HRH The Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conferences (UK Fund)

Trustees' report and financial statements
Registered number 225660
For the year ended 31 December 2020

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The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund at the end of the year and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended.

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- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
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- state whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
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Governance costs	3		2,430		19,823
Total resources expended			(71,230)		(141,678)
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Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	5	15	(1,896)
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Commonwealth Study Conferences (UK Fund)

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conferences (UK Fund) (referred to in this document as the Trust) for

the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts

in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145

of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable

Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my

attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material

respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the

Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and

content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other

than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter

considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the

examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper

understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: AMSOS 2(2)

Name: Andrea Szalanczi

Professional qualification: ACA

Address: 3, Brooksville Avenue, London, NW6 6TH

Date: 10 September 2021