

**THE GATHERING THE VOICES ASSOCIATION**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER SC047809**

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**TRUSTEES**

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Hilary Anson  
David Shapiro  
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Howard Singerman  
Clare Singerman

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**FOUNDING DOCUMENT**

The charity was set up by means of a constitution that was accepted by the Office of the Scottish Regulator on 9 October 2017.

**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.

**ACTIVITIES**

The Association had another busy and successful year in 2021. The continuance of the Covid pandemic prevented us from taking our exhibition to schools and from giving talks in person. However, we delivered a number of talks virtually and we have substantially expanded our online resources. In particular, in early 2021, we redesigned and greatly improved our website and, since then, we have attracted over 12,000 new visitors to the website. We have made a film about the refugee experiences of Steven Anson's father, which is freely available as a resource to be used by schools and other organisations, as are all our educational resources. We have made several podcasts. We have created two digital comics, one narrating the history of the Association and the other being a poem by Howard Singerman about his mother's sister, Marta, who was murdered at Auschwitz aged 12. We have presented online at Limmud, Hidden Treasures, an online conference hosted by the University of Sussex, the AJR Second Generation conference, the University of Glasgow and various schools. We have also been very active on Twitter. Since our Twitter account began in 2020, we have attracted 24,500 views.

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

**TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

The Trustees received reimbursement of expenses of £1,229 during the year (2020: £625).

**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.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Lewis J Osborne, Chartered Accountant, is not seeking to continue in the position of Independent Examiner to the Trust.

Approved by the Trustees on 14 March 2022 and signed on their behalf by: -

Howard Singerman .....  .....  
Trustee

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 4 and 5.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) 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 examiner's 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 Trustees 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 view given by the accounts.

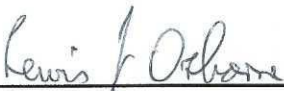
**Independent examiner's statement**

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 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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**LEWIS J OSBORNE**  
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT**

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Newton Mearns  
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14 March 2022

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	<b>2021</b>		<b>2020</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Travelling Exhibition	<b>0</b>		700	
Talks	<b>0</b>		50	
General Donations	<b>200</b>		<b>0</b>	
		<b>200</b>		750
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Travelling Exhibition Costs	<b>0</b>		408	
Website Costs	<b>1820</b>		1020	
Insurance	<b>437</b>		426	
Office Expenses	<b>1147</b>		625	
Independent Examiner's Fee	<b>100</b>		<b>100</b>	
		<b>3504</b>		2579
<b>DEFICIT FOR YEAR</b>		<b>-3304</b>		<b>-1829</b>

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Bank Balances	<u>9410</u>	<u>12714</u>
<b>RESERVES</b>		
General Unrestricted Funds		
Opening Balance	12714	14543
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	-3304	-1829
Closing Balance	<u>9410</u>	<u>12714</u>

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).

Approved by the Trustees on 14 March 2022 and signed on their behalf by: -

Howard Singerman  
Trustee

