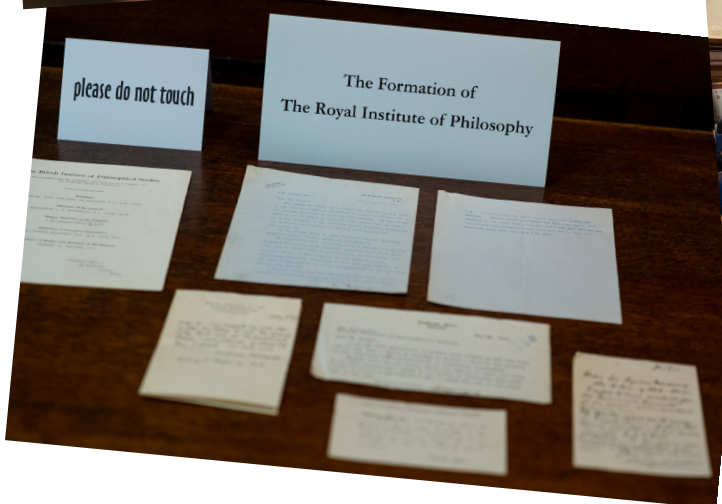
## Our Purpose

The Royal Institute of Philosophy was founded a hundred years ago ‘to advance the education of the public in the subject of philosophy’. That remains our mission today. But our conception of ‘the public’ has broadened beyond the small highly educated Bloomsbury audiences of the 1920s to include diverse online audiences, young people at risk, prisoners and school students. In this centenary year, the Royal Institute of Philosophy is the UK’s largest independent charitable foundation devoted to sharing philosophical thinking as widely as possible. Addressing ourselves to fundamental questions across the whole breadth of philosophy, we aim to bring these questions to the curious of every age and background, and to empower them to consider them for themselves.

# Centenary: A Celebration of a Century

We welcomed 70 long-term supporters at Middle Temple, where the Royal Institute held its inaugural meeting in 1925.

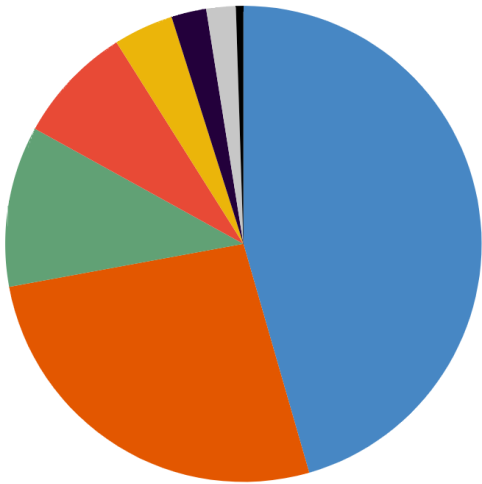
2025 marks a triple Centenary for TRIP: celebrating 100 years as an organisation, the inception of our first Lecture Series, and the launch of our flagship journal, *Philosophy*. The founding of the Institute relied on thoughtful people who understood the value of philosophy, including an extraordinary range of academics, lawyers, business people, one Archbishop of Canterbury, one Prime Minister and four past Prime Ministers. We still rely on those who understand the value of philosophy to continue our work, expanding and enhancing our founders' vision, making the best in philosophy available and accessible to everyone.



# Our Audiences

The Royal Institute offers philosophical materials and activities to both those already familiar with philosophy, and to those discovering it for the first time.

We are pleased to report that in this financial year over 45,000 people engaged with the work of the Royal Institute virtually or in person.



- National Programme Local Audiences (9591)
- Newsletter Subscribers (5593)
- Lecture Season Audience (2300)
- School Students (1690)
- Journals (856)
- Philosophy Conferences (500)
- Prisons (420)
- Book Prize (107)

## Volunteers

# 136

Volunteers

Our volunteer programme goes from strength to strength, with many of our 136 volunteers now undertaking projects to support the delivery of programmes and activities across the Royal Institute.

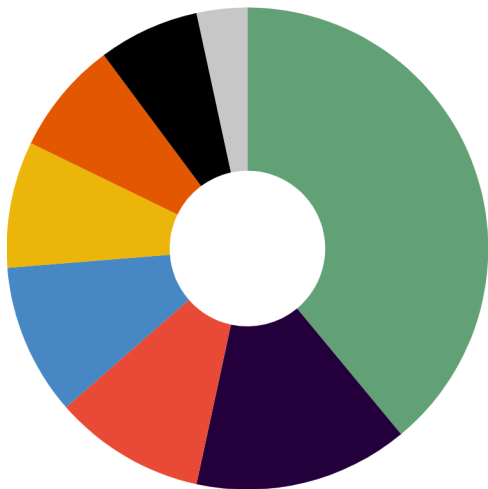
With a full volunteering programme that will expand to offer internships to students in active study, we are determined to continue to offer opportunities for volunteers to learn new skills within a philosophy environment.

# A Look at Our Audience

2025 saw the second Royal Institute survey for stakeholders, a valuable opportunity to listen to our audiences and reflect their feedback in the ongoing design of our philosophical materials and activities.

Over 2024-2025 the Royal Institute continued to concentrate its resources to enable people to engage with philosophy. through research-based and introductory activities, and using both digital platforms and in person programmes. Our audiences overwhelmingly told us that they value encounters with like-minded people and with ideas that enable them to apply philosophical concepts in real-life situations.

## Location



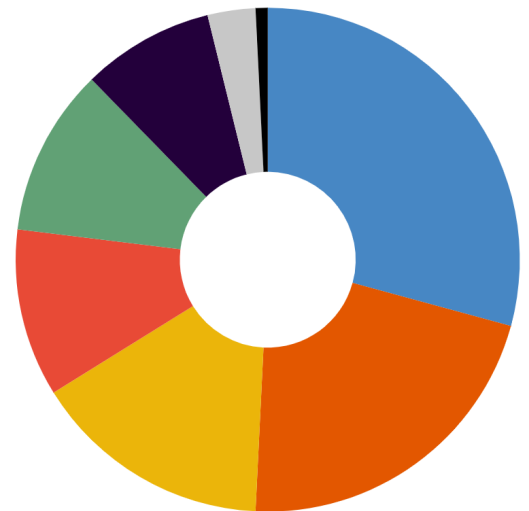
- South East England
- South West England
- Midlands
- Scotland
- Outside the UK
- Northern England
- South England
- Wales

## Time Involved



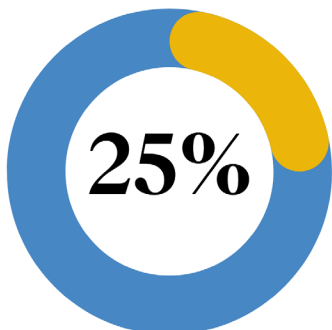
- 1-3 Years
- 11 Years+
- Less than a year
- 4-10 Years

## Age

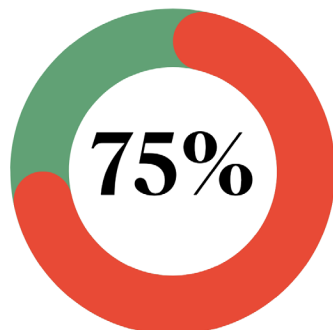


- 45-54
- 35-44
- 55-64
- 18-24
- 65-74
- 74 and over
- 25-34
- Under 18

## Philosophy Background



Reported being educated to A level or no formal education in philosophy



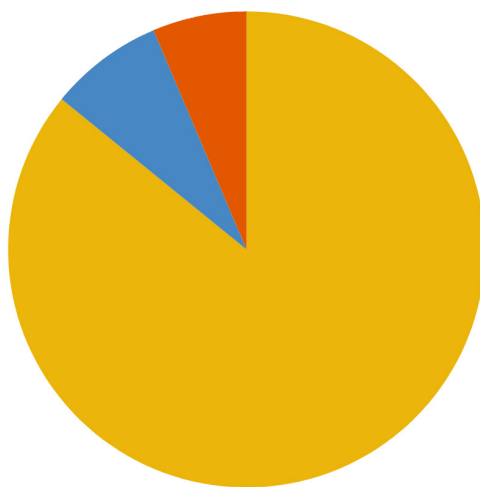
Reported an academic background

# At a Glance... How Our Money was Used

The year ended July 31, 2025

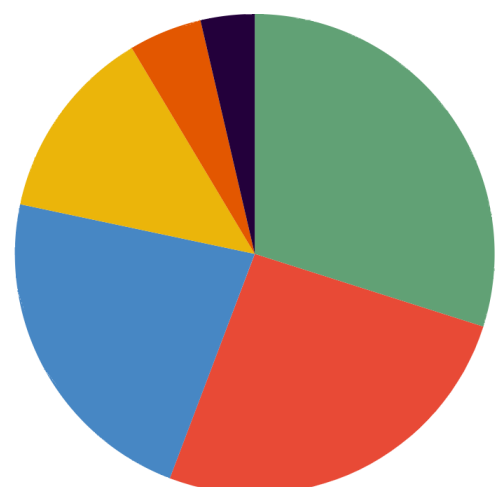
The trustees hereby present their annual report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2025 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and financial statements for Companies Act purposes. This report and the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## Income



- Charitable Activities (85.9%)
- Investment Income (7.7%)
- Other Income (6.4%)

## Spending



- Public Lectures (29.9%)
- Studentships & Bursaries (25.9%)
- Philosophy in Schools (22.6%)
- Public Philosophy Programmes (13.1%)
- Philosophy Education in Prisons (4.9%)
- Conference Programmes (3.6%)

# Studentships and Bursaries

Reflecting the philosophical interests of Mr Jens Jacobsen, these studentships and bursaries support research students in certain fundamental parts of philosophy, including speculative metaphysics, critical metaphysics, the philosophy of mind, epistemology, philosophical logic, philosophy of life, determinism, the nature of life, evolution, moral philosophy, and political and social philosophy — all broadly conceived.

The Royal Institute of Philosophy funded 6 studentships and 7 bursaries in 2024/5 thanks to the generosity of the Jacobsen Foundation.

The Institute received many high-quality applications and could only support a small fraction of the them.

**13**

Awarded

**£78,600**

Spent

# Conferences

Four grants totalling £4,400 were awarded to support graduate student conferences. This annual programme enables graduate students to gain experience in organising conferences, giving talks, and getting feedback from peers, and to hearing work from both other students and established philosophers from across the world.

## Graduate Conference Grants Awarded:

University of Bristol  
The University of Manchester  
University of Oxford  
British Postgraduate Philosophy Association

**155**

Attendees in total

A further annual grant to deliver a conference for a mixed audience was awarded to the University of Glasgow who welcomed 50 people to their ‘Connecting with Nature’ conference.

# London Lecture Series

## Remembering and Forgetting

What we remember is a central expression of who we are. So what should we remember, and what is best forgotten? This year's talks focused on various aspects of this question, from trauma and forgiveness to memorialization and constructing identities on- and off-line.

We deliberately keep ticket prices at a low or zero cost to ensure accessibility. All are welcome, whether they have any prior exposure to philosophy or not.



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Lectures

990

in attendance

18,081

Views on Youtube

“ Participating in the London Lecture Series put on by the Royal Institute of Philosophy will likely stand to be one of the highlights of my career. It is an experience like no other to engage in serious intellectual discussion with both professional philosophers and the interested public alike. It is thrilling to know that on a busy Thursday night in London, there are those that seek out a philosophy lecture, and it is humbling to be the one giving it.”  
**Rima Basu** (Associate Professor of Philosophy, Claremont McKenna College),  
speaker on 10 October, 2024, ‘The Importance of Forgetting’

I very much enjoyed giving my talk in the Royal Institute of Philosophy lecture series. It was a refreshing change to have such an enquiring audience, and I can honestly say the probing questions led me both to clarify and then change my views. The whole experience, from beginning to end, was a joy... It is marvellous to think that a tradition that goes back to people such as Balfour and Russell is still giving the opportunity for such interesting philosophical interactions. The organisation of the event was impeccable.”

**Derek Matravers** (Professor of Philosophy, Open University),  
speaker on 13 March, 2025, ‘Choosing How We Represent the Past’

# Annual City Lectures and Symposia

On 31 October 2024, we hosted a symposium 'Is Ethical AI a Fantasy?'

4 City Lectures in Cardiff,  
Edinburgh, London,  
Dublin

“While bringing diverse perspectives to bear on the evening’s question, all speakers found common ground. It was a stimulating example of engaging in philosophical debate – including with a wonderfully engaged audience – as a shared intellectual enterprise.”  
**Linda Eggert**, Annual Symposium contributor

“I had a terrific time giving the [annual] London lecture because the audience seemed so attentive and engaged and the questions were excellent.... So, all in all, well worth the trip from New York.”  
**Kwame Anthony Appiah**, Annual London Lecturer



**750**  
Attendees  
across events

“Philosophers are very much needed to contribute to understanding and evaluating today’s challenges. The Royal Institute is doing excellent work in bringing philosophy to the general public.”  
**Mark Coeckelbergh**, Annual Symposium contributor

## Membership

As part of the expansion plan to bring new members to the Royal Institute, in 2025 two new membership options were launched offering student members and non-student members opportunities to engage in members-only sessions with philosophers and to access digital platforms to share ideas, questions and academic research. Since then hundreds have chosen to take a Royal Institute membership and we look forward to continuing to welcome new members.

# Publishing

## Philosophy



Now in its 100th year, the highly respected journal *Philosophy* continues to publish articles of high quality. Published in four issues per year, the journal appeals to both institutional and individual subscribers across the world

# 72

## Submissions to Essay Prize

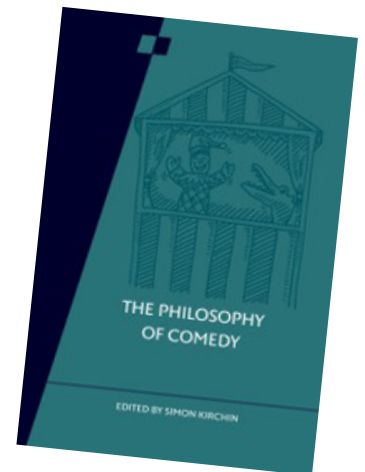
Professors Maria Alvarez and Bill Brewer, co-editors of the journal, oversee the publication of peer-reviewed articles, reviews, the *Philosophy* Annual Essay prize, and articles based on our City Lectures. Submissions – from early career researchers, well established academics, and independent scholars – ensure the journal remains an important one for an extensive international audience.

Congratulations to last year's essay prize winners Emily Caddick Bourne and Craig Bourne for 'Overactive (and Underactive) Imagination'.

To celebrate our centenary, we have been releasing papers weekly from our archive, with members receiving exclusive commentary from the Preident of the Royal Institute, Professor Jo Wolff.

## Supplement

The Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplements publish the London Lectures and the proceedings of the annual Philosophy Conference. The latest issue is *The Philosophy of Comedy*, edited by Simon Kirchin and published in October 2024.



## Think

Our second journal, *Think*, continues to offer philosophy for all, publishing accessible insights on the whole range of philosophical topics. For the second year, we hosted the *Think* Essay Prize, open to 15-18 year old students. Our panel of volunteer judges were overwhelmed by the quality of the hundreds of submissions received. The prizewinner was Kan Zhang from BASIS International School, with his essay titled: 'Could a Person Migrate to Another's Body? A Realistic Solution to a Fanciful Problem'.



# 747

Applicants

# 23

Longlisted

# 5

Shortlisted

We would like to thank our judging panel, consisting entirely of volunteers.

# Local Partnership Programmes

The Royal Institute continues to build local partnerships and fund philosophy within the local community. Partners include elders charities, local and national philosophy groups, the Open University and universities across the UK.

459

Local Partner  
Events

27

Local Partner  
organizations

9,591

people attended

“ UEA has a very small Philosophy Department and we are very grateful that we have received the Institute’s support to organise these public engagement events which otherwise wouldn’t be possible in the current climate of research funds scarcity.”  
**University of East Anglia**



Attendees reported having gained new skills and knowledge, have formed new social connections and without these free events being offered in a safe supportive environment, they [would] not have been able to participate.”  
**The Stuart Low Trust**

“ We thoroughly enjoyed delivering the programme of public engagement events supported by TRIP this year, and the whole department participated in the efforts. We created new powerful links with charities and cultural venues, and we hope these connections will be instrumental [in] bringing even more philosophy into people’s lives in the years to follow.”  
**University of Birmingham**



Our funding has enabled us to take on more ambitious projects such as writing and performing the Metaphysical Play: The Cogito. Next year’s funding may produce a similar outcome and ideas are being discussed in the group for a new series of seminars about ethics and dramatisations of other hypothetical encounters of philosophers and scientists.”  
**St Ives (Cambs) U3A Philosophy Group**

# Philosophy in Schools Programmes

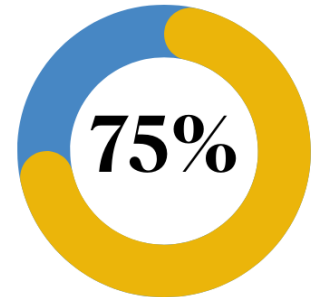
Among today's most pressing questions for young people, it's hard to think of one that doesn't have a philosophical dimension. How do we share the burdens of addressing the climate crisis equitably between generations? How do we balance rights to freedom of expression with protection from harm –especially perhaps online? How does social media affect our relation to ourselves and others? Why do people believe conspiracy theories? Our young people need philosophy now as never before and the Royal Institute's mission is to provide it



Videos to support the A Level Curriculum



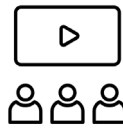
philosophy in schools programmes delivered across the UK



of schools receiving a programme are unable to support philosophy at A Level



students received a programme from a Royal Institute philosophy tutor



views of videos designed to support the A Level Curriculum

## Teaching Philosophy in Prisons

£15,000

Allocated

300

Participants

20

Weeks of Class

Over the year, TRIP provided grant funding to our long-term partners delivering philosophy education in prisons. Our partners were able to deliver multiple programmes in HMP Swaleside and HMP Wormwood Scrubs where over 120 student prisoners were able to attend courses. The student feedback showed overwhelmingly the courses were valued and further opportunities to join this type of exploration regularly asked for. This year saw the launch of a Royal Institute pilot project delivered to 35 prisoners in HMP High Down where philosophy was delivered using materials from popular culture such as film and music. With greater funding secured this successful pilot will be rolled out across the UK.

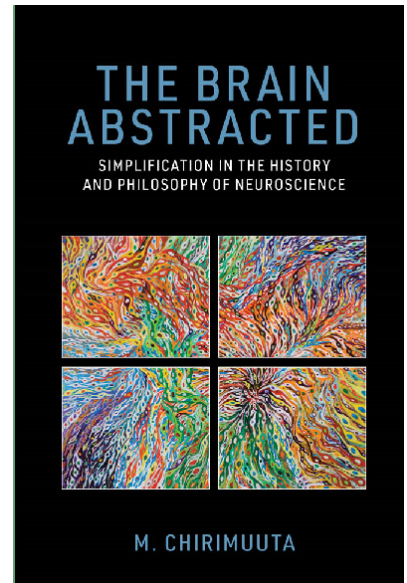
“Hated school, dropped out at 11, can't read, can't write. But I can do this!”

“I thought if you've got a life sentence you've got no hope... but thinking about what hope is and talking with you all like this... maybe you do?”

# The Nayef Al-Rodhan International Book Prize in Transdisciplinary Philosophy

Our warm thanks to Professor Nayef Al-Rodhan for sponsoring this £20,000 prize for the second of five years.

Winner:



**58**

Submissions

**6**

Longlisted  
Authors

**3**

Shortlisted  
Authors

“ We are approaching an era that will be defined by highly disruptive technologies, exponential neuroscientific insights, cascading geopolitical crises and social transformations redefining what it means to be human. Game-changing transdisciplinary innovations will change both subject and theoriser alike. This will demand deeper philosophical introspection in equally transdisciplinary ways, to keep pace with the impending ethical and moral challenges as well as their political and societal implications.

Transdisciplinary Philosophy and creative co-operation between academics in diverse fields will be invaluable in acquiring new knowledge. Together, we can help humanity progress towards more sustainable dignity, peace, security, and prosperity for all.”

— Professor Nayef Al-Rodhan



# Future Plans

Building on the success of our centenary year, the Royal Institute of Philosophy will continue to expand and enhance our core mission of making real philosophy accessible to all. We will implement the recommendations from our Finance Committee to ensure our investment strategy maximises returns while maintaining our low-risk approach, enabling us to sustain and grow our programmes of studentships, bursaries, conferences, lecture series, and publications for years to come.

## Financial Report & Review

### Structure and Governance

The 50-70 Council members are The Royal Institute's members (in effect custodians of The Royal Institute's charitable object) and a smaller body of 10-15 members appointed by the Council serve as trustees within an Executive Committee, executing policy as determined by Council. The governing document is the Memorandum and Articles.

All new trustees are briefed and receive copies of the Institute's key policies and procedures, guidance on the structure and governance of the Royal Institute and the Charity Commissions key documents, including 'The Essential Trustee' and the 'how to' guides. Each trustee completes a conflict of interest questionnaire and eligibility declaration in advance of taking on their role.

The Executive Committee is supported in its work by a Finance sub-committee that meets two times a year ahead of the relevant Executive Committee meetings to scrutinise all aspects of the financial activity associated with the Royal Institute and during this year commissioned the Finance Director to undertake a robust examination of the Institutes investment and risk policy management. Resulting recommendations from the Finance sub-committee to the Executive Committee are expected to recommend robust policies that maximise return on all the Royal Institute's investment decisions.

A Nominations Committee makes recommendations to Council for new Council and Executive Committee members all of whom are elected for an initial term of five years. The Nominations Committee is comprised of members of the Executive Committee and a member of Council.

The day-to-day management of The Royal Institute has been delegated by Council, to those holding the roles of Editors, Academic Director, Managing Director & Secretary and Finance Director. The officers operate within an annual budget approved by the Executive Committee. Their employment and remuneration is determined by the Executive Committee.

# Financial Report

The Statement of Financial Activities of The Royal Institute is set out on page 13. The principal funding sources are income from the sale of the journal "Philosophy" via Cambridge University Press, which is received annually, investment income and restricted donations. The publication accounts run on a calendar year January to December. The Institute's annual accounts, therefore, always include the income for the previous calendar year plus an estimate for the period January – July of the current year less estimate made the previous year.

During the year, income of £469,318 (2024: £562,428) was recognised and total resources of £565,447 (2024: £554,728) were expended, of which £27,337 (2024: £28,729) was on governance costs. There was also an unrealised loss from investment assets of £9,083 (2024: £410) giving a net decrease in funds for the year of –£105,212 (2024: £7,290 increase). The total funds of The Royal Institute at 31st July 2025 amounted to £1,514,520 (2024: £1,619,732), being held in a Designated Fund of £1,240,394 (the 'Core Activities Reserve Fund", primarily held in investments and cash), the General Fund of £267,875 (primarily held in cash and working capital) and a Restricted Fund of £6,251. Notes 18 and 19 show the detail of these holdings.

## Policy on Reserves

The Royal Institute retains funds from year to year – these are called reserves. The majority of the Institute's funding is released once a year in the second half of the financial year, and the majority of its expenditure commitments are made at the start of the financial year. Accordingly, Council considers that a designated reserve fund is necessary in order to protect a core activities programme, which includes production of its journals, bursaries, grants to local partners, and the conference and lecture series in real terms for a period of up to three years, in case of a significant fluctuation in income. The Executive Committee reviewed the purpose and size of the Core Activities Fund at its June 2021 meeting. In the succeeding two financial years, the value of the Core Activities Fund has been maintained at its real terms value by transfers from the General Fund (a) to cover activity expenditure and (b) to make the CAF up to its real terms value.

The General Fund value of £267,875 is equivalent to approximately 5 months of unrestricted expenditure.

## Investment

The Institute's investments form part of the Core Activities Fund and Council has previously set out the permitted type and weighting of investments in order to achieve a balance of low risk and return. The General Fund is held in working capital (current assets less current liabilities).

In the new financial year, the Institute is conducting a review of its investment strategy with the aim that its longer-term investments will maintain their real terms value year on year, and that the yield on cash held at bank will be maximised, subject to maintaining the low risk stance.

The liability of each of the members of the Royal Institute in the event of a winding-up is limited to £1. This liability applies to all members whilst they are members and for one year after they cease to be members. At 31st July 2025, there were 55 members of the Royal Institute.

# Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charity's trustees, who are also the directors of The Royal Institute of Philosophy for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the Charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to

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

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

## Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006

Approved by the Executive Committee on 20th November 2025

And signed on their behalf by:



Professor Lucy O'Brien  
**Chair of the Executive Committee**

# The Royal Institute of Philosophy

## Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Royal Institute of Philosophy ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Royal Institute of Philosophy as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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



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20 November 2025

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### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 July 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

|  | Note | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Total<br>2025<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£ |
|--|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income from:</b>                      |      |                            |                          |                    |                            |                          |                    |
| Donations                                | 3    | -                          | 198,800                  | 198,800            | 1,005                      | 223,339                  | 224,344            |
| Charitable activities                    | 4    | 233,090                    | -                        | 233,090            | 300,035                    | -                        | 300,035            |
| Investment income                        | 5    | 36,169                     | -                        | 36,169             | 27,073                     | -                        | 27,073             |
| Other income                             | 6    | 1,259                      | -                        | 1,259              | 10,976                     | -                        | 10,976             |
| Total income                             |      | 270,518                    | 198,800                  | 469,318            | 339,089                    | 223,339                  | 562,428            |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                   |      |                            |                          |                    |                            |                          |                    |
| Charitable activities                    | 7    | (344,305)                  | (214,601)                | (558,906)          | (343,432)                  | (211,296)                | (554,728)          |
| Other expenditure                        | 8    | (6,541)                    | -                        | (6,541)            | -                          | -                        | -                  |
| Total expenditure                        |      | (350,846)                  | (214,601)                | (565,447)          | (343,432)                  | (211,296)                | (554,728)          |
| Net (expenditure)/income                 |      | (80,328)                   | (15,801)                 | (96,129)           | (4,343)                    | 12,043                   | 7,700              |
| Transfers between funds                  |      | -                          | -                        | -                  | (461)                      | 461                      | -                  |
| <b>Other recognised gains and losses</b> |      |                            |                          |                    |                            |                          |                    |
| Other gains/losses                       |      | (9,083)                    | -                        | (9,083)            | (410)                      | -                        | (410)              |
| Net movement in funds                    |      | (89,411)                   | (15,801)                 | (105,212)          | (5,214)                    | 12,504                   | 7,290              |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds</b>           |      |                            |                          |                    |                            |                          |                    |
| Total funds brought forward              |      | 1,597,680                  | 22,052                   | 1,619,732          | 1,602,894                  | 9,548                    | 1,612,442          |
| Total funds carried forward              | 18   | 1,508,269                  | 6,251                    | 1,514,520          | 1,597,680                  | 22,052                   | 1,619,732          |

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 July 2025**  
**(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)**

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.  
The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 18.

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(Registration number: 205110)  
Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2025


|   | Note | 2025<br>£        | 2024<br>£        |
|---|------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |      |                  |                  |
| Intangible assets                                     | 13   | 18,845           | 26,383           |
| Investments   | 15   | <u>1,358,647</u> | <u>117,867</u>   |
|   |      | <u>1,377,492</u> | <u>144,250</u>   |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |      |                  |                  |
| Debtors   | 16   | 148,429          | 493,119          |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |      | <u>58,214</u>    | <u>1,041,699</u> |
|   |      | 206,643          | 1,534,818        |
| <b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b> | 17   | <u>(69,615)</u>  | <u>(59,336)</u>  |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |      | <u>137,028</u>   | <u>1,475,482</u> |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |      | <u>1,514,520</u> | <u>1,619,732</u> |
| <b>Funds of the charity:</b>                          |      |                  |                  |
| <b>Restricted income funds</b>                        |      |                  |                  |
| Restricted funds                                      |      | 6,251            | 22,052           |
| <b>Unrestricted income funds</b>                      |      |                  |                  |
| General Funds   |      | 267,875          | 362,187          |
| Designated Funds                                      |      | <u>1,240,394</u> | <u>1,235,493</u> |
| Total unrestricted funds                              |      | <u>1,508,269</u> | <u>1,597,680</u> |
| <b>Total funds</b>                                    | 18   | <u>1,514,520</u> | <u>1,619,732</u> |

For the financial year ending 31 July 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 3 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 20 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



.....  
Prof L O'Brien  
Trustee

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

### 1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

7 Bell Yard  
London  
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These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 20 November 2025.

### 2 Accounting policies

#### Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### Basis of preparation

The Royal Institute of Philosophy meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

#### Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

### **Income**

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached have or can be met and it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Incomes are recognised as being attributable to an accounting period with a corresponding accrual if the income relates to the current period e.g. the CUP accounting period is a calendar year so the income for the period January to July in the current year is estimated as seven twelfths of the yearly amount. An assessment is made by management regarding the estimated income for the last seven months of the RIP financial year based on the CUP actual income from their previous calendar year results and a forecast (if available) of their following calendar year, pro rata (using 7/12) to establish a trend of income and hence accrual. Members' subscriptions (net of transaction costs) are recognised as being for the twelve months following the date of receipt and accordingly a deferred income is recognised, income on sale of "Philosophy" and "Think" are recognised when invoiced, funds from the Jacobsen Trustees are recognised when due in respect of an accounting period, and interest receivable is accounted for on a receivable basis. Dividend income is recognised in the period when the investment goes "ex-dividend". Other incomes are treated as income of the period in which they are receivable.

### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

### **Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

### **Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including an independent examination, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

### **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

### **Intangible assets**

Intangible assets are stated in the Balance Sheet at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment. They are amortised on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The annual rate used for this purpose is 20%.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated in the Balance Sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. They are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The annual rate used for this purpose is 25%.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

### **Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

### **Trade creditors**

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

### **Pensions and other post retirement obligations**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

#### 3 Income from donations

|           | <b>Restricted<br/>funds</b> | <b>Total<br/>2025</b> | <b>Total<br/>2024</b> |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|           | <b>£</b>                    | <b>£</b>              | <b>£</b>              |
| Donations | 198,800                     | 198,800               | 224,344               |
|           | 198,800                     | 198,800               | 224,344               |
|           | 198,800                     | 198,800               | 224,344               |

#### 4 Income from charitable activities

|                                | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>General</b> | <b>Total<br/>2025</b> | <b>Total<br/>2024</b> |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                | <b>£</b>                                  | <b>£</b>              | <b>£</b>              |
| Members' subscriptions         | 15,328                                    | 15,328                | 18,243                |
| Income on sale of "Philosophy" | 167,183                                   | 167,183               | 247,946               |
| Income on sale of "Think"      | 40,891                                    | 40,891                | 33,846                |
| Lectures                       | 6,688                                     | 6,688                 | -                     |
| Education programmes           | 3,000                                     | 3,000                 | -                     |
|                                | 233,090                                   | 233,090               | 300,035               |
|                                | 233,090                                   | 233,090               | 300,035               |

"Philosophy" and "Think" are published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) as a joint arrangement whereby they account for gross subscription and non-subscription revenues, printing, distribution, commissions, overheads and other costs. CUP then remit the net result to The Royal Institute following the issuance of an invoice. As such, the income on sale of "Philosophy" and "Think" stated above is the net amount.

#### 5 Investment income

|                 | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>Designated</b> | <b>Total<br/>2025</b> | <b>Total<br/>2024</b> |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                 | <b>£</b>                                     | <b>£</b>              | <b>£</b>              |
| Dividend income | 6,586  | 6,586                 | 12,149                |
| Interest income | 29,583                                       | 29,583                | 14,924                |
|                 | 36,169                                       | 36,169                | 27,073                |
|                 | 36,169                                       | 36,169                | 27,073                |

During the year, a prior period adjustment was made to correct an error where VAT of £13,685 had been incorrectly credited to dividend income in the previous year. The adjustment has been reflected by reducing the dividend income and adjusting the brought forward funds and corresponding VAT control balance.

Dividend income for the prior year was previously reported as £25,834 and has been restated to £12,149 following this adjustment.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

#### 6 Other income

|              | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>General<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>2024<br/>£</b> |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Other income | 1,259   | 1,259                       | 10,976                      |

#### 7 Expenditure on charitable activities

|                       |    | <b>Unrestricted funds<br/>Designated<br/>£</b> | <b>General<br/>£</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>2024<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------------|----|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Charitable activities |    | 15,340   | 200,428              | 214,601                           | 430,369                     | 437,063                     |
| Governance costs      | 9  | -  | 27,337               | -                                 | 27,337                      | 28,729                      |
| Staff costs           | 10 | 6,845  | 94,355               | -                                 | 101,200                     | 88,936                      |
|                       |    | 22,185   | 322,120              | 214,601                           | 558,906                     | 554,728                     |

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £27,337 (2024 - £28,729) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 9 for further details.

#### 8 Other expenditure

|                         | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>General<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>2024<br/>£</b> |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| VAT over-recovered HMRC | 6,541   | 6,541                       | -                           |
|                         | 6,541   | 6,541                       | -                           |

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

### 9 Analysis of governance and support costs

#### Governance costs

|   | Note | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>General<br>£ | Total<br>2025<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£ |
|---|------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Staff costs                             | 10   | 25,300                                | 25,300             | 25,959             |
| Examination of the financial statements | 11   | 2,000                                 | 2,000              | 1,750              |
| Other governance costs                  |      | 37                                    | 37                 | 1,020              |
|   |      | <u>27,337</u>                         | <u>27,337</u>      | <u>28,729</u>      |

### 10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

|  | 2025<br>£      | 2024<br>£      |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Staff costs during the year were:</b> |                |                |
| Wages and salaries                       | 102,815        | 96,201         |
| Social security costs                    | 6,149          | 2,851          |
| Pension costs                            | 17,536         | 15,843         |
|  | <u>126,500</u> | <u>114,895</u> |

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

|                     | 2025<br>No | 2024<br>No |
|---------------------|------------|------------|
| Full-time staff (1) | 1          | 1          |
| Part-time staff (4) | 1          | 1          |
|                     | <u>2</u>   | <u>2</u>   |

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

### 11 Independent examiner's remuneration

|   | 2025<br>£    | 2024<br>£    |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Examination of the financial statements | <u>2,000</u> | <u>1,750</u> |

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

#### 12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 13 Intangible fixed assets

|                       | <b>Website<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>           |                      |                    |
| At 1 August 2024      | 37,690               | 37,690             |
| At 31 July 2025       | 37,690               | 37,690             |
| <b>Amortisation</b>   |                      |                    |
| At 1 August 2024      | 11,307               | 11,307             |
| Charge for the year   | 7,538                | 7,538              |
| At 31 July 2025       | 18,845               | 18,845             |
| <b>Net book value</b> |                      |                    |
| At 31 July 2025       | 18,845               | 18,845             |
| At 31 July 2024       | 26,383               | 26,383             |

#### 14 Tangible fixed assets

|                       | <b>Furniture and<br/>equipment<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>           |  |                    |
| At 1 August 2024      | 27,009                                   | 27,009             |
| At 31 July 2025       | 27,009                                   | 27,009             |
| <b>Depreciation</b>   |  |                    |
| At 1 August 2024      | 27,009                                   | 27,009             |
| At 31 July 2025       | 27,009                                   | 27,009             |
| <b>Net book value</b> |  |                    |
| At 31 July 2025       | -  | -                  |
| At 31 July 2024       | -  | -                  |

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

#### 15 Fixed asset investments

|                   | <b>2025</b>      | <b>2024</b>    |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
|                   | <b>£</b>         | <b>£</b>       |
| Other investments | <u>1,358,647</u> | <u>117,867</u> |

#### Other investments

|                          | <b>Listed<br/>investments</b> | <b>Total</b>     |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
|                          | <b>£</b>                      | <b>£</b>         |
| <b>Cost or Valuation</b> |                               |                  |
| At 1 August 2024         | 117,867                       | 117,867          |
| Revaluation              | (9,083)                       | (9,083)          |
| Additions                | 1,285,837                     | 1,285,837        |
| Disposals                | <u>(35,974)</u>               | <u>(35,974)</u>  |
| At 31 July 2025          | <u>1,358,647</u>              | <u>1,358,647</u> |
| <b>Net book value</b>    |                               |                  |
| At 31 July 2025          | <u>1,358,647</u>              | <u>1,358,647</u> |
| At 31 July 2024          | <u>117,867</u>                | <u>117,867</u>   |

#### 16 Debtors

|               | <b>2025</b>    | <b>2024</b>    |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|
|               | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| Trade debtors | 3,000          | 320,765        |
| Prepayments   | 140,498        | 172,354        |
| Other debtors | <u>4,931</u>   | <u>-</u>       |
|               | <u>148,429</u> | <u>493,119</u> |

#### 17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

|                              | <b>2025</b>   | <b>2024</b>   |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                              | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>      |
| Trade creditors              | 10,667        | -             |
| Taxation and social security | 50,480        | 50,671        |
| Accruals                     | <u>8,468</u>  | <u>8,665</u>  |
|                              | <u>69,615</u> | <u>59,336</u> |

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

#### 18 Funds

|                                 | Balance at 1<br>August 2024<br>£                  | Incoming<br>resources<br>£          | Resources<br>expended<br>£          | Other<br>recognised<br>gains/(losses)<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 July 2025<br>£                      |  |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>       |   |                                     |                                     |  |  |  |
| General Funds                   | 362,187   | 234,349                             | (328,661)                           | -  | 267,875  |  |
| Designated Funds                | <u>1,235,493</u>                                  | <u>36,169</u>                       | <u>(22,185)</u>                     | <u>(9,083)</u>                             | <u>1,240,394</u>                                     |  |
| <b>Total unrestricted funds</b> | <u>1,597,680</u>                                  | <u>270,518</u>                      | <u>(350,846)</u>                    | <u>(9,083)</u>                             | <u>1,508,269</u>                                     |  |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>         |   |                                     |                                     |  |  |  |
| Jacobsen Scheme                 | 22,052  | 167,800                             | (183,601)                           | -  | 6,251  |  |
| Al Rodhan Book Prize            | <u>-</u>  | <u>31,000</u>                       | <u>(31,000)</u>                     | <u>-</u>                                   | <u>-</u>   |  |
|                                 | <u>22,052</u>                                     | <u>198,800</u>                      | <u>(214,601)</u>                    | <u>-</u>                                   | <u>6,251</u>   |  |
| <b>Total funds</b>              | <u>1,619,732</u>                                  | <u>469,318</u>                      | <u>(565,447)</u>                    | <u>(9,083)</u>                             | <u>1,514,520</u>                                     |  |
|                                 | <b>Balance<br/>at 1<br/>August<br/>2023<br/>£</b> | <b>Incoming<br/>resources<br/>£</b> | <b>Resources<br/>expended<br/>£</b> | <b>Transfers<br/>£</b>                     | <b>Other<br/>recognised<br/>gains/(losses)<br/>£</b> | <b>Balance<br/>at 31 July<br/>2024<br/>£</b> |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>       |   |                                     |                                     |  |  |  |
| General Funds                   | 380,606   | 312,016                             | (288,782)                           | (41,653)                                   | -  | 362,187                                      |
| Designated Funds                | <u>1,222,288</u>                                  | <u>27,073</u>                       | <u>(54,650)</u>                     | <u>41,192</u>                              | <u>(410)</u>   | <u>1,235,493</u>                             |
| <b>Total unrestricted funds</b> | <u>1,602,894</u>                                  | <u>339,089</u>                      | <u>(343,432)</u>                    | <u>(461)</u>                               | <u>(410)</u>   | <u>1,597,680</u>                             |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>         |   |                                     |                                     |  |  |  |
| Jacobsen Scheme                 | 9,548   | 195,300                             | (182,796)                           | -  | -  | 22,052                                       |
| Al Rodhan Book Prize            | <u>-</u>  | <u>28,039</u>                       | <u>(28,500)</u>                     | <u>461</u>                                 | <u>-</u>   | <u>-</u>                                     |
|                                 | <u>9,548</u>                                      | <u>223,339</u>                      | <u>(211,296)</u>                    | <u>461</u>                                 | <u>-</u>   | <u>22,052</u>                                |
| <b>Total funds</b>              | <u>1,612,442</u>                                  | <u>562,428</u>                      | <u>(554,728)</u>                    | <u>-</u>                                   | <u>(410)</u>   | <u>1,619,732</u>                             |

## The Royal Institute of Philosophy

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

#### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

|                         | Unrestricted funds |                  | Restricted funds | Total funds at 31 July 2025 |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
|                         | General            | Designated       |                  |                             |
|                         | £                  | £                | £                | £                           |
| Intangible fixed assets | 18,845             | -                | -                | 18,845                      |
| Fixed asset investments | 112,002            | 1,240,394        | 6,251            | 1,358,647                   |
| Current assets          | 206,643            | -                | -                | 206,643                     |
| Current liabilities     | (69,615)           | -                | -                | (69,615)                    |
| <b>Total net assets</b> | <u>267,875</u>     | <u>1,240,394</u> | <u>6,251</u>     | <u>1,514,520</u>            |

|                         | Unrestricted funds |                  | Restricted funds | Total funds at 31 July 2024 |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
|                         | General            | Designated       |                  |                             |
|                         | £                  | £                | £                | £                           |
| Intangible fixed assets | 26,383             | -                | -                | 26,383                      |
| Fixed asset investments | -                  | 117,867          | -                | 117,867                     |
| Current assets          | 395,140            | 1,117,626        | 22,052           | 1,534,818                   |
| Current liabilities     | (59,336)           | -                | -                | (59,336)                    |
| <b>Total net assets</b> | <u>362,187</u>     | <u>1,235,493</u> | <u>22,052</u>    | <u>1,619,732</u>            |

#### 20 Related party transactions

Four trustees were reimbursed £853 for travel during the year (2024: Nil). There were no related party transactions in the year.

**THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY**

England & Wales - Charity number 313834

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# Accounts

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# The Royal Institute of Philosophy

**The Royal Institute of Philosophy  
Trustees' Report  
2023 – 2024**

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## Charitable Company Information

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>President</b>   | Baroness Onora O'Neill (March 2023)<br>Jo Wolff (Appointed April 2023)   |
| <b>Chair of the Council</b>  | Professor Lucy O'Brien   |
| <b>Members of the Executive Committee,<br/>who are also the trustees under charity law and<br/>directors under company law</b> | Professor Ben Colburn<br>Professor David Edmonds<br>Professor Fiona Ellis Resigned 2024<br>Professor John Haldane<br>Professor Susan James Appointed 2023<br>Professor Hallvard Lillehammer Appointed 2023<br>Professor Beth Lord<br>Professor Lucy O'Brien<br>Dr Lea Salje<br>Professor Constantine Sandis<br>Professor Sarah Sawyer<br>Professor James Wilson<br>Dr. Rachael Wiseman |
| <b>Managing Director &amp; Secretary</b>   | Melanie Nightingale  |
| <b>Joint Editors of Philosophy</b>   | Professor Maria Alvarez<br>Professor Bill Brewer   |
| <b>Academic Director:</b>  | Professor Edward Harcourt  |
| <b>Editor of Think</b>   | Dr. Stephen Law  |
| <b>Finance Director</b>  | Rebecca Davis, CPFA  |
| <b>Solicitors</b>  | Blake Morgan LLP<br>Seacourt Tower, West Way,<br>Oxford OX2 0FB  |
| <b>Independent Examiners</b>   | KM Chartered Accountants,<br>The Wharf, Manchester Road,<br>Burnley BB11 1JG   |

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**Registered Charity Number**

313834

**Registered Company Number**

205110 (A Company Limited by Guarantee)

# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended 31st July 2024

The Royal Institute of Philosophy (TRIP) was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1925 and it is governed by its memorandum and articles. The Royal Institute was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in England and Wales on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1963.

## Real Philosophy, For Everyone

The trustees hereby present their annual report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and financial statements for Companies Act purposes. This report and the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

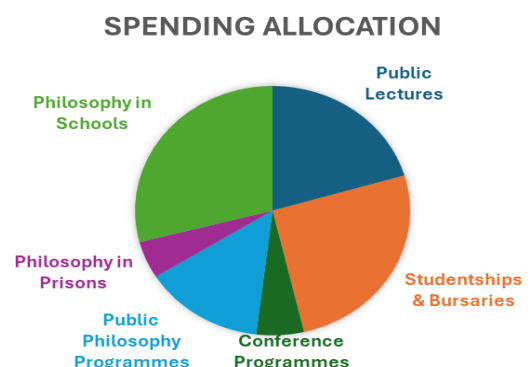
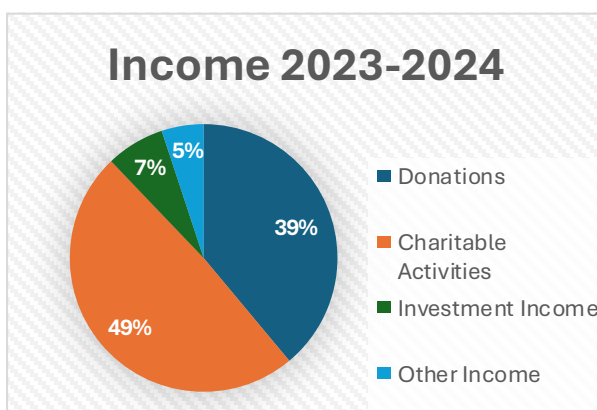
## Our Purpose

The Royal Institute of Philosophy was founded 'to advance the education of the public in the subject of philosophy'. We have extended our activities in ways our founders could not have imagined, but that remains the core of our mission today: bringing questions across the whole breadth of philosophy to the curious of every age and background and empowering them to address these questions for themselves.

## At a Glance... how our money was used

100% of our charitable spend of £554,728 was used to support our Charitable Activities in 2023-2024

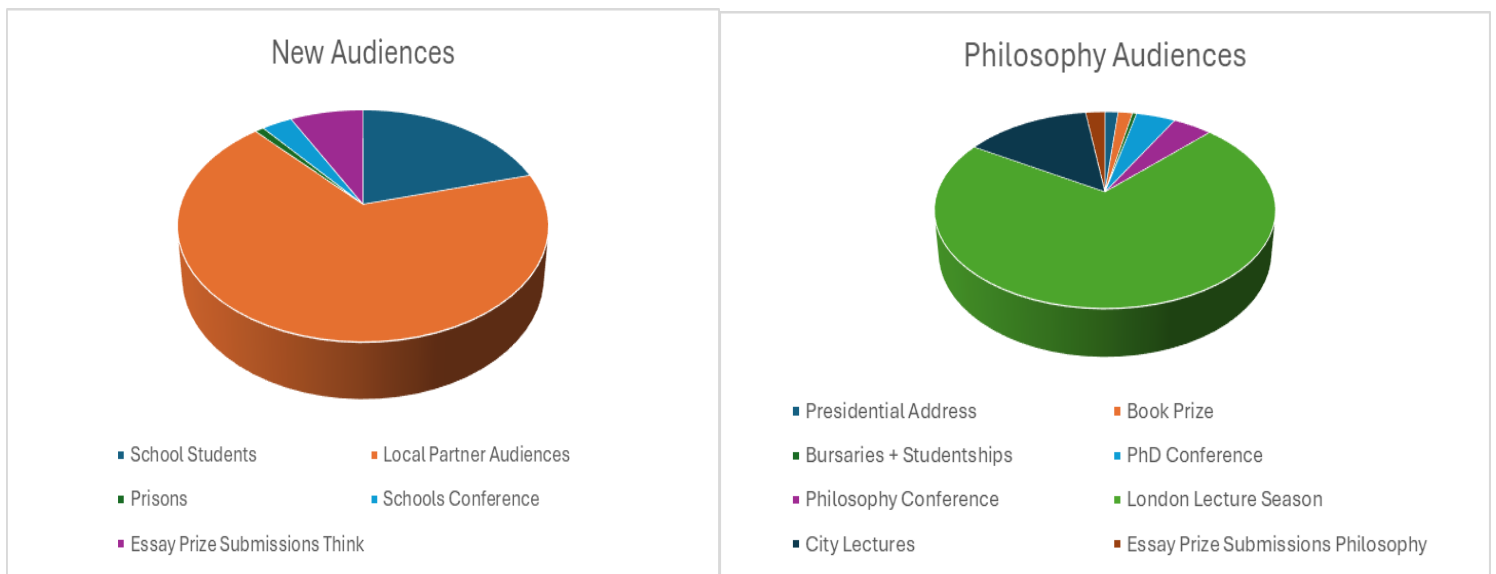
Income for the same period totalled £576,113 and was used to support our activities as shown below



## Our Programmes

Our programmes are designed to support, and offer philosophical material and activities, to those already engaged in philosophy, or to those discovering philosophy for the first time.

We are pleased to report that in this financial year over 8,300 people attended an event or received a grant funded programme delivered by the Royal Institute of Philosophy.



## Bursary & Studentship programme,

With the support of the Jacobsen Foundation, this annual programme was able to support 16 PhD students from across 11 different UK academic institutions, studying across a broad spectrum of philosophical enquiry in 2023–2024.

*Following an illness that severely impacted my studies I found myself at the end of my third year and my previous funding had ended. If I would not have been granted the Royal Institute of Philosophy funding I would have had to quit my PhD to make ends meet. IAO – Glasgow University*

Three grants, totalling just over £5,000 were awarded to support **graduate student conferences**. This annual programme enables graduate students to gain experience in organising conferences, in giving talks, and getting feedback from peers, and to hearing work from both other students and established philosophers from across the world.

## Local Partners Network

*For many attendees, this kind of experience is either rare or non-existent in their lives, and the opportunity to engage with important questions, and explore ideas and arguments with others, is empowering and energising*  
**Local Partner Feedback 2023**

Throughout the long history of the Royal Institute of Philosophy, delivery of philosophy to local groups, academic institutions and other organisations across the UK has been core to our delivery. This tradition has continued and through our network of 25 academic institutions, charities and philosophy organisations the Royal Institute created a grant programme totalling £44,500 to support the delivery of 121 lectures and events designed to appeal to the general public. With open access and a broad range of philosophical topics on offer, this network of local partners hosted over 3,200 attenders to their talks across the UK.

## Public Philosophy Lectures & Symposia

Nineteen different lectures were delivered across the UK and Ireland, including London, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Dublin. These lectures offered 32 lecturers an opportunity to share their work with the established philosophy academy as well as the general public.

*The discussion was lively and well-chaired and I would thoroughly recommend participating in the series, whether as a speaker or audience member*

*“TRIP’s wide connections and popular appeal means that the audience is virtually guaranteed to be diverse, engaged, and inquisitive, making it the ideal venue to explore ideas outside the academy.”*

## London Lecture Series 2023

With all lectures being recorded, thousands of viewers have already been able to access them on the Royal Institute YouTube channel and this year saw an incredible increase of nearly 900% in viewing numbers.

*“TRIP’s wide connections and popular appeal means that the audience is virtually guaranteed to be diverse, engaged, and inquisitive, making it the ideal venue to explore ideas outside the academy”*

For the first time this year, all lectures were audio recorded and turned into podcasts. Now that they are accessible across the world, our videos and podcasts have created new ways for audiences of the Royal Institute to engage with our events and new opportunities for the Royal Institute to engage with our growing international audiences.

## Schools Programme

In addition to all our public philosophy lectures and events, we offer a dedicated schools programme delivering school conferences and schools philosophy programmes. Created in 1987 and supported by funding from the Jacobsen Foundation, this year 68 schools from across the UK successfully applied to receive a Royal Institute-funded 10-week philosophy programme delivered.

Over 1,600 pupils receive a schools philosophy programme this year.

Over 80% of these schools are currently unable to offer A level philosophy in their schools and these programmes, include many pupils from more deprived areas of the UK enjoying their first introduction to philosophy. Over half of these schools now report a desire to introduce philosophy A level into their school curriculum.

This grant programme forms part of a wider support structure for students, including:

- a masterclass series of 26 videos specifically designed to support the A Level curriculum with over 82,000 views
- A Level guides that directly support the individual topics encountered on the course syllabus
- A working group including Royal Institute Council members working with A Level exam boards to optimize the curricular content and interest
- Partnerships with a number of parallel organisations working to deliver philosophy to students and training to philosophy teachers.
- Our highly accessible journal **Think** became an integral part of our schools programme this year, acting as an introduction to philosophy and offering students articles and essays covering wide ranging and stimulating topics. Research designed and funded to review current methods of delivery by the Royal Institute was undertaken.
- Research to review current methods of delivery. Our researcher worked with teachers and tutors to determine where improvements could be made, explored how to maximise the impacts and outcomes of our schools programmes, and when and how to share best practice. As a result, changes have been instigated with revised training programmes for our tutors, offering a new framework for best practice that we believe will offer enhanced programmes to our school students in the future.

*"Thank you for giving us this opportunity to learn something we would never get a chance to! Cheers" Louis, Programme Student*

*"I think that the session was probably the most interesting and useful thing we've done on site at school. Extremely useful information thank you! Extremely well delivered, thought provoking sessions." School Teacher on the TRIP Philosophy in Schools programme*

*'I liked the link between philosophical concepts and topics from politics and sociology. This made a difference as it helped me see the connections between the material I am learning for my A Level and current social and economic concerns. The conference was very good in making philosophy feel relevant to everyday life'. A Level Student*

## Prisons Programme

Despite severe access restrictions over recent years the programme grows from strength to strength; in 2023-24 we saw programmes continue to be delivered into high security prisons, women's prisons and young offenders institutions.

*“I've learned a lot about me and some choices I've made in life and how things can have a spiral effect on life and lead to the next. It helped me look at myself and how I've done things in my past. Its let me see others way of thinking. Courses like this can do more to change and help someone find themselves more than a lot of other course that I've done. A lot of life lessons learned.”*

**Prisoner HMP Pentonville**

Those in prison have a lot of time to think. This programme offers guided reflection, an opportunity to access problems and materials, and a safe space for participants to challenge their own and others' thinking. All participants, from across the prison programmes, reported wanting their programme to continue. Feedback from them clearly demonstrated that the work was highly valued: "too short" was the most common answer in evaluations of the programme.

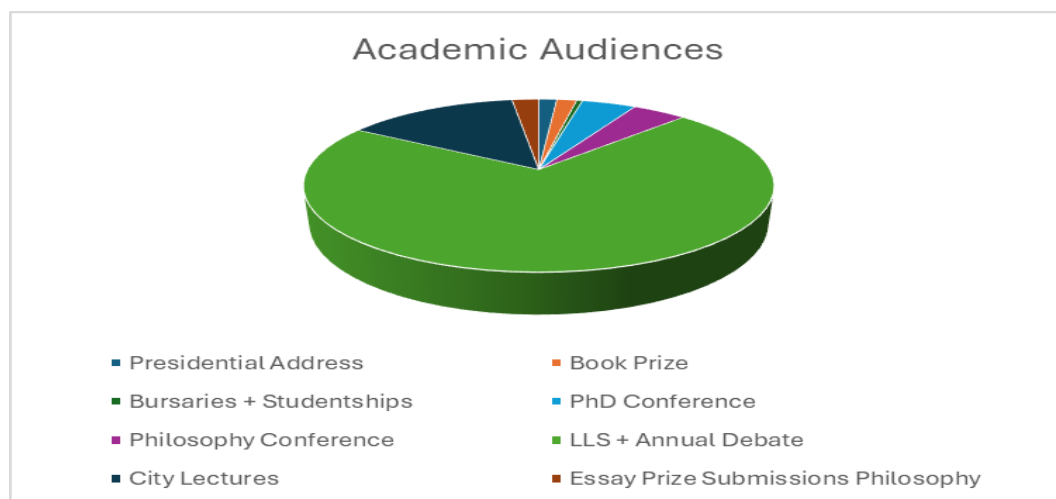
Some of our programmes are now certified by Sheffield University, meaning prisoners receive a certificate of attainment. This is often the first time they have achieved academic recognition and an opportunity to demonstrate a positive project as part of their probation appeals.

*It has changed the way I think ..... It has helped me apply what I have learnt to my daily life and the outlook is more positive and clear.*  
**HMP Rochester**

## The Growing Audiences of the Royal Institute

Over 8,000 people directly benefitted from our programmes in 2023-2024

And here is how we did it



## Volunteers

In 2023-24 the Royal Institute began a proactive programme to offer an array of volunteering opportunities to academics already involved in philosophy and to those new to the subject.

As a result, over 50 volunteers from across the world are now actively involved in stewarding events, supporting research, developing projects and delivering results, all of which have substantially accelerated the output from the very small staff team at the Royal Institute and given the Royal Institute access to a group of highly experienced and professional individuals who freely give their time and skills to support the delivery of philosophy to their wider community and we extend our sincere thanks to each of them.

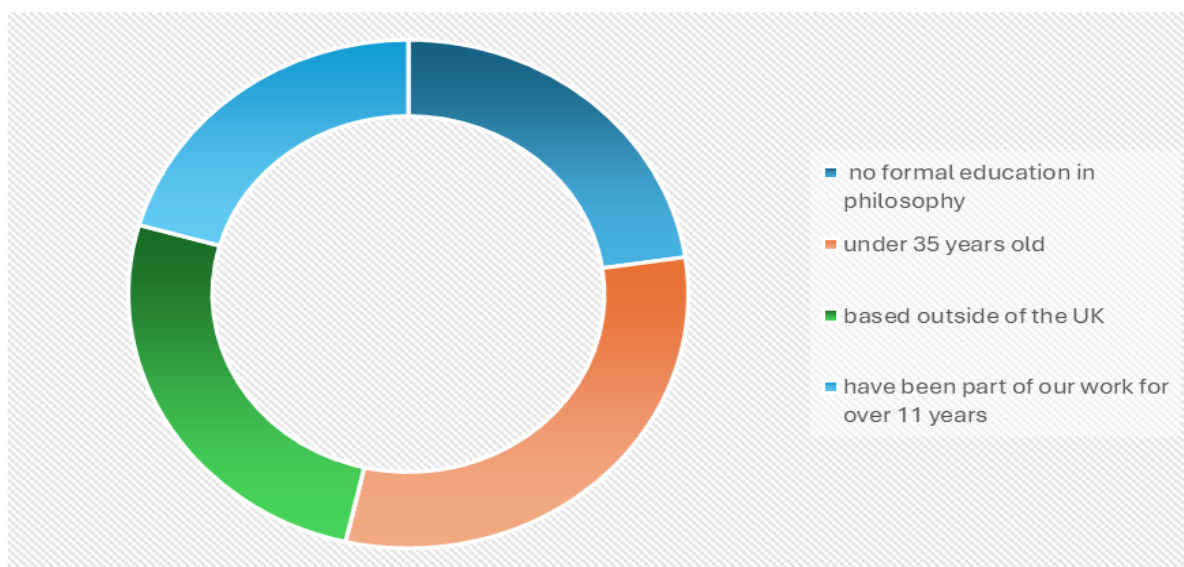
*"I think what the Royal Institute of Philosophy does is fantastic, fostering valuable spaces for curious minds like mine who appreciate knowledge and learning for its own sake. I feel incredibly fortunate for the time I've spent so far volunteering" Sean H*

## Annual Survey Results

This year, for the first time, we surveyed our stakeholders. The results of this important survey will influence our programme design and delivery and will help ensure that our content and opportunities appeal to our audiences.

The Royal Institute is committed to listening to our audiences, and to offering them high quality philosophy that is relevant, stimulating, and that enables them to expand their interest and knowledge in the subject, wherever they start.

## How do our audiences describe themselves?



Overwhelmingly our community reported that the Royal Institute of Philosophy provides

- information and understanding that enables them to apply philosophical concepts in real life situations.
- opportunities to engage with thought-provoking ideas that challenge thinking
- clear explanations of philosophical ideas
- a welcoming environment for sharing ideas
- opportunities to bond with like-minded people to explore philosophical ideas together

## **Publishing**

Now in its 99<sup>th</sup> year, the highly respected journal **Philosophy** continues to publish excellent articles. Published in four issues per year, the journal appeals to both university and individual subscribers across the world

Professors Maria Alvarez and Bill Brewer, co-editors of the journal, oversee the publication of peer reviewed articles, reviews, the *Philosophy* Annual Essay prize, and articles based on our City Lectures. Submissions come from early career researchers to well established academics. They are selected, and worked on through the editorial process, ensuring the journal remains an important one for an extensive international audience.

Our journal *Think* continues to offer philosophy for all. For the first time, we launched the *Think* Essay Prize, open to 16-18 year old students. Our panel of judges were overwhelmed by the quality of the hundreds of submissions received. They were delighted to award the prize to college student, Claudia Wong for her submission "Is it morally wrong to eat meat?"

## **Nayef Al-Rodhan International Book Prize in Transdisciplinary Philosophy**

This annual **£20,000 Prize** was established in 2023 as the first of its kind in the UK. The prize rewards work in trans-disciplinary philosophy: work that transcends academic boundaries, furthering our understanding of the key challenges facing the world today. The prize is now in its second year. With a panel of judges taken from across the humanities and sciences, this prize is becoming firmly established as a unique opportunity to bring together books that:

- demonstrate rigorous original and quality transdisciplinary research
- are accessible and engaging to read
- are original, innovative, and impactful
- intend to advance and contribute to the understanding of human behaviours.

## Our Progress

Activities: 2023/24 has been another year of growth for the Royal Institute, with new publications, programmes, partners, activities and audiences.

We continue our academic mission to produce publications (*Philosophy* and *Think*) and to curate events (the London Lectures, the City Lectures, the Symposium) that are both philosophically excellent and accessible. These publications and events enable authors and researchers to bring their work to the wider academic and public audiences. We continue our further outreach work through our partners programme, and our teaching in prisons and schools. This year we have secured high levels of engagement from a variety of audiences. We have been working more closely with the Institute of Philosophy and have moved a number of our events to London University's Senate House. These are proving to be popular.

People: Professor Jo Wolff FBA has been very actively engaged in his first year as a new President. He gave his brilliant Presidential Address on the theme of 'Ceremony and Ritual'. The lecture was filmed and is on YouTube. We welcomed Professors Hallvard Lillehammer, and Sue James on to the Executive Committee this time last year. Melanie Nightingale has continued in the role of Managing Director. She is assisted by Anisa Almjbarae. Rebecca Davis continues as our new Finance Director, assisted by Mark Heaton and Helen Watson. Professor Edward Harcourt is into his third year as Academic Director. Edward has agreed to serve for a second term, to secure continuity across the Centenary. Dr Stephen Law, and Professors Maria Alvarez and Bill Brewer continue in Editorial roles on our journals. Hannah Laurens has stepped down as Editorial Assistant. Beatrice Giovanardi left the role as digital marketing officer and has been replaced by Sebastian Leyton Blanco.

We also have had over 50 volunteers actively involved in our work; we have been able to offer work experience for school students alongside relevant projects to expand and develop the skills and abilities of philosophy PhD students.

Money: Both careful spending, and investment are essential to us creating stability for the future.

Our current priority is to make sure we have a clear strategy to protect the core activities of TRIP and our journals into the long term. We have made a number of cost cutting changes to the delivery of our programmes alongside increasing their reach. We have agreed a budget that spends no more than our projected income. We will continue to avoid new unfunded proposals in the coming year.

We have moved a significant proportion of our reserve funds, that have been held in cash, into CCLA managed investment funds, in an effort to secure long term growth. We are planning an endowment sufficient to secure the continuity of our journals should CUP income drop in the long term. We have invested in our digital communications, both in software and person hours, with the aim of increasing the awareness of, and access to our activities, our valuable archive, our

study materials, to our annual grant programme. We aim to use our increased digital engagement to improve take up of membership.

The Centenary year of 2025 is fast approaching, and we are building a fundraising launch around our Centenary activities. We need to make the most of the opportunity to ensure a long term financial resilience that will see the Royal Institute into its second century. This will involve launching a new membership scheme, special interest groups, and attracting donations, and support.

We are committed to sustaining programmes that ensure that high quality philosophical work is made accessible and relevant to our audiences over the long term. We will continue to develop a funding model that can underpin that work.

## **Structure and Governance**

The 50-70 Council members are The Royal Institute's members (in effect custodians of The Royal Institute's charitable object) and a smaller body of 10-15 members appointed by the Council serve as trustees within an Executive Committee, executing policy as determined by Council. The governing document is the Memorandum and Articles.

All new trustees are briefed and receive copies of the Institute's key policies and procedures, guidance on the structure and governance of the Royal Institute and the Charity Commissions key documents, including 'The Essential Trustee' and the 'how to' guides. Each trustee completes a conflict of interest questionnaire and eligibility declaration in advance of taking on their role.

The Executive Committee is supported in its work by a Finance sub-committee that meets two times a year ahead of the relevant Executive Committee meetings to scrutinise all aspects of the financial activity associated with the Royal Institute and during this year commissioned the Finance Director to undertake a robust examination of the Institutes investment and risk policy management. Resulting recommendations from the Finance sub-committee to the Executive Committee are expected to recommend robust policies that maximise return on all the Royal Institute's investment decisions.

A Nominations Committee makes recommendations to Council for new Council and Executive Committee members all of whom are elected for an initial term of five years. The Nominations Committee is comprised of members of the Executive Committee and a member of Council.

The day-to-day management of The Royal Institute has been delegated by Council, to those holding the roles of Editors, Academic Director, Managing Director & Secretary and Finance Director. The officers operate within an annual budget approved by the Executive Committee. Their employment and remuneration is determined by the Executive Committee.

## **Financial Report**

The Statement of Financial Activities of The Royal Institute is set out on page 13. The principal funding sources are income from the sale of the journal "Philosophy" via Cambridge University Press,

which is received annually, investment income and restricted donations. The publication accounts run on a calendar year January to December. The Institute's annual accounts, therefore, always include the income for the previous calendar year plus an estimate for the period January – July of the current year less estimate made the previous year.

During the year, income of £576,113 (2023: £494,996) was recognised and total resources of £554,728 (2023: £515,155) were expended, of which £28,729 (2023: £33,260) was on governance costs. There was also an unrealised loss from investment assets of £410 (2023: £19,302) and no realised loss (2023: £Nil) giving a net increase in funds for the year of £20,975 (2023: £39,461 reduction). The total funds of The Royal Institute at 31st July 2024 amounted to £1,633,417 (2023: £1,612,442), being held in a Designated Fund of £1,249,178 (the 'Core Activities Reserve Fund', primarily held in investments and cash), the General Fund of £362,187 (primarily held in cash and working capital) and a Restricted Fund of £22,052. Notes 17 and 18 show the detail of these holdings.

## **Policy on Reserves**

The Royal Institute retains funds from year to year – these are called reserves. The majority of the Institute's funding is released once a year in the second half of the financial year, and the majority of its expenditure commitments are made at the start of the financial year. Accordingly, Council considers that a designated reserve fund is necessary in order to protect a core activities programme, which includes production of its journals, bursaries, grants to local partners, and the conference and lecture series in real terms for a period of up to three years, in case of a significant fluctuation in income. The Executive Committee reviewed the purpose and size of the Core Activities Fund at its June 2021 meeting. In the succeeding two financial years, the value of the Core Activities Fund has been maintained at its real terms value by transfers from the General Fund (a) to cover activity expenditure and (b) to make the CAF up to its real terms value.

The General Fund value of £362,187 is equivalent to over 12 months of unrestricted expenditure.

## **Investment**

The Institute's investments form part of the Core Activities Fund and Council has previously set out the permitted type and weighting of investments in order to achieve a balance of low risk and return. The General Fund is held in working capital (current assets less current liabilities).

In the new financial year, the Institute is conducting a review of its investment strategy with the aim that its longer-term investments will maintain their real terms value year on year, and that the yield on cash held at bank will be maximised, subject to maintaining the low risk stance.

The liability of each of the members of the Royal Institute in the event of a winding-up is limited to £1. This liability applies to all members whilst they are members and for one year after they cease to be members. At 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024, there were 55 members of the Royal Institute.

## **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Charity's trustees, who are also the directors of The Royal Institute of Philosophy for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the Charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to

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

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

## **Small companies provision statement**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006

Approved by the Executive Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024

And signed on their behalf by:



Professor Lucy O'Brien  
Chair of the Executive Committee

# **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the Royal Institute of Philosophy**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2023 which are set out on pages 19 to 33.

## **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act

## **Independent examiner's statement**

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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

Signed:



Mark Heaton FCCA FCIE DChA  
KM, Chartered Accountants  
1st Floor, Block C, The Wharf, Manchester Rd  
Burnley, BB11 1JG

5<sup>th</sup> December 2024

# **The Royal Institute of Philosophy**

## **Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)**

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 17.

The notes on page 23 to 33 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**The Royal Institute of Philosophy**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 July 2024**  
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

|  | Note | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Total<br>2023<br>£ |
|--|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income from:</b>                      |      |                            |                          |                    |                            |                          |                    |
| Donations                                | 3    | 1,005                      | 223,339                  | 224,344            | -                          | 188,261                  | 188,261            |
| Charitable activities                    | 4    | 281,792                    | -                        | 281,792            | 260,462                    | -                        | 260,462            |
| Investment income                        | 5    | 40,758                     | -                        | 40,758             | 27,024                     | -                        | 27,024             |
| Other income                             | 6    | 29,219                     | -                        | 29,219             | 19,249                     | -                        | 19,249             |
| Total income                             |      | 352,774                    | 223,339                  | 576,113            | 306,735                    | 188,261                  | 494,996            |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                   |      |                            |                          |                    |                            |                          |                    |
| Charitable activities                    | 7    | (343,432)                  | (211,296)                | (554,728)          | (336,442)                  | (178,713)                | (515,155)          |
| Total expenditure                        |      | (343,432)                  | (211,296)                | (554,728)          | (336,442)                  | (178,713)                | (515,155)          |
| Net income/(expenditure)                 |      | 9,342                      | 12,043                   | 21,385             | (29,707)                   | 9,548                    | (20,159)           |
| Transfers between funds                  |      | (461)                      | 461                      | -                  | -                          | -                        | -                  |
| <b>Other recognised gains and losses</b> |      |                            |                          |                    |                            |                          |                    |
| Other gains/losses                       |      | (410)                      | -                        | (410)              | (19,302)                   | -                        | (19,302)           |
| Net movement in funds                    |      | 8,471                      | 12,504                   | 20,975             | (49,009)                   | 9,548                    | (39,461)           |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds</b>           |      |                            |                          |                    |                            |                          |                    |
| Total funds brought forward              |      | 1,602,894                  | 9,548                    | 1,612,442          | 1,651,903                  | -                        | 1,651,903          |
| Total funds carried forward              | 17   | 1,611,365                  | 22,052                   | 1,633,417          | 1,602,894                  | 9,548                    | 1,612,442          |

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.  
The notes on page 23 to 33 form an integral part of these financial statements

**The Royal Institute of Philosophy**  
**(Registration number: 205110)**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2024**

|  | Note | 2024<br>£ | 2023<br>£ |
|--|------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                            |      |           |           |
| Intangible assets                              | 12   | 26,383    | 33,921    |
| Investments                                    | 14   | 117,867   | 292,229   |
|  |      | 144,250   | 326,150   |
| <b>Current assets</b>                          |      |           |           |
| Debtors  | 15   | 493,118   | 159,129   |
| Cash at bank and in hand                       |      | 1,041,700 | 1,195,752 |
|  |      | 1,534,818 | 1,354,881 |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year | 16   | (45,651)  | (68,589)  |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                      |      | 1,489,167 | 1,286,292 |
| <b>Net assets</b>                              |      | 1,633,417 | 1,612,442 |
| <b>Funds of the charity:</b>                   |      |           |           |
| <b>Restricted income funds</b>                 |      |           |           |
| Restricted funds                               |      | 22,052    | 9,548     |
| <b>Unrestricted income funds</b>               |      |           |           |
| Unrestricted funds                             |      | 1,611,365 | 1,602,894 |
| <b>Total funds</b>                             | 17   | 1,633,417 | 1,612,442 |

For the financial year ending 31 July 2024, the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 2 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 12 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Professor L O'Brien, Trustee

The notes on page 23 to 33 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**The Royal Institute of Philosophy**  
**Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 July 2024**

|  | Note | 2024<br>£               | 2023<br>£               |
|--|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>          |      |                         |                         |
| Net cash income/(expenditure)                        |      | 20,975                  | (39,461)                |
| <b>Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items</b> |      |                         |                         |
| Amortisation   |      | 7,538                   | -                       |
| Investment income                                    | 5    | (40,758)                | (27,024)                |
| Revaluation of investments                           |      | 410                     | 19,302                  |
|  |      | <u>(11,835)</u>         | <u>(47,183)</u>         |
| <b>Working capital adjustments</b>                   |      |                         |                         |
| (Increase)/decrease in debtors                       | 15   | (333,989)               | 23,790                  |
| Decrease in creditors                                | 16   | (22,938)                | (210,348)               |
| Roundings  |      | -                       | (1)                     |
| Net cash flows from operating activities             |      | <u>(368,762)</u>        | <u>(233,742)</u>        |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>          |      |                         |                         |
| Interest receivable and similar income               | 5    | 40,758                  | 27,024                  |
| Purchase of intangible fixed assets                  | 12   | -                       | (15,130)                |
| Sale of intangible fixed assets                      |      | -                       | 3,769                   |
| Sale of investments                                  |      | 173,952                 | -                       |
| Net cash flows from investing activities             |      | <u>214,710</u>          | <u>15,663</u>           |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents            |      | (154,052)               | (218,079)               |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 August                |      | <u>1,195,752</u>        | <u>1,413,831</u>        |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 31 July                 |      | <u><u>1,041,700</u></u> | <u><u>1,195,752</u></u> |

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on page 23 to 33 form an integral part of these financial statements.

# **The Royal Institute of Philosophy**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024**

### **1 Charity status**

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

7 Bell Yard  
London  
WC2 2JR

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 12 December 2024.

### **2 Accounting policies**

#### **Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The Royal Institute of Philosophy meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

#### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

# **The Royal Institute of Philosophy**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024**

### **Income**

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached have or can be met and it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. Incomes are recognised as being attributable to an accounting period with a corresponding accrual if the income relates to the current period e.g. the CUP accounting period is a calendar year so the income for the period January to July in the current year is estimated as seven twelfths of the yearly amount. An assessment is made by management regarding the estimated income for the last seven months of the RIP financial year based on the CUP actual income from their previous calendar year results and a forecast (if available) of their following calendar year, pro rata (using 7/12) to establish a trend of income and hence accrual. Members' subscriptions (net of transaction costs) are recognised as being for the twelve months following the date of receipt and accordingly a deferred income is recognised, income on sale of "Philosophy" and "Think" are recognised when invoiced, funds from the Jacobsen Trustees are recognised when due in respect of an accounting period, and interest receivable is accounted for on a receivable basis. Dividend income is recognised in the period when the investment goes "ex-dividend". Other incomes are treated as income of the period in which they are receivable.

### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required, and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

### **Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

### **Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including an independent examination, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

### **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or

capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

### **Intangible assets**

Intangible assets are stated in the Balance Sheet at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment. They are amortised on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The annual rate used for this purpose is 25%.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated in the Balance Sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. They are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The annual rate used for this purpose is 25%.

# **The Royal Institute of Philosophy**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024**

### **Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

### **Pensions and other post retirement obligations**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024**

**3 Income from donations**

|           | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>General<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>2023<br>£ |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Donations | 1,005                                 | 223,339                  | 224,344            | 188,261            |
|           | <u>1,005</u>                          | <u>223,339</u>           | <u>224,344</u>     | <u>188,261</u>     |

**4 Income from charitable activities**

|                                | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>General<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>2023<br>£ |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income on sale of "Philosophy" | 247,946                               | 247,946            | 232,880            |
| Income on sale of "Think"      | 33,846                                | 33,846             | 26,027             |
| Royalties income               | -                                     | -                  | 1,555              |
|                                | <u>281,792</u>                        | <u>281,792</u>     | <u>260,462</u>     |

"Philosophy" and "Think" are published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) as a joint arrangement whereby they account for gross subscription and non-subscription revenues, printing, distribution, commissions, overheads and other costs. CUP then remit the net result to The Royal Institute following the issuance of an invoice. As such, the income on sale of "Philosophy" and "Think" stated above is the net amount.

**5 Investment income**

|                 | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>Designated<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>2023<br>£ |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Dividend income | 25,834                                   | 25,834             | 8,058              |
| Interest income | 14,924                                   | 14,924             | 18,966             |
|                 | <u>40,758</u>                            | <u>40,758</u>      | <u>27,024</u>      |

**6 Other income**

|                        | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>General<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>2023<br>£ |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Members' subscriptions | 18,243                                | 18,243             | 12,509             |
| Other income           | 10,976                                | 10,976             | 6,740              |
|                        | <u>29,219</u>                         | <u>29,219</u>      | <u>19,249</u>      |

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**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024**

**7 Expenditure on charitable activities**

|                       | Note | Unrestricted funds<br>Designated<br>£ | Unrestricted funds<br>General<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>2023<br>£ |
|-----------------------|------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Charitable activities |      | 54,650                                | 171,117                            | 211,296                  | 437,063            | 377,613            |
| Governance costs      | 8    | -                                     | 28,729                             | -                        | 28,729             | 33,260             |
| Staff costs           | 9    | -                                     | 88,936                             | -                        | 88,936             | 104,282            |
|                       |      | 54,650                                | 288,782                            | 211,296                  | 554,728            | 515,155            |

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £28,729 (2023 - £33,260) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 8 for further details.

**8 Analysis of governance and support costs**

**Governance costs**

|   | Note | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>General<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>2023<br>£ |
|---|------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Staff costs                             | 9    | 25,959                                | 25,959             | 30,067             |
| Examination of the financial statements | 10   | 1,750                                 | 1,750              | 2,000              |
| Other governance costs                  |      | 1,020                                 | 1,020              | 1,193              |
|   |      | 28,729                                | 28,729             | 33,260             |

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**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024**

**9 Staff costs**

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

|  | 2024    | 2023    |
|--|---------|---------|
|  | £       | £       |
| <b>Staff costs during the year were:</b> |         |         |
| Wages and salaries                       | 96,201  | 111,403 |
| Social security costs                    | 2,851   | 5,392   |
| Pension costs                            | 15,843  | 17,554  |
|  | 114,895 | 134,349 |

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

|                     | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------------|------|------|
|                     | No   | No   |
| Full-time staff (1) | 1    | 1    |
| Part-time staff (4) | 1    | 1    |
|                     | 2    | 2    |

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

**10 Independent examiner's remuneration**

|   | 2024  | 2023  |
|---|-------|-------|
|   | £     | £     |
| Examination of the financial statements | 1,750 | 2,000 |

**11 Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024**

**12 Intangible fixed assets**

|                       | Website<br>£  | Total<br>£    |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Cost</b>           |               |               |
| At 1 August 2023      | <u>37,690</u> | <u>37,690</u> |
| At 31 July 2024       | <u>37,690</u> | <u>37,690</u> |
| <b>Amortisation</b>   |               |               |
| At 1 August 2023      | 3,769         | 3,769         |
| Charge for the year   | <u>7,538</u>  | <u>7,538</u>  |
| At 31 July 2024       | <u>11,307</u> | <u>11,307</u> |
| <b>Net book value</b> |               |               |
| At 31 July 2024       | <u>26,383</u> | <u>26,383</u> |
| At 31 July 2023       | <u>33,921</u> | <u>33,921</u> |

**13 Tangible fixed assets**

|                       | Furniture and<br>equipment<br>£ | Total<br>£    |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Cost</b>           |                                 |               |
| At 1 August 2023      | <u>27,009</u>                   | <u>27,009</u> |
| At 31 July 2024       | <u>27,009</u>                   | <u>27,009</u> |
| <b>Depreciation</b>   |                                 |               |
| At 1 August 2023      | <u>27,009</u>                   | <u>27,009</u> |
| At 31 July 2024       | <u>27,009</u>                   | <u>27,009</u> |
| <b>Net book value</b> |                                 |               |
| At 31 July 2024       | <u>-</u>                        | <u>-</u>      |
| At 31 July 2023       | <u>-</u>                        | <u>-</u>      |

**The Royal Institute of Philosophy**  
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**14 Fixed asset investments**

|                   | 2024    | 2023    |
|-------------------|---------|---------|
|                   | £       | £       |
| Other investments | 117,867 | 292,229 |

**Other investments**

|                          | Listed<br>investments | Total     |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
|                          | £                     | £         |
| <b>Cost or Valuation</b> |                       |           |
| At 1 August 2023         | 292,229               | 292,229   |
| Revaluation              | (410)                 | (410)     |
| Disposals                | (173,952)             | (173,952) |
| At 31 July 2024          | 117,867               | 117,867   |
| <b>Net book value</b>    |                       |           |
| At 31 July 2024          | 117,867               | 117,867   |
| At 31 July 2023          | 292,229               | 292,229   |

**15 Debtors**

|               | 2024    | 2023    |
|---------------|---------|---------|
|               | £       | £       |
| Trade debtors | 320,765 | 461     |
| Prepayments   | 172,353 | 158,668 |
|               | 493,118 | 159,129 |

**16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

|                              | 2024   | 2023   |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|
|                              | £      | £      |
| Taxation and social security | 36,986 | 47,833 |
| Other creditors              | -      | 4,466  |
| Accruals                     | 8,665  | 16,290 |
|                              | 45,651 | 68,589 |

**The Royal Institute of Philosophy**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024**

17 Funds

|                                 | Balance at       |                    |                  |              | Other           | Balance at       |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                                 | 1 August         | Incoming Resources |                  | Transfers    | recognised      | 31 July 2024     |
|                                 | 2023             | resources expended |                  |              | gains/(loss     |                  |
|                                 | £                | £                  | £                | £            | es)             | £                |
|                                 |                  |                    |                  |              | £               |                  |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>       |                  |                    |                  |              |                 |                  |
| General Funds                   | 380,606          | 312,016            | (288,782)        | (41,653)     | -               | 362,187          |
| Designated Funds                | 1,222,288        | 40,758             | (54,650)         | 41,192       | (410)           | 1,249,178        |
| <b>Total unrestricted funds</b> | <b>1,602,894</b> | <b>352,774</b>     | <b>(343,432)</b> | <b>(461)</b> | <b>(410)</b>    | <b>1,611,365</b> |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>         |                  |                    |                  |              |                 |                  |
| Jacobsen Scheme                 | 9,548            | 195,300            | (182,796)        | -            | -               | 22,052           |
| NAR book prize                  | -                | 28,039             | (28,500)         | 461          | -               | -                |
|                                 | 9,548            | 223,339            | (211,296)        | 461          | -               | 22,052           |
| <b>Total funds</b>              | <b>1,612,442</b> | <b>576,113</b>     | <b>(554,728)</b> | <b>-</b>     | <b>(410)</b>    | <b>1,633,417</b> |
|                                 | Balance at       |                    |                  |              | Other           | Balance at       |
|                                 | 1 August         | Incoming Resources |                  | Transfers    | recognised      | 31 July 2023     |
|                                 | 2022             | resources expended |                  |              | gains/(loss     |                  |
|                                 | £                | £                  | £                | £            | es)             | £                |
|                                 |                  |                    |                  |              | £               |                  |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>       |                  |                    |                  |              |                 |                  |
| General Funds                   | 507,440          | 279,711            | (114,888)        | (291,656)    | -               | 380,607          |
| Designated Funds                | 1,144,463        | 27,024             | (221,554)        | 291,656      | (19,302)        | 1,222,287        |
| <b>Total unrestricted funds</b> | <b>1,651,903</b> | <b>306,735</b>     | <b>(336,442)</b> | <b>-</b>     | <b>(19,302)</b> | <b>1,602,894</b> |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>         |                  |                    |                  |              |                 |                  |
| Jacobsen Scheme                 | -                | 188,261            | (178,713)        | -            | -               | 9,548            |
| <b>Total funds</b>              | <b>1,651,903</b> | <b>494,996</b>     | <b>(515,155)</b> | <b>-</b>     | <b>(19,302)</b> | <b>1,612,442</b> |

**The Royal Institute of Philosophy**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024**

**18 Analysis of net assets between funds**

|                         | Unrestricted funds |                  | Restricted funds | Total funds at   |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                         | General            | Designated       |                  | 31 July          |
|                         | £                  | £                | £                | 2024<br>£        |
| Intangible fixed assets | 26,383             | -                | -                | 26,383           |
| Fixed asset investments | -                  | 117,867          | -                | 117,867          |
| Current assets          | 381,455            | 1,131,311        | 22,052           | 1,534,818        |
| Current liabilities     | (45,651)           | -                | -                | (45,651)         |
| <b>Total net assets</b> | <b>362,187</b>     | <b>1,249,178</b> | <b>22,052</b>    | <b>1,633,417</b> |

|                         | Unrestricted funds |                  | Restricted funds | Total funds at   |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                         | General            | Designated       |                  | 31 July          |
|                         | £                  | £                | £                | 2023<br>£        |
| Intangible fixed assets | 33,921             | -                | -                | 33,921           |
| Fixed asset investments | -                  | 292,229          | -                | 292,229          |
| Current assets          | 407,383            | 936,650          | 10,848           | 1,354,881        |
| Current liabilities     | (60,698)           | (6,591)          | (1,300)          | (68,589)         |
| <b>Total net assets</b> | <b>380,606</b>     | <b>1,222,288</b> | <b>9,548</b>     | <b>1,612,442</b> |

**19 Related party transactions**

No trustees received any reimbursement of expenses during the year (2023: £286 was reimbursed to four trustees for travel). There were no related party transactions in the year.

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# Accounts

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# The Royal Institute of Philosophy

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## Charitable Company Information

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| President                     | Baroness Onora O'Neill   |
| Chair of the Council          | Professor Lucy O'Brien   |
| Managing Director & Secretary | Melanie Nightingale  |
| Joint Editors of Philosophy   | Professor Maria Alvarez<br>Professor Bill Brewer                             |
| Academic Director:            | Dr Julian Baggini October 2022<br>Professor Edward Harcourt                  |
| Editor of Think               | Dr. Stephen Law  |
| Finance Director              | Tony Philip, F.C.A. May 2023<br>Rebecca Davis, CPFA                          |
| Solicitors                    | Blake Laphorn Tarlo Lyons<br>Seacourt Tower, West Way, Oxford<br>OX2 0FB     |
| Independent Examiners         | KM Chartered Accountants,<br>The Wharf, Manchester Road,<br>Burnley BB11 1JG |
| Bankers                       | HSBC, 16 King Street, London<br>WC2E 8JF                                     |
| Registered Office             | 7 Bell Yard, London, WC2A 2JR<br>Telephone: 020 7664 4851                    |

# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended 31st July 2023

## Notice of Meeting of Council 2023

Notice is hereby given that the ninety-eighth Annual General Meeting of the Royal Institute of Philosophy will be held on 14th December 2023 to receive the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st July 2023, and to transact the ordinary business of the Royal Institute.

## Constitution

The Royal Institute of Philosophy (TRIP) was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1925 and it is governed by its memorandum and articles. The Royal Institute was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in England and Wales on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1963.

Members of the Executive Committee, who are also the trustees under charity law and directors under company law, and who served during the year are shown below.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Dr. Arif Ahmed                  | Resigned 30th December 2022  |
| Professor Maria Rosa Antognazza | Deceased 28th March 2023     |
| Professor Ben Coburn            |                              |
| Professor David Edmonds         | Appointed 21st December 2022 |
| Professor Fiona Ellis           |                              |
| Professor John Haldane          |                              |
| Professor Susan James           | Appointed 13th June 2023     |
| Professor Hallvard Lillehammer  | Appointed 13th June 2023     |
| Professor Beth Lord             |                              |
| Professor Lucy O'Brien          |                              |
| Dr Lea Salje                    |                              |
| Professor Constantine Sandis    |                              |
| Professor Sarah Sawyer          |                              |
| Professor James Wilson          | Appointed 21st December 2022 |
| Dr. Rachael Wiseman             |                              |

## Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees hereby present their annual report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and financial statements for Companies Act purposes. This report and the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

### About us

The Royal Institute is the UK's largest independent not-for-profit organisation dedicated to philosophy and is devoted to sharing philosophical thinking as widely as possible. Addressing ourselves to fundamental questions across the whole breadth of philosophy, we aim to bring these questions to the curious of every age and background and to empower them to reflect and consider for themselves. As noted in our Memorandum of Understanding 1925, we are here to help those interested in and perplexed by the problems of modern life to ask the right questions and to bring leading exponents of Philosophy into direct contact with the general public.

As part of the work of the Royal Institute it is critical to ensure that academics working within the field of philosophy are able to maximise opportunities to engage with the wider community through events specifically designed to appeal to sections of the general public.

### Our Work in 2022-23

Our outreach and delivery programmes are concentrated across two key audiences

- To offer those already engaged in philosophy and academic learning new opportunities
- To offer engagement to those discovering philosophy for the first time

October 2022 saw the launch of the new website for the Royal Institute. Designed to engage with these distinct audiences, the website offers easy access to all our programmes and activities including our journal subscriptions, lecture video's and outreach work to schools and other community groups.

To support those already engaged with Philosophy in 2022-2023 we delivered

**Bursary & Studentship programme**, awarded 16 grants and bursaries to PhD students from 16 UK academic institutions, studying across a broad spectrum of philosophical enquiry.

Through a **network of local partners**, consisting of 26 academic institutions and philosophy organisations the Royal Institute delivered a grant programme of £44,000 to support the delivery of public philosophy lectures and events designed to appeal to the general public. With open access and a broad range of philosophical topics on offer, this network of local partners offers a UK wide programme for public access.

The award of 3 grants specifically designed to support **PhD student conferences** were agreed. This programme enables grant holders to gain first-hand experience in delivering conferences with highly respected speakers from across the world delivering cutting edge thinking to PhD students at a critical time in their own academic journey.

A grant from the Royal Institute made it possible to deliver a **summer public philosophy conference** designed to appeal to both academic and general public audiences. The conference combined comedy and philosophy and so appealed in both the content delivery and the resulting academic paper.

Three issues of the long-established and highly respected **Philosophy journal** were produced throughout the year. Professors Maria Alvarez and Bill Brewer, as editors of this journal ensured broad opportunities for peer reviewed submissions from those submitting papers in their early research career as well as established academics; ensuring the journal remains attractive to an extensive international audience.

Eighteen **public philosophy lectures** were delivered across the UK and Ireland, including London, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Dublin. These lectures offered 18 philosophy lecturers an opportunity to share their latest work and research with the established philosophy academy as well as the general public. With all lectures being recorded, thousands of viewers from across the world have since been able to consider the new ideas and research being shared, sometimes for the first time, on the Royal Institute YouTube channel.

For the first time in 2022, the Royal Institute have partnered with the Nayef Al-Rodhan Nestar Foundation to deliver an **international book prize in transdisciplinary philosophy**. Aiming to find exciting authors and stimulating ideas from across the sciences and humanities, this launch received over 110 submissions from across the globe. A panel of judges taken from across the humanities and sciences will be awarding the inaugural prize to the shortlisted authors later in 2023.

To support those in their discovery of learning, the Royal Institute delivered a variety of programmes.

In addition to all our public philosophy lectures and events, our **dedicated schools programme** saw a record 67 schools from across the UK successfully apply and receive a grant to have a Royal Institute funded 10 week philosophy programme delivered to their pupils. 59% of these schools are currently unable to offer A level philosophy in their schools and these programmes have seen many pupils from deprived areas of the UK enjoying their first introduction to philosophy. This grant delivery forms part of a wider support structure for students, including

- a masterclass series of 26 videos specifically designed to support the A Level curriculum
- a working group from the Royal Institute Council members created to work with the main A Level exam boards to maximise the curricular content and interest
- A Level guides that directly support the individual topics encountered on the course syllabus
- Partnership with the newly formed Association of Philosophy Teachers

Our **prisons programme** grows from strength to strength and in 2022-23, we saw programmes being delivered into high security prisons, women's prisons and young offenders institutions. For the first time, a number of our programmes have been certified by Sheffield University, meaning prisoners have received a certificate of attainment; often the first time they have achieved academic recognition and an opportunity to demonstrate a positive project as part of their probation appeals.

Our highly accessible **Think journal** was relaunched in this year after extensive review to ensure it remains relevant and accessible to all audiences. During the year we worked with partners to see increasing numbers of the journal being shared across all age groups; acting as an introduction to philosophy and offering subscribers highly accessible articles and essays covering wide ranging and stimulating topics.

Our formal partnership with the **Scouts Association** continues to mature and this year saw the delivery of philosophy materials into the existing Scouting programme. A working group of philosophers developed thinking and questioning resources designed to enhance Scouts activity badges as well as thinking exercises to underpin the significance of the Scout Promise. The Royal Institute spent time with Scout leaders offering practical insights into how to deliver these resources into their local Scout packs. The partnership will continue to develop over future years with many opportunities for new development areas already recognised.

## Volunteers

In 2022-23 the Royal Institute began a proactive programme to deliver volunteering opportunities to those experienced philosophers and those new to the subject. As a result, 45 applications from across the world have been received in just the first few months and many volunteers are now actively involved in stewarding events, supporting research and delivering findings, all of which have substantially accelerated the output from a very small staff team at the Royal Institute.

## Structure and Governance

The 50-70 Council members are The Royal Institute's members (in effect custodians of The Royal Institute's charitable object) and a smaller body of 10-15 members appointed by the Council serves as the Executive Committee, executing policy as determined by Council. The governing document is the Memorandum and Articles.

All new trustees are briefed and receive copies of the Institute's key policies and procedures, guidance on the structure and governance of the Royal Institute and the Charity Commissions key documents, including 'The Essential Trustee' and the 'how to' guides. Each trustee completes a conflict of interest questionnaire and eligibility declaration in advance of taking on their role.

The Executive Committee is supported in its work by a Finance sub-committee that meets 4 times a year ahead of each Executive Committee meeting to scrutinise all aspects of the financial activity associated with the Royal Institute and during this year commissioned the Finance Director to undertake a robust examination of the Institutes investment and risk policy management. Resulting recommendations from the Finance sub-committee to the Executive Committee are expected to recommend robust policies that maximise return on all the Royal Institute's investment decisions.

A Nomination Committee makes recommendations to Council for new Council and Executive Committee members all of whom are elected for an initial term of five years.

The day-to-day management of The Royal Institute has been delegated by Council, to those holding the roles of Editors, Academic Director, Managing Director & Secretary and Finance Director. The officers operate within an annual budget approved by the Executive Committee. Their remuneration is determined by the Executive Committee.

## Financial Report

The Statement of Financial Activities of The Royal Institute is set out on page 13. The principal funding sources are income from the sale of the journal "Philosophy" via Cambridge University Press, which is received annually, investment income and restricted donations. The publication accounts run on a calendar year January to December. The Institute's annual accounts therefore, always include the income for the

previous calendar year plus an estimate for the period January – July of the current year *less* estimate made the previous year.

During the year, income of £494,996 (2022: £449,289) was recognised and total resources of £515,155 (2022: £524,931) were expended, of which £33,260 (2022: £43,099) was on governance costs. There was also an unrealised loss from investment assets of £19,302 (2022: £1,298) and no realised loss (2022: £6,200) giving a net reduction in funds for the year of £39,461 (2022: £83,140). The total funds of The Royal Institute at 31st July 2023 amounted to £1,612,442 (2022: £1,651,904), being held in a Designated Fund of £1,222,288 (the 'Core Activities Reserve Fund', primarily held in investments and cash), the General Fund of £380,606 (primarily held in cash and working capital) and a Restricted Fund of £9,548. Notes 17 and 18 show the detail of these holdings.

### **Policy on Reserves**

The Royal Institute retains funds from year to year - these are called reserves. The majority of the Institute's funding is released once a year in the second half of the financial year, and the majority of its expenditure commitments are made at the start of the financial year. Accordingly, Council considers that a designated reserve fund is necessary in order to protect a core activities programme, which includes bursaries, grants to local partners, and the conference and lecture series in real terms for a period of up to three years, in case of a significant fluctuation in income. The Executive Committee reviewed the purpose and size of the Core Activities Fund at its June 2021 meeting. In the succeeding two financial years, the value of the Core Activities Fund has been maintained at its real terms value by transfers from the General Fund (a) to cover activity expenditure and (b) to make the CAF up to its real terms value.

The General Fund value of £380,606 is equivalent to over 12 months of unrestricted expenditure.

### **Investment**

The Institute's investments form part of the Core Activities Fund and Council has previously set out the permitted type and weighting of investments in order to achieve a balance of low risk and return. Currently the Reserve Fund is held in UK Government index linked and fixed interest Bonds, UK Building Society Permanent Interest-Bearing Shares (PIBS) and Permanent Subordinated Bonds (PSBs), FTSE Tracker Shares and cash on deposit. During the financial year, cash was only held on deposit with The Royal Institute's bankers, HSBC Bank PLC, which is A rated by Standard & Poors. The General Fund is held in working capital (current assets less current liabilities).

In the new financial year, the Institute is conducting a review of its investment strategy with the aim that its longer-term investments will maintain their real terms value year on year, and that the yield on cash held at bank will be maximised, subject to maintaining the low risk stance.

The liability of each of the members of the Royal Institute in the event of a winding-up is limited to £1. This liability applies to all members whilst they are members and for one year after they cease to be members. At 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023, there were 55 members of the Royal Institute.

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Charity's trustees, who are also the directors of The Royal Institute of Philosophy for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United

Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the Charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to

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

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

Approved by the Executive Committee on 30 November 2023

And signed on their behalf by:

Professor Lucy O'Brien



Chair of the Executive Committee

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the Royal Institute of Philosophy

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2023 which are set out on pages 11 to 22.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act

### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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

Signed:



Mark Heaton FCCA FCIE DChA  
KM, Chartered Accountants  
1st Floor, Block C, The Wharf, Manchester Rd  
Burnley, BB11 1JG

30 November 2023

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31  
July 2023  
(incorporating an income and expenditure account)

|  |       | 2023             | 2023           | 2023             |
|--|-------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
|  |       | £                | £              | £                |
| <b>Income from:</b>  |       |                  |                |                  |
| Donations  | 2     | 0                | 188,261        | <b>188,261</b>   |
| <i>Charitable activities:</i> Publications                     | 2     | 260,462          | 0              | <b>260,462</b>   |
| Investment income  | 2     | 27,024           | 0              | <b>27,024</b>    |
| Other income   | 2     | 19,249           | 0              | <b>19,249</b>    |
| <b>Total income</b>  |       | <b>306,735</b>   | <b>188,261</b> | <b>494,996</b>   |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>   |       |                  |                |                  |
| <i>Charitable activities:</i>                                  | 6     |                  |                |                  |
| Lectures   |       | 144,518          |                | <b>144,518</b>   |
| Publications   |       | 79,630           |                | <b>79,630</b>    |
| Grants   |       | 49,797           |                | <b>49,797</b>    |
| Studentships   |       | 0                | 84,330         | <b>84,330</b>    |
| Education schemes  |       | 35,258           | 93,922         | <b>129,180</b>   |
| Conference grants  |       | 27,239           |                | <b>27,239</b>    |
| Other  |       | 0                | 461            | <b>461</b>       |
| Expenditure on Charitable activities                           |       | <b>336,442</b>   | <b>178,713</b> | <b>515,155</b>   |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                                       |       | <b>336,442</b>   | <b>178,713</b> | <b>515,155</b>   |
| <b>Net income/(expenditure) before (losses) on investments</b> |       | (29,707)         | 9,548          | <b>(20,159)</b>  |
| Net realised and unrealised gains/(losses) on investments      | 12(a) | (19,302)         | 0              | <b>(19,302)</b>  |
| <b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>                                |       | <b>(49,009)</b>  | <b>9,548</b>   | <b>(39,461)</b>  |
| <b>Transfers between Funds</b>                                 | 18    |                  |                | <b>0</b>         |
| <b>Net movement of funds</b>                                   |       | <b>(49,009)</b>  | <b>9,548</b>   | <b>(39,461)</b>  |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>                                |       |                  |                |                  |
| Total funds brought forward                                    | 18    | <b>1,651,904</b> | <b>0</b>       | <b>1,651,904</b> |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                             |       | <b>1,602,894</b> | <b>9,548</b>   | <b>1,612,442</b> |

The financial activities above relate wholly to the continuing activities of The Royal Institute of Philosophy.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31  
July 2022  
(incorporating an income and expenditure account)

|   | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>2022<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>2022<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2022<br>£ |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Income from:  |       |                                    |                                 |                          |
| Donations   | 2     | 0                                  | 187,000                         | <b>187,000</b>           |
| Charitable activities: Publications                       | 2     | 236,454                            | 0                               | <b>236,454</b>           |
| Investment income   | 2     | 16,252                             | 0                               | <b>16,252</b>            |
| Other income  | 2     | 9,583                              | 0                               | <b>9,583</b>             |
| Total income  |       | <b>262,289</b>                     | <b>187,000</b>                  | <b>449,289</b>           |
| Expenditure on:   |       |                                    |                                 |                          |
| Charitable activities: 6                                  |       |                                    |                                 |                          |
| Lectures  |       | 86,703                             | 0                               | <b>86,703</b>            |
| Publications  |       | 58,623                             | 0                               | <b>58,623</b>            |
| Grants  |       | 56,774                             | 0                               | <b>56,774</b>            |
| Studentships  |       | 0                                  | 76,223                          | <b>76,223</b>            |
| Education schemes   |       | 84,332                             | 124,504                         | <b>208,836</b>           |
| Conferences   |       | 37,772                             | 0                               | <b>37,772</b>            |
| Expenditure on Charitable activities                      |       | 324,203                            | 200,727                         | <b>524,931</b>           |
| Other expenditure/(received)                              |       | 0                                  | 0                               | <b>0</b>                 |
| Total expenditure   |       | <b>324,204</b>                     | <b>200,727</b>                  | <b>524,931</b>           |
| Net (expenditure) before (losses) on investments          |       | (61,915)                           | (13,727)                        | <b>(75,642)</b>          |
| Net realised and unrealised gains/(losses) on investments | 12(a) | (7,498)                            | 0                               | <b>(7,498)</b>           |
| Net income/(expenditure)                                  |       | (69,413)                           | (13,727)                        | <b>(83,140)</b>          |
| Transfers between Funds                                   | 18    | (13,727)                           | 13,727                          | <b>0</b>                 |
| Net movement of funds                                     |       | <b>(83,140)</b>                    | <b>0</b>                        | <b>(83,140)</b>          |
| Reconciliation of funds: 18                               |       |                                    |                                 |                          |
| Total funds brought forward                               |       | <b>1,735,044</b>                   | <b>0</b>                        | <b>1,735,044</b>         |
| Total funds carried forward                               |       | <b>1,651,904</b>                   | <b>0</b>                        | <b>1,651,904</b>         |

Balance Sheet at 31st July 2023  
(comparatives at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022)

|  | Notes | Total Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2022<br>£ |
|--|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                            |       |                          |                          |
| Intangible assets                              | 10    | 33,921                   | 22,560                   |
| Tangible assets                                | 11    | 0                        | 0                        |
| Investments                                    | 12(a) | 292,228                  | 311,531                  |
| <b>Total fixed assets</b>                      |       | <b>326,149</b>           | <b>334,091</b>           |
| <b>Current assets</b>                          |       |                          |                          |
| Debtors: amounts falling due within one year   | 13    | 159,130                  | 182,919                  |
| Cash at bank and in hand                       |       | 1,195,752                | 1,413,831                |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                    |       | <b>1,354,882</b>         | <b>1,596,750</b>         |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                     |       |                          |                          |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 15    | (68,589)                 | (278,937)                |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                      |       | <b>1,286,293</b>         | <b>1,317,813</b>         |
| <b>Total net assets</b>                        | 17    | <b>1,612,442</b>         | <b>1,651,904</b>         |
| <b>The funds of the charity</b>                |       |                          |                          |
| <b>Restricted income fund</b>                  |       |                          |                          |
| Jacobsen Scheme                                |       | 9,548                    | 0                        |
| <b>Unrestricted income funds</b>               |       |                          |                          |
| General fund                                   | 18    | 373,866                  | 507,440                  |
| Designated fund                                | 18    | 1,222,288                | 1,144,464                |
| <b>Total unrestricted income funds</b>         |       | <b>1,596,154</b>         | <b>1,651,904</b>         |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                     | 18    | <b>1,605,702</b>         | <b>1,651,904</b>         |

The financial statements on pages 11-22 were approved by the Executive Committee on 30 November 2023 and were signed on their behalf by:

Professor Lucy O'Brien



Chair of the Executive Committee

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st July 2023

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Royal Institute of Philosophy is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 7 Bell Yard, London, WC2A 2JR.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

### (a) BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and the historical cost convention, with the exception of fixed asset investments which are stated at market value, and in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practices which have been consistently applied throughout the year. The financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019). The Royal Institute meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

### (b) TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The cost of fixed assets is their acquisition cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition. New fixed assets in excess of £1,000 are capitalised. Intangible assets are a website.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The annual rate used for this purpose is 25% based on an estimate of the useful life of fixtures and fittings, office equipment and completed website. Before completion, fixed assets are shown at cumulative cost.

### (c) FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Investments are stated in the financial statements at their mid market value at the balance sheet date. Realised profits are calculated as the difference between proceeds on disposal and the book value of the investment less attributable costs on disposal. Unrealised profits are calculated as the movement in market value either since the previous year end or since acquisition if that occurred during the year and are accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities for the year.

### (d) DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Financial assets are recognised at the amount expected to be received which would include an allowance for impairment if relevant. Financial liabilities are recognised at the amount expected to be paid.

### (e) INCOME

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached have or can be met and it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Incomes are recognised as being attributable to an accounting period with a corresponding accrual if the income relates to the current period e.g. the CUP accounting period is a calendar year so the income for the period January to July in the current year is estimated as seven twelfths of the yearly amount. An assessment is made by management regarding the estimated income for the last seven months of the RIP financial year based on the CUP actual income from their previous calendar year results and a forecast (if available) of their following calendar year, pro rata (using 7/12) to establish a trend of income and hence the accrual. Members' subscriptions (net of transactions costs) are recognised as being for the twelve months following the date of receipt and accordingly a deferred income is recognised, income on sale of "Philosophy" and "Think" are recognised when invoiced, funds from the Jacobsen Trustees are recognised when due in respect of an accounting period, and interest receivable is accounted for on a receivable basis. Dividend income is recognised in the period when the investment goes "ex-dividend". Other incomes are treated as income of the period in which they are receivable.

#### (f) EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis and is classified under the principal categories of charitable activity and other expenditure in order to provide more useful information to users of the financial statements. Resources expended comprise all expenditure directly relating to the objects of The Royal Institute, including support costs attributable to the activity and governance costs.

Support costs consist of costs incurred in connection with the management of The Royal Institute's assets, organisation and administration, the aggregate support headings are shown in note 7. Governance costs include those which enable compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. Individual support and governance costs are first apportioned to various support headings (per note 7) and then allocated to activities in proportion to the relevant direct cost (per note 6).

#### (g) FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds include a designated core activities reserve fund which is set aside at the discretion of the Executive Committee specifically for the projection of a core activities programme and a general fund which is available to spend at the discretion of the Executive Committee in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity. Council intends to maintain the real value of the designated fund by means of a periodic transfer from the General Fund. The restricted fund is for the activities enabled by funding received from the benefactor Mr. Jens. Jacobsen for the award of post-graduate studentships and for the promotion of philosophical work in schools and related support costs.

#### (h) TAXATION

As a registered charity, The Royal Institute is exempt from certain elements of Corporation Tax. The Royal Institute is registered for VAT and accounts for VAT on inputs and outputs. The principal output is the annual income from the publishing arrangement with CUP. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred. Investment income includes the related recoverable tax credits.

#### (i) GRANTS AND STUDENTSHIPS

The Royal Institute provides funding by way of grants and Jacobsen studentships to postgraduate students of philosophy on a discretionary basis to those individual applicants who meet the criteria of the selection committee as the best qualified and most promising in philosophical research. The grants are charged to the SOFA when a constructive obligation exists, that is when the recipient has been informed and explicit conditions have been met.

#### (j) CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash at bank and in hand includes deposits with credit worthy banks in current accounts, deposit accounts and short term

#### (k) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The provisions of Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 are being followed. Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangements, as financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. The Institute only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. With the exception of fixed asset investments, which are stated at fair value, basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at settlement value.

#### (l) CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The accrual for royalty income from CUP attributable to the first seven months of 2023 was based on approximate estimates supplied by CUP (provided without liability) so that an informed judgement could be made as to the likely trend of royalty income into 2023. There were no other critical accounting estimates for the period under review.

#### (m) GOING CONCERN BASIS

The Charity has substantial reserves, represented by highly rated investments and cash that can be liquidated at short notice. Charitable activities can be scaled up or down relatively easily to match available funds. The fact that the duration and extent of commitments made are always within existing funds at that time, taking account of the purpose and size of the Core Activities Fund, enables the Trustees to be confident that the Charity can continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. Accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st July 2023

| 2. INCOME                                    | Notes | Unrestricted   | Restricted     | Total Funds    |
|--|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  |       | Funds          | Funds          | 2023           |
|  |       | £              | £              | £              |
| Donations: restricted activity funding       | 17    |                | 188,261        | <b>188,261</b> |
| Publications: Income on sale of "Philosophy" | 3     | 232,880        |                | <b>232,880</b> |
| Publications: Income on sale of "Think"      | 4     | 26,027         |                | <b>26,027</b>  |
| Publications: Royalties income               |       | 1,555          |                | <b>1,555</b>   |
| Investment income: Interest income           |       | 18,966         |                | <b>18,966</b>  |
| Investment income: Dividend income           |       | 8,058          |                | <b>8,058</b>   |
| Other income: Members' subscriptions         |       | 12,509         |                | <b>12,509</b>  |
| Other income                                 |       | 6,740          |                |                |
| <b>Total income</b>                          |       | <b>306,735</b> | <b>188,261</b> | <b>488,256</b> |

|  | Notes | Unrestricted   | Restricted     | Total Funds    |
|--|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  |       | Funds          | Funds          | 2022           |
|  |       | £              | £              | £              |
| Donations: Jacobsen activity funding         | 17    |                | 187,000        | <b>187,000</b> |
| Publications: Income on sale of "Philosophy" | 3     | 215,380        |                | <b>215,380</b> |
| Publications: Income on sale of "Think"      | 4     | 21,061         |                | <b>21,061</b>  |
| Publications: Royalties income               |       | 13             |                | <b>13</b>      |
| Investment income: Interest income           |       | 11,530         |                | <b>11,530</b>  |
| Investment income: Dividend income           |       | 4,722          |                | <b>4,722</b>   |
| Other income: Members' subscriptions         |       | 9,583          |                | <b>9,583</b>   |
| <b>Total income</b>                          |       | <b>262,289</b> | <b>187,000</b> | <b>449,289</b> |

### 3. INCOME ON SALE OF "PHILOSOPHY"

|   | 2023            | 2022           |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
|   | £               | £              |
| Subscription and non-subscription incomes incl. digital archive and supplements | <b>309,740</b>  | 292,967        |
| Less: printing, distribution, commissions, overheads and other costs            | <b>(76,860)</b> | (77,587)       |
| Income on sale of "Philosophy" to non-members                                   | <b>232,880</b>  | <b>215,380</b> |

"Philosophy" is published by Cambridge University Press as a joint arrangement whereby they account for gross subscription and non-subscription revenues, printing, distribution, commissions, overheads and other costs including their profit share, and remit the net result to The Royal Institute following the issuance of an invoice. The Royal Institute's own costs relating to the Editor, proof reading and attributable overheads are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as Charitable activities - Publications.

### 4. INCOME ON SALE OF "THINK"

|  | 2023          | 2022          |
|--|---------------|---------------|
|  | £             | £             |
| Subscription and non-subscription incomes incl. digital archive      | 68,447        | 58,259        |
| Less: printing, distribution, commissions, overheads and other costs | (42,420)      | (37,198)      |
| Income on sale of "Think" to non-members                             | <b>26,027</b> | <b>21,061</b> |

"Think" is published by Cambridge University Press as a joint arrangement whereby they account for gross subscription and non-subscription revenues, printing, distribution, commissions, overheads and other costs including the Editor and their profit share, and remit the net result to The Royal Institute following the issuance of an invoice.

## 5. OPERATING LEASES

Amounts recognised as an expense during the year in respect of operating leases.

£

**16,643**

£

**19,237**

The Institute rents its office space under a rental agreement which requires 12 months notice of cancellation. The total of future minimum lease payments during the notice period would be £16,643 if the present restrictions continue (2022 £16,546), being 12 months rental payment.

## 6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

|                                      | <b>2023</b>    | <b>2023</b>                        | <b>2023</b>    |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
|                                      | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>                           | <b>£</b>       |
|                                      | Direct Cost    | Support and Governance<br>(note 7) | Total          |
| Charitable activities:               |                |                                    |                |
| Lectures                             | 100,759        | 43,759                             | <b>144,518</b> |
| Publications                         | 55,518         | 24,112                             | <b>79,630</b>  |
| Grants                               | 34,718         | 15,079                             | <b>49,797</b>  |
| Studentships                         | 76,800         | 7,530                              | <b>84,330</b>  |
| Education schemes                    | 110,974        | 18,206                             | <b>129,180</b> |
| Conferences                          | 18,991         | 8,248                              | <b>27,239</b>  |
| Other                                | 461            |                                    | <b>461</b>     |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | <b>398,221</b> | <b>116,934</b>                     | <b>515,155</b> |

All costs incurred are identified as being a direct cost of a charitable activity, or as a support cost. Total support costs are then allocated to a charitable activity on the basis of the direct cost of that activity. Support costs attributable to restricted activities are allocated to an appropriate unrestricted activity.

Expenditure on charitable activities comprise all the resources applied by The Royal Institute in undertaking work to meet our charitable objectives. Such costs include the direct costs that we have incurred and the support and governance costs incurred that enable these activities to be undertaken. Bursaries (included in Grants) and studentships are only made to individuals.

|                                      | <b>2022</b>    | <b>2022</b>            | <b>2022</b>    |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|
|                                      | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>               | <b>£</b>       |
|                                      | Direct Cost    | Support and Governance | Total          |
| Charitable activities:               |                |                        |                |
| Lectures                             | 57,224         | 29,479                 | <b>86,703</b>  |
| Publications                         | 38,691         | 19,932                 | <b>58,623</b>  |
| Grants                               | 37,471         | 19,303                 | <b>56,774</b>  |
| Studentships                         | 76,181         | 42                     | <b>76,223</b>  |
| Education schemes                    | 180,094        | 28,742                 | <b>208,836</b> |
| Conferences                          | 24,930         | 12,842                 | <b>37,772</b>  |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | <b>414,591</b> | <b>110,340</b>         | <b>524,931</b> |

## 7. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

|                                    | 2023           | 2022           |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                    | £              | £              |
| Management costs                   | 43,287         | 35,632         |
| Office costs                       | 26,835         | 23,609         |
| Information technology             | 13,489         | 8,000          |
| Total support costs                | <u>83,611</u>  | <u>67,241</u>  |
| Governance costs                   | 33,260         | 43,099         |
| Total support and governance costs | <u>116,872</u> | <u>110,340</u> |

Support costs consist of those costs in connection with the management of The Royal Institute's assets, organisation and administration. Governance costs enable compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and include the independent examination fee of £2,000 (2022: audit fee £12,500). We allocate support costs and governance costs to the six charitable activities. See Note 13 for details of costs reimbursed to Executive Committee and Council members. Following a number of staff changes, we decided to re-analyse the activity elements of each member of staff's work, and this revised allocation for support and governance costs is shown in the Basis of allocation in the table. Other staff costs are included within direct costs in Note 6.

## 8. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

|  | 2023           | 2022           |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  | Number         | Number         |
| Average number of staff employed expressed as equivalent number of full time |                |                |
| Full-time staff (1)  | 1.0            | 1.0            |
| Part-time staff (6)  | 1.4            | 1.6            |
|  | <u>2.4</u>     | <u>2.6</u>     |
|  |                |                |
| Employment costs of all employees comprised:                                 | £              | £              |
| Gross wages and salaries   | 111,403        | 128,132        |
| Employer's social security costs   | 5,392          | 5,271          |
| Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes              | 17,554         | 18,755         |
| Total staff costs  | <u>134,349</u> | <u>152,158</u> |

Key management personnel comprise the full time Managing Director (including Company Secretary) and the part-time Officers, being the co-Editors of Philosophy, Editor of Think, Academic Director and Finance Director. Their total remuneration cost (including employers' pension and National Insurance contributions) totalled £123,116 (2022: £147,802). No employee received emoluments above £60,000 p.a. The average headcount was 6 (2022: 7).

## 9. REALISED LOSS ON INVESTMENT ASSETS

|                                   | 2023     | 2022         |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------|
|                                   | £        | £            |
| Loss on redemption of investment: |          |              |
| Listed on UK Stock Exchange       | <u>0</u> | <u>6,200</u> |

| <b>10. INTANGIBLE ASSETS</b> | Website       | Total                |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| COST:                        | £             | £                    |
| At 1st August 2022           | 22,560        | <b>22,560</b>        |
| Additions                    | 15,130        | <b>15,130</b>        |
| As at 31st July 2023         | <u>37,690</u> | <u><b>37,690</b></u> |
| ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION:    |               |                      |
| At 1st August 2022           | 0             | <b>0</b>             |
| Charge for year              | 3,769         | <b>0</b>             |
| As at 31st July 2023         | <u>3,769</u>  | <u><b>0</b></u>      |
| Net book value               |               |                      |
| As at 31st July 2023         | 33,921        | <b>33,921</b>        |
| As at 31st July 2022         | 22,560        | <b>22,560</b>        |

| <b>11. TANGIBLE ASSETS</b> | Furniture and<br>Fittings | Office<br>Equipment | Total                |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| COST:                      | £                         | £                   | £                    |
| At 1st August 2022         | 5,761                     | 21,248              | <b>27,009</b>        |
| Additions                  | 0                         | 0                   | <b>0</b>             |
| As at 31st July 2023       | <u>5,761</u>              | <u>21,248</u>       | <u><b>27,009</b></u> |
| ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION:  |                           |                     |                      |
| At 1st August 2022         | 5,761                     | 21,248              | <b>27,009</b>        |
| Charge for year            | 0                         | 0                   | <b>0</b>             |
| As at 31st July 2023       | <u>5,761</u>              | <u>21,248</u>       | <u><b>27,009</b></u> |
| Net book value             |                           |                     |                      |
| As at 31st July 2023       | 0                         | 0                   | <b>0</b>             |
| As at 31st July 2022       | 0                         | 0                   | <b>0</b>             |

| <b>12(a) INVESTMENTS</b>                  | <b>2023</b>           | <b>2022</b>           |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Market valuation (all listed investments) | £                     | £                     |
| At 1st August (comparative 1st August)    | 311,531               | 456,528               |
| Additions                                 | 0                     | 0                     |
| Disposals                                 | 0                     | (137,499)             |
| Realised gains/(losses)                   | 0                     | (6,200)               |
| Unrealised gains/(losses)                 | (19,302)              | (1,298)               |
| At 31st July (comparative 31st July)      | <u><b>292,229</b></u> | <u><b>311,531</b></u> |
| COST:                                     |                       |                       |
| At 31st July (comparative 31st July)      | <b>295,721</b>        | <b>388,134</b>        |

All investments are listed on the UK Stock Exchange and are treated here as one class of investment asset.

The following investments represented in excess of 5% of the total market value at the year end:

|   | <b>2023</b>           | <b>2022</b>           |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|   | £                     | £                     |
| 36,184 x 2.5% 2024 Index Linked Treasury Stock    | 135,688               | 137,859               |
| 33,760 x Co-operative Group 11% FRSN 2025         | 35,279                | 37,170                |
| 36,000 x Nationwide. 6.25% PIBS                   | 35,685                | 37,037                |
| 100,441 Abrdn Diversified Income and Growth Trust | 84,561                | 98,030                |
|   | <u><b>291,213</b></u> | <u><b>310,096</b></u> |

|  |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| <b>12(b) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS</b>                         | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
| Carrying amount of financial assets                        | £           | £           |
| Instruments measured at fair value through profit and loss | 292,229     | 311,531     |

|   |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| <b>13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b> | <b>2023</b>    | <b>2022</b>    |
|   | £              | £              |
| Trade debtors   | 0              | 0              |
| Receivables   | 461            | 0              |
| Prepayments and accrued income                          | 158,668        | 182,919        |
|   | <b>159,129</b> | <b>182,919</b> |

The joint arrangement with CUP is accounted by CUP on a calendar year basis. The estimated income from Philosophy and Think attributable to the first seven months of 2023 is based on a projected result for 2023 and reported as accrued income: £150,865 (2022: £150,584)

#### 14. PAYMENTS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Executive Committee and Council members received no remuneration for their services to The Royal Institute. Travel costs when claimed are reimbursed and there were four totalling £286 (2022: £114). No other payments were made to Executive Committee or Council members.

|   |               |                |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| <b>15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b> | <b>2023</b>   | <b>2022</b>    |
|   | £             | £              |
| Trade creditors   | 0             | 0              |
| Taxation and social security                              | 47,833        | 45,725         |
| Subscriptions received in advance                         | 4,466         | 6,182          |
| Accruals and deferred income                              | 16,290        | 227,030        |
|   | <b>68,589</b> | <b>278,937</b> |

#### 16. CAPITAL

The Royal Institute is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. Every member of The Royal Institute has undertaken to contribute to the assets thereof in the event of a winding-up such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1.

## 17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

|                              | General<br>Fund | Designated<br>Fund | Restricted<br>Fund | Total Funds<br>at 31st July<br>2023 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                              | £               | £                  | £                  | £                                   |
| Intangible assets            | 33,921          | 0                  | 0                  | <b>33,921</b>                       |
| Tangible assets              | 0               | 0                  | 0                  | <b>0</b>                            |
| Investments                  |                 | 292,229            |                    | <b>292,229</b>                      |
| Debtors                      | 155,938         | 2,730              | 461                | <b>159,129</b>                      |
| Cash at bank and in hand     | 251,445         | 933,920            | 10,387             | <b>1,195,752</b>                    |
| Creditors                    | (60,698)        | (6,591)            | (1,300)            | <b>(68,589)</b>                     |
| Net assets at 31st July 2023 | <b>380,606</b>  | <b>1,222,288</b>   | <b>9,548</b>       | <b>1,612,442</b>                    |

|  | General<br>Fund | Designated<br>Fund | Restricted<br>Fund | Total Funds<br>at 31st July |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
|  | £               | £                  | £                  | £                           |
| Tangible assets  | 22,560          | 0                  | 0                  | <b>22,560</b>               |
| Investments  | 0               | 0                  | 0                  | <b>0</b>                    |
| Cash at bank and in hand                                   | 0               | 311,531            | 0                  | <b>311,531</b>              |
| Debtors  | 181,807         | 0                  | 1,112              | <b>182,919</b>              |
| Creditors  | 407,937         | 832,933            | 172,961            | <b>1,413,831</b>            |
| Inter-fund transfers                                       | (91,137)        | 0                  | (187,800)          | <b>(278,937)</b>            |
| Additional restricted activities to be funded General Fund | (13,727)        | 0                  | 13,727             | <b>0</b>                    |
| Net assets at 31st July 2022                               | <b>507,440</b>  | <b>1,144,464</b>   | <b>0</b>           | <b>1,651,904</b>            |

## 18. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

The Core Activities Reserve Fund (the Designated Fund shown in this note) receives investment income from the investments held by the Fund and expends resources on grants, lectures and conferences, with a transfer from the General Fund sufficient to cover any shortfall of income along with an amount intended to protect the Fund from inflation. The General Fund receives resources from and funds all other activities and consists largely of working capital, representing approximately 12 months running costs plus any surpluses carried over from previous years which are intended to be distributed through additional or expanded future activities.

The majority of the Restricted Fund is the Jacobsen Scheme, which is provided in accordance with a deed of trust made by the benefactor Mr. Jens Jacobsen. The Royal Institute received funding of £187,800 to award up to 8 Royal Institute of Philosophy Jacobsen studentships of £9,600 each, funding for the teaching of philosophy in schools, and funding of the related support costs. These funds, and any investment income therefrom, will only be applied to these activities. There is also expenditure and accrued income of £461 relating to the new book prize.

|   | General Fund | Designated Fund | Total Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Fund | Total Funds at 31st July 2023 |
|---|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|   | £            | £               | £                        | £               | £                             |
| Total income and endowments                             | 272,971      | 27,024          | 299,995                  | 188,261         | 488,256                       |
| Total expenditure                                       | (114,888)    | (221,554)       | (336,442)                | (178,713)       | (515,155)                     |
| Net income/(expenditure) before (losses) on investments | 158,083      | (194,530)       | (36,447)                 | 9,548           | (26,899)                      |
| Realised losses on investment assets                    | 0            | 0               | 0                        | 0               | 0                             |
| Unrealised losses on investment assets                  | 0            | (19,302)        | (19,302)                 | 0               | (19,302)                      |
| Net income/(expenditure) before transfers               | 158,083      | (213,832)       | (55,749)                 | 9,548           | (46,201)                      |
| Transfers between funds                                 | (291,657)    | 291,656         | (1)                      |                 | (1)                           |
| Net movement of funds                                   | (133,574)    | 77,824          | (55,750)                 | 9,548           | (46,202)                      |
| Fund balances brought forward at 1st August 2022        | 507,440      | 1,144,464       | 1,651,904                | (0)             | 1,651,904                     |
| Net movement of funds                                   | (133,574)    | 77,824          | (55,750)                 | 9,548           | (46,202)                      |
| Fund balances carried forward at 31st July 2023         | 373,866      | 1,222,288       | 1,596,154                | 9,548           | 1,605,702                     |

|   | General Fund | Designated Fund | Total Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Fund | Total Funds at 31st July 2022 |
|---|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|   | £            | £               | £                        | £               | £                             |
| Total income and endowments                             | 246,038      | 16,251          | 262,289                  | 187,000         | 449,289                       |
| Total expenditure                                       | (142,956)    | (181,248)       | (324,204)                | (200,727)       | (524,931)                     |
| Net income/(expenditure) before (losses) on investments | 103,082      | (164,997)       | (61,915)                 | (13,727)        | (75,642)                      |
| Realised losses on investment assets                    | 0            | (6,200)         | (6,200)                  | 0               | (6,200)                       |
| Unrealised losses on investment assets                  | 0            | (1,298)         | (1,298)                  | 0               | (1,298)                       |
| Net income/(expenditure) before transfers               | 103,082      | (172,495)       | (69,413)                 | (13,727)        | (83,140)                      |
| Transfers between funds                                 | (299,637)    | 285,910         | (13,727)                 | 13,727          | (0)                           |
| Net movement of funds                                   | (196,555)    | 113,415         | (83,140)                 | 0               | (83,140)                      |
| Fund balances brought forward at 1st August 2021        | 703,995      | 1,031,049       | 1,735,044                | 0               | 1,735,044                     |
| Net movement of funds                                   | (196,555)    | 113,415         | (83,140)                 | 0               | (83,140)                      |
| Fund balances carried forward at 31st July 2022         | 507,440      | 1,144,464       | 1,651,904                | 0               | 1,651,904                     |

During the year the actual expenditures on core activities was met from the Core Activities Reserve Fund and from a funding transfer from the General Fund. The transfer covers (a) the difference between actual expenditure on all core activities and the income earned on the investments representing the Core Activities Reserve Fund and (b) an amount intended to protect the Core Activities Reserve Fund from inflation.

#### 19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Four Trustees were reimbursed their travel expenses (total £286 2022 £114). There were no other related party transactions during the period.

**THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY**

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# Accounts

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# THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*for the year ended*

31st JULY, 2022

## NOTICE OF MEETING OF COUNCIL 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ninety-seventh Annual General Meeting of The Royal Institute of Philosophy will be held on 15th December 2022 to receive the Trustees' Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st July 2022, and to transact the ordinary business of The Royal Institute. Access details will be sent out in due course.

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### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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### Status

The Royal Institute of Philosophy is a company limited by guarantee, number 205110.

It is registered in the United Kingdom as a charity, number 313834.

It is registered for VAT, number 195934458

## Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees hereby present their annual report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2022 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and financial statements for Companies Act purposes. This report and the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The trustees, who are also the directors, are members of the Executive Committee which has control of the charity and its property and funds.

### Object and Activities

The object of The Royal Institute of Philosophy ("The Royal Institute") is to advance the education of the public in the subject of philosophy by: (1) organising and promoting the teaching, discussion, and research in the subject of Philosophical Studies; (2) providing opportunities for the study of Philosophy and any subject cognate or allied to the study of Philosophy; (3) arranging lectures, class teaching, seminars, public meetings, conferences and discussions; (4) establishing, controlling, managing and carrying on colleges, halls, schools, lecture rooms and opportunities for study and research; (5) establishing and awarding professorships, fellowships, lectureships, readerships, scholarships, exhibitions, prizes, granting certificates and conducting examinations in connection with Philosophical subjects; and (6) promoting and undertaking such other activities which promote the object and which the Executive Committee in their absolute discretion determine.

Our strategic plans have been developed to ensure that we provide a public benefit and achieve the object as set out in the governing document. This object comes within the purposes defined by the Charities Act 2011. We have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit (including the guidance Public Benefit: running a charity (PB2)) when reviewing our aims and objectives, planning our activities and when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Hence, in order to advance the education of the public in the subject of philosophy we organise (a) 'lectures': a series of lectures in London; guidance and funding for a large number of regional 'network' lecture series; regional Annual Lectures; lectures given by The Royal Institute of Philosophy Professor, and organising debates; (b) 'publications': a quarterly journal 'Philosophy'; a termly journal 'Think'; two books bringing together papers given at Institute events; Philosophy Teaching Guides for those working in schools; videos of many of these events, as well as Video Interviews and Philosophical Discussions, all of which are freely available online; and an informative website; (c) 'grants': a post-graduate bursaries programme and an Essay Prize award. We also utilise funds provided by the Jacobsen Trust for (d) an 'education scheme' primarily for the purpose of promoting philosophy in schools, and (e) 'studentships' for the award of studentship grants. Furthermore we organise (f) 'conferences': a departmental conference, post-graduate conferences and events for schools. Access to all speaking events is free to the public, both in London and at the regional 'branch' events.

Our plans are summarised in an annual budget approved shortly before the new financial year. The budget process aims to meet the object of the Royal Institute having regard to relevant issues in the matter of furthering the education of the public. The range of charitable activities is reviewed frequently by the Executive Committee with a view to furthering the Object of the Royal Institute. The educational objective is monitored by appropriate and relevant measures such as attendance numbers, first hand reports, website hits, downloads etc.. The Executive Committee considers that the large range of activities is an important factor in meeting the Object, along with the Royal Institute's ability to step up or step down activity to meet perceived demand and results.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The structure and governance of The Royal Institute was revised in 2009 so that the 50-70 Council members are The Royal Institute's members (in effect custodians of The Royal Institute's charitable object) and a smaller body of 10-15 members appointed by the Council serves as the Institute's trustees under charity law as an Executive Committee, executing policy as determined by Council. The governing document is the Memorandum and Articles. The officers – the Managing Director, Academic Director and Finance Director (formerly referred to as the Secretary, Director and Treasurer) – run The Royal Institute on a day to day basis in accordance with the delegated powers from the Executive Committee. Subscribers to Philosophy are Associate members (not members in the company law sense) and receive the journal, discounts, reader's card etc. but do not receive the Financial Statements or attend the AGM.

A Nomination Committee has been constituted to make recommendations to Council for new Council members and for new Executive Committee members. The Nomination Committee, with a different membership, makes recommendations to Council for the Chair/Vice Chair and President/Vice President. Council members are elected for terms of five years, with the possibility of re-election. Members of the Executive Committee are also elected for terms of five years but may only serve a maximum of ten in any fifteen years. Officers cannot be members of the Executive Committee but attend all meetings as advisors. All significant policies previously adopted by the Royal Institute have been recorded and adopted in an Ordinary Resolution and these include the selection and election policies for Council and Executive Committee members, duties of the Executive Committee members, health and safety, complaints, EID, expenses, data protection, safeguarding, trustee code of conduct, the delegation of authority to Officers, and the Reserves and Investment policies. Members of the Executive Committee who served during the year are shown on page 26. New members are generally well acquainted with the activities of The Royal Institute and induction training is provided on an ad hoc basis.

The trustees who served during the year to 31st July 2022 and up to the date of signing of the financial statements were:

Dr. Arif Ahmed, Professor Maria Rosa Antognazza, Professor Ben Coburn, Professor Fiona Ellis, Professor John Haldane, Professor Edward Harcourt, Professor Beth Lord, Professor Lucy O'Brien, Dr Léa Salje, Professor Constantine Sandis, Professor Sarah Sawyer, and Dr. Rachael Wiseman.

The principal officers, to whom day to day management of The Royal Institute has been delegated by Council, are as follows:

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| M. Alvarez     | Joint Editor <i>Philosophy</i>                           |
| B. Brewer      | Joint Editor <i>Philosophy</i>                           |
| J. Baggini     | Academic Director  |
| J. Garvey      | Managing Director (Secretary) - resigned 1st August 2022 |
| M. Nightingale | Managing Director (Secretary) -appointed 4th July 2022   |
| T. Philip      | Finance Director (Treasurer)                             |

The officers operate within an annual budget approved by the Executive Committee. Their remuneration is determined by the Executive Committee.

## Financial risk management

The principal risks to which The Royal Institute is exposed have been identified, and systems or procedures exist to manage those risks. The impact of those risks is periodically reviewed by Council and the Executive Committee. The principal financial risks are those (a) which affect incoming resources i.e. income from the sale of Philosophy, and interest income and (b) those which affect the effectiveness of resources expended on charitable activities i.e. inflation. Commitments made do not exceed one year and the outgoing resources applied to charitable activities can be varied within a year to respond to changes in incoming resources.

The Royal Institute does not use derivatives to manage currency or interest rate risk. The Core Activities Reserve Fund was designated so as to preserve a level of income to fund a core of activities. In order to maintain a steady stream of interest income, approximately 81% of the Core Activities Reserve Fund investments are held in fixed interest bonds or index linked treasury stocks. Income from the sale of Philosophy is primarily dependent on the market with educational institutions and the success of our publisher, Cambridge University Press (CUP), within that market. Open Access is seen as a risk to our income from that market, although the impact is as yet uncertain. Philosophy is regarded as a leading international journal and Council believes the best risk management is achieved by maintaining the quality of the journal and a productive relationship with the publisher and aiming to maximise the number of subscriptions.

## Achievements and Performance

During the year eight bursaries were awarded (2021: 8), each of £3,000, for the benefit of post graduate students of philosophy studying at British Universities. Grants are awarded based on the assessment by a sub-committee of applications, supported by academic references, to undertake productive research. A programme of funding for regional lecture series was offered to thirty four different locations around the UK. Such activities are organised by the host and funded where there is no other source. Admission is free to the general public and a yearly report on impact is required. We held the Annual Lecture, in addition to the London Lecture Series. We organised and funded the Annual Debate. We continued the Four Nations Lecture Series, with annual lectures in Edinburgh, Cardiff, and Dublin joining the London Annual Lecture. We funded an Annual Conference and several Conferences for schools and postgraduates; we awarded the Annual Essay Prize; and we published a large number of philosophy videos and a new podcast. The Institute expanded a teaching scheme in prisons and young offender institutions. "Philosophy" continues to be a leading journal of Philosophy reaching 7,500 institutions around the world. "Think" has completed its nineteenth year with CUP and also reaches 7,500 institutions worldwide. We published two books of collected papers of the London series and annual conference, and launched a new series called "Talking Philosophy".

Since 1997, the Institute has managed an education scheme with funds provided by the Jacobsen Trust. This is a scheme for philosophy in schools, which brings 10-week courses of introductory philosophy to students aged 16 – 18 across the UK. The scheme was expanded in 2011 and now operates in as many as 70 schools each year. The grant from the Trust made available £187,000 which includes funding for up to £56,000 p.a. for these philosophy courses and this amount is augmented with unrestricted funds of the Royal Institute in line with a budget agreed by the Executive Committee. The Royal Institute awards up to 8 studentships worth £76,000 from the grant to postgraduate philosophy students based on both merit and need. Successful students submit a yearly report on their academic performance. The Trust grant also funds a Masterclass series of videos on A-level topics for £40,000. The Institute launched a new partnership with the scouts, helped fund a DEI project with the BPA, and is redesigning both its website and the journal "Think". These activities are included within the amounts shown in the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet as a Restricted Fund (see note 18 for a fuller explanation).

### Financial Review and Plans for Future Periods

The Statement of Financial Activities of The Royal Institute is set out on page 13. The principal funding sources are the profit share on the sale of “Philosophy” and investment income. The investments are held in the Core Activities Fund as listed investments and in interest bearing deposit accounts.

During the year, income of £449,289 (2021: £470,737) was received and total resources of £524,931 (2021: £389,211) were expended of which £43,099 (2021: £33,984) was on governance costs. There was also a unrealised loss from investment assets of £1,298 (2021: £7,667 gain) and a realised loss of £6,200 (2021: nil) giving a net reduction in funds for the year of £83,140 (2021: an increase of £89,193). The total funds of The Royal Institute at 31st July 2022 amounted to £1,651,904 (2021: £1,735,044), being held in a Designated Fund of £1,144,464 (the 'Core Activities Reserve Fund', primarily held in investments and cash) and the General Fund of £507,440 (primarily held in cash and working capital). Notes 17 and 18 show the detail of these holdings.

The Royal Institute retains funds from year to year – these are called reserves. Council considers that a designated reserve fund is necessary in order to protect from fluctuations in incoming resources, for the long term and in real terms, a core activities programme which includes bursaries, grants to the network, and the conference/lecture series. The Executive Committee reviewed the purpose and size of the Core Activities Fund at its June 2021 meeting and approved the fund to protect in real terms the full programme of short term core activities programme (excl Jacobsen), and associated people and office costs, for up to three years. This equates to a fund of approx £1 million, which gives adequate time to find a solution to whatever has caused the disturbance to income. Accordingly, this is the revised purpose of the Core Activities Reserve Fund. Income from this Fund is dedicated to the core activities programme. Free reserves (i.e. unrestricted funds less intangibles) amounted to £484,880, which exceeds the budget authorised for 2022/23. During the year the return on the investment assets consisted of realised income (interest, dividends) of £16,252 (2021: £30,015), and unrealised and realised gains/(losses) on investment assets of £7,498 (2021: gain of £7,667), resulting in a 8.3% (2021: 8.3%) return on investments for the year.

The actual activities programme (summarised in the Object and Activities section of this Report), which is principally the core activities programme with additional bursaries and grants, is increased or reduced each year so as to fully utilise all incoming resources (after taking account of an addition to the Core Activities Reserve Fund to protect its real value) and hence the actual activities programme is funded in part from investment income and in part by a transfer from General Fund income.

The balance of funds remaining in the General Fund is intended to approximate to twelve months running costs (i.e. the budget for the coming year). This year resources expended were approximately £524,000 (2021: £389,000) whilst the General Fund balance fell to £527,253 (2021: a rise to £703,995). The budget for outgoing resources will be held at a similar level to that authorised last year.

In summary, the policy of The Royal Institute is to distribute all incoming resources through the actual activities programme balancing fluctuations over two to three years, while seeking to maintain the real value of the Core Activities Reserve Fund in perpetuity.

Council has endorsed an investments structure for the Core Activities Reserve Fund which sets out the permitted type and weighting of investments in order to achieve a balance of low risk and return. Currently the Reserve Fund is held in UK Government index linked and fixed interest Bonds, UK Building Society Permanent Interest Bearing Shares (PIBS) and Permanent Subordinated Bonds (PSBs), FTSE Tracker Shares and cash on deposit. Cash is only held on deposit with The Royal Institute's bankers, HSBC Bank PLC, which is A rated by Standard & Poors. The General Fund is held in working capital (current assets less current liabilities). Investment transactions are managed by The Royal Institute and conducted through The Royal Institute's brokers, Stocktrade.

### **A summary of the impact of Covid-19 on the operations of The Royal Institute of Philosophy**

The Institute continued to operate successfully online, given the uncertainties around lockdowns, typically reaching as many, and for some events, more people than in previous years. The Institute delivered a full series of classes for students in schools, mostly online, two online courses for adults, and an adapted, written 'course' in H M Prison Preston. The Institute offered all core funding as usual. Studentships and bursaries were awarded, the Essay Prize was given, conference funding was offered but only school events happened, a virtual departmental conference at Liverpool, rolled over from last year, took place in July. All lectures were arranged as usual but given virtually and made available for free online. The network's efforts were very much affected by lockdowns and few events were arranged. Philosophy and Think, supplemental volumes, and videos of the Institute's events have all appeared on schedule. Income in 2022 held steady compared to 2021, but income on digital sales has dipped.

### **Guarantors**

The liability of each of the members of The Royal Institute in the event of a winding-up is limited to £1. This liability applies to all members whilst they are members and for one year after they cease to be members. At 31st July 2022 there were 50 members of The Royal Institute.

### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The Charity's trustees, who are also the directors of The Royal Institute of Philosophy for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the Charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

#### **Statement as to Disclosure of Information to Auditor**

Each of the trustees who were in office on the date of approval of these financial statements has confirmed that, as far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware. Each of the trustees has confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditors.

#### **Independent Auditor**

A resolution to reappoint HW Fisher LLP as auditor to The Royal Institute will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

Approved by the Executive Committee on 14th December 2022:

**and signed on their behalf by Professor Lucy O'Brien**



Executive Committee member

*Melanie Nightingale*

**Melanie Nightingale**

Secretary

Dated: 15th December 2022

**THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF  
PHILOSOPHY**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Royal Institute of Philosophy (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 July 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

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

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

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

### **Other information**

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

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

As part of our planning process:

- We enquired of management the systems and controls the charity has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are most susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there was any known, suspected or alleged fraud. The charity did not inform us of any known, suspected or alleged fraud.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity. We determined that the following were most relevant: the Charity SORP, FRS 102, Charities Act 2011 and Companies Act 2006.
- We considered the incentives and opportunities that exist in the charity, including the extent of management bias, which present a potential for irregularities and fraud to be perpetuated, and tailored our risk assessment accordingly.
- Using our knowledge of the charity, together with the discussions held with the charity at the planning stage, we formed a conclusion on the risk of misstatement due to irregularities including fraud and tailored our procedures according to this risk assessment.

The key procedures we undertook to detect irregularities including fraud during the course of the audit included:

- Testing key income lines, in particular cut-off, for evidence of management bias.
- Obtaining third-party confirmation of material bank balances and investments.
- Identifying and testing journal entries and the overall accounting records, in particular those that were significant and unusual.
- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and determining whether accounting policies have been appropriately applied.
- Assessing the extent of compliance, or lack of, with the relevant laws and regulations.
- Assessing the validity of the classification of income, expenditure, assets and liabilities between unrestricted and restricted funds.
- Documenting and verifying all significant related party balances and transactions.
- Reviewing and challenging the assumptions and judgements used by management in their significant accounting estimates.
- Reviewing documentation such as the charity board minutes, for discussions of irregularities including fraud.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **Use of our report**

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

*Carol Rudge*

**Carol Rudge (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

**for and on behalf of HW Fisher LLP.**

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Dated: 15th December 2022

**Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) for the year ended 31st July 2022**

**(incorporating an income and expenditure account)**

|  | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Fund | Total Funds              |
|--|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
|  |       | £                     | £                  | £                        |
|  |       |                       |                    | The year to<br>July 2022 |
| <b>Income from:</b>  |       |                       |                    |                          |
| Donations  | 2     | 0                     | 187,000            | <b>187,000</b>           |
| <i>Charitable activities:</i> Publications                               | 2     | 236,454               | 0                  | <b>236,454</b>           |
| Investment income  | 2     | 16,252                | 0                  | <b>16,252</b>            |
| <i>Other income</i>  | 2     | 9,583                 | 0                  | <b>9,583</b>             |
| <b>Total income</b>  |       | <b>262,289</b>        | <b>187,000</b>     | <b>449,289</b>           |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>   |       |                       |                    |                          |
| <i>Charitable activities:</i>  | 6     |                       |                    |                          |
| Lectures   |       | 86,703                | 0                  | <b>86,703</b>            |
| Publications   |       | 58,623                | 0                  | <b>58,623</b>            |
| Grants   |       | 56,774                | 0                  | <b>56,774</b>            |
| Studentships   |       | 0                     | 76,223             | <b>76,223</b>            |
| Education schemes  |       | 84,332                | 124,504            | <b>208,836</b>           |
| Conferences  |       | 37,772                | 0                  | <b>37,772</b>            |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>   |       | <b>324,204</b>        | <b>200,727</b>     | <b>524,931</b>           |
| <b>Net income/(expenditure) before gains/(losses)<br/>on investments</b> |       | <b>(61,915)</b>       | <b>(13,727)</b>    | <b>(75,642)</b>          |
| Net realised and unrealised gains/(losses) on<br>investments             | 12(a) | (7,498)               | 0                  | <b>(7,498)</b>           |
| <b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>  |       | <b>(69,413)</b>       | <b>(13,727)</b>    | <b>(83,140)</b>          |
| <b>Transfers between Funds</b>   | 18    | (13,727)              | 13,727             | <b>0</b>                 |
| <b>Net movement of funds</b>   |       | <b>(83,140)</b>       | <b>0</b>           | <b>(83,140)</b>          |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>  |       |                       |                    |                          |
| Total funds brought forward  | 18    | <b>1,735,044</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>1,735,044</b>         |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                                       |       | <b>1,651,904</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>1,651,904</b>         |

The financial activities above relate wholly to the continuing activities of The Royal Institute of Philosophy. The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

A company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales - number 205110.

Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) for the year ended 31st July 2021  
(incorporating an income and expenditure account)

|  | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Fund | Total Funds              |
|--|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
|  |       | £                     | £                  | £                        |
|  |       |                       |                    | The year to<br>July 2021 |
| <b>Income from:</b>  |       |                       |                    |                          |
| Donations  | 2     | 0                     | 135,000            | <b>135,000</b>           |
| Charitable activities: Publications                              | 2     | 295,019               | 0                  | <b>295,019</b>           |
| Investment income  | 2     | 30,015                | 0                  | <b>30,015</b>            |
| Other income: Members' subscriptions                             | 2     | 10,703                | 0                  | <b>10,703</b>            |
| <b>Total income</b>  |       | <b>335,737</b>        | <b>135,000</b>     | <b>470,737</b>           |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>   |       |                       |                    |                          |
| <b>Charitable activities:</b>                                    |       |                       |                    |                          |
| Lectures   | 6     | 83,893                | 0                  | <b>83,893</b>            |
| Publications   |       | 55,568                | 0                  | <b>55,568</b>            |
| Grants   |       | 49,092                | 0                  | <b>49,092</b>            |
| Studentships   |       | 0                     | 64,036             | <b>64,036</b>            |
| Education schemes  |       | 48,300                | 74,897             | <b>123,197</b>           |
| Conferences  |       | 13,425                | 0                  | <b>13,425</b>            |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>   |       | <b>250,278</b>        | <b>138,933</b>     | <b>389,211</b>           |
| Net income/(expenditure) before gains/(losses)<br>on investments |       | 85,459                | (3,933)            | <b>81,526</b>            |
| Net realised and unrealised gains/(losses) on<br>investments     | 12(a) | 7,667                 | 0                  | <b>7,667</b>             |
| Net income/(expenditure)   |       | 93,126                | (3,933)            | <b>89,193</b>            |
| Transfers between Funds  |       | (3,933)               | 3,933              | <b>0</b>                 |
| <b>Net movement of funds</b>                                     |       | <b>89,193</b>         | <b>0</b>           | <b>89,193</b>            |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>                                  |       |                       |                    |                          |
| Total funds brought forward                                      | 18    | <b>1,645,851</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>1,645,851</b>         |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                               |       | <b>1,735,044</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>1,735,044</b>         |

**Balance Sheet at 31st July 2022**

(comparatives as at 31st July 2021)

|  | Notes | Total Funds<br>2022 | Total Funds<br>2021 |
|--|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  |       | £                   | £                   |
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                            |       |                     |                     |
| Intangible assets                              | 10    | 22,560              | 0                   |
| Tangible assets                                | 11    | 0                   | (0)                 |
| Investments                                    | 12(a) | 311,531             | 456,528             |
| <b>Total fixed assets</b>                      |       | <b>334,091</b>      | <b>456,528</b>      |
| <b>Current assets</b>                          |       |                     |                     |
| Debtors: amounts falling due within one year   | 13    | 182,919             | 213,184             |
| Cash at bank and in hand                       |       | 1,413,831           | 1,321,439           |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                    |       | <b>1,596,750</b>    | <b>1,534,623</b>    |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                     |       |                     |                     |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 15    | (278,937)           | (256,107)           |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                      |       | <b>1,317,813</b>    | <b>1,278,516</b>    |
| <b>Total net assets</b>                        | 17    | <b>1,651,904</b>    | <b>1,735,044</b>    |
| <b>The funds of the charity</b>                |       |                     |                     |
| <b>Restricted income fund</b>                  |       |                     |                     |
| Jacobsen Scheme                                |       | 0                   | 0                   |
| <b>Unrestricted income funds</b>               |       |                     |                     |
| Unrestricted income funds                      | 18    | 507,440             | 703,995             |
| Designated funds                               | 18    | 1,144,464           | 1,031,049           |
| <b>Total unrestricted income funds</b>         |       | <b>1,651,904</b>    | <b>1,735,044</b>    |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                     | 18    | <b>1,651,904</b>    | <b>1,735,044</b>    |

The financial statements on pages 13 to 25 were approved by the Executive Committee on 14th December 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Members of the Executive Committee



**Professor Lucy O'Brien**

Executive Committee member



**Professor Ben Colburn**

Executive Committee member

*Melanie Nightingale*

**Melanie Nightingale**

Secretary

Dated: 15th December 2022

### Statement of cash flows

|  | Notes      | 2022             | 2021             |
|--|------------|------------------|------------------|
|  |            | £                | £                |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                |            |                  |                  |
| <b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b> |            | <b>(38,799)</b>  | <b>149,522</b>   |
| <b>Cashflows from investing activities</b>                 |            |                  |                  |
| Dividend and interest income                               | 2          | 16,252           | 30,015           |
| Proceeds from sale of investments                          | 12(a)      | 137,499          | 0                |
| Redevelopment of website (in progress)                     | 10         | (22,560)         | 0                |
| <b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>           |            | <b>131,191</b>   | <b>30,015</b>    |
|  |            | 92,392           | 179,537          |
| <b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>     |            |                  |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year     | B/S        | 1,321,439        | 1,141,902        |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>    | <b>B/S</b> | <b>1,413,831</b> | <b>1,321,439</b> |

### Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) with net cash flow from operating activities

|   | Notes | 2022            | 2021           |
|---|-------|-----------------|----------------|
|   |       | £               | £              |
| <b>Net income for the year (as per the statement of financial activities)</b> |       | <b>(83,140)</b> | <b>89,193</b>  |
| <b>adjustments for:</b>   |       |                 |                |
| Losses/(gains) in investments   | 12(a) | 7,498           | (7,667)        |
| Depreciation charge   | 10    | 0               | 668            |
| Investment income   |       | (16,252)        | (30,015)       |
| Increase in creditors   | 15    | 22,830          | 109,362        |
| Decrease/(increase) in debtors  | 13    | 30,265          | (12,019)       |
| <b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>                    |       | <b>(38,799)</b> | <b>149,522</b> |

### Analysis of changes in net (debt)/funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2022

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Royal Institute of Philosophy is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 14 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0AR, United Kingdom.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

#### (a) BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and the historical cost convention, with the exception of fixed asset investments which are stated at market value, and in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practices which have been consistently applied throughout the year. The financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019). The Royal Institute meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

#### (b) TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The cost of fixed assets is their cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition. New fixed assets in excess of £1,000 are capitalised. Intangible assets are a website.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The annual rate used for this purpose is 25% based on an estimate of the useful life of fixtures and fittings, office equipment and completed website. Before completion, fixed assets are shown at cumulative cost.

#### (c) FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Investments are stated in the financial statements at their mid market value at the balance sheet date. Realised profits are calculated as the difference between proceeds on disposal and the book value of the investment less attributable costs on disposal. Unrealised profits are calculated as the movement in market value either since the previous year end or since acquisition if that occurred during the year and are accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities for the year.

#### (d) DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Financial assets are recognised at the amount expected to be received which would include an allowance for impairment if relevant. Financial liabilities are recognised at the amount expected to be paid.

#### (e) INCOME

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached have or can be met and it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Incomes are recognised as being attributable to an accounting period with a corresponding accrual if the income relates to the current period e.g. the CUP accounting period is a calendar year so the income for the period January to July in the current year is estimated as seven twelfths of the yearly amount. An assessment is made by management regarding the estimated income for the last seven months of the RIP financial year based on the CUP actual income from their previous calendar year results and a forecast (if available) of their following calendar year, pro rata (using 7/12) to establish a trend of income and hence the accrual. Members' subscriptions (net of transactions costs) are recognised as being for the twelve months following the date of receipt and accordingly a deferred income is recognised, income on sale of "Philosophy" and "Think" are recognised when invoiced, funds from the Jacobsen Trustees are recognised when due in respect of an accounting period, and interest receivable is accounted for on a receivable basis. Dividend income is recognised in the period when the investment goes "ex-dividend". Other incomes are treated as income of the period in which they are receivable.

#### (f) EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis and is classified under the principal categories of charitable activity and other expenditure in order to provide more useful information to users of the financial statements. Resources expended comprise all expenditure directly relating to the objects of The Royal Institute, including support costs attributable to the activity and governance costs.

Support costs consist of costs incurred in connection with the management of The Royal Institute's assets, organisation and administration, the aggregate support headings are shown in note 7. Governance costs include those which enable compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. Individual support and governance costs are first apportioned to various support headings (per note 7) and then allocated to activities in proportion to the relevant direct cost (per note 6).

(g) FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds include a designated core activities reserve fund which is set aside at the discretion of the Executive Committee specifically for the projection of a core activities programme and a general fund which is available to spend at the discretion of the Executive Committee in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity. Council intends to maintain the real value of the designated fund by means of a periodic transfer from the General Fund. The restricted fund is for the activities enabled by funding received from the benefactor Mr. Jens. Jacobsen for the award of post-graduate studentships and for the promotion of philosophical work in schools and related support costs.

(h) TAXATION

As a registered charity, The Royal Institute is exempt from certain elements of Corporation Tax. The Royal Institute is registered for VAT and accounts for VAT on inputs and outputs. The principal output is the annual income from the publishing arrangement with CUP. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred. Investment income includes the related recoverable tax credits.

(i) GRANTS AND STUDENTSHIPS

The Royal Institute provides funding by way of grants and Jacobsen studentships to postgraduate students of philosophy on a discretionary basis to those individual applicants who meet the criteria of the selection committee as the best qualified and most promising in philosophical research. The grants are charged to the SOFA when a constructive obligation exists, that is when the recipient has been informed and explicit conditions have been met.

(j) CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash at bank and in hand includes deposits with credit worthy banks in current accounts, deposit accounts and short term deposits.

(k) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The provisions of Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 are being followed. Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangements, as financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. The Institute only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. With the exception of fixed asset investments, which are stated at fair value, basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at settlement value.

(l) CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The accrual for royalty income from CUP attributable to the first seven months of 2022 was based on approximate estimates supplied by CUP (provided without liability) so that an informed judgement could be made as to the likely trend of royalty income into 2022. There were no other critical accounting estimates for the period under review.

(m) GOING CONCERN BASIS

The Charity has substantial reserves, represented by highly rated investments and cash that can be liquidated at short notice. Charitable activities can be scaled up or down relatively easily to match available funds. The fact that the duration and extent of commitments made are always within existing funds at that time, taking account of the purpose and size of the Core Activities Fund, enables the Trustees to be confident that the Charity can continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. Accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2022

|  |       | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Fund | Total Funds<br>The year to<br>July 2022 |
|--|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|---|
|  | Notes | £                     | £                  | £                                       |
| <b>2. INCOME</b>                             |       |                       |                    |   |
| Donations: Jacobsen activity funding         | 17    | 0                     | 187,000            | <b>187,000</b>                          |
| Publications: Income on sale of "Philosophy" | 3     | 215,380               | 0                  | <b>215,380</b>                          |
| Publications: Income on sale of "Think"      | 4     | 21,061                | 0                  | <b>21,061</b>                           |
| Publications: Royalties income               |       | 13                    | 0                  | <b>13</b>                               |
| Investment income: Interest income           |       | 11,530                | 0                  | <b>11,530</b>                           |
| Investment income: Dividend income           |       | 4,722                 | 0                  | <b>4,722</b>                            |
| Other income: Members' subscriptions         |       | 9,583                 | 0                  | <b>9,583</b>                            |
| <b>Total income</b>                          |       | <b>262,289</b>        | <b>187,000</b>     | <b>449,289</b>                          |

|  |       | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Fund | Total Funds<br>The year to<br>July 2021 |
|--|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|---|
|  | Notes | £                     | £                  | £                                       |
| Donations: Jacobsen activity funding         | 17    | 0                     | 135,000            | <b>135,000</b>                          |
| Publications: Income on sale of "Philosophy" | 3     | 266,380               | 0                  | <b>266,380</b>                          |
| Publications: Income on sale of "Think"      | 4     | 28,633                | 0                  | <b>28,633</b>                           |
| Publications: Royalties income               |       | 6                     | 0                  | <b>6</b>                                |
| Investment income: Interest income           |       | 23,620                | 0                  | <b>23,620</b>                           |
| Investment income: Dividend income           |       | 6,395                 | 0                  | <b>6,395</b>                            |
| Other income: Members' subscriptions         |       | 10,703                | 0                  | <b>10,703</b>                           |
| <b>Total income</b>                          | 5     | <b>335,737</b>        | <b>135,000</b>     | <b>470,737</b>                          |

### 3. INCOME ON SALE OF "PHILOSOPHY"

|   | The year to<br>July 2022 | The year to<br>July 2021 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | £                        | £                        |
| Subscription and non-subscription incomes incl. digital archive and supplements | <b>292,967</b>           | <b>362,974</b>           |
| Less: printing, distribution, commissions, overheads and other costs            | <b>(77,587)</b>          | <b>(96,594)</b>          |
| Income on sale of "Philosophy" to non-members                                   | <b>215,380</b>           | <b>266,380</b>           |

"Philosophy" is published by Cambridge University Press as a joint arrangement whereby they account for gross subscription and non-subscription revenues, printing, distribution, commissions, overheads and other costs including their profit share, and remit the net result to The Royal Institute following the issuance of an invoice. The Royal Institute's own costs relating to the Editor, proof reading and attributable overheads are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as Charitable activities - Publications.

### 4. INCOME ON SALE OF "THINK"

|  | The year to<br>July 2022 | The year to<br>July 2021 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | £                        | £                        |
| Subscription and non-subscription incomes incl. digital archive      | <b>58,259</b>            | <b>73,557</b>            |
| Less: printing, distribution, commissions, overheads and other costs | <b>(37,198)</b>          | <b>(44,924)</b>          |
| Income on sale of "Think" to non-members                             | <b>21,061</b>            | <b>28,633</b>            |

"Think" is published by Cambridge University Press as a joint arrangement whereby they account for gross subscription and non-subscription revenues, printing, distribution, commissions, overheads and other costs including the Editor and their profit share, and remit the net result to The Royal Institute following the issuance of an invoice.

|  | The year to<br>July 2022 | The year to<br>July 2021 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | £                        | £                        |
| <b>5. OPERATING LEASES</b>   |                          |                          |
| Amounts recognised as an expense during the year in respect of operating leases. | 19,237                   | 15,144                   |

The Institute rents its office space under a rental agreement which requires 12 months notice of cancellation. The total of future minimum lease payments during the notice period would be £16,576 if the present restrictions continue (2020: nil), being 12 months rental payment.

| <b>6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b> | The year to<br>July 2022 | The year to<br>July 2022                      | The year to<br>July 2022 |
|--|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
|  | £                        | £   | £                        |
|  | Direct Cost              | Support and<br>Governance<br>Cost<br>(note 7) | Total                    |
| Charitable activities:                                     |                          |   |                          |
| Lectures   | 57,224                   | 29,479  | 86,703                   |
| Publications   | 38,691                   | 19,932  | 58,623                   |
| Grants   | 37,471                   | 19,303  | 56,774                   |
| Studentships   | 76,181                   | 42  | 76,223                   |
| Education schemes  | 180,094                  | 28,742  | 208,836                  |
| Conferences  | 24,930                   | 12,842  | 37,772                   |
| <b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>                | <b>414,591</b>           | <b>110,340</b>                                | <b>524,931</b>           |

All costs incurred are identified as being a direct cost of a charitable activity, or as a support cost. Total support costs are then allocated to a charitable activity on the basis of the direct cost of that activity. Support costs attributable to restricted activities are allocated to an appropriate unrestricted activity.

|   | The year to<br>July 2021 | The year to<br>July 2021                      | The year to<br>July 2021 |
|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
|   | £                        | £   | £                        |
|   | Direct Cost              | Support and<br>Governance<br>Cost<br>(note 7) | Total                    |
| Charitable activities:                      |                          |   |                          |
| Lectures                                    | 57,254                   | 26,639  | 83,893                   |
| Publications                                | 37,923                   | 17,645  | 55,568                   |
| Grants                                      | 33,504                   | 15,588  | 49,092                   |
| Studentships                                | 64,000                   | 36  | 64,036                   |
| Education schemes                           | 107,818                  | 15,379  | 123,197                  |
| Conferences                                 | 9,162                    | 4,263   | 13,425                   |
| <b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b> | <b>309,661</b>           | <b>79,550</b>                                 | <b>389,211</b>           |

Expenditure on charitable activities comprise all the resources applied by The Royal Institute in undertaking work to meet our charitable objectives. Such costs include the direct costs that we have incurred and the support and governance costs incurred that enable these activities to be undertaken. Bursaries (included in Grants) and studentships are only made to individuals.

| <b>7. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS</b> | <b>The year to<br/>July 2022</b> | <b>The year to<br/>July 2021</b> | <b>Basis of allocation 2022</b>   |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
|  | <b>£</b>                         | <b>£</b>                         |   |
| Management costs                                   | 35,632                           | 27,834                           | 25% of Secretary and 50% of Treasurer remuneration  |
| Office costs                                       | 23,609                           | 14,445                           | 100% of rent, advertising, printing, telephone, insurance, legal, depreciation and general costs                                      |
| Information technology                             | 8,000                            | 3,287                            | 100% of computing expenses and 30% of the website   |
| Total support costs                                | <b>67,241</b>                    | <b>45,566</b>                    |   |
| Governance costs                                   | 43,099                           | 33,984                           | 25% Secretary, 50% of Treasurer remuneration, audit fee and travel cost reimbursed to ExCom and Council members (2020: 25% Treasurer) |
| Total support and governance costs                 | <b>110,340</b>                   | <b>79,550</b>                    |   |

Support costs consist of those costs in connection with the management of The Royal Institute's assets, organisation and administration. Governance costs enable compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and include the audit fee of £12,500 (2021: £6,000). We allocate support costs and governance costs to the six charitable activities. See Note 13 for details of costs reimbursed to Executive Committee and Council members. Following a number of staff changes, we decided to re-analyse the activity elements of each member of staff's work, and this revised allocation for support and governance costs is shown in the Basis of allocation in the table. Other staff costs are included within direct costs in Note 6.

| <b>8. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION</b>   | <b>The year to<br/>July 2022</b> | <b>The year to<br/>July 2021</b> |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|  | <b>Number</b>                    | <b>Number</b>                    |
| Average number of staff employed expressed as equivalent number of full time |                                  |                                  |
| Full-time staff (1)  | 1                                | 1                                |
| Part-time staff (6)  | 1.6                              | 1.6                              |
|  | <b>2.6</b>                       | <b>2.6</b>                       |
| Employment costs of all employees comprised:                                 | <b>£</b>                         | <b>£</b>                         |
| Gross wages and salaries   | 128,132                          | 112,329                          |
| Employer's social security costs   | 5,271                            | 8,837                            |
| Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes              | 18,755                           | 17,152                           |
| Total staff costs  | <b>152,158</b>                   | <b>138,318</b>                   |

Key management personnel comprise the full time Managing Director (including Company Secretary) and the part-time Officers, being the co-Editors of Philosophy, Editor of Think, Academic Director and Finance Director. Their total remuneration cost (including employers' pension and National Insurance contributions) totalled £147,802 (2021: £131,038). No employee received emoluments above £60,000 p.a.. The average headcount was 7 (2020: 7).

| <b>9. REALISED LOSS ON INVESTMENT ASSETS</b> | <b>The year to<br/>July 2022</b> | <b>The year to<br/>July 2021</b> |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|  | <b>£</b>                         | <b>£</b>                         |
| Loss on redemption of investment:            |                                  |                                  |
| Listed on UK Stock Exchange                  | <b>6,200</b>                     | <b>0</b>                         |

| 10. INTANGIBLE ASSETS         | Website       | Total         |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| COST:                         |               |               |
| At 1st August 2021            | £ 0           | £ 0           |
| Additions - progress payments | 22,560        | 22,560        |
| As at 31st July 2022          | <u>22,560</u> | <u>22,560</u> |
| ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION:     |               |               |
| At 1st August 2021            | 0             | 0             |
| Charge for year               | 0             | 0             |
| As at 31st July 2022          | <u>0</u>      | <u>0</u>      |
| Net book value                |               |               |
| As at 31st July 2022          | 22,560        | 22,560        |

At the year end a new website was under construction and two progress payments had been made. Completion is due in the latter part of 2022.

| 11. TANGIBLE ASSETS       | Furniture and Fittings | Office        | Total         |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| COST:                     |                        |               |               |
| At 1st August 2021        | £ 5,761                | £ 21,248      | £ 27,009      |
| Additions                 | 0                      | 0             | 0             |
| As at 31st July 2022      | <u>5,761</u>           | <u>21,248</u> | <u>27,009</u> |
| ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION: |                        |               |               |
| At 1st August 2021        | 5,761                  | 21,248        | 27,009        |
| Charge for year           | 0                      | 0             | 0             |
| As at 31st July 2022      | <u>5,761</u>           | <u>21,248</u> | <u>27,009</u> |
| Net book value            |                        |               |               |
| As at 31st July 2022      | 0                      | 0             | 0             |
| As at 31st July 2021      | 0                      | 0             | 0             |

| 12(a) INVESTMENTS                         | 2022           | 2021           |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Market valuation (all listed investments) |                |                |
| At 1st August (comparative 1st August)    | £ 456,528      | £ 448,861      |
| Additions                                 | 0              | 0              |
| Disposals                                 | (137,499)      | 0              |
| Realised gains/(losses)                   | (6,200)        | 0              |
| Unrealised gains/(losses)                 | (1,298)        | 7,667          |
| At 31st July (comparative 31st July)      | <u>311,531</u> | <u>456,528</u> |
| COST:                                     |                |                |
| At 31st July (comparative 31st July)      | 388,134        | 468,911        |

All investments are listed on the UK Stock Exchange and are treated here as one class of investment asset.

The following investments represented in excess of 5% of the total market value at the year end:

|  | At 31st July<br>2022 | At 31st July<br>2021 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
|  | £                    | £                    |
| 36,184 x 2.5% 2024 IL Treasury Stock                 | 137,859              | 130,192              |
| 33,760 x Co-operative Group 11% FRSN 2025            | 37,170               | 42,875               |
| 35,000 x Nationwide 7.25% PIBS                       | 0                    | 36,008               |
| 36,000 x Nationwide. 6.25% PIBS                      | 37,037               | 38,700               |
| 50,000 x 4% Treasury Stock 2022                      | 0                    | 51,190               |
| 100,441 Aberdeen Diversified Income and Growth Trust | 98,030               | 99,437               |
| 50,000 x Halifax 12% PSB                             | 0                    | 56,500               |
|  | <u>310,096</u>       | <u>454,902</u>       |

| <b>12(b) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS</b>                         | <b>At 31st July<br/>2022</b> | <b>At 31st July<br/>2021</b> |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Carrying amount of financial assets                        | £                            | £                            |
| Instruments measured at fair value through profit and loss | 311,531                      | 456,528                      |

| <b>13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE<br/>WITHIN ONE YEAR</b> | <b>Total Funds</b>           | <b>Total Funds</b>           |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|   | <b>At 31st July<br/>2022</b> | <b>At 31st July<br/>2021</b> |
|   | <b>£</b>                     | <b>£</b>                     |
| Receivables   | 0                            | 4,014                        |
| Prepayments and accrued income                              | 182,919                      | 209,170                      |
|   | <b>182,919</b>               | <b>213,184</b>               |

The joint arrangement with CUP is accounted by CUP on a calendar year basis. The estimated income from Philosophy and Think attributable to the first seven months of 2022 is based on a projected result for 2022 and reported as accrued income: £150,584 (2021: £170,397)

#### 14. PAYMENTS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Executive Committee and Council members received no remuneration for their services to The Royal Institute. Travel costs when claimed are reimbursed and there were two totalling £114 (2021: none). No other payments were made to Executive Committee or Council members.

| <b>15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE<br/>WITHIN ONE YEAR</b> | <b>Total Funds<br/>at 31st July<br/>2022</b> | <b>Total Funds at<br/>31st July 2021</b> |
|---|--|--|
|   | <b>£</b>                                     | <b>£</b>                                 |
| Taxation and social security                                  | 45,725                                       | 57,681                                   |
| Subscriptions received in advance                             | 6,182  | 5,426                                    |
| Accruals and deferred income - all utilised in the year       | 227,030                                      | 193,000                                  |
|   | <b>278,937</b>                               | <b>256,107</b>                           |

Accruals and deferred income in 2022 include £187,800 from the Jacobsen benefaction received before the year end but intended for 2022/23 activities.

#### 16. CAPITAL

The Royal Institute is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. Every member of The Royal Institute has undertaken to contribute to the assets thereof in the event of a winding-up such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1.

#### 17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

|  | General Fund   | Designated Fund  | Restricted Fund | Total Funds at 31st July 2022 |
|--|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|  | £              | £                | £               | £                             |
| Intangible assets  | 22,560         | 0                | 0               | 22,560                        |
| Investments  | 0              | 311,531          | 0               | 311,531                       |
| Debtors  | 181,807        | 0                | 1,112           | 182,919                       |
| Cash at bank and in hand                                   | 407,937        | 832,933          | 172,961         | 1,413,831                     |
| Creditors  | (91,137)       | 0                | (187,800)       | (278,937)                     |
| Additional restricted activities to be funded General Fund | (13,727)       | 0                | 13,727          | 0                             |
| <b>Net assets at 31st July 2022</b>                        | <b>507,440</b> | <b>1,144,464</b> | <b>0</b>        | <b>1,651,904</b>              |

|                                     | General Fund   | Designated Fund  | Restricted Fund | Total Funds at 31st July 2021 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|                                     | £              | £                | £               | £                             |
| Investments                         | 0              | 456,528          | 0               | 456,528                       |
| Cash at bank and in hand            | 213,184        | 0                | 0               | 213,184                       |
| Debtors                             | 559,918        | 574,521          | 187,000         | 1,321,439                     |
| Creditors                           | (69,107)       | 0                | (187,000)       | (256,107)                     |
| <b>Net assets at 31st July 2021</b> | <b>703,995</b> | <b>1,031,049</b> | <b>0</b>        | <b>1,735,044</b>              |

#### 18. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

The Core Activities Reserve Fund (the Designated Fund shown in this note) receives investment income from the investments held by the Fund and expends resources on grants, lectures and conferences, with a transfer from the General Fund sufficient to cover any shortfall of income along with an amount intended to protect the Fund from inflation. The General Fund receives resources from and funds all other activities and consists largely of working capital, representing approximately 12 months running costs plus any surpluses carried over from previous years which are intended to be distributed through additional or expanded future activities.

The Restricted Fund is the Jacobsen Scheme, which is provided in accordance with a deed of trust made by the benefactor Mr. Jens Jacobsen. The Royal Institute received funding of £187,000 p.a. to award up to 8 Royal Institute of Philosophy Jacobsen studentships of £8,000 each, funding for the teaching of philosophy in schools, and funding of the related support costs. These funds, and any investment income therefrom, will only be applied to these activities. The Fund is held in a separate bank account.

|   | General Fund | Designated Fund | Total Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Fund | Total Funds at 31st July 2022 |
|---|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|   | £            | £               | £                        | £               | £                             |
| Total income and endowments                                   | 246,038      | 16,251          | 262,289                  | 187,000         | 449,289                       |
| Total expenditure   | (142,956)    | (181,248)       | (324,204)                | (200,727)       | (524,931)                     |
| Net income/(expenditure) before gains/(losses) on investments | 103,082      | (164,997)       | (61,915)                 | (13,727)        | (75,642)                      |
| Realised losses on investment assets                          | 0            | (6,200)         | (6,200)                  | 0               | (6,200)                       |
| Unrealised losses on investment assets                        | 0            | (1,298)         | (1,298)                  | 0               | (1,298)                       |
| Net income/(expenditure) before transfers                     | 103,082      | (172,495)       | (69,413)                 | (13,727)        | (83,140)                      |
| Transfers between funds                                       | (299,637)    | 285,910         | (13,727)                 | 13,727          | (0)                           |
| Net movement of funds   | (196,555)    | 113,415         | (83,140)                 | 0               | (83,140)                      |
| Fund balances brought forward at 1st August 2021              | 703,995      | 1,031,049       | 1,735,044                | 0               | 1,735,044                     |
| Net movement of funds   | (196,555)    | 113,415         | (83,140)                 | 0               | (83,140)                      |
| Fund balances carried forward at 31st July 2022               | 507,440      | 1,144,464       | 1,651,904                | 0               | 1,651,904                     |

|   | General Fund | Designated Fund | Total Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Fund | Total Funds at 31st July 2021 |
|---|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|   | £            | £               | £                        | £               | £                             |
| Total income and endowments                                   | 305,722      | 30,015          | 335,737                  | 135,000         | 470,737                       |
| Total expenditure   | (103,869)    | (146,409)       | (250,278)                | (138,933)       | (389,211)                     |
| Net income/(expenditure) before gains/(losses) on investments | 201,853      | (116,394)       | 85,459                   | (3,933)         | 81,526                        |
| Realised losses on investment assets                          | 0            | 0               | 0                        | 0               | 0                             |
| Unrealised losses on investment assets                        | 0            | 7,667           | 7,667                    | 0               | 7,667                         |
| Net income/(expenditure) before transfers                     | 201,853      | (108,727)       | 93,126                   | (3,933)         | 89,193                        |
| Transfers between funds                                       | (137,808)    | 133,875         | (3,933)                  | 3,933           | 0                             |
| Net movement of funds   | 64,045       | 25,148          | 89,193                   | 0               | 89,193                        |
| Fund balances brought forward at 1st August 2019              | 639,950      | 1,005,901       | 1,645,851                | 0               | 1,645,851                     |
| Net movement of funds   | 64,045       | 25,148          | 89,193                   | 0               | 89,193                        |
| Fund balances carried forward at 31st July 2020               | 703,995      | 1,031,049       | 1,735,044                | 0               | 1,735,044                     |

During the year the actual expenditures on core activities was met from the Core Activities Reserve Fund and from a funding transfer from the General Fund. The transfer covers (a) the difference between actual expenditure on all core activities and the income earned on the investments representing the Core Activities Reserve Fund and (b) an amount intended to protect the Core Activities Reserve Fund from inflation.

## 19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Two Trustees were reimbursed their travel expenses (total £114). There were no other related party transactions during the period.

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTE**  
( at the date of signing of these Financial Statements)

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Mr. Tony Philip

The ninety-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Royal Institute was held on-line on Friday 17th December 2021, at which Professor Lucy O'Brien took the Chair. The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2021 were presented and approved at the meeting. HW Fisher LLP was reappointed as Auditor.

### **Report of the Academic Director**

This past year has been the second and hopefully last in which all our events have been delivered online. Although providers of such events have all reported declines in live audiences as people spent less time streaming, we have made considerable progress in building audiences through on-demand recordings. Over the three years 6 June–6 June 2021/22, 2020/21 and 2019/20 annual views on our YouTube channel have risen from 89k, to 112k to 234k; watch hours from 12k, to 15.5k to 33.1k; and subscribers from 1.4k, to 2.5k to 4.8k. A near threefold increase in viewings over two years marks great progress.

In addition we have launched an audio podcast, *Thinking Hard and Slow*, since this format is more popular for serious smart-thinking content. The podcast has made a solid start, with typical episodes getting 300-400 listens. Importantly, most podcasts are listened to in whole or the greater part whereas most video views are actually short “dips”. So we already have reason to believe that individual talks are receiving more listens in audio form than the video.

Our flagship London Lecture Series took as its title *Expanding Horizons*, as we both celebrated and encouraged anglophone philosophy's increasing engagement with other traditions, new problems and adjacent disciplines. 14 talks were delivered on themes ranging from *The Contemplative Practices of Philosophy*, *The Philosophy of Green Finance*, *Japanese Philosophers on Plato's Ideas*, *Rendering Trauma Audible*, *Decolonising Philosophy* and *Fernando Pessoa: The Poet as Philosopher*. The range of speakers demonstrated our commitment to diversity, with an even 50:50 split of male and female speakers and contributors representing Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Africana, Latinx as well Western philosophy.

For the first time, the supplementary journal volume of a London series appeared as a stand-alone book with an attractive cover: *A Philosophers' Manifesto*. Future supplementary volumes will be given the same treatment.

Our four stand-alone annual lectures were Sally Haslanger, 'Systemic, Structural, and Institutional Injustice: What's the difference?' (London); Heather Douglas, 'Differentiating Scientific Inquiry and Politics' (Edinburgh); Axel Honneth, 'Work – A Short History of a Modern Concept' (Dublin) and Richard Moran, 'The Philosophical Retreat to the Here and Now' (Cardiff). The 2021 debate 'Has Science Killed Philosophy?' with Carlo Rovelli, Eleanor Knox and Alex Rosenberg and Ritula Shah chairing was a tremendous success and the video is already the third most viewed of all time on our YouTube channel. The panel was to be 50:50 male/female but the physicists Chiara Marletto had to withdraw too late for a replacement to be found.

Aside from the events we organise ourselves, we support a large number of events nationwide through our National Network of 34 members, mainly university philosophy departments with some independent societies. This was a transitional year, with many still not putting on events due to pandemic conditions, but we have retained a solid membership mostly reporting optimistically of a return to a full programme in the next academic year.

The first of our Public Philosophy Days, replacing the traditional academic conference we used to fund, will happen this September, after being postponed from last. Cardiff University's event is "Values and Virtues in a Changing World", in the highly public-facing Senedd and Pierhead Buildings.

It has been a challenging two years but we stand ready to emerge from pandemic-constrained life with strength and vigour.

Dr Julian Baggini



**THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY**

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# Accounts

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*for the year ended*

31st JULY, 2021

## NOTICE OF MEETING OF COUNCIL 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ninety-sixth Annual General Meeting of The Royal Institute of Philosophy will be held at 3pm on 17th December 2021 to receive the Trustees' Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st July 2021, and to transact the ordinary business of The Royal Institute. Access details will be sent out in due course.

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### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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| <b>Solicitors</b>                      | Blake Laphorn Tarlo Lyons<br>Seacourt Tower<br>West Way<br>Oxford OX2 0FB |

### Status

The Royal Institute of Philosophy is a company limited by guarantee, number 205110.

It is registered in the United Kingdom as a charity, number 313834.

It is registered for VAT, number 195934458

## Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees hereby present their annual report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2021 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and financial statements for Companies Act purposes. This report and the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The trustees, who are also the directors, are members of the Executive Committee which has control of the charity and its property and funds.

### Object and Activities

The object of The Royal Institute of Philosophy ("The Royal Institute") is to advance the education of the public in the subject of philosophy by: (1) organising and promoting the teaching, discussion, and research in the subject of Philosophical Studies; (2) providing opportunities for the study of Philosophy and any subject cognate or allied to the study of Philosophy; (3) arranging lectures, class teaching, seminars, public meetings, conferences and discussions; (4) establishing, controlling, managing and carrying on colleges, halls, schools, lecture rooms and opportunities for study and research; (5) establishing and awarding professorships, fellowships, lectureships, readerships, scholarships, exhibitions, prizes, granting certificates and conducting examinations in connection with Philosophical subjects; and (6) promoting and undertaking such other activities which promote the object and which the Executive Committee in their absolute discretion determine.

Our strategic plans have been developed to ensure that we provide a public benefit and achieve the object as set out in the governing document. This object comes within the purposes defined by the Charities Act 2011. We have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit (including the guidance Public Benefit: running a charity (PB2)) when reviewing our aims and objectives, planning our activities and when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Hence, in order to advance the education of the public in the subject of philosophy we organise (a) 'lectures': a series of lectures in London; guidance and funding for a large number of regional 'network' lecture series; regional Annual Lectures; lectures given by The Royal Institute of Philosophy Professor, and organising debates; (b) 'publications': a quarterly journal 'Philosophy'; a termly journal 'Think'; two books bringing together papers given at Institute events; Philosophy Teaching Guides for those working in schools; videos of many of these events, as well as Video Interviews and Philosophical Discussions, all of which are freely available online; and an informative website; (c) 'grants': a post-graduate bursaries programme and an Essay Prize award. We also utilise funds provided by the Jacobsen Trust for (d) an 'education scheme' primarily for the purpose of promoting philosophy in schools, and (e) 'studentships' for the award of studentship grants. Furthermore we organise (f) 'conferences': a departmental conference, post-graduate conferences and events for schools. Access to all speaking events is free to the public, both in London and at the regional 'branch' events.

Our plans are summarised in an annual budget approved shortly before the new financial year. The budget process aims to meet the object of the Royal Institute having regard to relevant issues in the matter of furthering the education of the public. The range of charitable activities is reviewed frequently by the Executive Committee with a view to furthering the Object of the Royal Institute. The educational objective is monitored by appropriate and relevant measures such as attendance numbers, first hand reports, website hits, downloads etc.. The Executive Committee considers that the large range of activities is an important factor in meeting the Object, along with the Royal Institute's ability to step up or step down activity to meet perceived demand and results.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The structure and governance of The Royal Institute was revised in 2009 so that the 50-70 Council members are The Royal Institute's members (in effect custodians of The Royal Institute's charitable object) and a smaller body of 10-15 members appointed by the Council serves as the Institute's trustees under charity law as an Executive Committee, executing policy as determined by Council. The governing document is the Memorandum and Articles. The officers – the Managing Director, Academic Director and Finance Director (formerly referred to as the Secretary, Director and Treasurer) – run The Royal Institute on a day to day basis in accordance with the delegated powers from the Executive Committee. Subscribers to Philosophy are Associate members (not members in the company law sense) and receive the journal, discounts, reader's card etc. but do not receive the Financial Statements or attend the AGM.

A Nomination Committee has been constituted to make recommendations to Council for new Council members and for new Executive Committee members. The Nomination Committee, with a different membership, makes recommendations to Council for the Chair/Vice Chair and President/Vice President. Council members are elected for terms of five years, with the possibility of re-election. Members of the Executive Committee are also elected for terms of five years but may only serve a maximum of ten in any fifteen years. Officers cannot be members of the Executive Committee but attend all meetings as advisors. All significant policies previously adopted by the Royal Institute have been recorded and adopted in an Ordinary Resolution and these include the selection and election policies for Council and Executive Committee members, duties of the Executive Committee members, health and safety, complaints, EID, expenses, data protection, safeguarding, trustee code of conduct, the delegation of authority to Officers, and the Reserves and Investment policies. Members of the Executive Committee who served during the year are shown on page 25. New members are generally well acquainted with the activities of The Royal Institute and induction training is provided on an ad hoc basis.

The trustees who served during the year to 31st July 2021 and up to the date of signing of the financial statements were:

Dr. Arif Ahmed, Professor Maria Rosa Antognazza, Professor Ben Coburn, Professor Fiona Ellis, Professor Edward Harcourt, Professor Beth Lord, Professor Lucy O'Brien, Dr Léa Salje, Professor Constantine Sandis, Professor Sarah Sawyer, and Dr. Rachael Wiseman.

The principal officers, to whom day to day management of The Royal Institute has been delegated by Council, are as follows:

|            |                                |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| M. Alvarez | Joint Editor <i>Philosophy</i> |
| B. Brewer  | Joint Editor <i>Philosophy</i> |
| J. Baggini | Academic Director              |
| J. Garvey  | Managing Director (Secretary)  |
| T. Philip  | Finance Director (Treasurer)   |

The officers operate within an annual budget approved by the Executive Committee. Their remuneration is determined by the Executive Committee.

## **Financial risk management**

The principal risks to which The Royal Institute is exposed have been identified, and systems or procedures exist to manage those risks. The impact of those risks is periodically reviewed by Council and the Executive Committee. The principal financial risks are those (a) which affect incoming resources i.e. income from the sale of Philosophy, and interest income and (b) those which affect the effectiveness of resources expended on charitable activities i.e. inflation. Commitments made do not exceed one year and the outgoing resources applied to charitable activities can be varied within a year to respond to changes in incoming resources.

The Royal Institute does not use derivatives to manage currency or interest rate risk. The Core Activities Reserve Fund was designated so as to preserve a level of income to fund a core of activities. In order to maintain a steady stream of interest income, approximately 81% of the Core Activities Reserve Fund investments are held in fixed interest bonds or index linked treasury stocks. Income from the sale of Philosophy is primarily dependent on the market with educational institutions and the success of our publisher, Cambridge University Press (CUP), within that market. Open Access is seen as a risk to our income from that market, although the impact is as yet uncertain. Philosophy is regarded as a leading international journal and Council believes the best risk management is achieved by maintaining the quality of the journal and a productive relationship with the publisher and aiming to maximise the number of subscriptions.

## **Achievements and Performance**

During the year eight bursaries were awarded (2020: 8), each of £3,000, for the benefit of post graduate students of philosophy studying at British Universities. Grants are awarded based on the assessment by a sub-committee of applications, supported by academic references, to undertake productive research. A programme of funding for regional lecture series reached thirty three different locations around the UK. Such activities are organised by the host and funded where there is no other source. Admission is free to the general public and a yearly report on impact is required. We held the Annual Lecture, in addition to the London Lecture Series. We organised and funded the Annual Debate. We continued the Four Nations Lecture Series, with annual lectures in Edinburgh, Cardiff, and Dublin joining the London Annual Lecture. We funded an Annual Conference and several Conferences for schools and postgraduates; we awarded the Annual Essay Prize; and we published a large number of philosophy videos. The Institute expanded a teaching scheme in prisons and offered a free philosophy course in London. "Philosophy" continues to be a leading journal of Philosophy reaching nearly 8,000 institutions around the world. "Think" has completed its nineteenth year with CUP and also reaches nearly 8,000 institutions worldwide. We published two books and a detailed teaching guide.

Since 1997, the Institute has managed an education scheme with funds provided by the Jacobsen Trust. This is a scheme for philosophy in schools, which brings 10 week courses of introductory philosophy to students aged 16 – 18 across the UK. The scheme was expanded in 2011 and now operates in as many as 70 schools each year. The Trust makes available up to £71,000 p.a. for these philosophy courses and this amount is augmented with unrestricted funds of the Royal Institute in line with a budget agreed by the Executive Committee. The Royal Institute also awards up to 8 studentships to postgraduate philosophy students based on both merit and need. The Trust makes £64,000 p.a. available for this purpose. Successful students submit a yearly report on their academic performance. The Jacobsen Benefaction this year amounted to £135,000. These activities are included within the amounts shown in the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet as a Restricted Fund (see note 17 for a fuller explanation).

## Financial Review and Plans for Future Periods

The Statement of Financial Activities of The Royal Institute is set out on page 13. The principal funding sources are the profit share on the sale of “Philosophy” and investment income. The investments are held in the Core Activities Fund as listed investments and in interest bearing deposit accounts.

During the year, income of £470,737 (2020: £456,490) was received and total resources of £389,211 (2020: £379,034) were expended of which £33,984 (2020: £12,704) was on governance costs. There was also a unrealised gain from investment assets of £7,667 (2020: £33,045 loss) giving a net increase in funds for the year of £89,193 (2020: an increase of £44,411). The total funds of The Royal Institute at 31st July 2021 amounted to £1,735,044 (2020: £1,645,851), being held in a Designated Fund of £1,031,049 (the 'Core Activities Reserve Fund', primarily held in investments and cash) and the General Fund of £703,995 (primarily held in cash and working capital). Notes 16 and 17 show the detail of these holdings.

The Royal Institute retains funds from year to year – these are called reserves. Council considers that a designated reserve fund is necessary in order to protect from fluctuations in incoming resources, for the long term and in real terms, a core activities programme which includes bursaries, grants to the network, and the conference/lecture series. The Executive Committee reviewed the purpose and size of the Core Activities Fund at its June 2021 meeting and approved the fund to protect in real terms the full programme of short term core activities programme (excl Jacobsen), and associated people and office costs, for up to three years. This equates to a fund of approx £1 million, which gives adequate time to find a solution to whatever has caused the disturbance to income. Accordingly, this is the revised purpose of the Core Activities Reserve Fund. Income from this Fund is dedicated to the core activities programme. During the year the return on the investment assets consisted of realised income (interest, dividends) of £30,015 (2020: £26,801), and unrealised and realised gains on investment assets of £7,667 (2020: loss of £33,045), resulting in a 8.3% (2020: negative 1.4%) return on investments for the year.

The actual activities programme (summarised in the Object and Activities section of this Report), which is principally the core activities programme with additional bursaries and grants, is increased or reduced each year so as to fully utilise all incoming resources (after taking account of an addition to the Core Activities Reserve Fund to protect its real value) and hence the actual activities programme is funded in part from investment income and in part by a transfer from General Fund income.

The balance of funds remaining in the General Fund is intended to approximate to twelve months running costs (i.e. the budget for the coming year). This year resources expended were approximately £389,000 (2020: £379,000) whilst the General Fund balance rose to £703,995 (2020: a rise to £639,950). The budget for outgoing resources will be held at a similar level to that authorised last year.

In summary, the policy of The Royal Institute is to distribute all incoming resources through the actual activities programme balancing fluctuations over two to three years, while seeking to maintain the real value of the Core Activities Reserve Fund in perpetuity.

Council has endorsed an investments structure for the Core Activities Reserve Fund which sets out the permitted type and weighting of investments in order to achieve a balance of low risk and return. Currently the Reserve Fund is held in UK Government index linked and fixed interest Bonds, UK Building Society Permanent Interest Bearing Shares (PIBS) and Permanent Subordinated Bonds (PSBs), FTSE Tracker Shares and cash on deposit. Cash is only held on deposit with The Royal Institute’s bankers, HSBC Bank PLC, which is A rated by Standard & Poors. The General Fund is held in working capital (current assets less current liabilities). Investment transactions are managed by The Royal Institute and conducted through The Royal Institute’s brokers, Stocktrade.

## **A summary of the impact of Covid-19 on the operations of The Royal Institute of Philosophy**

The Institute continued to operate successfully online, given the uncertainties around lockdowns, typically reaching as many, and for some events, more people than in previous years. The Institute delivered a full series of classes for students in schools, mostly online, two online courses for adults, and an adapted, written 'course' in H M Prison Preston. The Institute offered all core funding as usual. Studentships and bursaries were awarded, the Essay Prize was given, conference funding was offered but only school events happened, a virtual departmental conference at Liverpool, rolled over from last year, took place in July. All lectures were arranged as usual but given virtually and made available for free online. The network's efforts were very much affected by lockdowns and few events were arranged. Philosophy and Think, supplemental volumes, and videos of the Institute's events have all appeared on schedule. Income in 2021 held steady compared to 2020, but income on digital sales has dipped.

## **Guarantors**

The liability of each of the members of The Royal Institute in the event of a winding-up is limited to £1. This liability applies to all members whilst they are members and for one year after they cease to be members. At 31st July 2021 there were 50 members of The Royal Institute.

## **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The Charity's trustees, who are also the directors of The Royal Institute of Philosophy for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the Charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

**Statement as to Disclosure of Information to Auditor**

Each of the trustees who were in office on the date of approval of these financial statements has confirmed that, as far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware. Each of the trustees has confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditors.

**Independent Auditor**

A resolution to reappoint HW Fisher LLP as auditor to The Royal Institute will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

Approved by the Executive Committee on 25th November 2021:

**and signed on their behalf by Professor Lucy O'Brien**



Executive Committee member



**James Garvey**

Secretary

Dated: 25th November 2021

## **THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Royal Institute of Philosophy (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 July 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

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

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

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

### **Other information**

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

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

As part of our planning process:

- We enquired of management the systems and controls the charity has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are most susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there was any known, suspected or alleged fraud. The charity did not inform us of any known, suspected or alleged fraud.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the company. We determined that the following were most relevant: the Charity SORP, FRS 102, Charities Act 2011 and Companies Act 2006.
- We considered the incentives and opportunities that exist in the charity, including the extent of management bias, which present a potential for irregularities and fraud to be perpetuated, and tailored our risk assessment accordingly.
- Using our knowledge of the charity, together with the discussions held with the charity at the planning stage, we formed a conclusion on the risk of misstatement due to irregularities including fraud and tailored our procedures according to this risk assessment.

The key procedures we undertook to detect irregularities including fraud during the course of the audit included:

- Identifying and testing journal entries and the overall accounting records, in particular those that were significant and unusual.
- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and determining whether accounting policies have been appropriately applied.
- Assessing the extent of compliance, or lack of, with the relevant laws and regulations.
- Assessing the validity of the classification of income, expenditure, assets and liabilities between unrestricted and restricted funds.
- Documenting and verifying all significant related party balances and transactions.
- Reviewing documentation such as the charity board minutes, for discussions of irregularities including fraud.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities and fraud rests with the trustees of the charity.

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

### Use of our report

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



**Saalesh Mehta (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

**for and on behalf of HW Fisher LLP.**

Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor  
Acre House  
11-15 William Road  
London  
NW1 3ER  
United Kingdom

Dated: .....

9 December  
2021

**Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) for the year ended 31st July 2021**

**(incorporating an income and expenditure account)**

|   | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Fund | Total<br>Funds   |
|---|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|   |       | £                     | £                  | £                |
| <b>Income from:</b>                                       |       |                       |                    |                  |
| Donations   | 2     | 0                     | 135,000            | <b>135,000</b>   |
| <i>Charitable activities:</i> Publications                | 2     | 295,019               | 0                  | <b>295,019</b>   |
| Investment income   | 2     | 30,015                | 0                  | <b>30,015</b>    |
| <i>Other income</i>                                       | 2     | 10,703                | 0                  | <b>10,703</b>    |
| <b>Total income</b>                                       |       | <b>335,737</b>        | <b>135,000</b>     | <b>470,737</b>   |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                                    |       |                       |                    |                  |
| <i>Charitable activities:</i>                             | 6     |                       |                    |                  |
| Lectures  |       | 83,893                | 0                  | <b>83,893</b>    |
| Publications  |       | 55,568                | 0                  | <b>55,568</b>    |
| Grants  |       | 49,092                | 0                  | <b>49,092</b>    |
| Studentships  |       | 0                     | 64,036             | <b>64,036</b>    |
| Education schemes   |       | 48,300                | 74,897             | <b>123,197</b>   |
| Conferences   |       | 13,425                | 0                  | <b>13,425</b>    |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                                  |       | <b>250,278</b>        | <b>138,933</b>     | <b>389,211</b>   |
| <b>Net income/(expenditure) before gains/(losses)</b>     |       |                       |                    |                  |
| <b>on investments</b>                                     |       | 85,459                | (3,933)            | <b>81,526</b>    |
| Net realised and unrealised gains/(losses) on investments | 11    | 7,667                 | 0                  | <b>7,667</b>     |
| <b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>                           |       | <b>93,126</b>         | <b>(3,933)</b>     | <b>89,193</b>    |
| <b>Transfers between Funds</b>                            |       | <b>(3,933)</b>        | <b>3,933</b>       | <b>0</b>         |
| <b>Net movement of funds</b>                              |       | <b>89,193</b>         | <b>0</b>           | <b>89,193</b>    |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>                           |       |                       |                    |                  |
| Total funds brought forward                               | 17    | <b>1,645,851</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>1,645,851</b> |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                        |       | <b>1,735,044</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>1,735,044</b> |

The financial activities above relate wholly to the continuing activities of The Royal Institute of Philosophy. The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) for the year ended 31st July 2020  
(incorporating an income and expenditure account)

|   | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Fund | Total<br>Funds   |
|---|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|   |       | £                     | £                  | £                |
| Income from:  |       |                       |                    |                  |
| Donations   | 2     | 0                     | 120,000            | <b>120,000</b>   |
| Charitable activities: Publications                           | 2     | 297,679               | 0                  | <b>297,679</b>   |
| Investment income   | 2     | 26,801                | 0                  | <b>26,801</b>    |
| Other income: Members' subscriptions                          | 2     | 12,010                | 0                  | <b>12,010</b>    |
| Total income  |       | <b>336,490</b>        | <b>120,000</b>     | <b>456,490</b>   |
| Expenditure on:   |       |                       |                    |                  |
| Charitable activities: 6                                      |       |                       |                    |                  |
| Lectures  |       | 67,740                | 0                  | <b>67,740</b>    |
| Publications  |       | 59,391                | 0                  | <b>59,391</b>    |
| Grants  |       | 47,734                | 0                  | <b>47,734</b>    |
| Studentships  |       | 24,470                | 64,042             | <b>88,512</b>    |
| Education schemes   |       | 27,170                | 68,507             | <b>95,677</b>    |
| Conferences   |       | 19,980                | 0                  | <b>19,980</b>    |
| Total expenditure   |       | <b>246,485</b>        | <b>132,549</b>     | <b>379,034</b>   |
| Net income/(expenditure) before gains/(losses) on investments |       | 90,005                | (12,549)           | <b>77,456</b>    |
| Net realised and unrealised gains/(losses) on investments     | 11    | (33,045)              | 0                  | <b>(33,045)</b>  |
| Net income/(expenditure)                                      |       | 56,960                | (12,549)           | <b>44,411</b>    |
| Transfers between Funds                                       |       | (12,549)              | 12,549             | <b>0</b>         |
| Net movement of funds   |       | <b>44,411</b>         | <b>0</b>           | <b>44,411</b>    |
| Reconciliation of funds: 17                                   |       |                       |                    |                  |
| Total funds brought forward                                   |       | <b>1,601,440</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>1,601,440</b> |
| Total funds carried forward                                   |       | <b>1,645,851</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>1,645,851</b> |

**Balance Sheet at 31st July 2021**

(comparatives as at 31st July 2020)

|  | Notes | Total Funds<br>2021<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2020<br>£ |
|--|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                            |       |                          |                          |
| Tangible assets                                | 10    | 0                        | 668                      |
| Investments                                    | 11    | 456,528                  | 448,861                  |
| <b>Total fixed assets</b>                      |       | <b>456,528</b>           | <b>449,529</b>           |
| <b>Current assets</b>                          |       |                          |                          |
| Debtors: amounts falling due within one year   | 12    | 213,184                  | 201,165                  |
| Cash at bank and in hand                       | 1(j)  | 1,321,439                | 1,141,902                |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                    |       | <b>1,534,623</b>         | <b>1,343,067</b>         |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                     |       |                          |                          |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 14    | (256,107)                | (146,745)                |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                      |       | <b>1,278,516</b>         | <b>1,196,322</b>         |
| <b>Total net assets</b>                        | 16    | <b>1,735,044</b>         | <b>1,645,851</b>         |
| <b>The funds of the charity</b>                |       |                          |                          |
| <b>Restricted income fund</b>                  |       |                          |                          |
| Jacobsen Scheme                                |       | 0                        | 0                        |
| <b>Unrestricted income funds</b>               |       |                          |                          |
| Unrestricted income funds                      | 16    | 703,995                  | 639,950                  |
| Designated funds                               | 16    | 1,031,049                | 1,005,901                |
| <b>Total unrestricted income funds</b>         |       | <b>1,735,044</b>         | <b>1,645,851</b>         |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                     | 17    | <b>1,735,044</b>         | <b>1,645,851</b>         |

The financial statements on pages 13 to 25 were approved by the Executive Committee on 25th November 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Members of the Executive Committee



**Name: Professor Lucy O'Brien**

Executive Committee member



**Professor Sarah Sawyer**

Executive Committee member



**James Garvey**

Secretary

Dated: 25th November 2021

### Statement of cash flows

|  | Notes | 2021             | 2020             |
|--|-------|------------------|------------------|
|  |       | £                | £                |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                |       |                  |                  |
| <b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b> |       | <b>149,522</b>   | <b>(23,351)</b>  |
| <b>Cashflows from investing activities</b>                 |       |                  |                  |
| Dividend and interest income                               | 2     | 30,015           | 26,801           |
| Proceeds from sale of investments                          | 11    | 0                | 0                |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment                  | 10    | 0                | 0                |
| <b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b> |       | <b>30,015</b>    | <b>26,801</b>    |
|  |       | 179,537          | 3,450            |
| <b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>     |       |                  |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year     | B/S   | 1,141,902        | 1,138,452        |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>    | B/S   | <b>1,321,439</b> | <b>1,141,902</b> |

### Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) with net cash flow from operating activities

|   | Notes | 2021           | 2020            |
|---|-------|----------------|-----------------|
|   |       | £              | £               |
| <b>Net income for the year (as per the statement of financial activities)</b> |       | <b>89,193</b>  | <b>44,411</b>   |
| <b>adjustments for:</b>   |       |                |                 |
| (Gains)/losses in investments   | 11    | (7,667)        | 33,045          |
| Depreciation charge   | 10    | 668            | 957             |
| Investment income   |       | (30,015)       | (26,801)        |
| Increase/(decrease) in creditors  | 14    | 109,362        | (41,543)        |
| Decrease/(increase) in debtors  | 12    | (12,019)       | (33,420)        |
| <b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>                    |       | <b>149,522</b> | <b>(23,351)</b> |

### Analysis of changes in net (debt)/funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2021

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Royal Institute of Philosophy is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 14 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0AR, United Kingdom.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

#### (a) BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and the historical cost convention, with the exception of fixed asset investments which are stated at market value, and in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practices which have been consistently applied throughout the year. The financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019). The Royal Institute meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

#### (b) TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition. New tangible fixed assets in excess of £1,000 are capitalised.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The annual rate used for this purpose is 25% based on an estimate of the useful life of fixtures and fittings and of office equipment.

#### (c) FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Investments are stated in the financial statements at their mid market value at the balance sheet date. Realised profits are calculated as the difference between proceeds on disposal and the book value of the investment less attributable costs on disposal. Unrealised profits are calculated as the movement in market value either since the previous year end or since acquisition if that occurred during the year and are accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities for the year.

#### (d) DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Financial assets are recognised at the amount expected to be received which would include an allowance for impairment if relevant. Financial liabilities are recognised at the amount expected to be paid.

#### (e) INCOME

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached have or can be met and it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Incomes are recognised as being attributable to an accounting period with a corresponding accrual if the income relates to the current period e.g. the CUP accounting period is a calendar year so the income for the period January to July in the current year is estimated pro rata from the last calendar year results. Members' subscriptions (net of transactions costs) are recognised as being for the twelve months following the date of receipt and accordingly a deferred income is recognised, income on sale of "Philosophy" and "Think" are recognised when invoiced, funds from the Jacobsen Trustees are recognised when due in respect of an accounting period, and interest receivable is accounted for on a receivable basis. Dividend income is recognised in the period when the investment goes "ex-dividend". Other incomes are treated as income of the period in which they are receivable.

#### (f) EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis and is classified under the principal categories of charitable activity and other expenditure in order to provide more useful information to users of the financial statements. Resources expended comprise all expenditure directly relating to the objects of The Royal Institute, including support costs attributable to the activity and governance costs.

Support costs consist of costs incurred in connection with the management of The Royal Institute's assets, organisation and administration, the aggregate support headings are shown in note 7. Governance costs include those which enable compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. Individual support and governance costs are first apportioned to various support headings (per note 7) and then allocated to activities in proportion to the relevant direct cost (per note 6).

(g) FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds include a designated core activities reserve fund which is set aside at the discretion of the Executive Committee specifically for the projection of a core activities programme and a general fund which is available to spend at the discretion of the Executive Committee in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity. Council intends to maintain the real value of the designated fund by means of a periodic transfer from the General Fund. The restricted fund is for the activities enabled by funding received from the benefactor Mr. Jens. Jacobsen for the award of post-graduate studentships and for the promotion of philosophical work in schools and related support costs.

(h) TAXATION

As a registered charity, The Royal Institute is exempt from certain elements of Corporation Tax. The Royal Institute is registered for VAT and accounts for VAT on inputs and outputs. The principal output is the annual income from the publishing arrangement with CUP. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred. Investment income includes the related recoverable tax credits.

(i) GRANTS AND STUDENTSHIPS

The Royal Institute provides funding by way of grants and Jacobsen studentships to postgraduate students of philosophy on a discretionary basis to those individual applicants who meet the criteria of the selection committee as the best qualified and most promising in philosophical research. The grants are charged to the SOFA when a constructive obligation exists, that is when the recipient has been informed and explicit conditions have been met.

(j) CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash at bank and in hand includes deposits with credit worthy banks in current accounts, deposit accounts and short term deposits.

(k) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The provisions of Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 are being followed. Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangements, as financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. The Institute only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. With the exception of fixed asset investments, which are stated at fair value, basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at settlement value.

(l) CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. There were no critical accounting estimates for the period under review.

(m) GOING CONCERN BASIS

The Trustees have considered the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the activities and funding of the Charity and hence its ability to continue as a going concern. The Charity has substantial reserves, represented by highly rated investments and cash that can be liquidated at short notice. Charitable activities can be scaled up or down relatively easily to match available funds. The fact that the duration and extent of commitments made are always within existing funds at that time, taking account of the purpose and size of the Core Activities Fund, enables the Trustees to be confident that the Charity can continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. Accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2021

|  | Notes | Unrestricted   |                 | Total Funds    |
|--|-------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|  |       | Funds          | Restricted Fund |                |
| The year to July 2021                        |       |                |                 |                |
|  |       | £              | £               | £              |
| <b>2. INCOME</b>                             |       |                |                 |                |
| Donations: Jacobsen activity funding         | 17    | 0              | 135,000         | <b>135,000</b> |
| Publications: Income on sale of "Philosophy" | 3     | 266,380        | 0               | <b>266,380</b> |
| Publications: Income on sale of "Think"      | 4     | 28,633         | 0               | <b>28,633</b>  |
| Publications: Royalties income               |       | 6              | 0               | <b>6</b>       |
| Investment income: Interest income           |       | 23,620         | 0               | <b>23,620</b>  |
| Investment income: Dividend income           |       | 6,395          | 0               | <b>6,395</b>   |
| Other income: Members' subscriptions         |       | 10,703         | 0               | <b>10,703</b>  |
| <b>Total income</b>                          |       | <b>335,737</b> | <b>135,000</b>  | <b>470,737</b> |

|  | Notes | Unrestricted   |                 | Total Funds    |
|--|-------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|  |       | Funds          | Restricted Fund |                |
| The year to July 2020                        |       |                |                 |                |
|  |       | £              | £               | £              |
| Donations: Jacobsen activity funding         | 17    | 0              | 120,000         | <b>120,000</b> |
| Publications: Income on sale of "Philosophy" | 3     | 271,699        | 0               | <b>271,699</b> |
| Publications: Income on sale of "Think"      | 4     | 25,955         | 0               | <b>25,955</b>  |
| Publications: Royalties income               |       | 25             | 0               | <b>25</b>      |
| Investment income: Interest income           |       | 22,716         | 0               | <b>22,716</b>  |
| Investment income: Dividend income           |       | 4,085          | 0               | <b>4,085</b>   |
| Other income: Members' subscriptions         |       | 7,810          | 0               | <b>7,810</b>   |
| Other income: Sale of books                  |       | 4,200          | 0               | <b>4,200</b>   |
| <b>Other income</b>                          | 5     | <b>336,490</b> | <b>120,000</b>  | <b>456,490</b> |

| <b>3. INCOME ON SALE OF "PHILOSOPHY"</b>  | The year to     |                 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
|   | July 2021       | July 2020       |
|   | £               | £               |
| Net subscription and non-subscription incomes incl. digital archive and supplements | <b>362,974</b>  | <b>353,618</b>  |
| Less: printing, distribution, commissions, overheads and other costs                | <b>(96,594)</b> | <b>(81,919)</b> |
| Income on sale of "Philosophy" to non-members                                       | <b>266,380</b>  | <b>271,699</b>  |

"Philosophy" is published by Cambridge University Press as a joint arrangement whereby they account for gross subscription and non-subscription revenues, printing, distribution, commissions, overheads and other costs including their profit share, and remit the net result to The Royal Institute following the issuance of an invoice. The Royal Institute's own costs relating to the Editor, proof reading and attributable overheads are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as Charitable activities - Publications.

| <b>4. INCOME ON SALE OF "THINK"</b>                                  | The year to     |                 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
|  | July 2021       | July 2020       |
|  | £               | £               |
| Net subscription and non-subscription incomes incl. digital archive  | <b>73,557</b>   | <b>68,197</b>   |
| Less: printing, distribution, commissions, overheads and other costs | <b>(44,924)</b> | <b>(42,242)</b> |
| Income on sale of "Think" to non-members                             | <b>28,633</b>   | <b>25,955</b>   |

"Think" is published by Cambridge University Press as a joint arrangement whereby they account for gross subscription and non-subscription revenues, printing, distribution, commissions, overheads and other costs including the Editor and their profit share, and remit the net result to The Royal Institute following the issuance of an invoice.

|  | <b>The year to<br/>July 2021</b> | <b>The year to<br/>July 2020</b> |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|  | <b>£</b>                         | <b>£</b>                         |
| <b>5. OPERATING LEASES</b>   |                                  |                                  |
| Amounts recognised as an expense during the year in respect of operating leases. | <b>15,144</b>                    | <b>9,898</b>                     |

The Institute rents its office space under a rental agreement which requires 12 months notice of cancellation. The total of future minimum lease payments during the notice period would be £16,576 if the present restrictions continue (2020: nil), being 12 months rental payment.

| <b>6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON<br/>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b> | <b>The year to<br/>July 2021</b> | <b>The year to<br/>July 2021</b>              | <b>The year to<br/>July 2021</b> |
|--|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
|  | <b>£</b>                         | <b>£</b>                                      | <b>£</b>                         |
|  | Direct Cost                      | Support and<br>Governance<br>Cost<br>(note 7) | <b>Total</b>                     |
| Charitable activities:   |                                  |   |                                  |
| Lectures   | 57,254                           | 26,639  | <b>83,893</b>                    |
| Publications   | 37,923                           | 17,645  | <b>55,568</b>                    |
| Grants   | 33,504                           | 15,588  | <b>49,092</b>                    |
| Studentships   | 64,000                           | 36  | <b>64,036</b>                    |
| Education schemes  | 107,818                          | 15,379  | <b>123,197</b>                   |
| Conferences  | 9,162                            | 4,263   | <b>13,425</b>                    |
| Expenditure on charitable activities                           | <b>309,661</b>                   | <b>79,550</b>                                 | <b>389,211</b>                   |

All costs incurred are identified as being a direct cost of a charitable activity, or as a support cost. Total support costs are then allocated to a charitable activity on the basis of the direct cost of that activity. Support costs attributable to restricted activities are allocated to an appropriate unrestricted activity.

|                                      | <b>The year to<br/>July 2020</b> | <b>The year to<br/>July 2020</b>              | <b>The year to<br/>July 2020</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
|                                      | <b>£</b>                         | <b>£</b>                                      | <b>£</b>                         |
|                                      | Direct Cost                      | Support and<br>Governance<br>Cost<br>(note 7) | <b>Total</b>                     |
| Charitable activities:               |                                  |   |                                  |
| Lectures                             | 37,819                           | 29,921  | <b>67,740</b>                    |
| Publications                         | 33,158                           | 26,233  | <b>59,391</b>                    |
| Grants                               | 26,650                           | 21,084  | <b>47,734</b>                    |
| Studentships                         | 77,662                           | 10,850  | <b>88,512</b>                    |
| Education schemes                    | 83,631                           | 12,046  | <b>95,677</b>                    |
| Conferences                          | 11,155                           | 8,825   | <b>19,980</b>                    |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | <b>270,075</b>                   | <b>108,959</b>                                | <b>379,034</b>                   |

Expenditure on charitable activities comprise all the resources applied by The Royal Institute in undertaking work to meet our charitable objectives. Such costs include the direct costs that we have incurred and the support and governance costs incurred that enable these activities to be undertaken. Grants (i.e. bursaries) and studentships are only made to individuals. The names of recipients remain confidential.

| <b>7. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS</b> | <b>The year to<br/>July 2021</b> | <b>The year to<br/>July 2020</b> | <b>Basis of allocation 2021</b>   |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
|  | <b>£</b>                         | <b>£</b>                         |   |
| Management costs                                   | <b>27,834</b>                    | <b>73,000</b>                    | 25% of Secretary and 50% of Treasurer remuneration (2020: 100% Secretary, 75% Treasurer)  |
| Office costs                                       | <b>14,445</b>                    | <b>21,504</b>                    | 100% of rent, advertising, printing, telephone, insurance, legal, depreciation and general costs                                      |
| Information technology                             | <b>3,287</b>                     | <b>1,751</b>                     | 100% of computing expenses and 30% of the website   |
| <b>Total support costs</b>                         | <b>45,566</b>                    | <b>96,255</b>                    |   |
| Governance costs                                   | <b>33,984</b>                    | <b>12,704</b>                    | 25% Secretary, 50% of Treasurer remuneration, audit fee and travel cost reimbursed to ExCom and Council members (2020: 25% Treasurer) |
| <b>Total support and governance costs</b>          | <b>79,550</b>                    | <b>108,959</b>                   |   |

Support costs consist of those costs in connection with the management of The Royal Institute's assets, organisation and administration. Governance costs enable compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and include the audit fee of £6,000 (2020: £4,500). We allocate support costs and governance costs to the six charitable activities. See Note 13 for details of costs reimbursed to Executive Committee and Council members. Following a number of staff changes, we decided to re-analyse the activity elements of each member of staff's work, and this revised allocation for support and governance costs is shown in the Basis of allocation in the table. Other staff costs are included within direct costs in Note 6.

| <b>8. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION</b>   | <b>The year to<br/>July 2021</b> | <b>The year to<br/>July 2020</b> |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|  | <b>Number</b>                    | <b>Number</b>                    |
| Average number of staff employed expressed as equivalent number of full time |                                  |                                  |
| Full-time staff (1)  | <b>1</b>                         | <b>1</b>                         |
| Part-time staff (6)  | <b>1.6</b>                       | <b>1.6</b>                       |
|  | <b>2.6</b>                       | <b>2.6</b>                       |
| Employment costs of all employees comprised:                                 | <b>£</b>                         | <b>£</b>                         |
| Gross wages and salaries   | <b>112,329</b>                   | <b>114,292</b>                   |
| Employer's social security costs   | <b>8,837</b>                     | <b>5,780</b>                     |
| Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes              | <b>17,152</b>                    | <b>16,417</b>                    |
| <b>Total staff costs</b>   | <b>138,318</b>                   | <b>136,489</b>                   |

Key management personnel comprise the full time Managing Director (including Company Secretary) and the part-time Officers, being the co-Editors of Philosophy, Editor of Think, Academic Director and Finance Director. Their total remuneration cost (including employers' pension and National Insurance contributions) totalled £131,038 (2020: £132,555). No employee received emoluments above £60,000 p.a. The average headcount was 7 (2020: 7).

**9. REALISED LOSS ON INVESTMENT ASSETS**

|                                   | The year to<br>July 2021 | The year to<br>July 2020 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                   | £                        | £                        |
| Loss on redemption of investment: |                          |                          |
| Listed on UK Stock Exchange       | <u>0</u>                 | <u>0</u>                 |

**10. TANGIBLE ASSETS**

|                                  | Furniture and Fittings | Office<br>Equipment | Total         |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
|                                  | £                      | £                   | £             |
| <b>COST:</b>                     |                        |                     |               |
| At 1st August 2020               | 5,761                  | 21,248              | 27,009        |
| Additions                        | 0                      | 0                   | 0             |
| As at 31st July 2021             | <u>5,761</u>           | <u>21,248</u>       | <u>27,009</u> |
| <b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION:</b> |                        |                     |               |
| At 1st August 2020               | 5,457                  | 20,884              | 26,341        |
| Charge for year                  | 304                    | 364                 | 668           |
| As at 31st July 2021             | <u>5,761</u>           | <u>21,248</u>       | <u>27,009</u> |
| Net book value                   |                        |                     |               |
| As at 31st July 2021             | 0                      | 0                   | 0             |
| As at 31st July 2020             | 304                    | 364                 | 668           |

**11(a) INVESTMENTS**

|   | 2021           | 2020           |
|---|----------------|----------------|
|   | £              | £              |
| Market valuation (all listed investments) |                |                |
| At 1st August (comparative 1st August)    | 448,861        | 481,906        |
| Additions                                 | 0              | 0              |
| Disposals                                 | 0              | 0              |
| Realised gains/(losses)                   | 0              | 0              |
| Unrealised gains/(losses)                 | 7,667          | (33,045)       |
| At 31st July (comparative 31st July)      | <u>456,528</u> | <u>448,861</u> |
| <b>COST:</b>                              |                |                |
| At 31st July (comparative 31st July)      | 468,911        | 468,911        |

All investments are listed on the UK Stock Exchange and are treated here as one class of investment asset.

The following investments represented in excess of 5% of the total market value at the year end:

|  | At 31st July<br>2021 | At 31st July<br>2020 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
|  | £                    | £                    |
| 36,184 x 2.5% 2024 IL Treasury Stock                 | 130,192              | 130,634              |
| 33,760 x Co-operative Group 11% FRSN 2025            | 42,875               | 42,453               |
| 35,000 x Nationwide 7.25% PIBS                       | 36,008               | 36,400               |
| 36,000 x Nationwide. 6.25% PIBS                      | 38,700               | 37,757               |
| 50,000 x 4% Treasury Stock 2022                      | 51,190               | 53,240               |
| 100,441 Aberdeen Diversified Income and Growth Trust | 99,437               | 86,580               |
| 50,000 x Halifax 12% PSB                             | 56,500               | 60,500               |
|  | <u>454,902</u>       | <u>447,564</u>       |

**11(b) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

|  | At 31st July<br>2021 | At 31st July<br>2020 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
|  | £                    | £                    |
| Carrying amount of financial assets                        |                      |                      |
| Instruments measured at fair value through profit and loss | 456,528              | 448,861              |

**12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|                                | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Fund | Total Funds<br>At 31st July<br>2021 | Total Funds<br>At 31st July<br>2020 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                | £                  | £               | £                                   | £                                   |
| Receivables                    | 4,014              | 0               | 4,014                               | 0                                   |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 209,170            | 0               | 209,170                             | 201,165                             |
|                                | <b>213,184</b>     | <b>0</b>        | <b>213,184</b>                      | <b>201,165</b>                      |

The joint arrangement with CUP is accounted by CUP on a calendar year basis. The estimated income from Philosophy and Think attributable to the first seven months of 2021 is based on the 2020 result and reported as accrued income.

**13. PAYMENTS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Executive Committee and Council members received no remuneration for their services to The Royal Institute. Travel costs when claimed are reimbursed and there were none. One Trustee received a leaving present valued at £150 (Travel cost 2020: £6,158). No other payments were made to Executive Committee or Council members.

**14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|   | Total Funds<br>at 31st July<br>2021 | Total Funds<br>at 31st July<br>2020 |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|   | £                                   | £                                   |
| Trade creditors   | 0                                   | 0                                   |
| Taxation and social security                            | 57,681                              | 58,804                              |
| Subscriptions received in advance                       | 5,426                               | 6,676                               |
| Accruals and deferred income - all utilised in the year | 193,000                             | 81,265                              |
|   | <b>256,107</b>                      | <b>146,745</b>                      |

Accruals and deferred income in 2021 include £187,000 from the Jacobsen benefaction received before the year end but intended for 2021/22 activities.

**15. CAPITAL**

The Royal Institute is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. Every member of The Royal Institute has undertaken to contribute to the assets thereof in the event of a winding-up such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1.

**16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

|                              | General Fund | Designated Fund | Restricted Fund | at 31st July<br>2021 |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|                              | £            | £               | £               | £                    |
| Tangible assets              | 0            | 0               | 0               | (0)                  |
| Investments                  | 0            | 456,528         | 0               | 456,528              |
| Debtors                      | 213,184      | 0               | 0               | 213,184              |
| Cash at bank and in hand     | 559,918      | 574,521         | 187,000         | 1,321,439            |
| Creditors                    | (69,107)     | 0               | (187,000)       | (256,107)            |
| Net assets at 31st July 2021 | 703,995      | 1,031,049       | 0               | 1,735,044            |

|                              | General Fund   | Designated<br>Fund | Restricted Fund | Total Funds<br>at 31st July<br>2020 |
|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|                              | £              | £                  | £               | £                                   |
| Tangible assets              | 668            | 0                  | 0               | <b>668</b>                          |
| Investments                  | 0              | 448,861            | 0               | <b>448,861</b>                      |
| Cash at bank and in hand     | 521,720        | 550,182            | 70,000          | <b>1,141,902</b>                    |
| Debtors                      | 194,307        | 6,858              | 0               | <b>201,165</b>                      |
| Creditors                    | (76,745)       | 0                  | (70,000)        | <b>(146,745)</b>                    |
| Net assets at 31st July 2020 | <b>639,950</b> | <b>1,005,901</b>   | <b>0</b>        | <b>1,645,851</b>                    |

### 17. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

The Core Activities Reserve Fund (the Designated Fund shown in this note) receives investment income from the investments held by the Fund and expends resources on grants, lectures and conferences, with a transfer from the General Fund sufficient to cover any shortfall of income along with an amount intended to protect the Fund from inflation. The General Fund receives resources from and funds all other activities and consists largely of working capital, representing approximately 12 months running costs plus any surpluses carried over from previous years which are intended to be distributed through additional or expanded future activities.

The Restricted Fund is the Jacobsen Scheme, which is provided in accordance with a deed of trust made by the benefactor Mr. Jens Jacobsen. The Royal Institute received funding of £135,000 p.a. to award up to 8 Royal Institute of Philosophy Jacobsen studentships of £8,000 each, funding for the teaching of philosophy in schools, and funding of the related support costs. These funds, and any investment income therefrom, will only be applied to these activities. The Fund is held in a separate bank account.

|   | General Fund   | Designated<br>Fund | Total<br>Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Fund | Total Funds<br>at 31st July<br>2021 |
|---|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
|   | £              | £                  | £                              | £                  | £                                   |
| Total income and endowments                                   | 305,722        | 30,015             | <b>335,737</b>                 | 135,000            | <b>470,737</b>                      |
| Total expenditure   | (103,869)      | (146,409)          | <b>(250,278)</b>               | (138,933)          | <b>(389,211)</b>                    |
| Net income/(expenditure) before gains/(losses) on investments | 201,853        | (116,394)          | <b>85,459</b>                  | (3,933)            | <b>81,526</b>                       |
| Realised losses on investment assets                          | 0              | 0                  | <b>0</b>                       | 0                  | <b>0</b>                            |
| Unrealised losses on investment assets                        | 0              | 7,667              | <b>7,667</b>                   | 0                  | <b>7,667</b>                        |
| Net income/(expenditure) before transfers                     | 201,853        | (108,727)          | <b>93,126</b>                  | (3,933)            | <b>89,193</b>                       |
| Transfers between funds                                       | (137,808)      | 133,875            | <b>(3,933)</b>                 | 3,933              | <b>0</b>                            |
| Net movement of funds   | <b>64,045</b>  | <b>25,148</b>      | <b>89,193</b>                  | <b>0</b>           | <b>89,193</b>                       |
| Fund balances brought forward at 1st August 2020              | 639,950        | 1,005,901          | 1,645,851                      | 0                  | 1,645,851                           |
| Net movement of funds   | 64,045         | 25,148             | <b>89,193</b>                  | 0                  | <b>89,193</b>                       |
| Fund balances carried forward at 31st July 2021               | <b>703,995</b> | <b>1,031,049</b>   | <b>1,735,044</b>               | <b>0</b>           | <b>1,735,044</b>                    |

|   | General Fund | Designated Fund | Total Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Fund | Total Funds at 31st July 2020 |
|---|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|   | £            | £               | £                        | £               | £                             |
| Total income and endowments                                   | 309,688      | 26,802          | <b>336,490</b>           | 120,000         | <b>456,490</b>                |
| Total expenditure   | (111,030)    | (135,455)       | <b>(246,485)</b>         | (132,549)       | <b>(379,034)</b>              |
| Net income/(expenditure) before gains/(losses) on investments | 198,658      | (108,653)       | <b>90,005</b>            | (12,549)        | <b>77,456</b>                 |
| Realised losses on investment assets                          | 0            | 0               | <b>0</b>                 | 0               | <b>0</b>                      |
| Unrealised losses on investment assets                        | 0            | (33,045)        | <b>(33,045)</b>          | 0               | <b>(33,045)</b>               |
| Net income/(expenditure) before transfers                     | 198,658      | (141,698)       | <b>56,960</b>            | (12,549)        | <b>44,411</b>                 |
| Transfers between funds                                       | (169,112)    | 156,563         | <b>(12,549)</b>          | 12,549          | <b>0</b>                      |
| Net movement of funds   | 29,546       | 14,865          | <b>44,411</b>            | 0               | <b>44,411</b>                 |
| Fund balances brought forward at 1st August 2019              | 610,404      | 991,036         | <b>1,601,440</b>         | 0               | <b>1,601,440</b>              |
| Net movement of funds   | 29,546       | 14,865          | <b>44,411</b>            | 0               | <b>44,411</b>                 |
| Fund balances carried forward at 31st July 2020               | 639,950      | 1,005,901       | <b>1,645,851</b>         | 0               | <b>1,645,851</b>              |

During the year the actual expenditures on core activities was met from the Core Activities Reserve Fund and from a funding transfer from the General Fund. The transfer covers (a) the difference between actual expenditure on all core activities and the income earned on the investments representing the Core Activities Reserve Fund and (b) an amount intended to protect the Core Activities Reserve Fund from inflation.

#### 18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the period.

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( at the date of signing of these Financial Statements)

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The ninety-fifth Annual General Meeting of the Royal Institute was held at Dr. Williams's Library, 14 Gordon Square, London, on Friday 13 December 2020, at which Professor John Haldane took the Chair. The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2020 were presented and approved at the meeting. HW Fisher was reappointed as Auditor.

Once again, friends are remembered with gratitude: Dr. Williams's Trust and the caretaker, Daniel Pollendine, for their help; the Auditor, HW Fisher LLP, for their support and goodwill towards the Royal Institute.

### **Report of the Academic Director**

The 2020-2021 London lecture, "How do we know? The Social Dimension of Knowledge" was part-programmed by the outgoing director, Anthony O'Hear, and myself. They were held in a new venue, Foyles bookshop, which attracted a more diverse audience. The speakers were Paul Giladi, Havi Carel, Alvin Goldman, Liam Kofi Bright, Alessandra Tanesini, Elizabeth Fricker, C. Thi Nguyen, Miranda Fricker, Jennifer Lackey, Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Linda Alcoff, Sanford Goldberg, Peter Adamson, Lani Watson, Katharine Jenkins and Hugo Mercier. The last of these was cancelled due to Covid-19 but a video interview was made in its place.

The annual debate was held on 21 November 2020 on the question "What's the Point of Diversity?". The speakers were Tommy J. Curry, Onora O'Neill and Kathleen Stock, with Ritula Shah in the chair. The Annual Lecture in London was given by Philip Pettit.

All the above events were filmed and have been publically available on the Institute's YouTube channel.

Around the country Susan Neiman gave the Edinburgh Annual Lecture, Ruth Chang gave the Cardiff Annual Lecture, Elizabeth Anderson gave the Dublin Annual Lecture.

We continued to fund public lectures around the country through our re-named network (formerly branches), the members of which were: The University of Aberdeen, Anglia Ruskin University, Barnes Philosophy Club, The University of Birmingham, The University of Cardiff, The University of Dundee, The University of Exeter, The University of East Anglia, The University of Glasgow, The University of Hertfordshire, Gloucestershire Philosophical Society, The University of Hull, Keele University, The University of Kent, The University of Lancaster, The University of Liverpool, The University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University, The Newcastle Philosophy Society, The Open University, Oxford Brookes University, University of Reading, Royal Holloway, Shelter From the Storm, The University of Southampton, University of Stirling, The University of Sussex, St Mary's University, The Stuart Low Trust, Trinity St David, Lampeter, The University of the West of England, The University of Wolverhampton, The University of York. We also supported five public events by the Forum for Philosophy.

Dr Julian Baggini