

# BARTS AND THE LONDON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

AGENDA AND ACCOMPANYING PAPERS

Thursday 10 October 2024 at 12:40

Barts and The London Alumni Association (BATLAA)
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#### **AGENDA**

# 1. Apologies for absence

#### 2. Minutes

To receive the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19 October 2023 (page iv)

#### 3. Matters arising from the Minutes

Any matters arising not otherwise on the Agenda

#### 4. Elections

One Vice-President and five ordinary members are due for election (page viii)

## 5. Report from the Department of Development and Alumni Engagement

To receive a report from the Development and Alumni Engagement team

# 6. Report of the Management Committee

To receive a report from the Management Committee (page ix)

# 7. BATLAA General Fund: Summary of income/expenditure

To receive a summary of accounts for the year ended 31 July 2024 (page x)

# 8. Barts and The London Alumni Association Benevolent Fund

To receive the Accounts (including Trustees' report) for the year ended 31 July 2024 (pages xiii - 13)

# 9. Forthcoming events

Barts and The London Dental Club Annual Clinical Meeting 2025 (6 - 7 June)

#### 10. Any other business

# BARTS AND THE LONDON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

## Thursday 19 October 2023

#### **MINUTES**

#### Present

Mr Amaan Abbas (BLSA President), Dr Ni'ima Abdullahi, Dr Anushka Aubeelack, Wg Cdr Dr Alex Bacon, Professor Sir Mark Caulfield (Vice-Principal (Health)), Professor Brian Colvin, Dr Beryl De Souza, Ms Mary Delor, Dr Stephanie Dowker, Dr Virginia Hobday, Mr Andrew Hobkirk (President), Dr Ali Jawad (Treasurer-Elect), Ms Lauren Johnson (BLSA Alumni Officer), Dr Naveen Joshi, Dame Parveen Kumar, Professor Gerald Libby, Mr David Maclean, Anila Memon (DDAE), Dr Chris Mercer, Dr Peter Mills (Treasurer), Dr Asma Qureshi, Dr Hugh Sandle, Professor John Shepherd, Dr Nina Wong, Professor Paul Wright and 5 members online.

# **Update from the President**

- Overall mission: engage alumni, build fellowship among members and elicit financial and nonfinancial support for students
- Challenging year financial crisis is grave and there are serious concerns about students' mental health needs
- Supporting School's position to preserve Barts and The London name and continue to engage stakeholders on this matter
- Earlier in the year, it was proposed that staffing support for BATLAA be withdrawn; this has been reversed. Thanks to Celeste Bright and team for the time committed to this work. Collaboration is essential.
- Vice-Principal (Health) regularly updates alumni. Concerns that some communications have been restricted by Queen Mary as BATLAA's position has not aligned with theirs, particularly on updates about the name change.
- Many alumni support students with placements and mentorship; working with BLSA to extend scheme
- In September, co-hosted a 20-year reunion; 140 alumni came back to Barts. Community spirit very powerful. Senior members joined event and many alumni have shared their thanks.
- In terms of financial support, main role is benevolence. Recently made £10k donation to support students in financial hardship a drop in the ocean.
- General Fund does not have charitable status; this position to be reviewed
- Diversified core membership of committees, moving from reactive to proactive position by setting up working groups. Keen to link in more with School.
- Feedback from members essential
- Represented BATLAA at various events (Graduation dinner, Rites of Passage, Barts900 events, House of Lords)
- Focusing on three core projects:
  - Wall of Honour Working with Vice-Principal (Health) to develop this in the Garrod;
     alumni will be able to contribute
  - o Alumni Conference Autumn 2024 with a President's dinner in evening
  - o Mentoring programme link alumni who want to support students

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Dr Shani Bhaskaran, Mrs Celeste Bright, Miss Aurelie Hay-David, Professor DYD Samarawickrama, Dr John Sutcliff

#### 2. Minutes

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on 05.12.22 received and approved.

#### 3. Matters arising from the Minutes

Query about membership and two new Honorary Vice-Presidents - Professor Gerald Libby is listed, Dr Peter Mills will be listed when succeeded by Dr Ali Jawad, Treasurer-Elect, following the AGM

#### 4. Elections

One Vice-President and four ordinary members nearing the end of their terms.

• No new nominations received - proposed that terms be extended

# 5. Report from the Department of Development and Alumni Engagement

Update from Anila Memon, Alumni Engagement Manager, received:

- Liaising with Vice-Principal (Health) to discuss Faculty's priorities, which will shape team's resourcing
- Recruitment underway for Head of Operations and Campaigns and a number of fundraising posts, including a Life Sciences Lead and Senior Development Manager (Health)
- Founders' Day, a celebration of the University's heritage and founding institutions, to be held on 28 November. Honorary awards to be given to Dame Cally Palmer, Chief Executive of the Royal Marsden Trust, and Dr Ashitey Trebi-Ollennu, a NASA engineer. All alumni invited to attend.
- Next Alumni Angles event due in March with History alumnus Gavin Lewis, Managing Director at BlackRock. Annual House of Lords Alumni Reception will be held in April and the Barts and The London Dental Club Annual Clinical Meeting in June.

#### 6. Report from the Management Committee

Report received via the AGM papers.

# 7. BATLAA General Fund: Summary of income/expenditure

Summary of accounts for the year ended 31 July 2023 received.

- Breakdown of the £12k given to BLSA for Rites of Passage a few years ago has now been received
- Potential for charitable fundraising, and whether the General Fund should have charitable status or not, should be considered as Benevolent Fund is not a receptacle for student experience funding
- Ability to claim Gift Aid is important; donations collected via the recent Class of 2003 reunion were paid via the Queen Mary Foundation, which has charitable status and is therefore eligible to claim Gift Aid
- Need to do more together to relieve student debt burden; many students are taking two jobs while studying and have no further borrowing avenues

#### 8. Barts and The London Alumni Association Benevolent Fund

Annual report for the year ended 31 July 2023 received.

- Trustees have observed that the level of student debt is far higher than ever
- As Fund's cash at bank has risen from £38k to £42k, at their last meeting, the Trustees
  agreed to make a one-off £10k distribution to students in need. This will be disseminated via
  Kate McFarlane, Student Finance and Bursaries Manager, and will be given in addition to
  the regular annual suite of awards (£27k).
- Noted that the value of the investments has depreciated. Cazenove has advised that they
  expect the market to be volatile over the next 12 months but that there are no plans to
  reduce annual distributions for charitable funds. Therefore, there are no plans to adjust the
  Benevolent Fund's annual suite of awards.
- This was the Treasurer's, Dr Peter Mills, last AGM report; wished his successor every success and paid tribute to former Presidents of BATLAA: Professor Chris Hudson, Mr David Maclean, Professor Brian Colvin, Professor Paul Wright and Dr Stephanie Dowker

• Thanks extended to Dr Peter Mills for his stewardship of the Benevolent Fund; it is hoped he will stay involved

# 9. Forthcoming events

Barts and The London Dental Club Annual Clinical Meeting 2024 - June

#### 10. Update from the Vice-Principal (Health)

- Thanks given to BATLAA for £10k donation towards student hardship
- 140 extra places in medicine across a range of degrees including an apprenticeship in partnership with Health Education England. Graduate Entry Programme is being expanded and the Office for Students has asked the Faculty to consider a four year straight-fromschool MBBS.
- Current first year size is 390, the third year is the largest cohort at 480 ("bulge year" due to national grades issue)
- Diverse student body 77% of first year are from diverse communities (up from 65%), 33% are first in family (up from 25%), 16% had free school meals and 40% are from high deprivation boroughs so the Faculty is succeeding at widening participation
- BLSA budget is limited £58k has been given to Clubs and Societies for student health and wellbeing, paying for items such as a new Eight, various kits and lights for the Drama Society
- To help alleviate hardship, £98k has been distributed to 118 students. Across all years, median debt was £78k and the highest £137.5k. This debt has no cap, and the government no longer writes it off, so the burden is carried for life. Many students have multiple part-time jobs, yet it is still not enough.
- Exploring student bursaries via core funding other universities doing this and planning to speak to the Trustees about a potential appeal
- Major shifts in the way healthcare is delivered, working closely with North East London Integrated Care System. Primary care is broken so there are plans to involve medical schools more closely with community health needs; 20 academic GPs will support Barking, where there are 56 GP vacancies.
- Professor Nitzan Rosenfeld has been appointed Director of Barts Cancer Institute; he replaces Professor Nick Lemoine in February
- Alumnus Professor Chris Tredwin has joined from Plymouth, top dental school in the country according to students, and is working on expanding dentistry through outreach
- Centre of Cell has been refurbished; 227,000 school children, aged 8 14, have passed through its doors and evidence shows that some have pursued careers in science or medicine
- Extensive £11.7m refurbishment of the Garrod Building as a student-staff hub and new BLSA premises is underway. Climate controlled displays will show historic exhibits.
- Plans to extend Charterhouse Square site lease due for renewal; increasing this to 125 years will allow building work. Old Royal London Hospital estate undergoing a £600m, 1m sq. ft redevelopment to incorporate three new blocks including Precision Healthcare.
- Event to mark the opening of Garrod will be scheduled next year all invited. A Christmas lecture on 11 December is planned (speaker TBC).
- Barts and The London name change issue has been going on since January 2022 or even November 2021. Students voiced their concerns in the National Student Survey.
- Key argument is that new medical schools will pop up because of wider medical school expansion and some likely to be based in East London, e.g. University of East London and City. Example of St Mary's in Twickenham cited plans to use the name 'St Mary's Medical School' were successfully challenged by Imperial's legal team.
- Proposal to respectively rename the Institute of Dentistry and Institute of Health Sciences
  Education as Barts and The London Dental and Medical Schools. Another consideration is
  renaming campus sites to reflect our heritage.

- Concurred that hardship is widespread; students are not supposed to work if it impacts their studies, and some are considering dropping out. Some have families to support or are carers. As trainees, they are only eligible to do certain jobs in the NHS.
- Garrod renovation is a major project; the BLSA will control some spaces in the building and there are plans to display historical artefacts (e.g. trophies)

# **Update from the Vice-Principal (Health) (continued)**

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Any other business

None stated.

- Students are offered jobs on campus that they can do. Garrod Building will be open to students 24/7 so they can use it in evenings/at weekends as a safe warm environment to study.
- Loss of bequests feedback noted that some alumni are changing their wills as they do not want to leave money to Queen Mary
- Once name issue is resolved, it is proposed that a series of alumni events be organised in and around the Garrod so alumni can meet students
- Any appeals to alumni will be done in collaboration with BATLAA
- We have to recognise Queen Mary is the University but there is optimism

| Signed: | Dated: |
|---------|--------|

# **Barts and The London Alumni Association Management Committee - Membership 2024-25**

[Terms of office for officers run from 1 January - 31 December]

Patron Mr Charles Perrin CBE

**Officers** 

President Mr Andrew Hobkirk (2023-25)
Vice-Presidents Dr Alexander Bacon (2023-25)

Dr Thomas Dolphin (2020-22; 2023-25) Dr Chris Mercer (2015-17; 2018-20; 2021-23)

Honorary Vice-Presidents Professor Brian Colvin

Dr Stephanie Dowker Professor Gerald Libby Mr David Maclean Dr Peter Mills

Professor Sir Nicholas Wright

Professor Paul Wright

Treasurer of the BATLAA Benevolent Fund Dr Ali Jawad (2023-27)

# Ex officio (11)

Vice-Principal (Health)

Dean of Dentistry

Dean for Education

Staff President of the Students' Association

Professor Sir Mark Caulfield

Professor Christopher Tredwin

Professor Anthony Warrens

Professor Nick Lemoine CBE

Head of Student Academic and Pastoral Support Mr Elliott Reed

Executive Officer to the Vice-Principal (Health) Vacant

Director of Development and Alumni Engagement
Senior Development Manager (Health)
Ms Emily Pratt
President of the Students' Association
Ms Celeste Bright
Ms Emily Pratt
Ms Rahma Hegy

President of the Dental Society Ms Lorin Ozcelik and Mr Rafail Mazmanidis

BLSA Alumni Officer Mr Amaan Abbas

#### **Ordinary members**

[Terms of office for officers run from the AGM in mid-October]

Dr Anoushka Aubeelack 2022-25 (1st term)

Dr Simon Fleming 2020-23 (1st term); 2023-26 (2nd term)

Dr Aurelie Hay-David 2021-24 (1st term)

Dr Johann Malawana 2014-17 (1<sup>st</sup> term); 2017-20 (2<sup>nd</sup> term); 2020-23 (3<sup>rd</sup> term)

Dr Asma Qureshi 2021-24 (1st term)

Professor Dayananda Samarawickrama 2014-17 (1st term); 2017-20 (2nd term); 2020-23 (3rd term)

Dr Oliver Trampleasure 2022-25 (1st term)
Dr Jeeves Wijesuriya 2020-23 (1st term)

# BARTS AND THE LONDON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee has met on three occasions since the last Annual General Meeting: 30.01.23, 20.05.24, and 16.09.24.

## Membership

BATLAA has 34,371 contactable members, comprised of 29,252 medical and 5,119 dental alumni. Graduating medical and dental students automatically become members of BATLAA upon qualification.

#### **Events**

The following event has taken place over the past year:

• Barts and The London Dental Club Annual Clinical Meeting (7 - 8 June 2024)

In addition, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry alumni have been invited to an Alumni Angles event with Gavin Lewis, Managing Director of BlackRock, the Annual Alumni Reception at the House of Lords and international events in Mumbai, Delhi, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, as well as Barts900 events and lectures organised by the Faculty.

#### **Communications**

Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry have received various email communications over the course of 2023-24 including *Alumni Opportunities*, a digest of forthcoming events, volunteering activities and other notices, dedicated event invitations, University news and Faculty updates.

# **Supporting BLSA activities**

No requests for student activities were received in 2023-24.

#### **BATLAA General Fund** Summary of income and expenditure 01.08.22 - 31.07.23

| Income              | Summary of income and expenditure 01.08.22 - 31.07.23        |            |             |
|---------------------|--|------------|-------------|
|                     | Balance as at 01.08.23                                       | £11,834.51 |             |
|                     | Cazenove Capital: General Fund Reserves Investment Dividends | £ 1,816.08 |             |
|                     | BLDC ACM 2023  | £ 750.00   |             |
|                     | BLDC ACM 2024  | £ 120.00   |             |
|                     |  |            | TOTAL       |
|                     | Total income in 2023-24                                      | £ 2,686.08 | £ 14,520.59 |
| Expenditure         |  |            |             |
|                     | BLSA support   | £ -        |             |
|                     | BATLAA AGM 2023  | £ 31.25    |             |
|                     | BLDC ACM 2023  | £ 8.91     |             |
|                     | BLDC ACM 2024  | £ 450.00   |             |
|                     |  |            | TOTAL       |
|                     | Total expenditure in 2023-24                                 | £ 490.16   | £ 490.16    |
|                     | Bank balance as at 31.07.24                                  |            | £ 14,030.43 |
| Unpresented Income  |  |            |             |
|                     | BLDC ACM 2023: Trade Show sponsorship                        | £ 1,500.00 |             |
|                     | BLDC ACM 2023: Registration fees (DFTs block booking)        | £ 3,120.00 |             |
|                     | BLDC ACM 2024: Trade Show sponsorship                        | £ 1,500.00 |             |
|                     | BLDC ACM 2024: Registration fees (DFTs block booking)        | £ 1,800.00 | £ 7,920.00  |
| Unpresented Expendi | ture   |            |             |
|                     | BLDC ACM 2023: Honoraria                                     | £ 1,100.00 |             |
|                     | BLDC ACM 2024: Honoraria                                     | £ 300.00   |             |
|                     | Bespoke Reunion (Jane Povey): Surplus of registration fees   | £ 2,310.00 | £ 3,710.00  |
|                     | Available as at 31.07.24                                     |            | £ 18,240.43 |

Notes

BLDC ACM 2023 and 2024: Income of £4,899.25 received via QMUL

Bespoke Reunion (Jane Povey): Income of £1,440 held in c/a since 2019-20 (event postponed due to pandemic); event costs misquoted by Barts Great Hall hence surplus

Budget Plan

| Actual   | 3  | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |   | Augus    | t 2024 to Ju | ly 2025  |
|--|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|----------|--------------|----------|
| MEDICAL INCOME   | 4  | Actual    | Actual    | Actual    | Actual    |   | Budget   | Actual       | Variance |
| Company  |    |           |           |           |           | 4551044 WOOM5   |          |              |          |
| Column   |    | 620       | F20       | 440       | 445       |   | 445 *    | 0            | 44.5     |
|  |    |           |           |           |           |   |          |              |          |
| NVESTMENT INCOME   |    | 0         | 100       | O         | Ü         | Individual Donations  | 0        | U            | U        |
|  | 10 | 620       | 630       | 440       | 415       | •   | 415      | 0            | -415     |
| 1  | 11 |           |           |           |           | INVESTMENT INCOME   |          |              |          |
| 1  | 12 | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | Blackrock Charinco Common Investment Fund (Medical)                 | 0        | 0            | 0        |
| 1  | 13 | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund                              | 0        | 0            | 0        |
| 12,301   | 14 | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | M&G 'Charifund' Equities Investment Fund                            | 0        | 0            | 0        |
| 1,431   1,431   2,233   2,235   2,437   2,4478   0   2,4478   0   2,4478   0   2,4478   0   2,4478   0   2,4478   0   2,4478   0   2,4478   0   2,4478   0   2,4478   0   2,4478   0   2,4478   0   2,4478   0   2,4478   0   2,4478   0   2,44893   0   2,4893   0   2,4893   0   2,4893   0   2,4893   0   2,4893   0   2,4893   0   2,4893   0   2,4893   0   2,4893   0   2,4893   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   | 15 | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | Other Interest  | 0        | 0            | 0        |
| 20,885   22,281   22,981   24,477   24,478   0   24,478   0   24,478   0   24,478   0   24,478   0   24,478   0   24,478   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   24,893   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0  | 16 | 12,301    | 11,876    | 12,232    |           |   | 13,047 * |              | -13,047  |
|  |    |           |           |           |           | Cazenove Capital - Endowment fund portfolio (Medical segment - 75%) |          |              |          |
| Dental Income   Dental Incom |    |           |           |           |           | TOTAL MEDIAN INCOME   |          |              |          |
| Part   |    | 21,505    | 22,913    | 23,391    | 24,892    | TOTAL MEDICAL INCOME  | 24,893   | 0            | -24,893  |
| 2  |    |           |           |           |           |   |          |              |          |
| 10   |    | _         | _         |           |           |   |          | _            | _        |
|  |    |           |           |           |           |   |          |              |          |
|  |    | U         | U         | 170       | 10,000    | Individual Donations  | U        | U            | U        |
| Notes   Note   Note   Note   Notes   |    |           |           | 178       | 10 000    |   |          |              |          |
| 28   |    |           |           | 170       | 10,000    | INVESTMENT INCOME   |          |              |          |
| 29   |    | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |   | 0        | 0            | 0        |
| 1  |    |           |           |           |           | · ·   |          |              |          |
| 4,100   3,959   4,077   4,349   Cazenove Capital - CMAF portfolio (unrestricted) (Dental segment - 25%)   4,349   0   -4,349   2,959   6,607   6,805   7,256   Cazenove Capital - Endowment fund portfolio (petral segment - 25%)   7,256   0   -7,256   0 |    |           |           |           |           | , ,   |          |              |          |
| 1,000   1,00 |    |           |           |           |           |   |          |              |          |
| 11,605   |    | ,         | ,         | ,         |           |   | ,        |              | ,        |
|  | 33 | 9,059     | 10,566    | 10,883    |           | ·   |          |              |          |
| MEDICAL EXPENDITURE   Student Awards   | 34 |           |           |           |           |   |          |              |          |
| Student Awards   Stud | 35 | 30,564    | 33,479    | 34,452    | 46,497    | TOTAL MEDICAL AND DENTAL INCOME                                     | 36,498   | 0            | -36,498  |
| MEDICAL EXPENDITURE   Student Awards   |    |           |           |           |           |   |          |              |          |
| Student Awards   R,500   R,5 |    |           |           |           |           | MEDIO AL EVOENDITURE  |          |              |          |
| Record   R |    |           |           |           |           |   |          |              |          |
| 8,000   8,000   8,000   8,000   8,000   1,000   1,000   1,000   1,000   1,000   0   1,000   0   1,000   0   1,000   0   1,000   1,000   0   1,000   0   1,000   0   1,000   0   1,000   0   1,000   0   1,000   0   1,000   0   1,000   0   1,000   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0  |    | 9 500     | 9 500     | 7 500     | 7 500     |   | 7 500    | 0            | 7.500    |
| 42         0         0         0         1,000 Alastair McDonald Memorial Prize         1,000 0         0         1,000 d           43         4,000 4,000 4,000 3,500 4,500 Excellence Scholarships         4,000 0         0         4,000 d         0         0         4,000 d         0         0         4,000 d         0         0         0         3,330 fees (Sayer Vincent)         3,330 fees (Sayer Vincent)         3,330 fees (Sayer Vincent)         0         23,830         0         23,830         0         23,830         0         23,830         0         23,830         0         23,830         0         23,830         0         23,830         0         23,830         0         23,830         0         23,830         0         23,830         0         23,830         0         23,830         0         23,  |    |           |           |           | ,         |   | ,        |              | ,        |
| 444       4,646       4,334       3,024       3,330 Fees (Sayer Vincent)       3,330 *       0       3,330 *       0       3,330 *       0       3,330 *       0       3,330 *       0       23,830       0       24,500       20,000       20,000 <t< td=""><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>,</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>,</td></t<>  |    |           |           | ,         |           |   |          |              | ,        |
| 10   | 43 | 4,000     | 4,000     | 3,500     | 4,500     | Excellence Scholarships   | 4,000    | 0            | 4,000    |
| According to September   Property   Proper | 44 | 4,646     | 4,334     | 3,024     |           |   | 3,330 *  | 0            | 3,330    |
| Page 25,146   24,834   22,024   34,330   TOTAL MEDICAL EXPENDITURE   23,830   0   23,830   |    | 0         | 0         | 0         | 10,000    | Donations made by BATLAA Benevolent Fund                            | 0 *      | 0            | 0        |
| DENTAL EXPENDITURE   Student Awards    |    | 05.440    | 04.004    |           | 04.000    | TOTAL MEDICAL EVENINITURE   | -00.000  |              | 00.000   |
| Student Awards   Stud |    | 25,146    | 24,834    | 22,024    | 34,330    | TOTAL MEDICAL EXPENDITURE   | 23,830   | 0            | 23,830   |
| Student Awards           51         0         0         4,500         4,500 Elective Bursaries (incl. Eponymous awards)         4,500         0         4,500           52         2,000         2,000         2,000 Excellence Scholarships         2,000         0         2,000           53         1,782         1,650         1,008         1,110 Fees (Sayer Vincent)         1,110 *         0         1,110 *           54         0         2,313         200         10,000 Donations made by BATLAA Benevolent Fund         0 *         0         0           56         3,782         5,963         7,708         17,610         TOTAL DENTAL EXPENDITURE         7,610         0         7,610           57         5         30,564         33,479         34,452         46,497         TOTAL INCOME         36,498         0         -36,498           60         28,928         30,797         29,732         51,940         TOTAL EXPENDITURE         31,440         0         31,440           61         1,636         2,682         4,720         -5,443         SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)         5,058         0         -5,058  |    |           |           |           |           | DENTAL EVDENDITURE  |          |              |          |
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|  |    |           |           |           | -,        |   |          |              |          |
|  |    | 23,007    | 38,478    | 43,198    | 43,198    | CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE AS AT 31 JULY OF THE YEAR                   |          | 37,755       |          |

<sup>\*</sup>Estimated figures

Investment income states distribution following the deduction of management fees Fees under expenditure includes independent examination fees only

# **BATLAA Benevolent Fund - Schedule of awards**

| Category          | Name of award  | Re  | gular activity                        |                          | 2023-24 activity   |                                       |                                |  |
|-------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
|                   |  | Amount<br>per award<br>£                          | Total no.<br>of student<br>recipients | Total amount committed £ | Amount<br>issued<br>per award<br>£                         | Total no.<br>of student<br>recipients | Total<br>amount<br>issued<br>£ |  |
| Medical<br>Awards | Medical Elective Bursaries   | Variable  | Variable                              | £7,500                   | £1,000 x 1<br>£850 x 4<br>£650 x 3<br>£600 x 1<br>£550 x 1 | 10                                    | £7,500                         |  |
|                   | Eponymous Intercalated BScs: - Brian Colvin - Christopher Hudson - David Maclean | £1,000  | 3                                     | £3,000                   | £1,000   | 3                                     | £3,000                         |  |
|                   | Intercalated Degree Scholarships   | £1,000  | 5                                     | £5,000                   | £1,000   | 5                                     | £5,000                         |  |
|                   | Geoffrey and Joan Margaret Flavell<br>Medical Excellence Bursary                 | £1,000 (Year 1)<br>£500 (Year 2)<br>£500 (Year 3) | 3                                     | £2,000                   | £1,000 (Year 1)<br>£500 (Year 2)<br>£500 (Year 3)          | 3                                     | £2,000                         |  |
|                   | Richard Callander Hudson Medical Excellence Bursary                              | £1,000 (Year 1)<br>£500 (Year 2)<br>£500 (Year 3) | 3                                     | £2,000                   | £1,000 (Year 1)<br>£500 (Year 2)<br>£500 (Year 3)          | 3                                     | £2,000                         |  |
|                   | Alastair McDonald Memorial Prize   | £1,000  | 1                                     | £1,000                   | £1,000   | 1                                     | £1,000                         |  |
| Dental<br>Awards  | Eponymous Dental Elective Bursaries: - Jimmy Batstone - Stephanie Dowker         | £500  | 2                                     | £1,000                   | £500   | 2                                     | £1,000                         |  |
|                   | Dental Elective Bursaries  | Variable  | Variable                              | £3,500                   | £450 x 3<br>£400 x 2<br>£300 x 2<br>£250 x 3               | 10                                    | £3,500                         |  |
|                   | Paul Wright Dental Excellence<br>Scholarship                                     | £1,000 (Year 1)<br>£500 (Year 2)<br>£500 (Year 3) | 3                                     | £2,000                   | £1,000 (Year 1)<br>£500 (Year 2)<br>£500 (Year 3)          | 3                                     | £2,000                         |  |

Charity number: 229227

# Barts and The London Alumni Association Benevolent Fund

Report and financial statements For the year ended 31 July 2024



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#### Reference and administrative information

#### For the year ended 31 July 2024

Charity number 229227

**Country of registration** England & Wales

Registered office c/o Department of Development and Alumni Engagement

> Mile End Road London E1 4NS

**Trustees** Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were

as follows:

Mr Andrew Hobkirk President
Dr Alex Bacon Vice-President
Dr Thomas Dolphin Vice-President
Dr Chris Mercer Vice-President

Dr Ali Jawad Treasurer

Professor Brian Colvin Dr Stephanie Dowker Professor Gerald Libby Mr David Maclean Dr Peter Mills

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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

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#### Trustees' annual report

#### For the year ended 31 July 2024

The Trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the charity's trust deed and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

# Objectives and activities

## Purposes and aims

The Trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The Trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the Trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

Following a Deed of Variation, dated 16 December 2014, the Barts and The London Alumni Association Benevolent Fund was instated as the renamed merger of two historical funds, The London Hospital Medical Club Benevolent Fund and The London Hospital Dental Club Benevolent Fund, which were respectively established in 1911 and 1983.

The charity's original Deed of Trust specifies that the 'income of such portion thereof as the Council shall think fit shall be used for relieving necessitous cases occurring among former present or future London Hospital students and those depending on them or helping or benefiting them or any of them'. As outlined in the Report for 1999/2000, on the advice of the Charity Counsel, the Trust Deed was partly modified to define more precisely those entitled to help from the Fund. In a Deed of Variation these are denoted as 'students and former students of medicine and dentistry who attend or attended either of the following institutions and the dependents of such persons: The London Hospital Medical College, St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College and the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry (Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry) in the Queen Mary and Westfield College' (now known as 'Queen Mary University of London').

The Trustees confirm that in planning the activities of the Barts and The London Alumni Association Benevolent Fund they have given careful consideration to how the charity has fulfilled its charitable objectives and that its beneficiaries are individuals with little or no means.

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## Achievements and performance

The charity's main activities and who it tries to help are described below. All its charitable activities focus on grant making and are undertaken to further Barts and The London Alumni Association Benevolent Fund's charitable purposes for the public benefit.

### Achievements and performance

The Trustees have met on three occasions: 18.09.23, 19.02.24 and 20.05.24.

#### General

The level of student debt continues to rise alarmingly, and debts in excess of £100,000 are not uncommon by the time undergraduate medical and dental students qualify. Many students' debts are considerably higher, causing a great deal of anxiety.

#### Hardship grants

The Trustees make one-off grants to students in financial hardship on the recommendation of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry's Benevolence Committee. It is no longer common practice to ask recipients to repay all or part of the sums they have received.

In 2023-24, in light of the current cost-of-living crisis, the Trustees made a one-off donation of £10,000 to the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry to support students in hardship. A total of eight awards ranging from £750 - £1,500 were issued.

In addition, a generous legacy of £10,000 from Mr Ronald Burton, an alumnus of the Institute of Dentistry, was received in 2023–24 for the benefit of dental students in need. In agreement with the Institute of Dentistry, the Trustees felt the funds would make an immediate positive impact on students and as such the full legacy was transferred to the School. Five Dentistry students subsequently received hardship awards of £2,000 each.

#### New eponymous and reinstatement of existing awards

In 2015, the late Dr Richard Callander Hudson (The London, Medicine MBBS, 1957) left a generous bequest to the Barts and The London Alumni Association Benevolent Fund for the purpose of providing grants to clinical students of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, who are in financial difficulty. This bequest enabled the Trustees, in consultation with the Faculty's Student Finance and Bursaries Manager, to introduce a number of eponymous awards as well as reinstate preexisting awards. These are as follows:

#### **Electives Bursaries**

Elective Bursaries are made on the recommendation of the Student Finance and Bursaries Manager and approved by the Head of Elective Studies at the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry. By the final year most students have accumulated debt which could jeopardise their ability to undertake an elective overseas, and the Trustees set aside a certain amount each year, which is then allocated following the advice of the Committee. A condition of such grants is that the students must provide a short report of their elective experience.

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10 awards of varying amounts totaling £7,500 were issued in support of Medical Elective bursaries and 12 awards of varying amounts totaling £4,500 were issued in support of Dental Elective bursaries.

#### **Intercalated Degree Scholarships**

Intercalated Degree Scholarships up to a maximum of £1,000 each, have been awarded since 2004 to five students per annum. In addition, three new eponymous Intercalated Degree Scholarships of £1,000 each were implemented in 2018–19 to commemorate the service of past Presidents of BATLAA: the Brian Colvin, Christopher Hudson, and David Maclean Intercalated Degree Scholarships.

A total of £8,000 was awarded to eight medical students in 2023–24. No Intercalated Degree Scholarships were awarded to dental students.

#### **Excellence Scholarships**

#### Geoffrey Flavell Bursaries

The Geoffrey Flavell Bursaries were originally funded by a legacy of £20,000 in memory of Mr. Geoffrey Flavell, a cardio-thoracic surgeon at The London, and were therefore issued from a sinking fund. The bursary supported 10 recipients and reached its tenth and final year in 2014–15, with the final award being issued in 2016–17 when the funds had been exhausted. Each total award is of £2,000: £1,000 is issued in the recipient's first year and £500 in each of the subsequent two years. Following the Richard Callander Hudson bequest, the Geoffrey Flavell Bursary was reinstated in 2018–19.

In 2023-24, a total of £2,000 was awarded; one award of £1,000 to a new recipient as their first instalment and two awards of £500 each, were issued to two students who respectively received their second and final instalments.

#### Richard Callander Hudson Bursary

In commemoration of Dr Richard Callander Hudson and his generous bequest, the Trustees introduced the Richard Callander Hudson Bursary in 2018–19, in line with the structure of the Geoffrey Flavell Bursary as above. This provides the recipient with a total award of £2,000: £1,000 in their first year and £500 in each of the subsequent two years.

In 2023-24, a total of £2,000 was awarded; one award of £1,000 to a new recipient as their first instalment and two awards of £500 each, were issued to two students who respectively received their second and final instalments.

#### **Paul Wright Dental Excellence Scholarships**

The Paul Wright Dental Excellence Scholarship, established in 2009 to mirror the Geoffrey Flavell Bursaries, is awarded to a first year Dentistry BDS student who receives the highest marks in the

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Fundamentals of Dentistry exam in January. It provides recipients with a total award of £2,000 each: £1,000 in their first year and £500 in each of the subsequent two years.

In 2023-24, a total of £2,000 was awarded; one award of £1,000 to a new recipient as their first instalment and two awards of £500 each, were issued to two students who respectively received their second and final instalments.

#### **Alastair McDonald Memorial Prize**

This Prize fund was established in 2013 in memory of the late Dr Alastair McDonald, a cardiologist at The London, to support an annual essay prize of £1,000 on a broad topic of medical ethics. The first award was issued in 2014–15 and the funds – held by the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry – supported five Prize winners (the final prize was awarded in 2018–19). The Alastair McDonald Memorial Prize was reinstated in 2019–20 and is awarded by the BATLAA Benevolent Fund. In 2023-24, the award was issued to a final year student.

# Financial review

The BATLAA Benevolent Fund's primary source of income are investment holdings, the dividends of which are used to pay student awards. These constitute the charity's primary expenditure. The income received varies on an annual basis and is dependent upon the performance of the investments.

During the financial year, the Trustees considered their approach to the "Ethical" component from their investment strategy. In particular, they recognised that Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors are currently considered to be the most appropriate mechanisms for assessing the ethical component of individual investment holdings.

The Trustees noted that the Cazenove Charity Responsible Multi-Asset Fund (RMAF) – now known as the Sustainable Mult-Asset Fund (SMAF) – is an appropriate Fund for BATLAA. Specifically, the aims of SMAF are:

- (a) to avoid harm and have a positive impact on people and the planet,
- (b) to benefit society through sustainable business,
- (c) contribute to solutions to environmental and social need by investing in impact investments.

The fund has a screening policy in place to exclude investing in climate change, alcohol, pornography, armaments, tobacco, gambling, high-interest rate lending and human embryonic cloning.

At the Trustees' Meeting on 24 April 2021, the Trustees decided to instruct investment managers, Cazenove's Capital LLP to move the BATLAA holdings to RMAF. This has been implemented and thus far there has been no reduction in financial performance.

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In 2021–22, the BATLAA combined portfolios (excluding General Fund) returned -0.9%. For comparison, the ARC Steady Growth PCI peer group (as measured by independent firm, Asset Risk Consultants) returned -4.4% over the year, so the fund was ahead of peers. Inflation continued to trend much higher throughout the year, with the fund's long-term target of CPI+4% p.a. returning +14.5%.

In addition, the Fund has a small number of long-standing regular donors who donate via annual standing orders. This year, the Fund lost one standing order, which has caused a loss of income by £25. The Fund sometimes receives one-off individual donations, which can vary from year to year.

# Reserves policy and ongoing concerns

Trustees are under a duty to balance the needs of current and future beneficiaries of the charity. A charity needs to have sufficient reserves to allow it to cover known liabilities and contingencies, absorb setbacks and take advantage of change and opportunity. However, charities holding reserves that are greater than their needs will be subject to scrutiny and possible investigation by the Charity Commission.

## Step 1: Understanding our funds

Our Balance Sheet for the Year ending 31st July 2024 shows:

 Investments:
 £882,247

 Net Current Assets:
 £32,455

 Total:
 £914,702

Of which: Permanent Endowment: £458,027

Unrestricted Funds: £456,675

The charity's endowment funds are treated as a permanent endowment and are invested. Capital gains remain part of the endowment. Dividend income earned on the capital is unrestricted and can be used for grant making.

#### **Step 2: Future Income Streams**

Predicted in the Budget for the Year ending 31st July 2025:

Donations: £415
Investment Income: £33,833
Total £34,273

#### **Step 3: Committed Expenditure**

From the Expenditure Plan agreed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM):

Grants Payable: £27,000
Governance Costs: £4,440
Investment Management: £2,524

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The expenditure is fulfilling the charity's core purpose and failure to make these awards would affect a large number of individuals. There is also the likelihood of demands for assistance from alumni which, although rare, are unpredictable.

#### Step 4: Developing a Risk Based Policy

The risks of a decrease in income are real but the quantum of the potential reduction is low. The commitment to expenditure is on an annual basis but the charity regularly monitors income and re-plans expenditure. The risk of unpredictable demands for expenditure is low on an historical basis. The charity needs reserves to cover its committed and unpredictable expenditure every year. Since much of its expenditure occurs at a predictable time of year, working capital should be sufficient to cover the grants, i.e. £27,000. Ideally, a contingency to cover unpredictable support might be £10,000.

#### Conclusion

The Trustees wish to ensure they are able to meet their grant and cost commitments for at least the current and one subsequent year. Since income can be volatile, the general reserve should represent approximately one year's worth of expenditure over and above the working capital together with a contingency to cover unpredictable expenditure. At current levels of activity, the reserves should be approximately £37,000. At 31st July 2024, the general reserve was £456,675.

This is a very comfortable financial position and is more than required for a reserve (see above). The Trustees have therefore decided to invest the majority of these funds to provide a long-term income stream. This recognises the fact that these investments can be sold to release funds that nominally are held in reserve. A small amount of working capital, not exceeding £30,000 in cash at bank, should be retained for meeting predictable grants and day to day expenses.

# Structure, governance and management

The organisation is an unincorporated charity registered as a charity on 13 March 1964 in England and Wales.

The charity is constituted under a trust deed dated 30 December 1911 as amended on 31 March 2001 and as amended on 21 October 2014.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 5 to the accounts.

# Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees of the Fund are the Officers of the Fund, namely the President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer for the time being of the Barts and The London Alumni Association, together with three Appointed Trustees nominated initially by each of the former associations (Barts Alumni Association, The London Hospital Dental Club and The London Hospital Medical Club). The term of

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office of the Appointed Trustees is five years, renewable once.

In addition, there is a Treasurer of the Fund elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The Treasurer serves for a period of five years and is eligible for re-election. A new Treasurer-Elect position was established to succession plan at the Annual General Meeting in 2022 and the postholder has since been instated as Treasurer.

# Related parties and relationships with other organisations

The Barts and The London Alumni Association Benevolent Fund works closely with the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, one of three faculties at Queen Mary University of London, to support its students with financial aid through the charity's income.

# Statement of responsibilities of the Trustees

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 charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- 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 and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

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. 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.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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The Trustees' annual report has been approved by the Trustees on 10 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Dr Ali Jawad Treasurer

#### **Independent Examiner's report**

#### To the Trustees of

#### Barts and The London Alumni Association Benevolent Fund

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Barts and The London Alumni Association Benevolent Fund for the year ended 31 July 2024.

This report is made solely to the Trustees as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the Trustees as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

# Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

# Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 The accounts do not accord with those records; or
- The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date Joanna Pittman FCA Sayer Vincent LLP, 110 Golden Lane, London, EC1Y 0TG

#### Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 July 2024

|  | Note | Unrestricted funds | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Endowment<br>funds<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Endowment<br>funds<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>£ |
|--|------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Income from:<br>Donations<br>Investments                             | 2    | 3,415<br>36,082    | 10,000                   | -<br>-                  | 13,415<br>36,082   | 3,618<br>35,360            | -<br>-                   | -<br>-                  | 3,618<br>35,360    |
| Total income   |      | 39,497             | 10,000                   | -                       | 49,497             | 38,978                     | _                        | -                       | 38,978             |
| Expenditure on: Charitable activities Grant making Total expenditure | 4    | 42,823<br>42,823   | 10,000                   |                         | 52,823<br>52,823   | 36,164<br>36,164           |                          |                         | 36,164<br>36,164   |
| Net income before net (losses)/ gains on investments                 | -    | (3,326)            | -                        |                         | (3,326)            | 2,814                      | -                        | -                       | 2,814              |
| Net profit/(losses) on investments                                   | 7    | 21,684             | _                        | 23,359                  | 45,043             | (6,065)                    | _                        | (12,405)                | (18,470)           |
| Net movement in funds  |      | 18,358             | -                        | 23,359                  | 41,717             | (3,251)                    | -                        | (12,405)                | (15,656)           |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b><br>Total funds brought forward       |      | 438,317            | _                        | 434,668                 | 872,985            | 441,568                    | _                        | 447,073                 | 888,641            |
| Total funds carried forward  |      | 456,675            | _                        | 458,027                 | 914,702            | 438,317                    | _                        | 434,668                 | 872,985            |

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

# **Balance sheet**

As at 31 July 2024

| Fixed assets:   | Note | £       | 2024<br>£    | £       | 2023<br>£    |
|---|------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| Investments   | 7    |         | 882,247      |         | 839,227      |
|   |      | _       | 882,247      | _       | 839,227      |
| Current assets:<br>Cash at bank and in hand                           |      | 37,255  |              | 42,698  |              |
|   | _    | 37,255  |              | 42,698  |              |
| <b>Liabilities:</b><br>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 8    | 4,800   | _            | 8,940   |              |
| Net current assets  |      | _       | 32,455       |         | 33,758       |
| Total net assets  |      | =       | 914,702      | _       | 872,985      |
| The funds of the charity: Endowment funds Restricted funds            | 9    |         | 458,027<br>- |         | 434,668<br>- |
| Unrestricted income funds:<br>General funds                           |      | 456,675 |              | 438,317 |              |
| Total unrestricted funds  | _    |         | 456,675      |         | 438,317      |
| Total charity funds   |      | _       | 914,702      | _       | 872,985      |

Approved by the trustees on 10 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Dr Ali Jawad Treasurer

#### Notes to the financial statements

#### For the year ended 31 July 2024

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### a) Statutory information

Barts and the London Alumni Association Benevolent Fund is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The registered office address is Queen Mary University of London, Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS.

#### b) 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 accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP FRS 102), The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. As a smaller charity, a statement of cash flows is not presented.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

In applying the financial reporting framework, the trustees have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. Estimates and judgements are continually

evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The nature of the estimation means the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. Any significant estimates and judgements affecting these financial statements are detailed within the relevant accounting policy below.

#### c) Public benefit entity

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

#### d) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

#### e) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

#### Notes to the financial statements

#### For the year ended 31 July 2024

#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### f) Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

#### g) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

#### h) Fund accounting

Endowment funds are resources received by the charity that represent capital. Charity law requires the trustees to invest or retain and use the capital for the charity's purposes. Our endowment funds are treated as permanent endowment and are invested. Capital gains remain part of the endowment. Dividend income earned on the capital is unrestricted and can be used for grant making.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charitable purposes. The trustees can spend unrestricted funds for the charity's purposes.

#### i) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

 Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of grant making undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated governance costs

#### j) Grants payable

Grants payable are made to third parties in furtherance of the charity's objects. Single or multi-year grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and that any condition attaching to the grant is outside of the control of the charity.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

#### k) Listed investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. Any change in fair value will be recognised in the statement of financial activities. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading "Net gains/(losses) on investments" in the statement of financial activities. The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

#### l) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

#### Notes to the financial statements

#### For the year ended 31 July 2024

#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### m) Short term deposits

Short term deposits includes cash balances that are invested in accounts with a maturity date of between 3 and 12 months.

#### n) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

#### o) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### p) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

| 2 | Income from donations                    | Unrestricted<br>£ | Restricted £ | Endowment<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>£ | Restricted £ | Endowment f        | 2023<br>Total<br>£ |
|---|--|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|   | Gifts<br>Donated services                | 415<br>3,000      | 10,000       | -<br>-         | 10,415<br>3,000    | 618<br>3,000      | -<br>-       |                    | 618<br>3,000       |
|   |  | 3,415             | 10,000       |                | 13,415             | 3,618             |              |                    | 3,618              |
| 3 | Income from investment  Dividend income: | :s                |              |                |                    |                   |              | 2024<br>Total<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>£ |
|   | Cazenove RMAF                            |                   |              |                |                    |                   |              | 36,082             | 35,360             |
|   |  |                   |              |                |                    |                   |              | 36,082             | 35,360             |

# Notes to the financial statements

# For the year ended 31 July 2024

# 4a Analysis of expenditure (current year)

|  | Grant making<br>costs<br>£         | Governance<br>costs<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>£                                   | 2023<br>Total<br>£                              |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|
| Student electives Student bursaries Student scholarships Student prizes Accountancy, administrative and IE fees Investment management fees | 12,000<br>22,000<br>8,000<br>1,000 | 7,800<br>2,023           | 12,000<br>22,000<br>8,000<br>1,000<br>7,800<br>2,023 | 12,000<br>6,200<br>8,000<br>-<br>7,440<br>2,524 |
|  | 43,000                             | 9,823                    | 52,823   | 36,164  |
| Governance costs   | 9,823                              | (9,823)                  |  | _   |
| Total expenditure  | 52,823                             |                          | 52,823   | 36,164  |

All grants are paid to individuals for relief of hardship and assistance in their education.

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# For the year ended 31 July 2024

# 4b Analysis of expenditure (prior year)

|  | Grant making<br>costs<br>£ | Governance<br>costs<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>£       |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Student electives<br>Student bursaries<br>Student scholarships<br>Student prizes | 12,000<br>6,200<br>8,000   | -<br>-<br>-              | 12,000<br>6,200<br>8,000 |
| Accountancy, administrative and IE fees Investment management fees               | -<br>-<br>-                | 7,440<br>2,524           | 7,440<br>2,524           |
|  | 26,200                     | 9,964                    | 36,164                   |
| Governance costs   | 9,964                      | (9,964)                  |                          |
| Total expenditure  | 36,164                     |                          | 36,164                   |

All grants are paid to individuals for relief of hardship and assistance in their education.

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# 5 Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions to disclose for 2024 (2023: none).

During the year no trustee expenses were incurred or reimbursed (2023: nil).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

#### 6 Taxation

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The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

# 7 Listed investments

|   |   | 2024<br>£                    | 2023<br>£                    |
|---|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|   | Fair value at the start of the year<br>Disposal proceeds<br>Net gain / (loss) on change in fair value | 838,575<br>(2,500)<br>45,043 | 857,401<br>(356)<br>(18,470) |
|   |   | 881,118                      | 838,575                      |
|   | Cash held by fund manager   | 1,129                        | 652                          |
|   | Fair value at the end of the year   | 882,247                      | 839,227                      |
|   | Investments comprise:   | Fair value                   |                              |
|   |   | 2024<br>£                    | 2023<br>£                    |
|   | UK Common investment funds:<br>Cazenove Responsible Charity Multi-Asset Fund<br>Cash                  | 881,118<br>1,129             | 838,575<br>652               |
|   |   | 882,247                      | 839,227                      |
| 3 | Creditors: amounts falling due within one year  |                              |                              |
|   |   | 2024<br>£                    | 2023<br>£                    |
|   | Accruals<br>Grants payable  | <b>4,800</b>                 | 4,440<br>4,500               |
|   |   | 4,800                        | 8,940                        |

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| 9a | Analysis of net assets between funds (current year) |                   |                              |                        |                     |
|----|---|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|    |   | General           | <b>.</b>                     | Endowment              | Total               |
|    |   | unrestricted<br>£ | Restricted                   | fund<br>£              | funds<br>£          |
|    | Investments   | 424,220           | -                            | 458,027                | 882,247             |
|    | Current assets                                      | 37,255            | _                            | _                      | 37,255              |
|    | Creditors falling due within one year               | (4,800)           |                              |                        | (4,800)             |
|    | Net assets at 31 July 2024                          | 456,675           |                              | 458,027                | 914,702             |
| 9b | Analysis of net assets between funds (prior year)   |                   | General<br>unrestricted<br>£ | Endowment<br>fund<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|    | Investments   |                   | 404,559                      | 434,668                | 839,227             |
|    | Current assets                                      |                   | 42,698                       | _                      | 42,698              |
|    | Creditors falling due within one year               |                   | (8,940)                      |                        | (8,940)             |
|    | Net assets at 31 July 2023                          |                   | 438,317                      | 434,668                | 872,985             |
|    |   |                   |                              |                        |                     |