

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 3277032

UK CITIZENS ONLINE DEMOCRACY
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 MARCH 2009



Charity Number 1076346

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UK CITIZENS ONLINE DEMOCRACY
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2009

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	UK Citizens Online Democracy
Charity registration number	1076346
Company registration number	3277032
Principal office	12 Duke's Road London WC1H 9AD
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THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served the company during the period were as follows

A S Rehlon
J A Crabtree
J P Cronin
M M Hussain
O F Blacker

Secretary J P Cronin

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

UKCOD is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee, and is registered in the UK as a charity (registered charity no 1076346) UKCOD is governed by a board of volunteer trustees

UKCOD operates a number of civic and democratic websites under a single project, mySociety UKCOD has a wholly owned commercial subsidiary, mySociety Ltd mySociety Ltd is governed by board of directors, comprising a combination of trustees from UKCOD, executive directors and independent non-executive directors Trustees and non-executive directors are not remunerated by either company These arrangements were unchanged from 2007/8

In terms of staff, UKCOD continued to function with three mostly full time contracted developers and a systems administrator (though one was on sick leave and compassionate leave for most of 2008/09) Also the US funded PledgeBank outreach officer contracted in 07/08 was not retained, once the philanthropic funding used to hire them expired

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of UKCOD are to conduct and promote research into the use and effects of information and communication technologies in the context of the operation of any body or bodies which has or have an electorate, and to disseminate the useful results of such research for the benefit of the public

Relatedly, the objectives of the mySociety project are to undertake active research, through building and reviewing the success of websites, to explore what is effective at providing simple, tangible benefits in the civic and community aspects of people's lives, it also aims to teach the public and voluntary sectors, through demonstration, how to use the internet most efficiently to improve their lives

UKCOD continued to further its charitable objects through various projects

- Continuing to operate, maintain and grow the use of our core sites - WriteToThem.com, HearFromYourMP.com, TheyWorkForYou.com, FixMyStreet.com, WhatDoTheyKnow.com and PledgeBank.com
- The holding of a second 'unconference' in Berlin to facilitate the international spread of UKCOD's ideas and projects, and to build a network of similar organisations internationally
- Growing revenues from its subsidiary, mySociety Ltd

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In the calendar year of 2009 (figures are only collected on this basis and not to the year end of the accounts), UKCOD saw traffic to its core sites of

TheyWorkForYou - 2.87m unique visitors
FixMyStreet - 761k unique visitors
HearFromYourMP - 104k unique visitors
PledgeBank - 331k unique visitors
WhatDoTheyKnow - 965k unique visitors
WriteToThem - 714k unique users

Due to a change in monitoring software used, it is not possible to do a comparison with the 07/08 figures

FINANCIAL REVIEW

UKCOD continued to be largely dependent on revenues from consultancy done by its subsidiary, mySociety Ltd. However, over 07/08/09 it is possible to detect a trend of UKCOD continuing to move away from funding by government, towards other sources

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

UKCOD expects 2009/10 to be a period of consolidation, increasing the quality and traffic to our sites, especially the new and rapidly growing site WhatDoTheyKnow.com. It is not expected that any major new services will be launched this year, but it is expected that overall traffic to our sites will reach new record levels by 2010

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT *(continued)*

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees (who are also the directors of UK Citizens Online Democracy 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)

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

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 charitable company will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 1985. The trustees 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

A resolution to re-appoint Complete Tax Solutions as independent examiner for the ensuing year will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

Signed by order of the trustees



J P CRONIN
Company Secretary

9/6/2010

UK CITIZENS ONLINE DEMOCRACY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UK
CITIZENS ONLINE DEMOCRACY
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2009 set out on pages 6 to 10

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of UK Citizens Online Democracy for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act), as amended by section 28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is needed

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act, as amended),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, as amended), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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 whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view'.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985), and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 226(A) of the Companies Act 1985 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities, or

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

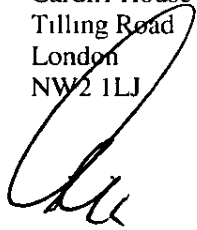
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UK
CITIZENS ONLINE DEMOCRACY *(continued)***

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UK CITIZENS ONLINE DEMOCRACY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

	Note	Total Funds 2009 £	Total Funds 2008 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generating funds			
Voluntary income	2	179,927	91,751
Other incoming resources	3	9,498	410
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>189,425</u>	<u>92,161</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities	4/5	(120,102)	(78,243)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>(120,102)</u>	<u>(78,243)</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR/NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		69,323	13,918
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		98,679	84,761
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>168,002</u>	<u>98,679</u>

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

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these financial statements

UK CITIZENS ONLINE DEMOCRACY

BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2009

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	7	1	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	168,322	113,806
Cash in hand		<u>13,314</u>	<u>386</u>
		181,636	114,192
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(13,635)</u>	<u>(15,513)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		168,001	98,679
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>168,002</u>	<u>98,679</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>168,002</u>	<u>98,679</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted income funds	10	<u>168,002</u>	<u>98,679</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>168,002</u>	<u>98,679</u>

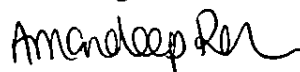
The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 249A(1), and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 249B(2) of the Act

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

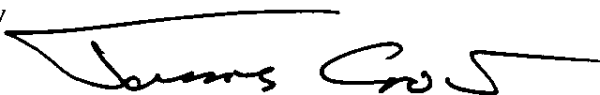
- (i) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Act, and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee on the 9/6/2010 and are signed on their behalf by



A S REHLON
Trustee



J P CRONIN
Trustee

Company Registration Number 3277032

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these financial statements

UK CITIZENS ONLINE DEMOCRACY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value, and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 1985

Cash flow statement

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is small

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2009 £	Total Funds 2008 £
Donations			
Donations	<u>179,927</u>	<u>179,927</u>	<u>91,751</u>

3. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2009 £	Total Funds 2008 £
Other income	<u>9,498</u>	<u>9,498</u>	<u>410</u>

4. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2009 £	Total Funds 2008 £
Support costs	<u>120,102</u>	<u>120,102</u>	<u>78,243</u>

5. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIVITY TYPE

	Support costs £	Total Funds 2009 £	Total Funds 2008 £
Support costs	<u>120,102</u>	<u>120,102</u>	<u>78,243</u>

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6. STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

Total staff costs were as follows:

	2009	2008
	£	£
Wages and salaries	105,135	70,729
Social security costs	—	—
	<u>105,135</u>	<u>70,729</u>

All of the above costs related to amounts paid to contractors

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows

2009	2008
No	No

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year (2008 - Nil)

7. INVESTMENTS

Movement in market value

	2009	2008
	£	£
Acquisitions at cost	1	—
Market value at 31 March 2009	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>
Historical cost at 31 March 2009	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>

Analysis of investments at 31 March 2009 between funds

	Total Funds 2009	Total Funds 2008
	£	£
Other investments		
UK Group undertakings	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>

The above represents a 100% investment in mySociety Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales

8. DEBTORS

	2009	2008
	£	£
Accrued income	28,025	—
Other debtors	140,297	113,806
	<u>168,322</u>	<u>113,806</u>

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9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2009 £	2008 £
Trade creditors	8,059	11,337
Other creditors	5,576	4,176
	<u>13,635</u>	<u>15,513</u>

10. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2008 £	Incoming resources £	Balance at 31 March 2009 £
General Funds	<u>98,679</u>	<u>69,323</u>	<u>168,002</u>

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Other net assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Income Funds	<u>114,323</u>	<u>114,323</u>
Total Funds	<u>114,323</u>	<u>114,323</u>

UK CITIZENS ONLINE DEMOCRACY
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

**The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements
which are the subject of the independent examiner's report on pages 4 to 5**

UK CITIZENS ONLINE DEMOCRACY
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

	2009	2008
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
VOLUNTARY INCOME		
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OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES		
Other income	<u>9,498</u>	<u>410</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>189,425</u>	<u>92,161</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Staff costs - Wages & Salaries	105,135	70,729
Motor and travel costs - Other	8,369	3,471
Professional - Accountancy fees	1,400	2,680
Office expenses - Telephone	573	1,013
Office expenses - Other	4,625	350
	<u>120,102</u>	<u>78,243</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>120,102</u>	<u>78,243</u>
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