

Charity Registration No. SC009443

**ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014**

# ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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**Trustees**

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

**Charity number**

SC009443

**Principal address**

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# ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014.

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	(Appointed 30 November 2013)
Joanne Bennett	
Rosaleen Dempsey	
Will Fellows	
Daniel Hill	
Hilary Hill	
Martin Lang	
Roselle Potts	(Appointed 30 November 2013)
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 Akeel Bari, Joanne Bennett, Rosaleen Dempsey, Will Fellows, Daniel Hill, Hilary Hill, Martin Lang, Roselle Potts and Mark Sanderson for their continued support.

#### **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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This year was dominated by planning and delivery of Inspired by Albinism, our latest family weekend conference (October '13), by the impressive activity in Ireland/NI due to our growing and active membership there, and the continuation of regular support events in England.

Due to heavy snow the year began with some unexpected cancellations. Our event in County Derry NI and one we were supporting run by Sandwell MBC (March) had to be cancelled! They were both rescheduled (October). Despite the disappointment we had a family event in Nottingham (spring) to look forward to.

Our first small event in Cork, Ireland was held (April). Led by member Georgina Brennan, those present heard an interesting talk on assistive technology from Linda Doran of UCC.

The 2nd European Days of Albinism event (April) was an opportunity for two of our trustees to share our experiences, learn from and collaborate with other albinism organisations. We are now pursuing ideas for closer joint working.

Jordanstown School, County Antrim NI was the venue for our next event (May). There was a talk from Dr Maria Napier on the basics of albinism and an arts & crafts workshop for children. We were delighted that Andrea Begley, star of BBC's The Voice joined us to lead the singing!

St John's GAA Clubhouse, Dublin was again the venue for our Ireland BBQ (June). Professor Michael O'Keefe, Ophthalmologist and Andrew Costello (Trinity College) gave talks on albinism and technology support for VI people respectively.

Rick Guidotti, Positive Exposure [www.positiveexposure.org](http://www.positiveexposure.org) made a quick visit to Ireland in July and met many of our members at the Clubhouse to update them on his work.

Back in the UK, Oak Tree School, Southgate London hosted our mainland BBQ (June). It was well attended and younger members enjoyed all the school facilities whilst adults had an update on AF activities.

#### **Achievements and performance**

Recognising the growing and active membership in Ireland/NI and our interest in setting up a more formal governance structure there to help respond to this our AGM was held in Dublin alongside the groups children's Christmas party (December).

At the time of writing (November 2014) we have just delivered a successful mini conference in Dublin. Delegates enjoyed presentations on albinism, education/employment, as well as panel discussions on sports, parenting and sports. A small number of exhibitors joined us and those staying over gathered together for a group dinner.

We continue to receive a good flow of enquiries mostly online, including questions about albinism but also approaches from the media which we evaluate for their benefits to the organisation and the albinism community - responding as appropriate. We also share news and research items of interest to our members. Evidence of these can be seen at [www.albinism.org.uk](http://www.albinism.org.uk) and in our magazine Albinism Life. We have a strong following online too.

#### **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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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### Plans for the future

Looking forward, The Hayes Conference Centre, Derbyshire will host our next weekend conference (October 2015). There are already plans for more events in NI and the rest of the UK including reactivating events in Scotland next year. Bringing people together to share, learn, cope (and live life to the full) because of albinism continues to be the core of what we do. We will continue to do more of this and expand and develop our supporters especially as fundraisers, event organisers and to run the charity (trustees).

On behalf of the board of trustees



**Mark Sanderson**

Trustee

Dated: 22 November 2014

# 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 2014, 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: 22 November 2014

# ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
<b><u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u></b>			
Donations and legacies	2	17,067	6,730
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	6,750	450
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>23,817</b>	<b>7,180</b>
<b><u>Resources expended</u></b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Provision of information, support and fellowship	4	21,385	6,584
Governance costs		1,017	799
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>22,402</b>	<b>7,383</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		<b>1,415</b>	<b>(203)</b>
Fund balances at 1 April 2013		537	740
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2014</b>		<b>1,952</b>	<b>537</b>



# ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2014

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	Notes	2014 £	£	2013 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		3,687		2,388	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(798)</u>		<u>(780)</u>	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>2,889</b>		<b>1,608</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>					
	10		<u>(937)</u>		<u>(1,071)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b><u>1,952</u></b>		<b><u>537</u></b>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			<u>1,952</u>		<u>537</u>
			<b><u>1,952</u></b>		<b><u>537</u></b>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 22 November 2014



Mark Sanderson  
Trustee



Joanne Bennett  
Trustee

# ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

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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

	2014 £	2013 £
Donations and gifts	<u>17,067</u>	<u>6,730</u>
<b>Donations and gifts</b>		
Unrestricted funds:		
Subscriptions	3,649	2,783
Donations	13,418	3,947
	<u>17,067</u>	<u>6,730</u>

### 3 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2014 £	2013 £
Sales of literature, merchandise and training	-	450
Conference income	6,750	-
	<u>6,750</u>	<u>450</u>

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

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### 4 Total resources expended

	2014	2013
	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
<u>Provision of information, support and fellowship</u>		
Activities undertaken directly	21,385	6,584
<b>Governance costs</b>	1,017	799
	<u>22,402</u>	<u>7,383</u>

### 5 Activities undertaken directly

	2014	2013
	£	£
Other costs relating to provision of information, support and fellowship comprise:		
Conference costs	17,753	-
Donations and gifts	-	15
Secretarial and stationery costs	244	683
Magazine expenses	811	1,558
Regional events expenses	1,117	1,158
Computer expenses	-	466
Meeting expenses	405	335
Literature, merchandise and exhibition stands	265	695
Telephone	229	218
Travel	306	1,201
Bank charges and interest	216	216
Safe child	39	39
	<u>21,385</u>	<u>6,584</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 £772 for expenses (2013: five trustees were reimbursed a total of £547).

### 7 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

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### 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.

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2014	2013
	£	£
Accruals	798	780
	<u>798</u>	<u>780</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2014	2013
	£	£
Deferred income	937	1,071
	<u>937</u>	<u>1,071</u>