

BSTK (SCIO)

Scotland · Charity number SC050235

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2020-06-22
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address 69 Oakfield Avenue
Glasgow
G12 8LP

Website <http://bstk.org.uk>

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

What the charity does: BSTK promotes the advancement of science and education in the theory of knowledge by organising academic events (such as conferences, workshops, summer schools) and delivering publications (such as the BSTK Lectures)

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: To promote the advancement of science in the theory of knowledge by providing a forum for the communication of research in the theory of knowledge aimed at stimulating scientific debate, providing opportunities for the public to participate in said debate, or improving the public understanding of the theory of knowledge, through a programme of conferences, workshops and meetings featuring contributions by professional academics working in the theory of knowledge, subject to peer review to be organised by a subcommittee appointed by the board To promote the advancement of education in the theory of knowledge by publishing online or in academic journals contributions to the events mentioned (i), subject to peer review to be organised either by a subcommittee appointed by the board or by a designated academic journal

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Glasgow City
- **Geographical spread:** UK and overseas

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£617	£885	-	0
2024-06-30	£70	£505	-	0
2023-06-30	£350	£25	-	0
2022-06-30	£25	£2	-	0
2021-06-30	£465	£17	-	0

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Office of the Scottish **Charity Regulator**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	7	2024	To	30	06	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	BSTK
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC050235
Charity's principal address	69 Oakfield Avenue Glasgow
	Postcode G12 8LP

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Adam Carter	Treasurer		
2	Christoph Kelp	Executive Director		
3	Mona Simion	Equality and Diversity Officer		

Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are recruited and appointed either by directly by the Board or via election by members at the AGM

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

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Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Preparations were made to hold the second biennial BSTK conference: speakers were invited, venues, accommodation, transport and catering were booked, submissions were reviewed.

Preparations continued for the submission to BSTK's series by Prof. Ernest Sosa to Oxford University Press.

Preparations were made for the third biennial BSTK Conference, which was decided to be held in September 2026.

APPENDIX 1**Achievements and performance****Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period**

The second biennial BSTK conference was held in Glasgow from 11.9.-13.9.2024. It featured 100+ delegates, 40+ presentations, including 10+ keynote talks.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

BSTK does not operate a reserves policy. This is because unforeseen costs can be excluded. BSTK does not have any standing expenses. It is hosted by the University of Glasgow's COGITO Epistemology Research Centre, and so incurs no costs for real estate and runs no risks of unforeseen costs relating to real estate. BSTK's funding will come largely from membership subscriptions and fundraising events. The expenses for attainment of its aims are either free (publication in academic journals) or flexible (number and size of events organised by BSTK) will be constrained by BSTK's income (and perhaps supplemented by attendance fees or funding institutions/projects hosting BSTK events).

Details of any deficit

None

Donated facilities and services (if any)

The University of Glasgow kindly provided BSTK with a residence and the resources for receiving mail.

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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Christoph Kelp	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Executive Director	
Date	11.3.2025	

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5			Board
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9			Board
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11			Board
12			Board
13			Board
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16			
17			
18			
19			
20			

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Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The second biennial BSTK Conference was scheduled for 11.-13.9.2024. It was agreed to be held in Glasgow

Preparations were made for second BSTK conference: a call for paper was sent out and over 50 submissions were received.

Preparations were made for the delivery of the remaining BSTK Lectures by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] will prepare the lectures for submission to BSTK's series at Oxford University Press.

Preparations were made for a conference entitled 'Epistemology: Normal meets Formal'. Speakers invited were [REDACTED].

BSTK has remained open for membership.

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Achievements and performance**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period**

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The 'Epistemology: Normal meets Formal' Meeting was held in August 2023. It featured presentations by all invited speakers.

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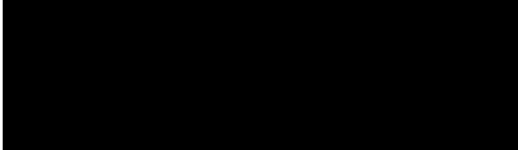

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Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Executive Director	
Date	12.3.2024	



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year

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Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	25				25	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	25	-	-	-	25	-
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25	-	-	-	25	-
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments	2				2	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	2	-	-	-	2	-
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2	-	-	-	2	-
Net receipts / (payments)	23	-	-	-	23	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	23	-	-	-	23	-

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	796				796	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	325				325	
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	1,121	-	-	-	1,121	-
(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		302	-	-	-	302	-

B2 Investments	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
Total			-	-

B3 Other assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Total			-	-	-

B4 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
Total			-	-

B5 Contingent liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature [Redacted] **Print Name** [Redacted] **Date of approval** 12.3.25

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds *(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)*

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C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Through membership subscriptions	70				70	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	70	-	-	-	70	-
	reference	-	-	-	reference	-

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
			-	
			-	
			-	
Total	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Transaction fees for processing payments	5				5	
Honorarium BSTK Lectures (Ernest Sosa)	500				500	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	505	-	-	-	505	-
	reference error	-	-	-	reference error	-

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					70	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	70	-
					cross ref error	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	70	-
					cross ref error	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					5	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					500	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	505	-
					cross ref error	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	505	-
					cross ref error	
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	(435)	-
Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	(435)	-
					cross ref error	
Nature and purpose of funds						
These funds are from membership subscriptions and will contribute to the honorarium for the delivery of the BSTK lectures						

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 'British Society for the Theory of Knowledge (BSTK)' Trust

I report on the accounts of the BSTK charity for the year 2023-4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities

Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than disclosed below*]

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

