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The Guardian Foundation

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 2017



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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2017.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The trustees have taken the exemption under this regime not to disclose the strategic report.

Trustees

Elizabeth Forgan DBE (Chair)

Geraldine Proudler

Sir Anthony Salz

Jonathan Scott

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Guardian Foundation is a company limited by guarantee and its sole member is The Scott Trust Limited (STL).

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Directors of the charity (trustees) may be appointed and removed by STL. STL is the ultimate owner of Guardian Media Group plc (GMG). On appointment to the charity, trustees receive appropriate briefings on the charity and its activities.

The charity intends to consider the recruitment and appointment of additional independent trustees once the scope and extent of future activities become clearer.

Arrangments for setting remuneration

The trustees received no remuneration for their services during the year and were not reimbursed for any expenses incurred.

Remuneration for key management can be found in note 8 staff costs.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Objects and aims

Currently, the charity carries out the following strands of activity in pursuit of its charitable objects, focusing on the charitable advancement of education, human rights and the right to information. All activities of the charity in furtherance of its objects are carried out for the public benefit.

Trustees' Report

Objectives, strategies and activities

Guardian Education Centre

The charity provides an educational centre offering a range of educational programmes for students and adults. The interactive centre can accommodate up to 30 students. State of the art technology, including computers and specially designed software, as well as digital cameras and interactive whiteboards, help students to engage with and learn from the news and archive resources of Guardian News & Media Ltd. This operation benefits around 1,000 children per year, principally catering amongst school groups. For example, the centre offers a variety of free whole-day workshops where students create their own newspaper front page using the latest technology, as well as workshops in podcasting and video editing for secondary schools.

The centre also conducts a range of activities for teachers, further and higher education groups and families that support professional development and provide work related learning, for example, organising a range of conferences for teachers with speakers including journalists, educational advisers and teachers, and providing continuing professional development training to practising teachers. The Education also runs an outreach project which involves staff running workshops in schools.

Archive and exhibitions

The archive preserves the histories and values of the Guardian and Observer newspapers and the role of journalism in society, by collecting, cataloguing and making accessible to the public material that provides an accurate and comprehensive history of the newspapers.

The charity also supports a programme of exhibitions which investigate and reflect upon aspects of news and newspapers and the role of journalism. This programme draws on the archive collections and these exhibitions are freely accessible to the public.

The Scott Trust Bursary scheme

The charity runs the Scott Trust bursary scheme. The aim of this scheme is to assist students who face financial difficulty in attaining the qualifications needed to pursue a career in media. The charity currently offers three bursaries each year to assist aspiring journalists to study for a postgraduate qualification in newspaper, web or broadcast journalism. Bursaries are offered at City University, London (MA in Newspaper Journalism), Goldsmiths College, University of London (MA in Journalism) and University of Sheffield (MA in Newspaper Journalism).

The bursaries are particularly aimed at encouraging graduates from diverse social and ethnic backgrounds to apply for post-graduate training, particularly those from minority ethnic groups — recognised as being under-represented in the media. The benefits and effectiveness of the bursary programme includes a mentoring scheme and workshops.

International programme

The charity's overseas programme is focused on activity supporting rights to information and on building the capacity of journalists in Turkey and the Balkans. The charity currently funds an initiative led by Article 19, a charity whose mission is to defend the right to freedom of expression and freedom of information across the world, and Punto 24, educating young Turkish journalists and promoting awareness of rights to information in Turkey and editorial independence in the Turkish press. The charity also runs a training programme for young Syrian journalists living in exile in Turkey. This activity is run in partnership with and funded by International Media Support (IMS).

Trustees' Report

Public benefit

The activities of The Guardian Foundation focus on the object of advancing education, research and human rights. All activities of the Charity in furtherance of this object will be carried out for the public benefit.

In particular:

- The Guardian Education Centre provides educational services to a wide variety of school children, teachers and educational professionals in order to support education in journalism and teaching practises.
- The archive and exhibitions programme preserves for the public benefit and makes accessible to the public material of historic, artistic and educational value.
- Bursaries for post-graduate qualifications in print journalism and web journalism will be provided to the applicants who best satisfy the established criteria, taking account of the desire to encourage graduates from diverse social and/or ethnic backgrounds.
- The international programme offers training to overseas journalists and provides educational support to applicants and organisations who best satisfy the established criteria.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Financial review

The reserves of the charity constitute a single unrestricted fund. Reserves are maintained at a level sufficient to ensure financial stability, taking account of the support committed by Guardian Media Group plc. At 31 March 2017, the level of reserves was £23,576 (2016: £19,457).

Policy on reserves

Reserves are maintained at a level which ensures that the charity is able to deliver its core activity, supported by the principal funding received from Guardian Media Group plc. The policy on reserves is reviewed annually.

Principal funding sources

The principal source of funding is donations from Guardian Media Group plc. Guardian Media Group plc has undertaken to donate sufficient monies during the 2017/2018 financial year in order to fully fund the objectives and activities of the charity for 2017/2018.

GMG has indicated that it will consider and review further funding beyond 2017/2018 during the annual budget process. Funding from GMG beyond 2017/2018 is likely to remain at similar levels to previous years but not to exceed these levels.

Trustees' Report

Plans for future periods

Aims and key objectives for future periods

In furtherance of its charitable objects, the charity will continue to focus on the charitable advancement of education, human rights and the right to information. The charity's longer term aims and key objectives include: establishing an international, measureable and inclusive training programme; expanding our educational activities and create opportunities for beneficiaries; opening up the Archive though innovative projects and allow the public to engage with the history of the Guardian; creating an ambitious volunteering scheme which enables us to access and harness the talent and skills of journalists across the UK.

Activities planned to achieve aims

The charity will continue to pursue the activities outlined above. It is proposed to expand the scope of these activities to include:

Guardian Education Centre – Further development of an outreach programme for the Education Centre in order to reach underserved schools across the UK.

Archive and Exhibitions – It is proposed to increase public access to the Archive through exhibitions and other innovative projects.

The Scott Trust Bursary Scheme – The expansion of the Hugo Young Award event which combines an annual alumni event for past and present bursary students with an essay competition aimed at post-graduate journalism students.

International Programme - It is proposed to extend the educational activities of the international programme to include training activities focused on marginalised journalists in Turkey, the Balkans and the Middle East.

The charity will continue its active facilitation of the European Press Prize.

The charity intends to seek funding from philanthropic organisations to support its proposed activities. Where funding is subject to restrictions we will only accept them once all considerations have been reviewed.

Trustees' Report

Relationships with related parties

STL .

STL is the member of the charity and is also the ultimate holding company of GMG and thus Guardian News & Media Limited (GNM).

GMG

GMG is the parent company of Guardian News & Media Limited (GNM), publisher of theguardian.com, one of the world's leading news websites, and the Guardian and Observer newspapers.

CNM

GNM is the publisher of theguardian.com, one of the world's leading news websites, and the Guardian and Observer newspapers. GNM funded and, on behalf of the charity, managed the operations of the Guardian Education Centre and Archive and exhibitions. From October 2016 these are now funded and managed directly by the Charity.

Going concern

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom (FRS 102), the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities and comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the Charity on 4 July 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

Elizabeth Forgan DBE (Chair)

Trustee

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Auditors' Report to the members of The Guardian Foundation

Report on the financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion The Guardian Foundation's financial statements ("the financial statements"):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2017 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;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

What we have audited

The financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), comprise:

- the balance sheet as at 31 March 2017;
- the statement of financial activities and the summary income and expenditure account for the year then
 ended; and
- · the statement of cashflows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In applying the financial reporting framework, the trustees have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

Opinion on other matter 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' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In addition, in light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we are required to report if we have identified any material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report. We have nothing to report in this respect.

Independent Auditors' Report to the members of The Guardian Foundation

Other matters on which we are required to report by exception

Adequacy of accounting records and information and explanations received

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- · we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- 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.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Trustees' remuneration

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Entitlement to exemptions

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Report; and take advantage of the small companies exemption from preparing a Strategic Report. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Our responsibilities and those of the trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the charity's members and trustees as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Independent Auditors' Report to the members of The Guardian Foundation

What an audit of financial statements involves

We conducted our audit in accordance with ISAs (UK & Ireland). An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of:

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently
 applied and adequately disclosed;
- · the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and
- · the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We primarily focus our work in these areas by assessing the trustees' judgements against available evidence, forming our own judgements, and evaluating the disclosures in the financial statements.

We test and examine information, using sampling and other auditing techniques, to the extent we consider necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtain audit evidence through testing the effectiveness of controls, substantive procedures or a combination of both.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report. With respect to the Trustees' Report, we consider whether those reports include the disclosures required by applicable legal requirements.

Samuel Tomlinson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
London

4 July 2017

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2017 (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Income and Endowments fr	om:				•
Donations and legacies	2	621,772	6,200	627,972	562,696
Expenditure on: Charitable activities	3	(617,653)	(6,200)	(623,853)	(581,397)
Total Expenditure		(617,653)	(6,200)	(623,853)	(581,397)
Net movement in funds		4,119	-	4,119	(18,701)
Reconciliation of funds				•	•
Total funds brought forward		19,457	<u> </u>	19,457	38,158
Total funds carried forward	13	23,576	<u>.</u>	23,576	19,457

All of the Charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two years.

The funds breakdown for 2016 is shown in note 13.

(Registration number: 08437335) Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2017

	· Note	2017 £	2016 £
Current assets			
Debtors.	10	40,401	40,002
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>.</u>	37,829	22,991
• .		78,230	62,993
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(54,654)	(43,536)
Net assets	=	23,576	. 19,457
Funds of the Charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			•
Unrestricted income funds	_	23,576	19,457
Total funds	=	23,576	19,457

The financial statements on pages 11 to 23 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 4 July 2017 and signed on their behalf by:

Elizabeth Forgan DBE (Chair)

Trustee

The Guardian Foundation

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March 2017

	Note	· 2017	2016 £
Cash flows from operating activities		~	~
Net cash income/(expenditure)		4,119	(18,701)
Working capital adjustments	•		
Increase in debtors	10	(399)	(20,033)
Increase in creditors	11	11,118	29,218
Net cash flows from operating activities		14,838	(9,516)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		14,838	(9,516)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		22,991	32,507
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March	-	37,829	22,991

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

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

1 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.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Guardian Foundation 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 financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

The Charity has adapted the Companies Act formats to reflect the Charities SORP and the special nature of the Charity's activities.

The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently throughout the year, are set out below.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind represents services performed by related parties on behalf of the charity.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation for that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the appliable 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.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the Charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and Trustee's 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.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

Fund accounting

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

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 group operates defined contribution pension schemes. Contributions are made in accordance with the scheme rules, and charged to operating profit as incurred.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted fuņds			
	General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from Guardian Media				
Group plc	429,638	· -	429,638	220,067
Donations from companies, trusts				•
and similar proceeds	-	6,200	6,200	-
Gifts in kind	192,134	<u> </u>	192,134	342,629
	621,772	6,200	627,972	562,696

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	•		
	General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Guardian Education Centre	220,400	·	220,400	209,746
Archive and exhibitions	162,075		162,075	194,242
The Scott Trust Bursary scheme	115,524		115,524	108,329
International programmes	119,654	6,200	125,854	69,080
	617,653	6,200	623,853	581,397
	Activity undertaken directly £	Activity support costs £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Guardian Education Centre	150,737	69,663	220,400	209,746
Archive and exhibitions	. 110,847	51,228	162,075	194,242
The Scott Trust Bursary scheme	79,010	36,514	115,524	108,329
International programmes	86,075	39,779	125,854	69,080
	426,669	197,184	623,853	. 581,397

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

4 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs allocated to charitable activities

Guardian	Basis	Governance costs £	Finance costs £	Staff costs £	Premises costs including depreciation £	Other support costs	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Education Centre Archive and	Α	1,395	4,785	44,052	16,205	3,227	69,664	38,890
exhibitions The Scott Trust	A .	1,026	3,518	32,394	11,916	2,373	51,227	36,076
Bursary scheme International	Α	731	2,508	23,090	8,494	1,691	36,514	20,121
programmes	Α	<u>797</u>	2,732	25,154	9,253	1,843	39,779	12,830
•	*	3,949	13,543	124,690	45,868	9,134	197,184	107,917

Basis of allocation

Reference

Method of allocation

Pro-rata on costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds		
Audit fees	General £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Audit of the financial statements Other governance costs	3,530 419	3,530 419	7,189 837
	3,949	3,949	8,026

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

5 Grant-making

Analysis of grants	· .	Grants to institutions	Grants to individuals
Analysis	•		
Education - postgraduate scholarships		46,395	30,096
Funding - Turkish journalism initiative		75,000	'-
Partnership - journalist recognition awar	ds _	13,174	
	_	134,569	30,096
The support costs associated with grant-	making are 274,000 (31 March 2010 - 1	10,024).	
Name of institution	Activity .		£ .
Article 19	International programmes		75,000
European Press Prize	Guardian Education Centre		13,174
City University of London	The Scott Trust Bursary scheme	e _.	19,021
University of Sheffield	The Scott Trust Bursary scheme	e .	15,091
Goldsmiths College	The Scott Trust Bursary scheme	e	12,283
			134,569
6 Net incoming/outgoing resources			
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for t	he year include:		
•		2017	2016
		£ (2.520)	£ (7.100
Audit fees		(3,530)	(7,189

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2017	2016
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	104,561	40,168
Social security costs	11,889	4,571
Pension costs '	8,240	3,210
	124,690	47,949

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

		••	•		2017 No	2016 No
Management					2	1
Charitable activities					6	-
	• •		ž.	•	8	1

8 (2016 - 1) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

The number of employees whose emoluments fell within the following bands was:

2017 No

£70,001 - £80,000

9 Taxation

No tax was charged in the year (2016 - £nil).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

10 Debtors	•	
	2017 £	2016 £
Prepayments	37,06	3 40,002
Other debtors	3,33	8 -
·	40,40	40,002
11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one yea	r	
•	2017	2016
	£	· £
Trade creditors	3,85	7 -
Due to related parties	40,14	6 43,021
Accruals	10,65	1
	54.65	4 43 536

12 Charity status

The Charity is a Charity limited by guarantee 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.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2016 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2017 £
Unrestricted funds				•
Unrestricted general funds Donations	19,457	621,772	(617,653)	. 23,576
Restricted funds International Media Support donation		6,200	(6,200)	
Total funds	19,457	627,972	(623,853)	23,576
	Balance at 1 April 2015 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2016
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted general funds Donations	38,158	562,696	(581,397)	19,457

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The funding provided was to facilitate a 5-day training program in Istanbul, for a select group of Syrian media to learn essential skills in areas such as Investigations, Multimedia and Digital Storytelling, Social Media and Conflict Reporting.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

14 Related party transactions

During the year the Charity had the following related party transactions:

Guardian Media Group plc

Charitable donations of £429,638 (2016:£220,067) have been received from Guardian Media Group plc, a related party of the Charity.

At the balance sheet date the amount due to Guardian Media Group plc was £3,530 (2016 - £7,450).

Guardian News & Media Limited

Gifts in kind of £192,134 (2016:£342,629) have been received from Guardian News & Media Limited, a related party of the Charity.

At the balance sheet date the amount due to Guardian News & Media Limited was £36,616 (2016 - £35,571).