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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2018 FOR

SCHOOL OF CIVIC EDUCATION

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 January 2018

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the School of Civic Education ("SCE") for the year ended 31 January 2018. SCE is a charity registered with registration number 987654.

PURPOSES AND AIMS

The SCE's main purpose, as set out in the Objects and Powers in its Memorandum of Association, is to advance the education of the public in the principles of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.

The SCE understands the importance of raising awareness and extending the public space for civil society activists and representatives of NGOs, educational, scientific and cultural communities and the media, and of engaging with the international expert community on topics critical to the development of civil society.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The SCE main objectives for the reporting year were:

- to increase the level of knowledge and understanding of the principles which form the basis of a state which is subject to the rule-of-law and the work of modern governments and societies among citizens of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union;
- to provide a discussion platform for the exchange of opinions and information on topical global issues and civil society development, and to share experience between theorists, practitioners and participants in SCE's activities;
- to facilitate constructive dialogue between socially active representatives of various cultures, professional spheres and political views;
- to encourage civic responsibility and engagement at local, national and international levels.

In order to meet these objectives SCE developed and implemented a comprehensive programme which contained the following key activities:

- 1. The Programme on Fundamentals of Democracy and Civic Engagement for new participants;
- 2. Issue-based workshops on the role of civil society in building a state based on the rule of law, which were organized in partnership with and hosted by SCE's academic partners in Europe and elsewhere;
- 3. International Forum on civil society in the international context for participants in SCE's programmes and for representatives of associations supported by the Council of Europe;
- 4. Webinars, videos and publications on civic education, available for programme participants and a wider public, to provide opportunities for continuing learning and discussion;
- 5. The Practising Citizenship long-term educational programme for teachers and specialists in the field of education.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 January 2018

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Activities Delivered During the Reporting Period

SCE's activities were focused on training journalists, defenders of human rights, NGO representatives and educators to take on leadership roles, strengthen regional and transnational networks, boost information flows, and improve coordination among civil society actors in Post-Soviet countries. Being a long-term partner to a number of academic institutions and international organisations, the SCE contributes to the programme design and development of the issue-based workshops, also by nominating candidates from its alumni for participation in these workshops.

1) The Programme on Fundamentals of Democracy and Civic Engagement

a. Three five-day-long educational seminars were held in Sweden, Spain and Poland to bring together over 160 participants from the Russian Federation. Ukraine, Belarus, Poland, Germany, Moldova, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Montenegro, Georgia, Bulgaria, and Armenia. The workshops were organized in partnership with the Council of Europe, the Valsain Foundation (Spain), the Stockholm Institute for Transition Economies (Sweden), and the European Academy of Diplomacy (Poland).

The intensive seminar programmes introduced new participants to fundamentals of democracy and civic engagement, human rights, freedom of speech and independent media, and contributing to the formation of future-oriented and critically thinking citizens with improved ability to analyse information and meet the challenges of modern society.

b. A thematic seminar for journalists and media professionals was held in at St. Antony's College, Oxford, in partnership with The European Studies Centre.

The seminar was attended by over 100 people, including 68 journalists and media professionals from the Russian Federation, Belarus, Poland, Armenia, Ukraine and 33 international experts, including 12 speakers from the UK. The programme was designed to support journalists and media professionals committed to developing their journalistic skills and the ability to analyse and adapt their new perspective to local issues and challenges. The mix of speakers ensured that participants heard a broad range of views aimed at encouraging discussion and dialogue, gained a deeper insight into the challenges facing journalism in societies with varying degrees of openness in public life, all of whom came away more knowledgeable about technologies that could both support their work and encourage sound approaches to risk management.

2) Issue-based workshops on the role of civil society in building a state based on the rule of law

140 alumni of SCE basic programme on fundamentals of democracy and civic engagement participated in various issue-based workshops organized by SCE partners:

- a. The seminar "What makes society work?" was organized in Stockholm by the Stockholm School of Transition Economics. The workshop programme was designed to give 30 young civil activists some theoretical background on the role of institutions in solving problems of cooperation, as well as to give some examples of how some organizations in different sectors in Sweden work.
- b. Two seminars on American Federalism and U.S. Public Policy, each for 25 participants, were provided by Open World Leadership Center. This kind of seminar has the goal of broadening participants' knowledge and understanding of American policies and practices, particularly as they relate to local and regional government and collaboration with non-government organisations.
- c. The International Forum for Democracy, held in Strasbourg and organized by the Council of Europe, was attended by 45 SCE alumni. The event hosted over 500 young democratic leaders representing over 20 countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The forum was entitled 'Is Populism a Problem?' with a focus on the role of civic organisations, political parties and the media, in the context of rising populism in Europe and beyond.
- d. A thematic seminar on Participatory Democracy in France was held in Paris for a group of 15 representatives of municipal authorities and civil society. The seminar was designed to familiarise participants with the mechanisms of participatory democracy, and to demonstrate ways of involving citizens in public life. The programme included visits to district offices, municipalities and public institutions.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 January 2018

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES Activities Delivered During the Reporting Period

3) International Forum on Global Civics in Berlin

An International Forum on the subject of civil society was held in Berlin for over 100 participants from over 20 countries who were mostly graduates from the SCE's programmes, as well as prominent experts and public figures.

The SCE led a discussion on today's global challenges and universal values, and brought together intellectuals to articulate a global agenda and shape expert opinion for possible civil initiatives and practices.

The programme was designed to facilitate the exchange of experience and opinions, the sharing of knowledge and to facilitate networking among peers from different countries.

4) Webinars and videos on civic education

The SCE keeps its YouTube channel updated to provide its participants, alumni and the general public with fair and accurate information on international issues, particularly those relating to events in the post-Soviet space, as well as providing a virtual meeting point for networking and exchange. Importantly, informal networking among representatives of civil societies of different countries provides for creating direct links between alumni and re-building understanding and trust between people.

Within the reporting period, SCE held 14 webinars, and published 37 videos with experts' speeches.

Synergy Effect

SCE has drawn on its successful partner relations with international public organisations, donor institutions, universities, think tanks and other institutions. The SCE's programme on civic education was implemented in collaboration with the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, the Valsain Foundation, the European Wergeland Centre, St. Antony's College. Oxford University, the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, and the Council of Europe.

The SCE will continue to invite high-ranking politicians, parliamentarians, prominent economists and historians, academics, business leaders, and representatives of think tanks and mass media institutions to speak at seminars. Formal and informal communication with such experts provides participants with an immensely valuable experience, helping them to consider a topic from different points of view and to achieve a deeper understanding of the issues discussed.

How The SCE activities deliver public benefit

Society at large benefits from enhanced knowledge and understanding of the principles which form the basis of a state which is subject to the rule of law and to civil society, which socially active participants typically acquire at the SCE's seminars. New professional and personal contacts established during SCE programmes considerably help to extend the exchange of best practice, methods and ideas for initiatives at the local, inter-regional and international levels.

An increasing number of participants have become engaged in independent, non-governmental initiatives to solve pressing social problems. As a direct result, wider segments of the population benefit from over 300 projects and initiatives successfully completed or being run by alumni of SCE programmes. Examples of such projects include electoral assistance, strengthening democratic institutions and the rule of law, promoting human rights and anti-corruption initiatives, media programmes, independent websites, projects focused on improving gender responsiveness and women's empowerment, and enhancing civic engagement in democratic processes.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 January 2018

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Programme Management and Evaluation

SCE's programmes are supervised and directed by the Board of Directors on a regular basis, and in accordance with the practices and procedures set out in UK legislation applicable to companies with charitable status.

Checks and balances are provided by clear segregation of duties among the following: the Finance Committee, Chief Operating Officer, Finance Controller and independent accountants. A general audit of the SCE's accounts is conducted annually by auditors selected by tender. This maintains internal controls of the SCE's administration and eliminates the risk of potential conflict of interest or corruption.

Every SCE project is evaluated to assess its effect and make adjustments where necessary. The SCE uses established evaluation methods, including post-event surveys of participants' feedback, to measure outcomes and to ensure that the content and format of its programmes fit participants' needs. The SCE values the engagement of all its programme/project stakeholders, including partners, experts, and programme donors during the lifetime of the project, to ensure ownership and sustainability. The SCE invites its Directors, and representatives of donor and partner organisations to participate in programme activities so that they receive feedback from all stakeholders. The information collected and analysed by The SCE's project managers, serves as a basis for further improvement and fine-tuning of its programmes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal Funding Sources

SCE works to strengthen its financial sustainability and diversify its sources of core and project-related funding.

Aside from the minor income generated by donations by individuals, the principal funding sources for the charity are grants and voluntary contributions made by governmental institutions and private foundations in different countries. The donor institutions which supported SCE's activities in the reporting period were the following: The Council of Europe; The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation; The Norwegian Institute of International Affairs; The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (UK): The Permanent Representation of Finland to the Council of Europe; the Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of Netherlands to the Council of Europe; Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics (SITE); The Robert Bosch Foundation (Germany); and The Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Germany).

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

During the next few years, the SCE plans to further improve the programmes outlined above, in order to cultivate and support a new generation of experts, and to connect them with SCE's existing expert community.

The SCE is seeking to attract additional funding from charitable, corporate and individual donors.

The SCE intends to scale up mutually beneficial partnerships with European and international think tanks, universities and other institutions interested in educational and cultural enlightenment for the benefit of the wider public.

In addition, subject to the availability of funds, SCE intends to launch an Advanced Programme for motivated and engaged alumni, aimed at nurturing effective practitioners and leaders in local communities and in international cooperation. This new programme will focus on extending the participants' national and international networks to support them in implementing social projects in a variety of fields for the benefit of the public good.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The SCE is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 19th January 2016 and registered as a charity on 29th June 2017. It was established under a Memorandum of Association which sets out its objects and powers, and is governed by its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, each member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 January 2018

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and Appointment of Board of Directors

The Directors of the SCE are Trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Board of Directors. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Board of Directors are elected to serve for a period of three years, after which they may be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

All Board Members give their time voluntarily and receive no financial benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from SCE are set out in note 6 to the annual accounts.

In 2017 five members of the Board of Directors retired by rotation and, being eligible, offered themselves for re-election. Two Directors resigned from the Board of Directors.

The following were Directors/Trustees during the reporting period:

Prof. Christopher Coker
Honorable Toby T. Gati
Keith Hampson. MP (Retired in July 2017)
Prof. Geoffrey A Hosking (Retired in July 2017)
Ivan I Krastev
Sir Michael Leigh
H.H. Marcia Levy
John N F Lloyd
Ambassador Rene Nyberg
Prof. Lord Robert Skidelsky
Michael Sohlman

Risk management

Risk assessment and management is an important priority for SCE's Board of Directors and management in order to identify and address risks or factors that can threaten the achievement of SCE's objectives. In 2017, a systematic approach to risk assessment and management was put into practice by SCE's Board of Directors.

Organisational structure

The SCE's Board of Directors meets three times a year to decide the strategic direction the SCE should follow, and to assess the effectiveness of its risk management and policy. The Board consists of 9 members from a variety of professional backgrounds and is led by two co-chairpersons. The Financial Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its functions in relation to internal control and financial reporting, and in relation to monitoring compliance with the Charity Commission's legal and regulatory requirements, as well as assessing the effectiveness of the internal audit function.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

AUDITORS

Carter Backer Winter LLP (CBW) Chartered Accountant and Business Advisors (UK) were re-appointed by Board of Directors as SCE's auditors during the reporting year.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 January 2018

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of School Of Civic Education for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are 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 auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27/11/18 and signed on its behalf by:

J N F Lloyd - Trustee and Co-Chairperson of SCE Board of Directors

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF SCHOOL OF CIVIC EDUCATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of School Of Civic Education (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 January 2018 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement 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 (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 January 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 Auditors 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 annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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, 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.

Opinion 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 Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the 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 Report of the Trustees.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF SCHOOL OF CIVIC EDUCATION

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 financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' 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 take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities, 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.

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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 Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our 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 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 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.

Paul Woosey (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Carter Backer Winter LLP Chartered Accountants

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 January 2018

| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies | Not es 2 | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Year ended 31.1.18 Total funds £ 718,094 | Period 19.1.16 to 31.1.17 Total funds £ |
|---|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Total | | 29,935 | 688,159 | 718,094 | 462,425 |
| EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities Charitable activities Core Seminar International Forum Issue Based Seminar | 3 | 20,312 1,415 937 4,295 | 87,922 465,181 67,453 3,482 | 108,234 466,596 68,390 7,777 | 445,230 - - - |
| Other | | 2,976 | 59,316 | 62,292 | 22,000 |
| Total | | 29,935 | 683,354 | 713,289 | 467,230 |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) Transfers between funds | Ш | 4,805 | 4,805 | 4,805 | (4.805) |
| | - | | | | |
| Net movement in funds RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | 4,805 | | 4,805 | (4,805) |
| Total funds brought forward | | (4,805) | _ | (4,805) | _ |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | - | | - | (4.805) |

BALANCE SHEET At 31 January 2018

| | | | | 2018 | 2017 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds | Total funds |
| | Not es | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Debtors | 8 | 983 | 38,010 | 38,993 | 17,513 |
| Cash at bank | • | 26,615 | 42,830 | 69,445 | 121,224 |
| | | 27,598 | 80,840 | 108,438 | 138,737 |
| CREDITORS | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 9 | (27,598) | (80,840) | (108,438) | (143,542) |
| NET CUDDENT ACCETOUS LABOURTIES | | | | | 14.005 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) | | | • | | (4,805) |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT | | | | | |
| LIABILITIES | | - | • | - | (4,805) |
| | | . | | | |
| NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) | | *************************************** | • | • | (4,805) |
| FUNDS | 11 | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 11 | | | • | (4,805) |
| Restricted funds | | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | | (4.805) |

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 11 18 and were signed on its behalf by:

JNF Lloyd -Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 31 January 2018

| | | | Period |
|---|--------------|------------------|-------------|
| | | | 19.1.16 |
| | | Year ended | to |
| | | 31.1.18 | 31.1.17 |
| | Notes | £ | £ |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | |
| Cash generated from operations | τ | (51,784) | 121,219 |
| | | | |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating | | | |
| activities | | <u>(51,784</u>) | 121,219 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents in the | | | |
| reporting period | | (51,784) | 121,219 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of | | (31,704) | 121,217 |
| the reporting period | 2 | 121,219 | _ |
| the reporting period | - | 121,219 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the | | | |
| reporting period | 2 | 69,435 | 121,219 |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | - | | |

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 31 January 2018

| 1. | RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO OPERATING ACTIVITIES | NET CASH FLOW | FROM |
|----|--|---------------|----------|
| | | | Period |
| | · | | 19.1.16 |
| | | Year ended | to |
| | | 31.1.18 | 31.1.17 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement | | |
| | of financial activities) Adjustments for: | 4,805 | (4.805) |
| | Increase in debtors | (21,480) | (17,513) |
| | (Decrease)/increase in creditors | (35,109) | 143,537 |
| | Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | (51,784) | 121,219 |
| 2. | ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | | |
| | | | Period |
| | | | 19.1.16 |
| | | Year ended | to |
| | | 31.1.18 | 31.1.17 |
| | | . £ | £ |
| | Notice deposits (less than 3 months) | 69,445 | 121,224 |
| | Overdrafts included in bank loans and overdrafts falling due within one year | (10) | (5) |
| | Total cash and cash equivalents | 69,435 | 121,219 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 January 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment.

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the income statement.

Grants

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Grants received are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED for the year ended 31 January 2018

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

| | Donations Grants | | Year ended 31.1.18 £ 1,428 716,666 | Period 19.1.16 to 31.1.17 £ 462,425 |
|-------------|---|---------------------------|--|--|
| | Grants received, included in the above, are as follows: | | | |
| | Other grants | | Year ended 31.1.18 £ 716,666 | Period 19.1.16 to 31.1.17 £ 462,425 |
| . 3. | CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS | | | |
| | | | Direct costs | Totals |
| | Charitable activities Core Seminar International Forum Issue Based Seminar | | £ 108,234 466,596 68,390 7,777 650,997 | £ 108,234 466,596 68,390 7,777 650,997 |
| 4. | SUPPORT COSTS | | | |
| | Other resources expended | Management £ 9,393 | Finance £ 4,464 | Other £ 1,646 |
| | Other resources expended | Fundraising £ 5,904 | Governance costs £ 10,990 | Totals £ 32,397 |

5. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements for the year are £4,800 (2017 - £4,800).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED for the year ended 31 January 2018

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 January 2018 nor for the period ended 31 January 2017.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 January 2018 nor for the period ended 31 January 2017.

7. STAFF COSTS

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| Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs | Year ended 31.1.18 £ 35,000 718 36 | Period 19.1.16 to 31.1.17 £ 27,000 |
|--|---|---|
| The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows: | | |
| | Year ended 31.1.181 | Period 19.1.16 to 31.1.17 |
| No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000. | | |
| DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR | | |
| Accrued grants Other debtors | 2018 £ 38,447 546 38,993 | 2017 £ 17,513 |
| CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR | | |
| Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 10) Other creditors Accruals and deferred income Deferred grants | 2018 £ 10 16 60,512 47,900 | 2017 £ 5 - 44,050 99,487 |

108,438

143,542

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED for the year ended 31 January 2018

10. LOANS

| | | | | ~ . | | | |
|-------------|---------|-----|----------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|
| An anal | vsis ni | the | maturity | vot la | DAME IC | given | below |
| 7 111 41141 | , ,,, | | | | Juli 2 13 | 5 | ocion. |

| | 2018 £ | 2017 £ |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Amounts falling due within one year on demand: | | |
| Bank overdrafts | 10 | 5 |

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

| | At 1.2.17 | Net movement in funds £ | Transfers between funds £ | At 31.1.18 |
|--|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | _ | |
| Norwegian Institute of International Affairs | (5) | - | 5 | • |
| Supporters of Civil Society in Russia | <u>(4,800)</u> | | 4,800 | |
| | (4,805) | - | 4,805 | - |
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| Norwegian Institute of International Affairs | - | 5 | (5) | - |
| Supporters of Civil Society in Russia | | 4,800 | <u>(4,800)</u> | |
| | - | 4,805 | (4,805) | - |
| | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | (4,805) | 4,805 | - | • |

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| Unrestricted funds | Incoming resources | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| General fund | 1,429 | (1,429) | |
| Anonymous donor | 17,534 | (17,534) | - |
| Robert Bosch Stiftung | 10,972 | (10,972) | |
| | 29,935 | (29,935) | - |
| Restricted funds | | | |
| Council of Europe | 94,233 | (94,233) | • - |
| Norwegian Institute of International Affairs | 207,958 | (207,953) | 5 |
| European Endowment for Democracy | 59,400 | (59,400) | - |
| Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics | 112,299 | (112,299) | - |
| Charles Stewart MOTT Foundation | 47,509 | (47,509) | - |
| European Wergeland Centre | 15,191 | (15,191) | - |
| Foreign & Commonwealth Office/British Embassy | 136,099 | (136,099) | - |
| Supporters of Civil Society in Russia | 15,470 | (10,670) | 4,800 |
| | 688,159 | (683,354) | 4,805 |
| | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 718,094 | <u>(713,289</u>) | 4,805 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED for the year ended 31 January 2018

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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| Comparatives for movement in funds | | Net | |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| | | movement in funds £ | At 31.1.17 £ |
| Unrestricted Funds Norwegian Institute of International Affairs Supporters of Civil Society in Russia | | (5) (4,800) | (5) (4,800) |
| | | (4,805) | (4,805) |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | <u>(4,805</u>) | <u>(4,805</u>) |
| Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as | follows: | | |
| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds |
| Unrestricted funds | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| Norwegian Institute of International Affairs | 235,841 | (235,846) | (5) |
| European Endowment for Democracy | 24,224 | (24,224) | - |
| Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics | 22,392 | (22,392) | - |
| Charles Stewart MOTT Foundation | 30,059 | (30,059) | • |
| Anonymous donor | 2,691 | (2,691) | - |
| European Wergeland Centre Foreign & Commonwealth Office/British Embassy | 7,425 | (7,425) | - |
| Supporters of Civil Society in Russia | 66,513 18,993 | (66,513) (23,793) | (4,800) |
| Supporters of Civil Society in Audusta | | | |
| | 408,138 | (412,943) | (4,805) |
| Restricted funds | | | |
| Council of Europe | 54,287 | (54,287) | - |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 462,425 | (467,230) | (4,805) |
| RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES | | | |
| There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 Jan | uary 2018. | | |
| DEFERRED INCOME | | | |
| Deferred income comprises grants received that have not yet been | spent. | | £ |

99.485 (99,485)

47.900

47,900

Balance as at 1 February 2017 Amount released to income earned from charitable activities

Amount deferred in year

Balance as at 31 January 2018

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED for the year ended 31 January 2018

14. CONTROLLING INTERESTS

The directors are considered to be the ultimate controlling parties by virtue of their ability to act in concert in respect of the financial and operating policies of the company.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 January 2018

| · | | Period 19.1.16 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| | Year ended 31.1.18 £ | to 31.1.17 £ |
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS | | |
| Donations and legacies | | |
| Donations Grants | 1,428 716,666 | 462,425 |
| | 718,094 | 462,425 |
| Total incoming resources | 718,094 | 462,425 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Charitable activities | c 050 | 5.000 |
| Wages Conference facilities | 5,859 2,700 | 5,000 35,095 |
| Expert fees & travel | 2,700 74,058 | 53,093 |
| Interpreter & translation fee | 19,186 | 25,999 |
| Accommodation & meals | 304,403 | 147,265 |
| Project consultants | 81,251 | 22,604 |
| Project assistant | 9,604 | 7,726 |
| Project travel | 127,430 | 118,188 |
| Web project maintenance | 19,712 | 16,026 |
| Printing materials | 4,268 | - |
| Publishing | 2,526 | |
| | 650,997 | 430,996 |
| Other | | |
| Wages | 29,141 | 22,000 |
| Social security | 718 | - |
| Pensions | 36 | |
| | 29,895 | 22,000 |
| Support costs | | |
| Management | 2 403 | 160 |
| Telephone Travel | 2,483 | 152 |
| Have | <u>6,910</u> | |
| Finance | 9,393 | 152 |
| Bank charges | 4,464 | 2,959 |
| Other Postage and stationery | 1/2 | 2 700 |
| Sundries | 162 | 2,788 |
| Translation | 787 697 | • |
| | | 2 700 |
| | 1,646 | 2,788 |

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 January 2018

| | | Period 19.1.16 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | Year ended 31.1.18 | 19.1.16 to 31.1.17 |
| | £ | £ |
| Fundraising | | |
| Fundraiser fee | 4,694 | - |
| Travel | 1,210 | |
| • | 5,904 | ~ |
| Governance costs | | |
| Auditors' remuneration | 4,800 | 4,800 |
| Accountancy and legal fees | 6,190 | 3,535 |
| | 10,990 | 8,335 |
| Total resources expended | 713,289 | 467,230 |
| | | |
| Net income/(expenditure) | 4,805 | (4,805) |