

Charity Registration No. SC009443

ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Akeel Bari
Joanne Bennett
Rosaleen Dempsey
Will Fellows
Daniel Hill
Martin Lang
Roselle Potts
Mark Sanderson
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SC009443

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

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

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 constitution, the Charities Act 2011 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:

Akeel Bari

Joanne Bennett

Rosaleen Dempsey

Will Fellows

Daniel Hill

Hilary Hill

(Resigned 13 June 2015)

Martin Lang

(Resigned 5 December 2015)

Roselle Potts

Mark Sanderson

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.

All of our trustees continued their commitment to the organisation during the year. We are grateful to Daniel Hill, Hilary Hill, Martin Lang, Rosie Dempsey, Will Fellows, Jo Bennett, Roselle Potts, Akeel Bari and Mark Sanderson for their continued support.

During the year we learned that Hilary Hill and Martin Lang intended to step down as trustees in 2015-16. Hilary stepped down in the summer and Martin in December. We are pleased that both will continue to be active supporters of and volunteers for the charity. We wish to acknowledge Hilary's and Martin's considerable guidance, support, practical hard work and wise counsel and support with development given to the Fellowship over many years.

We have been able to identify Caroline James and Karina Lang as having appropriate experience and skills relevant to the board. Caroline is a parent of a child with albinism and works as an Operations Manager for John Lewis Partnership. Karina has personal experience of albinism and is an Events Assistant with the Microscopic Society.

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.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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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.

Highlights of the year

It has been another busy year for the charity. Our most recent highlight has been the success of our 2015 family weekend conference (more on this in a future report) but we are also proud of our increased social networking presence, the range of enquiries we respond to and the value of our events to bring people together to learn more about and share experiences of albinism.

Achievements and performance

Providing information and support

We continue to deal with a small but important number of enquiries via our helpline and by post but by far the bulk of enquiries we receive now come to info@albinism.org.uk and are channelled through our online OS Ticket system. In the last year we have dealt with 175 enquiries ranging from information from other organisations, approaches from the media, film makers and researchers with proposals that may be of interest to us, fundraising queries and more complex questions from members and the general public. These are dealt with ably primarily by trustee Rosie Dempsey and some shared across our other trustees.

Our information resources online and in print continue to be of help and support is also provided through our range of events mentioned below. At present we have 1669 likes on Facebook and 679 followers on Twitter. We have 46 people subscribed to our video channel on YouTube. In the last year, our videos have had 4,265 views!

Raising positive awareness

We used the UN's International Albinism Day on 13th June as our main opportunity to promote positive awareness of albinism in the media.

We are pleased to be supported by active volunteer Andrew Bennett of bennet words who provides professional writing, P.R. and editorial services. Andrew has helped us secure positive media opportunities to promote a better understanding of albinism in the UK.

In particular in June we secured a number of pieces in the print and broadcast media including with the BBC mainly in the East Midlands and South East where some member families spoke about their experiences of albinism to help dispel the myths and misunderstanding sometimes surrounding the condition.

Arranging opportunities for people to meet

Events enabling people to share their experiences, learn more about albinism and gain mutual support continue to be the mainstay of our work.

During the year we have held a number of family orientated day events sometimes purely socially based and at other times bringing in a guest speaker on a topic of interest. This year events were held in Belfast, Dublin, Nottingham, London, Brighton and Londonderry.

We continue to share with our member's details of other relevant events including those provided by Nystagmus Network, VICTA and others. We held our latest mini day conference in Dublin in November which was attended by 90 people. Many folk enjoyed a sociable weekend together alongside this.

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.

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Plans for the future

This is my last report as Chair of AF. Although I intend to stay on as a trustee and play an active role in developing the organisations UK and Ireland conferences I have decided it is time to hand over the overall leadership of the charity to a new Chair. I'm delighted that the trustees have elected Roselle Potts to serve as AFs next and first woman Chair. Roselle has already brought considerable skills and experience to the board as a mother of a child with albinism, a lawyer and experienced charity trustee elsewhere. As Chair I'm sure she will be a great ambassador for AF and in particular help the organisation to extend its reach, be more diverse and deliver a focussed work programme. I wish her well in the role of Chair.

The Fellowship is in good order. We are lucky to benefit from a steady level of community fundraising income, not least of which Martin Lang and his friend Adam Foster walking 100 miles from Winchester to Eastbourne to raise money for us. We want to further develop the quality and quantity of relevant information we provide especially online. We will continue to grow our range of events across the UK and in particular at the time of writing we've had a great success at our latest family weekend conference held in Derbyshire (November 2015) which we will report on further at a later date. The trustees are committed to strengthening the organisations, developing more of what we do well, but retaining the friendly, approachable family orientated nature of the organisation whilst reaching out to more people and becoming more diverse as a group.

On behalf of the board of trustees



Mark Sanderson

Trustee

Dated: 5 December 2015

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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 2015, 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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 view given by 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 8 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: 5 December 2015

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>			
Donations and legacies	2	12,942	17,067
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	1,251	6,750
Total incoming resources		14,193	23,817
<u>Resources expended</u>	4		
Charitable activities			
Provision of information, support and fellowship		9,482	21,385
Governance costs		1,048	1,017
Total resources expended		10,530	22,402
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		3,663	1,415
Fund balances at 1 April 2014		1,952	537
Fund balances at 31 March 2015		5,615	1,952

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2015

	Notes	2015 £	£	2014 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		7,217		3,687	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(798)</u>		<u>(798)</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities			6,419		2,889
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10		<u>(804)</u>		<u>(937)</u>
Net assets			<u>5,615</u>		<u>1,952</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			<u>5,615</u>		<u>1,952</u>
			<u>5,615</u>		<u>1,952</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 5 December 2015



Mark Sanderson
Trustee



Joanne Bennett
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resources

Life memberships received are accounted for over their span of twenty years.

2 Donations and legacies

	2015 £	2014 £
Donations and gifts	<u>12,942</u>	<u>17,067</u>
Donations and gifts		
Unrestricted funds:		
Subscriptions	1,456	3,649
Donations	11,486	13,418
	<u>12,942</u>	<u>17,067</u>

3 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2015 £	2014 £
Conference income	<u>1,251</u>	<u>6,750</u>

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4 Total resources expended

	2015	2014
	£	£
Charitable activities		
<u>Provision of information, support and fellowship</u>		
Activities undertaken directly	9,482	21,385
Governance costs	1,048	1,017
	<u>10,530</u>	<u>22,402</u>

5 Activities undertaken directly

	2015	2014
	£	£
Other costs relating to provision of information, support and fellowship comprise:		
Conference costs	6,036	17,753
Secretarial and stationery costs	142	244
Magazine expenses	923	811
Regional events expenses	905	1,117
Meeting expenses	933	405
Literature, merchandise and exhibition stands	-	265
Telephone	241	229
Travel	47	306
Bank charges and interest	216	216
Safe child	39	39
	<u>9,482</u>	<u>21,385</u>

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Four trustees were reimbursed a total of £583 for expenses (2014: four trustees were reimbursed a total of £772).

7 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

8 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.

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9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2015	2014
	£	£
Accruals	798	798
	<u>798</u>	<u>798</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2015	2014
	£	£
Deferred income	804	937
	<u>804</u>	<u>937</u>