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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2020

THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH FOUNDATION UNITED KINGDOM (A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2020

Trustees

C Bjelland S Slapgard K O Amas

Company registered number

06199744

Charity registered number

1120009

Registered office

7 Savoy Court London WC2R 0EX

Company secretary

Hal Management Limited

Independent auditors

Nyman Libson Paul LLP Chartered Accountants 124 Finchley Road London NW3 5JS

Bankers

C Hoare & Co London EC4P 4DQ

Solicitors

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2020

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the company, The Freedom of Speech Foundation United Kingdom, for the ended 30 April 2020. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and Activities

a. Policies and objectives

The principal object of the Foundation is to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities and the effective use of charitable resources for the public benefit.

The Foundation's object is to promote human rights and in particular the freedom of expression in the UK by undertaking research and other educational activities and disseminating the results of such research for public benefit.

b. Activities for achieving objectives

The Foundation's objectives are achieved by supporting the charity Free Word and by use of the building at 60 Farringdon Road, London as a resource centre.

c. Grant making policies

The Foundation has a commitment to pay annually to Free Word over the term of its lease of 60 Farringdon Road, a grant of not less than £240,000. The Foundation also has a commitment to pay an additional Retail Price Index adjusted grant to Free Word to cover the general wear and tear and servicing of the building, so long as Free Word remain the tenant. This additional grant has been fixed at £70,000 for the year under review and the following year. During the year under review, the grants paid to Free Word totalled £310,000 (2019: £286,220).

Achievements and performance

a. Financial review

Total incoming resources during the period amounted to £237,000 (2019: £237,000) and total resources expended amounted to £338,555 (2019: £308,388) resulting in a net deficit of £101,555 (2019: £71,388).

The balance sheet at 30 April 2020 shows net current assets of £527,437 (2019: £628,992) and net assets of £1,886,021 (2019: £1,987,576). The Foundation is financially supported by the Norwegian charity Stiffelsen Fritt Ord. The loan is not repayable until 2021 and Stiffelsen Fritt Ord have confirmed that they will continue to provide financial support to the Foundation. On this basis the Trustees consider that the Foundation has adequate resources to continue its current activities.

b. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources and financial support to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further

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details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Foundation is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

The Foundation is constituted under a Memorandum of Association and is a registered charity number 1120009.

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees

Trustees are appointed to the board in accordance with the terms of the Articles of Association. Trustees are appointed to vacant positions following an analysis of the balance of skills needed for the position.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

Newly appointed Trustees are routinely inducted; this includes meeting with the existing Trustees.

d. Organisational structure and decision making

The Foundation's governing body is its board of Trustees who meet once per year.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were:

C Bjelland S Slapgard K O Amas

e. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Foundation is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Foundation, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate the exposure to the major risks.

Plans for future periods

a. Future developments

The Foundation intends to continue its support of Free Word and to develop the building at 60 Farringdon Road as a resource centre to achieve its objectives.

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees (who are also directors of The Freedom Of Speech Foundation United Kingdom for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 12 March 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

K O Amas Trustee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH FOUNDATION UNITED KINGDOM

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Freedom of Speech Foundation United Kingdom (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 April 2020 set out on pages 8 to 16. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 April 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may
 cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis
 of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are
 authorised for issue.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the

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work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Paul Taiano (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Nyman Libson Paul LLP

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors

124 Finchley Road London NW3 5JS 12 March 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2020

		Unrestricted funds 2020	Total funds 2020	Total funds 2019
	Note	£	£	£
Income from:				
Charitable activities	2	237,000	237,000	237,000
Total income		237,000	237,000	237,000
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		338,555	338,555	308,388
Total expenditure		338,555	338,555	308,388
Net expenditure before other recognised gains and losses Gains on revaluations of fixed assets	6	(101,555) -	(101,555) -	(71,388) 450,000
Net movement in funds		(101,555)	(101,555)	378,612
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		1,987,576	1,987,576	1,608,964
Total funds carried forward		1,886,021	1,886,021	1,987,576

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2020					
	Note	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
Fixed assets					
Social investments	6		7,700,000		7,700,000
Current assets					
Debtors	7	806		783	
Cash at bank and in hand		586,540		688,618	
	-	587,346	-	689,401	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(59,909)		(60,409)	
Net current assets	-		527,437		628,992
Total assets less current liabilities			8,227,437		8,328,992
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	9		(6,341,416)		(6,341,416)
Net assets			1,886,021		1,987,576
Charity Funds					
Unrestricted funds	10		1,886,021		1,987,576
Total funds			1,886,021		1,987,576

The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 12 March 2021 and signed on their behalf, by:

K O Amas Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2020

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Freedom of Speech Foundation United Kingdom meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Income

Income comprises of rent receivable from the charitable company's social investment in property and is recognised in the period in which the rent relates.

1.3 Expenditure

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 support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

1.4 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to $\pounds 1$ per member of the company.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.5 Revaluation of social investments in property

Individual freehold and leasehold properties are carried at fair value at the date of the revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Revaluations are undertaken with sufficient regularity to ensure the carrying amount does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair value at the reporting date.

Fair values are determined from market-based evidence undertaken periodically by independent professionally qualified valuers and assessed by the Trustees for material variation between valuations.

Revaluation gains and losses are recognised through other comprehensive income unless losses exceed the previously recognised gains or reflect a clear consumption of economic benefits, in which case the excess losses are recognised through profit or loss.

1.6 Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount, less impairment.

1.7 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on advice of not more than 24 hours.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the services it must provide.

1.9 Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.10 Accumulated funds

The charity holds a general unrestricted fund balance. This represents the funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

1.11 Direct taxation

The company is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to direct taxation on income arising from its charitable activities as it falls within the the various exemptions available to registered charities.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.12 Going concern

The Foundation reported a deficit before gains and losses on revaluations for the year of £101,555 (2019: £71,388). Although through cash reserves the Foundation is able to meet its day to day commitments for approximately the next year, the Foundation is dependent on the long term support of Stiffelsen Fritt Ord, who have confirmed their intention to support the Foundation whilst the current tenant is in place until June 2021.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources and financial support to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the company's financial statements.

2. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Rent receivable from social investments	237,000	237,000	237,000
Total 2019	237,000	237,000	

Rent receivable as lessor

At 30 April 2020 the future minimum rents receivable under non-cancellable operating leases was as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Not later than one year Later than one year and not later than five years	256,750 -	237,000 256,750
Total	256,750	493,750

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3. Direct costs

	Governance £	Activities £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Grants to institutions	-	310,000	310,000	286,220
Insurance	-	3,955	3,955	3,991
Property management fees	-	14,003	14,003	6,200
Bank charges	-	84	84	127
Legal and professional	13	-	13	900
Auditors remuneration Auditors remuneration - non	6,000	-	6,000	5,800
audit services	4,500	-	4,500	5,150
Total 2020	10,513	328,042	338,555	308,388
Total 2019	11,850	296,538	308,388	

4. Auditors' remuneration

The Auditor's remuneration amounts to an Audit fee of \pounds 6,000 (2019 - \pounds 5,800), and accountancy and VAT services of \pounds 4,500(2019 - \pounds 5,150).

5. Staff costs

The company has no employees other than the Trustees, who did not receive any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses (2019 - £NIL).

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

6. Social investments

Social investments in freehold property £

Cost or valuation

At 1 May 2019 and 30 April 2020

7,700,000

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6. Social investments (continued)

7. Debtors

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	2020 £	2019 £
Prepayments	806	783
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
	2020 £	2019 £
Other taxation and social security Accruals and deferred income	11,250 48,659	11,850 48,559
	59,909	60,409
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		
	2020 £	2019 £
Loans (secured)	6,341,416	6,341,416
Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:		
	2020 £	2019 £
Between two and five years		
Other loans	6,341,416	6,341,416
Other loans are secured by charges over the freehold property.		

Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 May 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 April 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	1,987,576	237,000	(338,555)	1,886,021

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10. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 May 2018	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 30 April 2019
General Funds - all funds	£ 1,608,964	£ 237,000	£ (308,388)	£ 1,987,576
Total of funds	1,608,964	237,000	(308,388)	1,987,576

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets Current assets Creditors due within one year Creditors due in more than one year	7,700,000 587,346 (59,909) (6,341,416)
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Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year	
	Unrestricted funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets Current assets Creditors due within one year Creditors due in more than one year	7,700,000 689,401 (60,409) (6,341,416)
	1,987,576

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12. Grant Commitments

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
At 30 April 2020 the company had commitments as follows:		
Commitments in respect of grants approved for projects which have not been accrued in the financial statements but will form part of grants:		
Within one year	310,000	287,265
Later than one year and not later than five years	-	289,054
	310,000	576,319

13. Related party transactions

The charity has a close working relationship with Stiftelsen Fritt Ord, a leading charity in Norway. At the reporting date a total of £6,341,416 (2019: £6,341,416) was owed to Stiftelsen Fritt Ord. The loan is not interest bearing.