Earthlabs

Charity number 1190308

Annual Report 2020-2021

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Activity

Conditions arising internationally in relation to Covid-19 limited activity to the development of the charity's quality assurance procedures for its proposed own-initiative projects and for prospective activities led by other organisations using grant funds issued by the charity. The Trustees informed this exercise by observing practices in several organisations with a commitment to excellence across a range of fields and they have drafted a set of procedures with which the charity can make exante and ex-post assessments to ensure simultaneously the level of both accountability and effectiveness that is required to secure future endowments. These procedures will be presented to the donors whose continuing offer of funds will be taken up when the pandemic has subsided to an acceptable level, allowing the Trustees to open invitations for grant funding and to finalise the charity's own-initiative work programme.

The Trustees also used the first year to engage with a number of charitable organisations to discuss experiences concerning the roles of patrons and others, with particular attention to added value. It is their intention to recruit additional trustees but also to draw on individuals with international experience that could help them to position the charity more easily or effectively. In this regard, a small number of conversations have started in anticipation of rapid growth when the pandemic has subsided.

Finance

The Trustees met privately any costs associated with the charity's preparatory activities and will continue to do so until conditions allow funds from waiting donors to be called on. No income or reportable expenditure occurred in the year.

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	GBP	EUR	USD	
<u>Income</u>				
UK source	0	0	0	
Non-UK source	0	0	0	
TOTAL	0	0	0	
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Internal	0	0	0	
UK recipient	0	0	0	
Non-UK recipient	0	0	0	
TOTAL	0	0	0	

Submitted by M. J. Marchant, Secretary to the Trustees