

Charity Registration No. SC009443

ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2011

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Martin Lang
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2011

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 1993 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established as an Unincorporated Association by its constitution on 30 November 1978. The Charity was registered in Scotland on 6 October 1987 under number SC009443.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mark Sanderson MCIPD

Robin Spinks BA(Hons) DCG

Martin Lang

Hilary Hill BSc(Hons)

Lorna Stacey BSc (Hons)

Rosaleen Dempsey

Daniel Hill

Will Fellows

Potential trustees are identified through our networks or opportunities are advertised following identification of the skills & experience needed within the current board. Selected trustees are usually co-opted during the year and proposed for appointment by the members at the following AGM.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to:

- Provide information about albinism.
- Raise positive awareness of the condition.
- Arrange opportunities for people to meet and for support.
- Encourage the sharing of experiences.

The services we offer include:

- Twice yearly magazine, Albinism Life.
- Website resource.
- Local support and events through Contact Persons.
- Telephone or email support on 01282 771900 or at info@albinism.org.uk
- Conference every two years or so.

Achievements and performance

Raising the profile of albinism and AF

2010-11 proved to be a positive year for our awareness raising and media work. Notable highlights include Gemma Sherry and Robin Spinks appearing on The Hour, Scotland's most watched prime time television show, talking about their experiences of living with albinism and the work of the fellowship.

Robin also advised numerous production companies on albinism issues including Betty who make content for many major broadcasters. We also supported NB magazine and the West Midlands VI peripatetic service by contributing to a special event on technology for learners with albinism. Mark Sanderson gave a presentation on albinism and education issues to a group of teachers of the visually impaired at an event at Sight Support in Gwent.

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Most recently we've also commented on a brand new book aimed at supporting teachers and persons with albinism in developing countries.

We continue to get many approaches from film makers, most of whom are sadly aiming to sensationalise albinism for their own purposes. Every approach is considered carefully and if there's a positive benefit for the albinism community and minimal editorial risk then we will happily lend AF support. And if not, then it's thanks but no thanks.

Expanding our online impact

Daniel Hill reports that we are now up to 534 followers on Facebook and 126 followers on Twitter. We have had over 750,000 hits on the website from the beginning of 2011, from over 27,000 separate visitors.

In terms of how visitors find our site, (other than search engines), the links from the RNIB site are the top referrer followed by Rick Guidotti's Positive Exposure website, with Facebook coming in 3rd.

There is still plenty of good discussion going on, on the forums and the LifeTech podcasts have proved popular, though due to other commitments, we haven't been able to produce them as frequently as we'd like.

The website is an important way in which we continue to signpost people to relevant events and other organisations such as Look, NBCS, Victa, RNIB and Nystagmus Network for specialised support (e.g. in education).

The value of conversation and face to face contact

Our helpline is diligently responded to by Karen Lang and continues to receive a small but important number of calls usually from new parents of children with albinism where the opportunity to talk over things is invaluable. We are proud that our main focus remains to support newly diagnosed children with albinism and their families.

The London based member-led pub event Daniel Hill ran in May was very successful with a great turnout (about 15 people), and we got at least one new AF member as a result!

Several of our Local Contact Persons were very active in the year. Sarah Fellows held the Five Shires family day event in Moreton-in-Marsh, Lorna Stacey held a Christmas Party/social in Reading and Rosie Dempsey & Treasa O'Callaghan continue to run regular well attended events in Belfast and Dublin respectively. Helen Orros coordinates the London BBQ which is very well attended and some trustees also join if they can. All of these are invaluable opportunities to learn about albinism and share experiences together in an informal setting.

Some of our Contact Persons focus mostly on fundraising and we are grateful for all donations especially this year from Joan Sanderson, who held a coffee/ cake event and Jackie and Ken Cole from Norfolk.

Martin Lang and Hilary Hill have again done an outstanding job of getting our Albinism Life magazine out 2-3 times a year helping to keep our members and supporters in touch. The majority of people still value and demand this in print.

Funding our work

Whilst we continue to benefit from the generosity of some members and supporters to whom we are very grateful, overall the level of donations to AF is sadly falling. Membership fees, which are important to us, mostly support the production of our magazine Albinism Life. Significant other projects are often funded by one off grants which are hard to secure and take time for our trustees to apply for. We urge any members or others who can support us in your fundraising to do so. Your help makes it possible for us to continue to provide our valuable services. You can support AF in many ways including:

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- Paying membership fees on time, and if you can adding a small donation
- Making an additional personal one off or regular donation by cheque or Just Giving if you can
- Proposing us as your employers charity of the year if they have such a scheme
- Undertaking some community fundraising for us; anything from a raffle in your local pub, a coffee morning to something more challenging like a half-marathon or a hill climb. Have fun whilst fundraising!
- Help us with grant writing, especially if you have skills in this area.
- Remembering us through a legacy in your will. A sad thought we know, but an opportunity not to forget.

Safeguarding responsibilities

The safeguarding of children and young people we work with is of paramount importance to us. To strengthen our approach to this, which has been passionately and professionally led by Lorna Stacey, all trustees are now required to undergo a CRB check and child protection/ safeguarding training through 'Safe Child' with whom we are registered for these services. We intend to roll this approach out to our Contact Persons in 2012.

Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Plans for the future

The year or so ahead

Looking forward to 2012 subject to funding we would like to run a weekend activity/social/outdoor event for young people and also our seventh family weekend conference towards the end of the year as well as the usual range of activities. We also intend to reprint our excellent introductory leaflet which is still much sought after by hospitals and other referral points.

During the year we have reviewed the requirements of the membership database and decided to move to a fully on-line and integrated package. To be introduced in 2012 GroupSpaces will help us to run events and sell tickets, manage our group calendar, store files and keep photo galleries, take group member payments and easily integrate with Facebook. It is important to us to improve our engagement with members and supporters over the next year. We are grateful to Will Fellows for leading and motivating us to address this important development since he joined the committee.

We are always keen to hear from people interested in becoming more involved in running AF especially as Contact Persons or Trustees and fundraisers. We are pleased to announce that Joanne Bennett who first expressed interest in getting involved at our conference in Chester has been co-opted to the committee and will be proposed to join us formally at the AGM.

On behalf of the board of trustees

Mark Sanderson Mcipd

Trustee

Dated: 30 November 2011

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2011, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Dated: 30 November 2011

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2011

	Notes	2011 £	2010 £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>			
Donations and legacies	2	7,851	13,197
Activities for generating funds		-	14,412
Investment income	3	-	2
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		7,851	27,611
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	-	1,328
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Total incoming resources		7,851	28,939
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<u>Resources expended</u>			
Charitable activities			
Provision of information, support and fellowship	5	10,867	43,903
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Governance costs		780	2,415
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Total resources expended		11,647	46,318
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Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds		(3,796)	(17,379)
Fund balances at 1 April 2010		5,952	23,331
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Fund balances at 31 March 2011		2,156	5,952
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2011

	Notes	2011 £	£	2010 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		4,274		7,423	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(780)</u>		<u>-</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities			3,494		7,423
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11		<u>(1,338)</u>		<u>(1,471)</u>
Net assets			<u>2,156</u>		<u>5,952</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			<u>2,156</u>		<u>5,952</u>
			<u>2,156</u>		<u>5,952</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 30 November 2011

Mark Sanderson MCIPD
Trustee

Martin Lang
Trustee

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4 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Total 2011 £	Total 2010 £
Sales of literature, merchandise and training	-	1,328

5 Total resources expended

	2011 £	2010 £
Charitable activities		
<u>Provision of information, support and fellowship</u>		
Activities undertaken directly	10,867	43,903
Governance costs	780	2,415
	11,647	46,318

6 Activities undertaken directly

	2011 £	2010 £
Other costs relating to provision of information, support and fellowship comprise:		
Conference costs	304	23,363
Donations and gifts	2,139	6,400
Secretarial and stationery costs	1,074	1,171
Magazine expenses	3,983	2,027
Regional events expenses	762	1,012
Attendance at conferences and events	265	225
Computer expenses	32	358
Meeting expenses	356	575
Literature, merchandise and exhibition stands	702	1,518
Real Lives book project and revaluation of stock	-	5,240
Telephone	216	120
Travel	497	1,683
Bank charges and interest	238	211
Safe child	299	-
	10,867	43,903

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7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Three trustees were reimbursed a total of £497 for expenses.

8 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity during the year under review.

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2011	2010
	£	£
Accruals	780	-
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11 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2011	2010
	£	£
Deferred income	1,338	1,471
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