

Charity Registration No. 009443 (Scotland)

ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Akeel Bari
Joanne Bennett
Rosaleen Dempsey
Will Fellows
Daniel Hill
Karina Lang
Roselle Potts
Mark Sanderson
Pinar Alparslan Erder - co-opted (Appointed 4 March 2017)

Charity number (Scotland)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017.

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 and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

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.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Highlight of the year

We worked in partnership with Amnesty International to highlight the difficulties faced by people with Albinism in Malawi. Several of our members had their photographs taken by TV celebrity Reggie Yates and the pictures were used in an exhibition in London. This boosted Amnesty's letter writing campaign and helped raise awareness of Albinism here in the UK.

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 AF are channelled through our online OS Ticket system. In the last year we have dealt with 249 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 2105 likes on Facebook and 935 followers on Twitter. We have 81 people subscribed to our video channel on YouTube. In total, our videos have had over 9,000 views!

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Raising positive awareness

We used the UN's International Albinism Day on 13 June 2016 as our main opportunity to promote positive awareness of albinism in the media. This year we decided to focus our attention on trying to get coverage in Scotland, Wales, Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Several of our members volunteered to be featured; we are really grateful to Kathleen Simms and family in N. Ireland, Gillian Elliot and her daughter in Scotland, Neil Jones in Wales and Moti Romi in the Republic of Ireland.

We were delighted to have had positive awareness raising coverage in all the following outlets:-

Derry Journal - newspaper article -full page article.
Derry News - newspaper article (including interview)
BBC Radio Foyle - live interview on 13 June.
Shaun Doherty Show, Highland Radio, County Donegal.
The Courier (Perth and Kinross edition) - story with photos.
Stirling Observer newspaper - story published on Gillian and family -
BBC Wales, Good Evening Wales Radio Show on 13 June - live interview
County Times newspaper - article with photo
BBC Wales Online (news website) - including an interview with Chair of AF
Article in 'Rare Revolution' magazine written by Andrew Bennett about Albinism and the work of Albinism Fellowship

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

Arranging opportunities for people to meet

One of our key aims for the Fellowship is to run as many events as possible that allow people with albinism to meet face to face and share some fun, experiences and support. During 2016-17 we ran a new under-fives event in London, a brand new event in Cardiff and member Beejal Mistry ran her first event in Leicester so a big thank you to Beejal.

We also had a mini conference in Dublin, very ably organised by the Irish Committee with support from the Trustees, a second get together in Glasgow in addition to events in Derry/Londonderry and Belfast. Our traditional London and Dublin BBQs were well attended and a Christmas party in Reading. Any members who would like to help organise an event in their local area please get touch!

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. Our bursary fund has been really boosted and this allows us to help members attend our events who otherwise could not afford them.

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.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

The trustees who served during the year were:

Akeel Bari

Joanne Bennett

Rosaleen Dempsey

Will Fellows

Daniel Hill

Caroline James

(Resigned 30 June 2017)

Karina Lang

Roselle Potts

Mark Sanderson

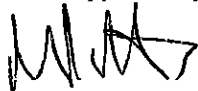
Pinar Alparslan Erder - co-opted

(Appointed 4 March 2017)

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 Chair of the Trustee Board, I want to thank Caroline James for her contribution during her time as a trustee; she stood down due to other commitments in June 2017. We also owe a massive vote of thanks to Mark Sanderson who is standing down from the trustee board after an impressive 23 years of continuous service. Pinar Alparslan Erder has been co-opted onto the board and is standing for election at this meeting. We are grateful to Daniel Hill, Rosie Dempsey, Will Fellows, Jo Bennett, Roselle Potts, Akeel Bari, and Karina Lang for their continued support as members of the trustee board and I am delighted that all are willing and able to stand for re-election as trustees at our AGM.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Roselle Potts

Trustee

Dated: 22 October 2017

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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 2017, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

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 Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's 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 statement

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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph has come to my attention:

- (a) 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 Regulations;have not been met or
- (b) 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: 22 October 2017

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	16,781	-	16,781	22,804
Charitable activities	4	989	2,180	3,169	13,190
Total income		17,770	2,180	19,950	35,994
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	5	9,277	-	9,277	29,684
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		8,493	2,180	10,673	6,310
Fund balances at 1 April 2016		11,925	-	11,925	5,615
Fund balances at 31 March 2017		20,418	2,180	22,598	11,925

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2017

	Notes	2017 £	£	2016 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		23,957		13,399	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(822)		(804)	
Net current assets			23,135		12,595
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11		(537)		(670)
Net assets			<u>22,598</u>		<u>11,925</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	12		2,180		-
Unrestricted funds			<u>20,418</u>		<u>11,925</u>
			<u>22,598</u>		<u>11,925</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 22 October 2017



Joanne Bennett
Trustee

Roselle Potts
Trustee



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Albinism Fellowship is a an unincorporated association established by its constitution on 30 November 1978. The Charity was registered in Scotland on 6 October 1987 under number SC009443..

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts 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 the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Cost of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	2017	2016
	£	£
Donations and gifts	14,949	22,223
Membership subscriptions	1,832	581
	<u>16,781</u>	<u>22,804</u>

4 Charitable activities

	2017	2016
	£	£
Conference income	989	13,190
Grant from Genetic Disorders UK	2,180	-
	<u>3,169</u>	<u>13,190</u>

Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	989	
Restricted funds	2,180	
	<u>3,169</u>	

For the year ended 31 March 2016

Unrestricted funds		<u>13,190</u>
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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5 Charitable activities

	2017	2016
	£	£
Conference costs	3,152	24,883
Hardship fund	-	135
Magazine expenses	846	423
Regional events expenses	2,078	1,036
Attendance at conferences	122	955
Literature, merchandise and exhibition stands	649	-
	<u>6,847</u>	<u>27,432</u>
Share of support costs (see note 6)	1,069	825
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	1,361	1,427
	<u>9,277</u>	<u>29,684</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>9,277</u>	
	<u>9,277</u>	
For the year ended 31 March 2016		
Unrestricted funds		<u>29,684</u>
		<u>29,684</u>

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12 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2017 £
	Balance at 1 April 2016 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	
Grant from Genetic Disorders UK	-	2,180	-	2,180

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2017 are represented by:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	20,955	2,180	23,135
Long term liabilities	(537)	-	(537)
	<u>20,418</u>	<u>2,180</u>	<u>22,598</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2016- none).

