

Charity Registration No. SC009443

**ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016**

# ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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**Trustees**

Akeel Bari  
Joanne Bennett  
Rosaleen Dempsey  
Will Fellows  
Daniel Hill  
Caroline James  
Karina Lang  
Roselle Potts  
Mark Sanderson

**Charity number**

SC009443

**Principal address**

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# **ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016**

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016.

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  
Caroline James  
Karina Lang  
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.

As the new Chair of the Trustee Board I want to thank the previous Chair, Mark Sanderson for doing such a brilliant job for so long and for helping to ensure a smooth handover. Our new trustees, Caroline James and Karina Lang have both proved to be great additions to the team. We are grateful to Daniel Hill, Rosie Dempsey, Will Fellows, Jo Bennett, Roselle Potts, Akeel Bari and Mark Sanderson for their continued support as members of the trustee board.

#### **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](mailto:info@albinism.org.uk)
- Conference every two years or so.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### Highlights of the year

We held our 2015 family weekend conference in October in Derbyshire and it was a wonderful event where families and adults with albinism gathered to learn, share experiences and have fun. The theme of the conference was 'Education & Learning for Life with Albinism'. The presentations ranged from a specialist education lawyer explaining the changes and challenges in Special Educational Needs provision to a lively presentation on the latest technology to aid reading for people with visual impairments.

Here are a few quotes from conference attendees about what they liked about the conference.

*'The chance to meet and socialise with other families was invaluable. We're really looking forward to future events.'*

*'My husband and I found it to be very informative and got so much from seeing other people with the condition. Also very heartwarming to see how well people are doing with albinism... Priceless.'*

*'The professors and what they taught us - so well presented.'*

*'Well organised, great value, great atmosphere, lovely opportunity to meet with regular friends and meet other new members. Lovely to see so many of the children meet up and have fun!'*

*'The talks, dance and the food'*

*'I liked the presentations, and my daughter loved meeting other girls her age with albinism.'*

### Achievements and performance

#### Providing information and support

The vast majority of enquiries to the Fellowship come via our website and Facebook pages. Trustee Dan Hill is responsible for the important job of keeping our online presence up to date. All emails sent to the Albinism Fellowship are channelled through our online osTicket system. In the last year we have dealt with 214 enquiries ranging from contacts from new families seeking advice, approaches from the media, requests from other sight loss charities and information about new products and gadgets. These are dealt with primarily by trustee Rosie Dempsey and some shared across our other trustees.

We continue to receive a small amount of postal communication and trustee Akeel Bari does a good job of fielding messages left on our phone advice line. At present we have 1856 likes on Facebook and 802 followers on Twitter. We have 63 people subscribed to our video channel on YouTube, where our videos have had 13,011 views.

#### Raising positive awareness

We used the UN's International Albinism Day on 13 June 2015 as our main opportunity to promote positive awareness of albinism in the media. We were delighted to have had positive awareness raising coverage in all the following outlets:-

BBC Radio Nottingham  
BBC East Midlands Today  
Notts TV  
Nottingham Post  
West Bridgford Wire  
Nottingham Local News  
BBC Newsline (Northern Ireland)  
Sunday Life newspaper article  
BBC Radio Berkshire  
Phil Cawley show on Today FM (Ireland)

Many thanks to Andrew Bennett of bennet words, a member who volunteers his professional writing, P.R. and editorial services to the Fellowship.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### 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 in addition to our weekend family conference in October we have held summer Barbeques in London and Dublin to mark Albinism awareness day that both attracted a great turnout.

We have been delighted that members in Brighton, Kent and Leicestershire all organised events with help and support from the Trustees.

We also organised a connect albinism day in Belfast and a Christmas gathering in Dublin.

We continue to share with our members details of other relevant events including those provided by Nystagmus Network, VICTA and others.

As the accounts show we have had a successful year of fundraising and we are extremely grateful to all our members and supporters for every contribution, large and small. This year we are delighted to have been able to establish a bursary fund to ensure that members, who otherwise could not afford to, are able to attend our regional events and conferences. This has allowed us to help and support a number of families who really need our services.

### **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 Fellowship is in a strong position at present. We have recently been awarded a grant by the Jeans4Genes to cover the cost of producing an 'Understanding Albinism' booklet that we hope will be a really useful tool for parents, teachers, employers and others that need to understand the condition.

We have already set the date for our 2017 weekend conference and are planning to an average of one event a month across the UK and Ireland to maximise the opportunities for our members to meet and share experiences.

On behalf of the board of trustees



**Roselle Potts**

Trustee

Dated: 17 September 2016

# ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2016, 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: 17 September 2016

# ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
<b><u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u></b>			
Donations and legacies	2	22,804	12,942
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	13,190	1,251
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>35,994</b>	<b>14,193</b>
<b><u>Resources expended</u></b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Provision of information, support and fellowship	4	28,546	9,482
Governance costs		1,138	1,048
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>29,684</b>	<b>10,530</b>
<b>Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		<b>6,310</b>	<b>3,663</b>
Fund balances at 1 April 2015		5,615	1,952
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2016</b>		<b>11,925</b>	<b>5,615</b>



# ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2016

	Notes	2016 £	£	2015 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		13,399		7,217	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	<u>(804)</u>		<u>(798)</u>	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			12,595		6,419
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	10		<u>(670)</u>		<u>(804)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>11,925</u>		<u>5,615</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			<u>11,925</u>		<u>5,615</u>
			<u>11,925</u>		<u>5,615</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 17 September 2016



Roselle Potts  
Trustee



Joanne Bennett  
Trustee

# ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

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### 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

	2016 £	2015 £
Donations and gifts	<u>22,804</u>	<u>12,942</u>
<b>Donations and gifts</b>		
Unrestricted funds:		
Subscriptions	581	1,456
Donations	<u>22,223</u>	<u>11,486</u>
	<u>22,804</u>	<u>12,942</u>

### 3 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2016 £	2015 £
Conference income	<u>13,190</u>	<u>1,251</u>

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

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<b>4 Total resources expended</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
<u>Provision of information, support and fellowship</u>		
Activities undertaken directly	<b>28,546</b>	9,482
<b>Governance costs</b>	<b>1,138</b>	1,048
	<b>29,684</b>	10,530

<b>5 Activities undertaken directly</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other costs relating to provision of information, support and fellowship comprise:		
Conference costs	24,883	6,036
Hardship fund	135	-
Secretarial and stationery costs	16	142
Magazine expenses	423	923
Regional events expenses	1,036	905
Attendance at conferences and events	955	-
Meeting expenses	623	980
Telephone	259	241
Bank charges and interest	216	216
Safe child	-	39
	<b>28,546</b>	9,482

### 6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Seven trustees were reimbursed a total of £3,736 for expenses incurred on behalf of the charity (2015: four trustees were reimbursed a total of £583).

### 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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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

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<b>9</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
		£	£
	Accruals	<b>804</b>	<b>798</b>
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>10</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
		£	£
	Deferred income	<b>670</b>	<b>804</b>
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>