

**THE GATHERING THE VOICES ASSOCIATION**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Year to 31 December 2023**

**Charity Registered Number SC047809**

## **THE GATHERING THE VOICES ASSOCIATION**

### **TRUSTEES REPORT**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2023.

#### **TRUSTEES**

Hilary Anson  
Steven Anson  
Angela Shapiro  
David Shapiro  
Claire Singerman  
Howard Singerman

There have been no changes in the Trustees during the year.

#### **CONTACT ADDRESS**

46 Larchfield Avenue, Newton Mearns, Glasgow G77 5QN.

#### **CHARITABLE PURPOSES**

The charitable purposes of the Association are the advancement of education and the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science by providing a website, information, educational resources, talks and exhibitions about the Holocaust and the refugee experience to the general public, students and school children and by learning from testimonies of Holocaust survivors and refugees from Nazi persecution who have settled in Scotland.

#### **REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES**

The Gathering the Voices Association (GtV) had another busy and successful year in 2023. We have presented to students and future educators: Aberdeen University history students; Strathclyde University PGE students; and Glasgow Caledonian University history students. We have also attended seminars and led workshops with Holocaust educators.

As money for school budgets has become increasingly short, we are now also offering digital activities. Our website has now been accepted on Glow, Scotland's national digital learning platform for teaching.

We have continued to develop our website and have attracted on average 10,000 to 15,000 hits per month on the GtV website. We continue to post regular updates on the social media sites of X and Facebook.

In 2023 we continued to display the GtV exhibition and presented to approximately 555 pupils and 460 adults including teachers in the UK and in Germany. We estimate 1700 people visited our exhibition when it has featured in schools, libraries and public halls.

One highlight of 2023 was the digital launch to critical acclaim on 30 August 2023 of 'Marion's Journey', a serious education game. Attendees zoomed in from Austria, Italy, Israel, USA, and the UK, as well as senior management and staff from Glasgow Caledonian University. The launch was ably supported by Jeremy Bailey and Hamid Homatash of Glasgow Caledonian University and was covered by The European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI) in its online newsletter and on X channel. Chimera Tales, the creator of 'Marion's Journey', was awarded a prestigious award at the Scottish Games Awards in November 2023 for their skill and creativity.

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### **REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES (Continued)**

GtV was represented at the following events:-

An international meeting in Munich of EHRI in November.

The Digital Collective Memory Group, which was invited to contribute to guidelines under the auspices of Sussex Weidenfeld Institute of Jewish Studies. (The guidelines are recommendations for games and play in Holocaust memory and education and will be published in 2024).

The launch of Hidden Treasures in London. (This portal is funded by Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv Europe)

The Association of Jewish Refugees ‘Remembering and Rethinking: The international Forum on Collecting, Preserving and Disseminating Holocaust Testimonies ‘ in Lancaster House, London in April 2023.

### **TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

The Trustees received reimbursement of expenses of £332 during the year (2023: £962)

### **RESERVES**

All of the Trust funds are unrestricted general funds and are used by the Trustees to further the work being carried out in accordance with the above charitable purposes.

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Jeffrey Jesner will be seeking to continue in the position of Independent Examiner to the Trust.

Approved by the Trustees on 15 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by: -

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**Hilary Anson - Trustee**

## **THE GATHERING THE VOICES ASSOCIATION**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE GATHERING THE VOICES ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

This report is made solely to the Trustees of THE GATHERING THE VOICES ASSOCIATION in accordance with the terms of my engagement. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not assume responsibility to anyone other than the Centre and its Directors/Trustees for my work or this report.

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the Year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 4 to 5.

#### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiners Statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

#### **Independent Examiners Statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave not been met
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jeffrey Jesner  
Glasgow  
15 October 2024

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## **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For the Year to 31 December 2023**

### **Unrestricted Funds**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Donations	17,058	6,720
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<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Website Costs	2,039	1,115
Exhibition Costs	913	-
Insurance	436	435
Game Development	12,450	3,000
Office Expenses	968	773
Independent Examiner's Fee	-	-
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	16,806	5,323
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<b>NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	<b>£252</b>	<b>£1,397</b>
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There were no Restricted Funds during the Year.

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### **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Bank Accounts	£11,059	£10,807
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<b>Represented by:-</b>		
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>General Unrestricted Fund</b>		
Opening Balance	10,807	9,410
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	252	1,397
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Closing Balance	£11,059	£10,807
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These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 15 October 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:-

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**Hilary Anson - Trustee**