

Director's Report Year 2015-2016

I am delighted to report that once again Ski 2 Freedom Foundation has helped to provide many exciting experiences that have helped empower the lives of children and adults with life-changing conditions. Thank you to everyone who has supported us and it is something very special that we are doing.

Beneficiaries that gain from our work

With over 150 enquiries about having a trip to the mountains this resulted in over 1000 individuals participating in winter sport activities. The range of needs requiring specialist information and help is enormously diverse and we come across many that are extremely rare such as a young boy with Amelia Syndrome (born with no legs or arms). Many children have life-threatening and are terminally ill but wish to have magical and special experiences in the snowy mountains. We also had enquiries from skiers who have a background in helping those with special needs and many physical conditions who wish to help in our work as volunteers. A number of University Students wanting our help in their final projects and this can range from an engineering project to help make a specialist piece of equipment to how to do more within Accessible Tourism.

We had beneficiaries from the UK but also from Australia, Afghanistan, America, Canada, France, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, Ireland, South Africa.....

Ski 2 Freedom is also asked to help with advising and helping charities which are front-line providers for experiences on the snow such as Snowbility based in Hemel Hempstead; Skiing with Veterans; Starlight Foundation; Silver Lining Charity; CCMS Charity Ski Holidays and others. By using our extensive and personal contacts and expertise we have been able to help these organisations meet their aims and objectives.

Donations and how we use them

Our work is only possible through the support of our donors and we are extremely grateful that they continue to encourage us to make dreams come true for some very special people.

The first Ski 2 Freedom Foundation Classical Concert held in London on 15th October 2015 was a resounding success bringing together both donors and supporters in a beautiful church with outstanding music. One of our singers is herself visually impaired and it was wonderful to know that money raised would be helping other visually impaired and blind children and young people to find new experiences on the mountains with friends and family.

To help enable an activity to take place we continue to donate specialist ski equipment and this will continue to be a priority so that more people can benefit from participating in winter sports regardless of their physical, sensory or neurological condition.

Our Ski 2 TV is a resounding success in helping to show people what can be achieved on the mountain and helping to encourage people to have an inclusive and accessible trip to the therapeutic Alpine regions. A photograph says a thousand words and we believe that our continued approach to using our website as a platform for promoting sporting activities is a positive way forward.

Our Communication and Advice Service continues to expand and is at the core of our work to provide the best information we can.

We also continue to operate with no salaried staff but on the good will of volunteers. We do however use the services of a Design company to undertake our Ski 2 TV work and ensure our

website, the main platform for us, is as up-to-date as possible but much of the work is done voluntarily so our expenses are kept at a minimum.

Those who help facilitate our mountain experiences

It is only with the amazing help of dedicated ski instructors and the warm welcome our beneficiaries are given when they arrive in an Alpine resort that enables them to have such a rewarding and empowering time. We continue to ensure that our Communication and Advice Service is as comprehensive and informative as possible. This is only possible by making personal contact with the ski schools, accommodation providers and tourist offices to ensure that the highest level of service is provided. Our information is, we believe, unique in meeting the needs of individuals so that they have the confidence and reassurance that they will have the best and safest time on the mountain.

The future

We will continue to meet our aims and objectives in providing much needed help to ensure that everyone can find empowering moments through participating in mountain activities such as skiing..... life is about sharing what others may find easy to do and being rewarded by a sense of freedom by being able to have that ultimate inclusive and accessible moment!

As we use our website and social media to promote our work and it is via this platform that we reach out to people who in turn reach out to us, we ask you to visit both the website www.ski2freedom.com and our Ski2TV www.ski2freedom.com/en/ski2tv to see for yourself where your donation goes and what we are doing to help change people's lives.

Catherine Cosby

Founder and Trustee

Registered Number 06253579

SKI 2 FREEDOM FOUNDATION

Micro-entity Accounts

31 August 2016

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Micro-entity Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2016

	Notes 2016	2015
	£	£
Current Assets	5,002	15,380
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0
Net current assets (liabilities)	5,002	15,380
Total assets less current liabilities	5,002	15,380
Total net assets (liabilities)	5,002	15,380
Reserves	5,002	15,380

- For the year ending 31 August 2016 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 13 July 2017

And signed on their behalf by:

catherine rachel cosby, Director