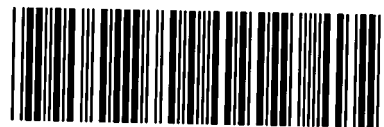


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**Merry Go Round Glasgow**  
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**Trustees' report and financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2015**

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**Legal and administrative information**

**Charity number** SC042448

**Company registration number** SC403138

**Business address** 32-34 Nithsdale Road  
Glasgow  
G41 2AN

**Registered office** 57 Newlands Rd  
Glasgow  
G43 2JP

<b>Trustees</b>	Samantha Moir	Chairperson
	Louise Allan	
	Laura Thom	

**Secretary** Louise Allan

**Accountants** 23W Limited  
23 Woodvale Ave  
Glasgow  
G46 6RG

**Merry Go Round Glasgow**  
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**Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report)**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2015**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015. The trustees, who are also directors of Merry Go Round Glasgow for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

**Structure, governance and management**

*Governing document*

The company is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee without share capital. The liability of the members is limited to £1. The company is registered as a Scottish Charity No. SC042448.

The charity is governed by its Articles of Association, incorporated on 7th July 2011.

*Appointment of Trustees and overnance*

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting on the basis of nominations received from members. Trustees may also be co-opted during the year to fill vacancies. Merry-Go-Round Glasgow has a board of Trustees who meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Board has three members from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

*Trustee appointments*

There were no changes to the board of directors and Samantha Moir, Louise Allan and Laura Thom remain the three trustees.

**Objectives and activities**

*Objects and Activities*

The objects of the Trust shall be to advance education for the public benefit and in particular: The prevention or relief of poverty, the advancement of citizenship or community development, the advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

**Achievements and performance**

*Overall performance*

The trustees are extremely happy at the overall performance of the business and growth. Total customer sales increased 35% on last year. In addition, Merry-go-round increased staff numbers to 6 contracted staff at 4.4 FTE and we were able to contract 2 sessional workers (on events co-ordinating and partnership work).

These business achievements in turn resulted in Merry-go-round being able to meet it's charitable aims of: providing low cost goods to the community, accepting donations of unwanted children's goods, providing volunteering and employment opportunities, and bringing the community together through social and supportive activities.

*Notable Achievements*

Merry-go-round secured a second Big Lottery Communities and Families fund award, to further develop and run our events programme. This funding also allowed us to run the Southside Mother and Baby Fayre, a first of it's kind in the area and attracting over 300 people.

The first Merry-go-round website went live with information on the charity as well as online sales function.  
[www.merrygoroundglasgow.co.uk](http://www.merrygoroundglasgow.co.uk)

Merry-go-round also started an accreditation process with the re-use quality standard - Revolve ([www.revolvereuse.com](http://www.revolvereuse.com)). We hope to be fully accredited by June 2015. This will give validation to our customers and stakeholders that we are a quality business as well as giving us access to a national brand and re-use campaign.

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**for the year ended 31 March 2015**

*Staffing*

Two further retail posts were secured through Community Jobs Scotland allowing us to recruit two unemployed young people (age 16-24). In addition, one of our existing Community Jobs Scotland employees was kept on using 50% funding from the Glasgow Youth Employment Scotland Programme. A total of 15 volunteers were also recruited and supported during the year.

A new position of Partnership Officer was employed through the Equality Internship programme for a total of 5 months. This allowed us to fully develop a partnership programme with 27 agencies registered by the end of the financial year. Through them, we distributed 78 packs to Glasgow families in need. This programme is on-going and we aim to increase the number of agencies as well as the number of packs that are distributed.

A further new position of Business Development Intern was recruited upon securing funding from the Third Sector Internship programme. This position will primarily source opportunities for pop up shops and additional sales outlets for Merry-go-round.

MGR invested in staff training for the two permanent employees as well as starting a review process at the end of the year, resulting in promotion of the permanent staff.

*Events*

This year, Merry-go-round hosted 403 events with an average of 34 per month. Over 2200 people attended our events which were a broad range of support groups, activities, and information events.

We continued to host one-off events such as preview nights and repeated large events such as a Teddy Bears Picnic and a Halloween Party.

**Financial review**

The total incoming resources for the year ended 31st March 2015 were £93,248 (2014: £60,961). Income from grant funding amounted to £32,575 (2014: £15,719).

Total resources expended were £81,584 (2014: £59,166) leaving net incoming resources for the year of £11,664 (2014: £1,795).

Funds carried forward at the end of the year total £33,684, of which £33,463 are unrestricted and £221 restricted.

*Purpose of unrestricted funds*

The unrestricted funds provide no less than 3 months trading costs and are a contingency against unexpected costs or a downturn in shop income.

**Plans for future periods**

Future plans for Merry-go-round for the next period include trialling pop up shops, and developing a staff structure and development plan that fits with current business needs. We will also be working towards an EFQM award, and Revolve accreditation.

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**Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report)**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2015**

**Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees (who are also directors of Merry Go Round Glasgow for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and 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; and
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which 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.

**Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board



Louise Allan  
**Secretary**

**Merry Go Round Glasgow**  
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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Merry Go Round Glasgow.**

Report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 set out on pages 2 to 14.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner**

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the Act) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. 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 state, on the basis of my examination as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act, 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view'.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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.

*Alison Marr, director 23W Limited.*

21st December 2015

**Alison Marr**

Chartered Accountant (ICAS)

**Independent examiner**

23W Limited

23 Woodvale Ave

Glasgow

G46 6RG

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**Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)**

**For the year ended 31 March 2015**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2015 Total £	2014 Total £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income	2	255	32,575	32,830	15,791
Activities for generating funds	3	58,935	-	58,935	43,546
Investment income	4	21	-	21	38
Other incoming resources	5	1,462	-	1,462	1,586
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>60,673</b>	<b>32,575</b>	<b>93,248</b>	<b>60,961</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
Purchases		1,045	532	1,577	816
Commission paid		1,919	-	1,919	2,211
Staff costs	7	21,702	29,360	51,062	25,410
Operating leases		10,920	1,080	12,000	12,000
Establishment costs		5,251	120	5,371	4,933
Motor and travelling expenses		668	238	906	395
Independent Examiners fee		720	-	720	720
Legal and professional fees		1,643	-	1,643	5,533
Communications and IT		771	25	796	708
Post & stationery		210	-	210	42
Shop & office consumables		2,334	360	2,694	2,632
Depreciation and impairment		379	88	467	369
Advertising & marketing		587	676	1,263	2,859
Other costs		162	-	162	-
Donations		-	-	-	25
Merchant Charges		794	-	794	513
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>49,105</b>	<b>32,479</b>	<b>81,584</b>	<b>59,166</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year /</b>					
<b>Net income/(expense) for the year</b>		<b>11,568</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>11,664</b>	<b>1,795</b>
Total funds brought forward		21,895	125	22,020	20,225
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>33,463</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>33,684</b>	<b>22,020</b>

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.



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**as at 31 March 2015**

	Notes	£	2015 £	£	2014 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	10		723		529
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	11	6,143		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		30,861		25,318	
		<u>37,004</u>		<u>25,318</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	(4,043)		(3,827)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>32,961</u>		<u>21,491</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>33,684</u>		<u>22,020</u>
<b>Funds</b>	13				
Restricted income funds			221		125
Unrestricted income funds			33,463		21,895
<b>Total funds</b>			<u>33,684</u>		<u>22,020</u>

The Balance Sheet continues on the following page.

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Balance sheet (continued)**

**Trustees statements required by the Companies Act 2006**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2015**

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;
- (b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 31 March 2015.
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:
  - (1) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and
  - (2) 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 year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the board on 21 December 2015 and signed on its behalf by



**Samantha Moir**  
**Director**

**The notes on pages 9 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.**

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**Notes to financial statements :**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2015**

**1. Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

**1.1. Basis of accounting**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 2006.

**1.2. Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from the charity shop is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

**1.3. Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes including the charity's shop.

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.

**1.4. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery                      -      25% straight line

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**Notes to financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2015**

**1.5. Leasing**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

**2. Voluntary income**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2015 Total £	2014 Total £
Donations	255	-	255	72
Grants receivable	-	32,575	32,575	15,719
	<u>255</u>	<u>32,575</u>	<u>32,830</u>	<u>15,791</u>

**3. Activities for generating funds**

	Unrestricted funds £	2015 Total £	2014 Total £
Shop income	58,935	58,935	43,546
	<u>58,935</u>	<u>58,935</u>	<u>43,546</u>

**4. Investment income**

	Unrestricted funds £	2015 Total £	2014 Total £
Bank interest receivable	21	21	38
	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>38</u>

**5. Other incoming resources**

	Unrestricted funds £	2015 Total £	2014 Total £
Insurance claim	-	-	996
Other income	1,462	1,462	590
	<u>1,462</u>	<u>1,462</u>	<u>1,586</u>

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**Notes to financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2015**

**6. Net incoming resources for the year**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net incoming resources is stated after charging:		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets	467	369

**7. Employees**

<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	50,665	24,063
Social security costs	-	526
Other costs	397	821
	<u>51,062</u>	<u>25,410</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2014 : None).

**Number of employees**

The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

Consultancy fees of £1,143 (2014:£5,533) were paid to trustee Samantha Moir during the year. The fees were in respect of the management and co-ordination of grant spend, recruitment and management of sessional staff, co-ordinating of activities and monitoring and reporting against milestones.

**9. Taxation**

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

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**Notes to financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2015**

**10. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Plant and machinery</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2014	1,207	1,207
Additions	660	660
At 31 March 2015	<u>1,867</u>	<u>1,867</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 April 2014	678	678
Charge for the year	466	466
At 31 March 2015	<u>1,144</u>	<u>1,144</u>
<b>Net book values</b>		
At 31 March 2015	<u>723</u>	<u>723</u>
At 31 March 2014	<u>529</u>	<u>529</u>

**11. Debtors**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors	<u>6,143</u>	<u>-</u>

**12. Creditors: amounts falling due  
within one year**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other taxes and social security	-	317
Accruals and deferred income	4,043	3,510
	<u>4,043</u>	<u>3,827</u>

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**Notes to financial statements**  
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**13. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 31 March 2015 as represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	502	221	723
Current assets	37,004	-	37,004
Current liabilities	(4,043)	-	(4,043)
	<u>33,463</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>33,684</u>

**14. Unrestricted funds**

	At 1 April 2014 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31 March 2015 £
General Fund	<u>21,895</u>	<u>60,673</u>	<u>(49,105)</u>	<u>33,463</u>

**Purposes of unrestricted funds**

This balance will be used in the future running of the charity.

**15. Restricted funds**

	At 1 April 2014 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2015 £
Designated fund	<u>125</u>	<u>32,575</u>	<u>(32,479)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>221</u>

**Purposes of restricted funds**

Net book value of fixed assets purchased with grant funding.

**Analysis of Funding**

	Amounts b/f 1 April 2014	Amounts rec'd in yr	Amounts spent in yr	Funds c/f 31 March 2015
Communities and Families Fund Grant	-	9,992	8,471	1,521
Other funders	<u>895</u>	<u>17,961</u>	<u>24,999</u>	<u>6,143</u>
	<u>895</u>	<u>27,953</u>	<u>33,470</u>	<u>4,622</u>

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**16. Financial commitments**

At 31 March 2015 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Expiry date:</b>		
Between one and five years	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>

**17. Indemnity insurance**

The charity paid for the insurance premiums to indemnify trustees and senior staff from any loss arising from neglect or defaults of trustees or staff and any consequent loss.

**18. Company limited by guarantee**

Merry Go Round Glasgow is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.



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**The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.**

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**Detailed statement of financial activities**

**For the year ended 31 March 2015**

	2015	2014
	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>		
<b>Incoming resources from generating funds:</b>		
<i>Voluntary income</i>		
Donations	255	72
Grants receivable	32,575	15,719
	<u>32,830</u>	<u>15,791</u>
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>		
Shop income	58,935	43,546
	<u>58,935</u>	<u>43,546</u>
<i>Investment income</i>		
Bank interest receivable	21	38
	<u>21</u>	<u>38</u>
<b>Total incoming resources from generating funds</b>	<u>91,786</u>	<u>59,375</u>
<b>Other incoming resources</b>		
Insurance claim		996
Other income	1,462	590
	<u>1,462</u>	<u>1,586</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>93,248</u>	<u>60,961</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>		
<b>Costs of generating funds:</b>		
Fundraising trading:		
cost of goods sold and other costs		

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**Detailed statement of financial activities**

**For the year ended 31 March 2015**

	2015 £	2014 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
<b>Operation of the shop</b>		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Cost of events	782	-
Purchases	795	816
Commission paid	1,919	2,211
Staff - Wages & Salaries	50,665	24,063
Employer's NIC	-	526
Staff - Other	142	81
Volunteers expenses	255	740
Op. lease - Land & buildings	12,000	12,000
Establishment - Rates & water	528	638
Establishment - Light & heat	1,602	1,020
Establishment - Rep. & maint.	2,006	1,690
Establishment - Insurance	264	250
Establishment - Other	902	365
Shopfitting	69	970
Motor vehicle expenses	755	-
Other motor & travel expenses	151	395
Professional - Other	1,643	5,533
Office expenses - Telephone	796	708
Office expenses - Other	210	42
Shop & Office consumables	2,694	2,632
Depreciation & impairment	467	369
Advertising & marketing	1,263	2,859
Other costs	162	-
Merchant Charges	794	513
Donations	-	25
	<u>80,864</u>	<u>58,446</u>
<b>Operation of the shop total expenditure</b>	<u>80,864</u>	<u>58,446</u>
<b>Total charitable activity expenditure</b>	<u><u>80,864</u></u>	<u><u>58,446</u></u>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Professional - Accountancy fees	720	720
Office expenses - Other	(1)	(1)
	<u>719</u>	<u>719</u>
<b>Total governance costs</b>	<u><u>719</u></u>	<u><u>719</u></u>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year</b>	<u><u>11,665</u></u>	<u><u>1,796</u></u>