

THE GATHERING THE VOICES ASSOCIATION

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year to 31 December 2024**

Charity Registered Number SC047809

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TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2024.

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

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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 successful and busy year in 2024. We have increased our digital activities in response to the continuing tightening of school budgets. We have attended seminars and led workshops with Holocaust educators.

Schools and Further Education

Since February 2024 The Gathering the Voices website is now featured on GLOW. Glow is Scotland's national digital learning platform provided by Scottish Government and managed by Education Scotland.

Since 2014 the GtV exhibition and presenters have featured at:

257 Events

140 locations in Scotland, England and overseas in Australia, Germany, Israel and the Netherlands

18,700+ pupils and 22,200+ adults have viewed the GtV exhibition

12,000+ pupils and 4,600+ adults have attended GtV presentations

These include pupils, students and future educators: Holocaust Educational Trust teachers; PGE students and Glasgow Caledonian University history students.

GtV is now included on various archive sites

National Library of Scotland is in collaboration with GtV and has agreed to take copies of our oral interviews and video interviews.

The new Portal of UK Holocaust Archives will feature 46 audio interviews from Gathering the Voices' website. This new Portal is under the auspices of The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and has been commissioned by Lord Pickles and the Association of Jewish Refugees "Hidden Treasures".

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REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES (Continued)

The highlight of our year was our presence of our mobile exhibition at The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Plenary event at the Scottish Event Centre in Glasgow. Dignitaries from 35 countries attended of which over 28 representatives from different countries came over to talk with us about our work including Lord Pickles, who was the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Chair.

GtV was represented at the following International events

GtV invited to join the Landecker Digital Memory Lab Editorial Board.

We presented in:

Amsterdam: At the meeting of the European Holocaust research Infrastructure Specialist Archives committee

Australia: We presented to staff at Melbourne Holocaust Museum

Digital Presence Continues

We continue to post regular updates on many social media sites.

GtV is now featured on Instagram and BlueSky, in addition to X and Facebook.

Our website is still being accessed approximately 15,000 times each month.

TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The Trustees received reimbursement of expenses of £262 during the year (2023: £333)

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 8 April 2025 and signed on their behalf by: -

Hilary Anson - Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE GATHERING THE VOICES ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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 2024 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
8 April 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For the Year to 31 December 2024

Unrestricted Funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Donations	651	16,173
Exhibition	1,287	885
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	1,938	17,058
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PAYMENTS		
Website Costs	1,770	2,039
Exhibition Costs	750	913
Insurance	448	436
Game Development	-	12,450
Office Expenses	857	968
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	3,825	16,806
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NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£(1,887)	£252
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There were no Restricted Funds during the Year.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 December2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank Accounts	£9,172	£11,059
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Represented by:-		
FUND BALANCES		
	£	£
General Unrestricted Fund		
Opening Balance	11,059	10,807
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(1,887)	252
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Closing Balance	£9,172	£11,059
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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 8 April 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:-

Hilary Anson - Trustee