# The Entrepreneurs Forum Limited Report and Accounts 31 March 2015



Registered number 4571883

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### The Entrepreneurs Forum Limited Company Information

#### **Directors**

Julie Drummond (resigned February 2015)
Brian Jobling
Rob David Mathieson (resigned November 2014)
Nigel John Mills
Catherine Lorna Moran
Graham Michael Robb
Lisa Hart Shepherd (resigned April 2015)
Nicola Short (resigned September 2014)
Geoffrey Thompson (resigned October 2014)
Alastair Waite
Paul Walker
John Waterworth
Pamela Petty (appointed June 2014)
Yvonne Bell (appointed February 2015)

#### Secretary

Catherine Lorna Moran

#### **Auditors**

Kinnair and Company Aston House Redburn Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE5 1NB

#### **Bankers**

Barclays Bank plc 71 Grey Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1 JA

#### Registered office

Baltimore House Abbott's Hill Gateshead Tyne and Wear NE8 3DF

#### Registered number

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The Entrepreneurs Forum Limited
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Directors' Report

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015.

#### Principal activities

The company's principal activity during the year was to develop the exchange of entrepreneurial good practise.

#### **Directors**

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Julie Drummond (resigned February 2015)
Brian Jobling
Rob David Mathieson (resigned November 2014)
Nigel John Mills
Catherine Lorna Moran
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#### **Directors' responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**Directors' Report** 

#### Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis, which assumes that the company will continue in operating existence for the foreseeable future.

The company has now completed its three year strategy to transform the company from being dependent on government funding to becoming financially sustainable on a stand alone basis. The company expects to return to profitability in the financial year ending 31 March 2016 and has sufficient contracted revenues together with completed operating cost reductions to eliminate the financial loss of £43, 509 reported in the current financial year.

The directors are satisfied that the cash reserves of £175,184 are sufficient to support the operations of the business and pay the company's liabilities as they fall due throughout the next 12 months. Therefore the directors have concluded that the going concern assumption is appropriate

#### Disclosure of information to auditors

Each person who was a director at the time this report was approved confirms that:

- so far as he is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware: and
- he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

#### Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 154 Jours 2015 and signed on its behalf.

Nigel John Mills

Director

### The Entrepreneurs Forum Limited Independent auditors' report to the members of The Entrepreneurs Forum Limited

We have audited the accounts of The Entrepreneurs Forum Limited for the year ended 31 March 2015 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard For Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

This report is made solely to the 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 company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the accounts in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

In accordance with the exemption provided by APB Ethical Standard - Provisions Available for Smaller Entities (Revised), we have prepared and submitted the company's returns to the tax authorities and assisted with the preparation of the accounts.

#### Scope of the audit of the accounts

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's website at www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm

#### Opinion on the accounts

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2015 and of its loss for the year then ended:
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where 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 accounts 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 directors were not entitled to prepare the accounts and the directors' report in accordance with the small companies regime.

Mai Mak BSc FCA

(Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Kinnair and Company

**Accountants and Statutory Auditors** 

Aston House

Redburn Road

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE5 1NB

7 June 2015

### The Entrepreneurs Forum Limited Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 March 2015

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
Turnover		451,532	366,846
Cost of sales		(131,511)	(164,325)
Gross profit		320,021	202,521
Administrative expenses Other operating income		(367,111) 3,363	(414,658) 718
Operating loss	2	(43,727)	(211,419)
Interest receivable		302	2,445
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(43,425)	(208,974)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	3	(84)	(465)
Loss for the financial year		(43,509)	(209,439)

### The Entrepreneurs Forum Limited Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2015

	Notes		2015 £		2014 £
Fixed assets					47 477
Tangible assets	4		9,676		17,177
Current assets					
Debtors	5	170,778		166,457	
Cash at bank and in hand		175,184		192,478	
	_	345,962		358,935	
Creditors: amounts falling due	•				
within one year	6	(321,364)		(298,329)	
Net current assets	-		24,598		60,606
Net assets		_	34,274	_	77,783
Capital and reserves					
Profit and loss account	7		34,274		77,783
Shareholders' funds		_	34,274	— —	77,783

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Nigel John Mills

Director

Approved by the board on 15 to Jone 2015.

### The Entrepreneurs Forum Limited Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents subscription income and event income, net of relevent Value Added Tax and discounts.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Plant and equipment

20% - 25% straight line

#### **Taxation**

The company's activities are not classed as trading activities, therefore the company does not pay corporation tax on its operating surpluses. Investment income and interest receivable continue to be taxable.

#### Leasing and hire purchase commitments

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

#### **Pensions**

The company does not operate a pension scheme. The company makes contributions to employees' personal pension schemes in accordance with their contract of employment. Such contributions are charged to the profit and loss as they become payable.

2	Operating profit	2015	2014
		£	£
	This is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation of owned fixed assets	5,970	7,584
	Loss on sale of fixed assets	3,775	-
	Directors' remuneration	13,558	66,348
	Pension costs	28,232	19,812
	Auditors' remuneration	4,550	4,995
	Number of directors to whom benefits accrued under money		
	purchase pension schemes	1	1
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3	Taxation	2015 £	2014 £
			_
	UK corporation tax	84	465

## The Entrepreneurs Forum Limited Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015

4	Tangible fixed assets  Cost		Plant and machinery etc £
	At 1 April 2014		34,971
	Additions		3,320
	Disposals		(11,343)
	At 31 March 2015		26,948
	Depreciation		
	At 1 April 2014		17,794
	Charge for the year		5,970
	On disposals		(6,492)
	At 31 March 2015		17,272
	Net book value		
	At 31 March 2015		9,676
	At 31 March 2014		<u>17,177</u>
5	Debtors	2015 £	2014 £
	Trade debtors	161,097	155,791
	Other debtors	9,681	10,666
		170,778	166,457
6	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2015	2014
Ū	once your	£	£
	Trade creditors	13,763	15,477
	Corporation tax	60	465
	Other taxes and social security costs	53,841	45,342
	Other creditors	253,700	237,045
		321,364	298,329
	Other creditors includes the following deferred income:		
	- sponsorship	110,500	109,500
	- subscriptions	121,623	115,930
	- events	5,740	4,428
		237,863	229,858

### The Entrepreneurs Forum Limited Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015

7	Profit and loss account	2015 £
	At 1 April 2014	77,783
	Loss for the year	(43,509)
	At 31 March 2015	34,274

#### 8 Related party transactions

The company has identified that it has related party relationships with its directors, management and key personnel, and businesses controlled by them. The company received income and incurred expenses with related parties from transactions made in the normal course of business as set out below:

	2015	2014
	£	£
Subscriptions, sponsorship and event income Amounts receivable at the period end	59,301 14,835	40,730 17,190
Administrative expenses Amounts payable at the period end	9,227 2,877	5,100 <u>671</u>

#### 9 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no share capital. In the event of the company being wound up, every member undertakes to contribute £10 towards the assets of the company for debts and liabilities contracted for. This applies one year after any member ceases to be a member.

### The Entrepreneurs Forum Limited Detailed profit and loss account for the year ended 31 March 2015

This page is not part of the statutory accounts and is for the information of the directors only

Turnover Subscriptions 184,639 17	£ 0,487 7,604
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= · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	8,750
	6,846
Cost of sales	
	3,432
	0,893
	4,325
Administrative expenses	
Employee costs:	
	7,637
	9,812
Staff training and welfare 140	2,040
Travel and subsistence 5,259	7,288
Entertaining630	898
	7,675
Premises costs:  Rent 12,273 1	5,593
Rent 12,273 1 Rates 2,906	2,267
·	2,200
	0,060
General administrative expenses:	0,000
	5,904
·	2,412
	4,042
Bank charges 392	615
Insurance 1,249	1,668
Repairs and maintenance 9,630	3,076
Depreciation 5,970	7,584
Profit / (Loss) on sale of fixed assets 3,775	(83)
Bad debts (2,874)	-
	4,233
	9,451
Legal and professional costs:  Audit fees 5,345	4,995
Accountancy fees -	1,705
Consultancy fees 598	357
Other legal and professional 1,225	415
	7,472
	7,772
367,111 41	4,658
Other operating income	
Other operating income 3,363	718