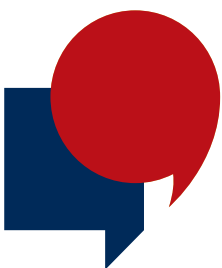




FINANCIAL SUMMARY **2023-2024**



John Speak
LANGUAGE TRUST

Registered Charity Number: 529115

**The John Speak Foundation
Foreign Languages Scholarship Trust Fund**

**Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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General information

Trustee

West and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Directors of the Trustee Company

L J Beardmore – Resigned 31 October 2023
A Beresford
C J Black
M J Briffett
A Choudhry – Appointed 21 September 2023
M G Cowgill
S Czarnecki – Appointed 17 April 2023
R Fitzgerald – Appointed 21 September 2023
K Hope – Appointed 21 September 2023
S Jenkins – Appointed 21 September 2023
N A Karim
J M Mason
D Murray – Resigned 22 March 2024
C Thomson – Resigned 31 October 2023
V Wainwright
S R Watson

Chair of the committee

M Green

Members of the subcommittee

M Green
J Dawson
J Hart
C Russell

Registered charity number

529115

Principal office

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Devere House
Vicar Lane
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Bradford
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Bankers

Royal Bank of Scotland
Manchester, St Ann Square (D) Branch
PO Box 320
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Manchester
M60 2SS

Investment Managers

Torevell and Partners
5 Oxford Court
Manchester
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Report of the Trustee for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustee presents its annual report together with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) as detailed in the accounting policies.

Structure, Governance and Management

The trust was constituted by a trust deed dated 23 December 1924 and is registered with the Charities Commission, reference number 529115. The charity received a large donation in 1924 from Mr John Speak to be kept in perpetuity.

The trust is governed by the directors of the company trustee – the West & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce & Industry. The Directors are set out on page 1. The induction training and information supplied to new directors of the company trustee includes an introduction to the trust deed governing the operation of the trust and the financial accounts and budget for the trust fund.

The Finance, Audit and Risk sub-committee of the West & North Yorkshire Chamber Board reviews the administration of the Fund at least twice a year and reviews its performance and that of the Investment Managers handling the investments. The Committee then makes recommendations to the Chamber's Board of Directors.

The Board is grateful to the Grant Sub-committee members Mark Green (Chair), Jo Dawson, Jim Hart and Colin Russell for the time and expertise they give to the Fund.

Risk Management

The trustee has examined the major strength, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The trustee has given due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when reviewing its aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The objectives of the charity are to assist students to improve their language skills in order to support the export trade of UK goods and services through making grants to appropriate students. The trustee considers that supporting the UK export trade is to the general benefit of the public within in the UK.

Grant Making Policy

The Fund promotes its work through a dedicated website, www.johnspeaktrust.co.uk, through the Chamber International website and social media to raise awareness of bursaries and outcomes. Information sheets are also sent to educational bodies running foreign languages courses. Applications are received from around the UK and case studies of those who receive bursaries are shown on the John Speak Trust website.

Awards are made to applicants who meet the criteria of the trust following interview with the Grant Sub Committee, chaired by Mark Green, are paid monthly and usually cover some living and travel expenses. The committee also receives progress reports from recipients.

Level of Awards in 2023/24

The allocation of awards was undertaken in the normal way for the financial year, allocating the income generated by the investments held by the Trust.

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Report of the Trustee for the year ended 31 March 2024 (cont..)

Achievements and Performance

During the year bursaries totalling £12,300 (2023 - £13,500) were awarded to students visiting the following countries:

	2024 £	2023 £
1 student to Austria (12 months)	-	1,500
1 student to Costa Rica (4 months)	-	1,200
1 student to France (5 months)	-	500
1 student to France (7 months)	-	600
1 student to Germany (6 months)	-	900
1 student to Germany (12 months)	-	700
1 student to Germany (3 years)	-	1,000
1 student to Italy (5 months)	-	500
1 student to Jordan (3 months)	-	900
1 student to Jordan (3 months)	-	900
1 student to Morocco (6 months)	-	1,500
1 student to Spain (9 months)	-	800
1 student to Spain (5 months)	-	400
1 student to Taiwan (9 months)	-	2,100
1 student to Brussels (6 months)	800	-
1 student to Canada (9 months)	1,000	-
1 student to France (5 months)	500	-
2 students to France (6 months)	2,300	-
1 student to France (11 months)	400	-
1 student to Kazakhstan (4 months)	1,000	-
1 student to Oman (3 months)	1,500	-
1 student to Portugal (3 months)	800	-
1 student to Seoul (12 months)	2,000	-
1 student to Taiwan (10 months)	2,000	-
	12,300	13,500

Financial Review

The capital of the trust now stands at £476,172 (2023 - £463,675). This fund generates income which is used to assist students to improve their language skills and to further the export trade. The fund generated income of £16,833 (2023 - £15,670) to fund grants and related costs, which totalled £22,703 (2023 - £17,921). Whenever possible, surplus funds are reinvested in order to preserve the capital of the trust for the future.

Investment Policy

There are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest. The investment strategy is set by the trustee and takes account of the recent demands for funds and the quality of the funding applications. The trustee considers the income requirement, the risk profile and the investment managers' view of the market prospects in the medium term. This strategy is set within an overall policy of only considering low and medium risk investments with a view to ensuring there is reasonable capital appreciation of the fund. The fund is managed by Torevell & Partners.

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Report of the Trustee for the year ended 31 March 2024 (cont..)

Reserves Policy

The Trustee has reviewed the reserves of the charity, in particular the nature of the income and expenditure streams. The Trustee is confident that future income and retained reserves will enable the charity to meet its foreseeable needs on the basis of planned activity and consequently are satisfied with the current level of reserves.

At 31 March 2024 the charity had total reserves amounting to £476,172 (2023 - £463,675).

Plans for the Future

The charity, in accordance with the trust deed, will continue to assist students who wish to reside in foreign countries in order to obtain knowledge of foreign languages for business purposes. Assistance will be given in the form of grants with the Trustees hoping to award grants totalling during the coming year. Funds available for distribution will arise from realised income generated by the capital fund investments.

The Trustee will regularly review the operation of the trust to ensure compliance with the trust deed and apply to the Charity Commission should an amendment to the trust deed be considered necessary.

In order to increase the capital funds which generate income available for future grant distribution the Trustee may approach previous grant recipients.

In addition, to ensure the knowledge bank and continuation of the grants sub-committee the Trustee continued to liaise with the chairman of Grants Sub Committee to consider the desirability of recruiting new committee members to sit on the Grants Sub Committee.

Approval

This report was approved by the West and North Yorkshire Chamber and Industry as Corporate Trustee on 29 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



J M Mason
Director

(West and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry)

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Statement of Trustee's accounting and reporting responsibilities

The Trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustee is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustee is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

		Restricted endowment fund	
	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Income from:			
Donations	2	-	-
Investment income			
- Listed securities	3	16,736	15,638
- Bank interest	3	97	32
Total income		16,833	15,670
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds:			
- Clerical		4,800	1,800
- Translation fees and sundry costs		2,975	1,029
- Broker's charge		3,083	3,110
- Bank charges		75	75
		10,933	6,014
Expenditure on charitable activity	4	11,770	11,907
Total expenditure		22,703	17,921
Net expenditure before other recognised gains/(losses)		(5,870)	(2,251)
Other recognised gains/(losses)			
Realised and unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	5	18,367	(13,542)
Net movement in funds for the year		12,497	(15,793)
Funds brought forward at 1 April 2023		463,675	479,468
Funds carried forward at 31 March 2024		476,172	463,675

All income and expenditure in the comparative Statement of Financial Activities was unrestricted.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 8 to 13 from part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	5		462,571		447,288
Current assets					
Cash at bank balances		19,757		21,693	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year:					
Grants payable	6	5,840		5,290	
Accruals		316		16	
Current liabilities					
		6,156		5,306	
Net current assets			13,601	16,306	
Net assets		7	476,172	463,675	
Funds					
Restricted endowment fund			476,172	463,675	

The financial statements were approved by the West and North Yorkshire Chamber and Industry as Corporate Trustee on 29 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


 J M Mason
Director
 (West and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry)

The notes on pages 8 to 13 from part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

1.1 Charitable Trust information

The John Speak Foundation Foreign Languages Scholarship Trust Fund is a charity established by Trust Deed dated 23 December 1924 and registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 529115. The charity's principal office address is Devere House, Vicar Lane, Little Germany, Bradford, BD1 5AH.

1.2 Accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("Charities SORP (FRS102)"), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Charities SORP (FRS 102) rather than Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

The John Speak Foundation Foreign Languages Scholarship Trust Fund meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

1.3 Going concern

The charity is a grant making charity with grants awarded from income and gains generated. Grants can be varied according to income levels. The Trustees have at the time of approving the financial statements a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities ("SoFA") in the year in which it is receivable.

1.5 Income from investments

Dividend and interest income from investment funds is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of dividends and interest paid or payable by the Fund Manager.

Interest income from cash deposits and listed investments is recognised in the accounts gross, when receivable.

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1.6 Expenditure

Expenditure (excluding grants) is included in the SOFA on an accruals basis.

Charitable activities include support expenditure associated with the administration and issuing of grants.

1.7 Grants

Grants payable are commitments (including payments) made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity. Single or multi-year grants are accounted for as grants payable when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the charity.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

Listed investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The listed investment portfolio is held to generate returns and gains for the charity and accordingly is designated as fair value through profit and loss ("FVTPL"). Under this designation the portfolio is revalued at each period end to its fair value, as determined by reference to quoted market prices and values determined by independent fund managers, with any gains or losses going through the SoFA.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments. The Charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments in accordance with section 11 of FRS 102. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and are subsequently measured at their settlement value.

The Trust does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity held for working capital.

1.11 Debtors

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in the income and expenditure account.

1.12 Creditors, loans and provisions

Creditors, loans and provisions are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors, loans and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when, and only when, obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

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Amounts recognised as provisions are best estimates of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation.

1.13 Fund accounting

All funds received in the year relate to the accumulated endowment fund, the Trustees having full discretion over their use which must be in accordance with the objects of the charitable trust.

1.14 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The Trustees have judged that there are no estimates or assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities.

2. Donations

	2024	2023
	£	£
West & North Yorkshire Chamber	0	0

3. Investment Income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Listed securities	16,736	15,638
Bank interest	97	32
	16,833	15,670

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (cont..)

4. Charitable activities expenditure

	2024 £	2023 £
Grants and donations to charitable organisations	12,300	13,500
Cancelled current year grants	-	-
Cancelled / amended prior year grants	(1,100)	(1,863)
Accountancy & professional fees	570	270
Total expenditure	11,770	11,907

During the year bursaries totalling £12,300 (2023 - £13,500) were awarded to the students visiting the following countries:

	2024 £	2023 £
1 student to Austria (12 months)	-	1,500
1 student to Costa Rica (4 months)	-	1,200
1 student to France (5 months)	-	500
1 student to France (7 months)	-	600
1 student to Germany (6 months)	-	900
1 student to Germany (12 months)	-	700
1 student to Germany (3 years)	-	1,000
1 student to Italy (5 months)	-	500
1 student to Jordan (3 months)	-	900
1 student to Jordan (3 months)	-	900
1 student to Morocco (6 months)	-	1,500
1 student to Spain (9 months)	-	800
1 student to Spain (5 months)	-	400
1 student to Taiwan (9 months)	-	2,100
1 student to Brussels (6 months)	800	-
1 student to Canada (9 months)	1,000	-
1 student to France (5 months)	500	-
2 students to France (6 months)	2,300	-
1 student to France (11 months)	400	-
1 student to Kazakhstan (4 months)	1,000	-
1 student to Oman (3 months)	1,500	-
1 student to Portugal (3 months)	800	-
1 student to Seoul (12 months)	2,000	-
1 student to Taiwan (10 months)	2,000	-
	<u>12,300</u>	<u>13,500</u>

There were no staff employed by the charity (2023: no staff employed).

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (cont..)

5. Investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Valuation of 1 April 2023	447,288	463,939
Purchases	64,142	196,535
Disposals	(64,142)	(199,644)
	447,288	460,830
Realised and unrealised profit/(loss) on investments	15,283	(13,542)
Valuation at 31 March 2024	462,571	447,288

The investments are all listed on a recognised stock exchange and are shown at their market value.

The historical cost of the investments is £370,373 (2023: £370,373). The investments are held primarily to receive a return and not for capital growth.

There are no programme related investments.

6. Grants Payable

Reconciliation of grants payable	2024 £	2023 £
Commitments at 1 April 2023	5,290	7,063
Grants committed in the year	12,300	13,500
Grants paid during the year	(10,650)	(13,410)
Grant commitments reduced	(1,100)	(1,863)
Commitments at 31 March 2024	5,840	5,290

7. Analysis of Funds

Restricted funds	2024 £	2023 £
Accumulated Endowment Fund:		
At 1 April 2023	463,675	479,468
Net income/(expenditure)	12,497	(15,793)
As at 31 March 2024	476,172	463,675

8. Related Party Transactions

During the year the following transaction took place with the Corporate Trustee

	2024 £	2023 £
Management fee charged by Corporate Trustee	4,800	1,800
Membership and promotion charged by the Corporate Trustee	1,200	-

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (cont..)

9. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

The Trustee received no remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in the year other than those disclosed in note 8 above.