# Annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2018

Company Number: 07061874

Registered Charity Number: 1133900

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# Annual report for the year ended 31 October 2018

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## Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 October 2018

The Board of Directors present their annual report for the year ended 31 October 2018, together with the audited financial statements for the year, which have been prepared in accordance with the Foundation's governing document, the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015), FRS 102 and the Companies Act 2006.

#### REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The African Gifted Foundation was incorporated on 30 October 2009 as a charitable company limited by guarantee with company number 07061874. It registered as a charity with effect from 29 January 2010 with charity number 1133900.

The company's principal address is 10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE.

#### **Directors**

The Directors who served throughout the period and to the date of signing this report were:

Thomas flube (Chair)
Frank Russell
Andrew Alli
Professor Paul Mugambi (resigned 27 August 2018)
Clarissa Farr
Fiona Bartels-Ellis
Professor Deborah Mary Eyre
Rosalind Nana Emela Kainyah
Rhianna Kemi Adesuwa Louise Ilube
Zarine Kharas (appointed 14 May 2018)

Company Secretary: Ian May

#### **Auditor:**

MHA MacIntyre Hudson, New Bridge Street House, 30-34 New Bridge Street, London, EC4V 6BJ

#### **Bankers**

Barclays Bank plc, One Churchill Place, London, E14 5HP

#### Solicitors:

Bates Wells Braithwaite LLP, 10, Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE

## Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 October 2018 continued

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### **Governing Document**

The Trust is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 28 October 2009.

#### Members' Liability

The two members undertake to contribute to the assets of the Foundation in the event of it being wound up during membership or within one year after membership ceases such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10, for the debts and liabilities contracted before membership ceases.

#### **Governing Body**

The Directors are the Directors of the Foundation for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and Trustees for the purposes of charity legislation. Directors retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election. Directors are appointed according to the Body's specifications of the required skill sets. These include wisdom and a demonstrated commitment.

#### Recruitment, Training and Induction of Directors

Directors are selected by reference to their eligibility, personal competence and specialist skills. Training and induction programs will be developed as the Foundation expands its activities.

#### **Organisational Management**

Directors meet as a Body as required to determine the general policy of the Foundation and review its overall management, controls and finances.

#### Organisational Structure and Relationships

The Directors are responsible for the overall management of the Foundation.

#### Risk Management

The Directors have assessed the major risks to which the Foundation is exposed and will ensure that systems are in place to manage these risks.

#### **OBJECTS, AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The objects of the Charity are to advance education, including (without limitation) by identifying, teaching mentoring and developing highly gifted African children and young people and advancing the education of the gifted generally. The aim is to set a benchmark for gifted education and deliver high quality gifted educational opportunities in cooperation with leading African universities and international partners.

#### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

We have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives. The public benefit of the charity is, as detailed above, in providing education and opportunities for gifted children in Africa.

Whilst many of the activities are for a particular geographical area, the directors do not consider this to be an unreasonable restriction given the size of the area covered.

## Report of the Directors for the year year 31 October 2018 continued

#### Strategic Aim and Intended Impact

The aim is to set a benchmark for gifted education and deliver high quality gifted educational opportunities to gifted young people each year, in cooperation with leading African universities and international partners. A target is to identify and establish a membership network across Africa focusing on the critical areas of mathematics and computing and to set up a permanent STEM school, to be known as the African Science Academy.

#### **Objectives for the Period**

The objective for the period was to recruit our second cohort of gifted students from across Africa to attend the African Science Academy in Ghana, and to continue to build the school's reputation.

#### **REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE PERIOD**

The African Science Academy (ASA) opened in August 2016 and our first cohort of young women joined the programme to study maths, further maths and physics at Cambridge International Advanced Level standard, as well as learning computing and a range of other topics. In August 2017 our second cohort of students arrived at ASA from across Africa. This second cohort did exceptionally well. In summary, 100% passed 3 A levels, and 79% of the grades were A\*-B grades. All students were on full scholarships. ASA's reputation continues to grow and as a result we once again received over 250 applications for our 24 places in the third year that started in August 2018. So far over the first two years we had students from Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya and Zimbabwe and our students have progressed to universities in Africa, UK and the USA, with over 90% of the second cohort being awarded full scholarships for their university education.

The Foundation's income of £311,612 was from a large number of donations. Total unrestricted funds at 31 October 2018 are £57,220 (2017: £55,636).

#### **Reserves Policy**

The Trust Foundation holds no significant reserves at present. Cash not immediately required is held in an interest bearing account.

#### **Future Plans**

For the next few years we are focusing on bedding down our academic programme and improving results in order to become one of the top performing science and maths schools in Africa. We also want to develop a series of relationships with destination universities across Africa and internationally and attempt to line up as many university scholarships as possible.

## Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 October 2018 continued

African Science Academy (ASA) is a girls only Advanced Level school for maths and science. It is a "6th Form" college leading to globally respected Cambridge International A Levels. ASA was founded by the African Gifted Foundation Ghana which is a Ghanaian registered NGO. The members and directors of AGF-G are Tom Ilube, Frank Russell, Jacob Ashong, Helen Denyer, Rosalind Kainyah, Elsie Kauffman, Dorothy Gordon and the UK African Gifted Foundation as corporate member.

ASA is a boarding school for young women with outstanding science and maths potential. It seeks to be a pathway to undergraduate study and future careers in Engineering, Science & Computing. Students attend from across Africa and are admitted after their senior secondary education in preparation for progression to the best universities in Africa and around the world. We aim to select academically gifted students, with a passion for maths and science. Means tested scholarships and bursaries are available to all students. The Academy aims to be the leading school in Africa for gifted young scientists. The many nationalities that will make up the community create a rich and diverse cultural atmosphere, where maths, science and technology are delivered to young women in an inclusive environment.

#### **AUDITORS**

A resolution will be put to members at the Annual General Meeting proposing that MHA MacIntyre Hudson be re-appointed as auditors in accordance with Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

## Trustees' Responsibilities Statement for the year ended 31 October 2018

The trustees (who are also directors of African Gifted Foundation 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 2015 (FRS 102);
- •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 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.

Each of the persons who are trustees at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that so far as the trustee is aware:

- •there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- •the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the Board on: 12 February 2019

Signed on its behalf:

Thomas Ilube Director

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of African Gifted Foundation Year Ended 31 October 2018

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of African Gifted Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 October 2018 which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of 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 October 2018, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 charitable company 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- •the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- •the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

#### Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the report of the directors and trustees, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of African Gifted Foundation Year Ended 31 October 2018

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 the audit:

- •the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- •the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' 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 directors' 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 directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of African Gifted Foundation Year Ended 31 October 2018

#### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes 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 charitable company'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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of the 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.

MHA MacIntyre Hudson

Rajeev Shaunak FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and behalf of MHA MacIntyre Hudson
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
New Bridge Street House
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London
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Date: 15/05/19

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2018

	Notes	2018 Unrestricted Funds £	2018 Unrestricted Funds £	2018 Total Funds £	2017 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES Incoming resources from charitable activities		_	_	_	-
Donations	2		311,612	311,612	259,905
Total incoming resources			311,612	311,612	259,905
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities					
Education	3		303,615	303,615	239,058
Administration	4 5		2,669 3,744	2,669 3,744	2,690 5,064
Governance	5				5,064
Total resources expended			310,028	310,029	246,812
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR TH Funds b/fwd	IE YEAR		1,584 55,636	1,584 55,636	13,094 42,542
Funds carried forward 31 October 201	8		57,220	57,220	55,636

All of the above represent continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above.

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

# Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 October 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
INCOME		~	-
Donations unrestricted	2	311,612	254,905
Donations restricted	2		5,000
Total income		311,612	259,905
EXPENDITURE			
Education	3	303,615	239,058
Administration	4 '	2,669	2,690
Governance	. 5	3,744	5,064
Total expenditure		310,028	246,812
Excess of income over expendit	ure	1,584	13,094

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

## Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	-	15,300
Cash		59,595	43,576
CREDITORS : amounts falling due within one year	8	(2,375)	(3,240)
Net Assets		57,220	55,636
FUNDS			
Unrestricted Funds Restricted Funds		57,220 	55,636 
	10	57,220	55,636

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. They were approved by the directors on 12 February 2019 and authorised for issue on and signed on their behalf by:

Thomas Ilube Director

Company Registration Number: 07061874

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2018

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a) General information and basis of preparation

African Gifted Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales.

In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity.

The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are detailed on page 2.

The charity constitutes a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102. 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1

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

#### b) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

#### c) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

#### (i) Charitable activities

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with advancing education of highly gifted African children and young people and advancing the education of the gifted generally.

#### (ii) Governance costs

Governance costs are associated with the governance arrangements of the Foundation which relate to its general running to ensure compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2018

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

#### d) irrecoverable VAT

Any irrecoverable VAT is charged to the statement of financial activities, or capitalised as part of the cost of the related asset, where appropriate.

#### e) Recognition of liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when an obligation arises to transfer economic benefits as a result of past transactions or events.

#### f) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the Foundation.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors.

#### g) Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds for the year.